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THE APPROPRIATION MONSTER.

With the session of Congress just drawing to a close it is necessary to remark that the Democrats in Congress have made a conspicuous failure to improve the opportunity of cutting down expenditures below the extravagant rate established by the preceding Congress.

It is well to clearly assign the responsibility for the increase in expenditures, as that may come to be a vital question before the matter is disposed of.

It is in one sense, but the Republicans should not forget that so far as responsibility to the public is concerned the Republican Senate must bear it equally with the Democratic House.

Whether that time may not be quite imminent is suggested from the following comparison. The expenditures of the last Congress wiped out a large Treasury surplus and reduced the revenue.

A TRAGEDY OF SPECULATION. The tragedy in Philadelphia yesterday presents another phase of the times which suggests reflection.

ROADS AND THE GOVERNMENT. The subject of road improvement is again brought into prominence by bills introduced in both Houses for a national commission on road improvement.

AN INDISPUTABLE ALTERNATIVE. In connection with a recent combination of the flour millers of New York City, our esteemed but sometimes erroneous contemporary, the New York Sun, makes the following statement of the case:

When we are confronted with this assertion that the millers of New York purchased flour at a price 10 per cent below the market price, we are reminded of the standard of good roads in other countries, or the best methods of making substantial highways can obtain abundant information on the subject.

fairly born. But the most convincing demonstration is in the construction of roads in the country districts, and that must be the result of local effort.

There is every reason for keeping up the agitation in favor of road improvement; but it is necessary to recognize that the next real step must be in the line of actual local work.

A SIGN OF PROGRESS. One feature of the preparations for the campaign indicates a creditable regard for the principle that the public official who devotes his time to other purposes than the public service should give up his position.

This shows a distinct advance in public sentiment over the old usage. The time has not been far gone when officials would leave their offices in charge of their subordinates to run a political campaign, without a suspicion that anyone could object to it.

LOCAL Democrats have almost as much trouble making nominations as the nominee will experience in obtaining votes for election.

QUEEN VICTORIA should be requested to send a sample of her famous match-making to the women's department of the World's Fair.

AFRICANS are in a fair way to become civilized by German invaders and British rifles supplied to repulse them.

THANKS to sewer gas any decrease in the natural gas supply will not be marked by the absence of explosions.

SENATOR Vest's oratory is of the picturesque kind that seeks to convey the owner's wishes as to the condition of affairs without troubling himself to be in keeping with the facts.

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A STANDING auditor's business is to prevent figures from lying.

WHEN the sun spot business has been played out the opposition of Mars may be of use in accounting for things otherwise inexplicable.

AL FRESCO is a popular party this month.

OFFICERS of the law in Fayette county appear in no hurry to give the Coolidge gang a chance to change its name by the use of the cooler.

INTERNATIONAL INNINGS. SECRETARY RUSK has gone to his home in Wisconsin for a short holiday.

LINES YENNE is a confirmed cripple and lives around the world in a pistol shot from the world.

GENERAL JAMES B. WEAVER, the nominee for President of the People's party, does not smoke or swear or drink. He possesses a pleasant baritone voice.

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LOOK AROUND.

WHENCE comes the lofty indifference of the conductor of an electric car, say on the ball road, or rather neglect to do so, on this class of employe seek to make himself obnoxious as a rule to women or children who are aloof?

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SWARMS OF RUSSIAN FLIES.

They Darken the Lights in St. Louis and Cover the Sidewalks.

St. Louis, July 27.—Swarms of immense flies appeared last night around the electric lights throughout the city.

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SUMMER DAY'S GOSPIP.

While the Thermometer Registered Ninety-Five They Were Still Some People Enjoying Themselves Society on the Wing to Mountain and Ocean—Other Things.

THE Columbus Club has arranged for a fete and summer night concert at Silver Lake Grove next Tuesday, for which invitations are being sent by the chairman, Mr. F. J. McInnis.

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CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

—Buckles were first made in 1880. —The Shah of Persia has a tobacco pipe worth \$400,000.

—In the United States there are about 16,000,000 cows, one for every four persons. —Flower farming for the manufacture of perfume is being carried on in Australia.

—The first electric light was the invention of Galileo Galilei in 1602, but scores of men have since made improvements and adapted it to popular use.

—The first handkerchiefs on the British islands were made in Paisley, Scotland, 1748; were made popular on the Continent by the Empress Josephine, who had had teeth, and had her hair combed before her mouth when she laughed.

—There is a rock in Mexico which foretells the weather. In fair weather it wears a neutral tint, and when it is about to rain it turns red.

—One of the features of the Fourth of July parade in Trinidad, Col., was a Chinese band, consisting of 31 Chinese residents of that town, attired in resplendent oriental costumes and playing on fearful and wonderful instruments.

—Chromatopneusis is the medical term for color blindness, and statistics show that men are much more chromatopneusis than women.

—Envelopes were first used in France in the time of Louis XIV. The first envelope collection of manuscripts at the British Museum there is an envelope, something like a letter, written by Madame Pompadour in 1720.

—Miss Ella Ewing, of Scotland county Mo., is a coy damsel of 18 summers who measures 3 feet 3 inches in height and is still growing.

—The most costly book in the world is declared to be a Hebrew Bible, now in the library of the University of Oxford.

—The beautiful enamelled cup of Charles VI. of France has been acquired by the British Museum at the expense, not only of the nation, but of several subscribers, who generously made up the deficit.

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