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The policy of the The Citizen is to print the local news in an interesting manner, to summarize the news of the world at large, to fight for the right as this paper sees the right, without fear or favor to the end that it may serve the best interests of its readers and the welfare of the county.

The choice of N. B. Bryan for United States Senator from Florida shows that there's nothing really unlucky about the name itself.

A woman in Wakefield, Mass., has had her twentieth child. Some paragrapher will be sure to call her a twentieth century mother.

A New York judge paroled a burglar in the custody of a playwright in order that the latter might study criminals. To such lengths doth realism go in New York.

One man had his ear cut off so that Black Handers might know him next time. Wonder if he'll know the Black Handers?

Thirteen members of the Dam family arrived in New York Tuesday on the Ryndam from Rotterdam. Curses! What a crowd!

A bill has been introduced into Congress providing for the coinage of a 2½ cent piece. What a boon to the bargain hunters.

The two persons who win The Citizen's medals in the Smile club campaign will come pretty near being the most popular two in Wayne county.

D. K. Pearson says that if a young man wishes to make a good start on the road to wealth and fortune he should begin by marrying. Presumably the noted philanthropist thinks that a good start makes a quick finish.

There are three Representatives now in Congress who live at the Y. M. C. A. building. They are Joseph Howell, Utah; George Norris, Nebraska, and John Watkins, Louisiana.

Joseph F. Smith, president of the Mormon church, with forty-three children to his credit or discredit, whichever you like, says it is impossible to detect polygamy. He must think we are story book detectives.

Father Bernard Vaughan, the noted Jesuit, in a sermon referred in strong terms to the work of the Mormon missionaries in England in sending women and young girls to the colonies of that sect in Utah and other American States. Among other things Father Vaughan said:

"Fancy a country like this calling itself Christian and tolerating these Mormons! They should be taken by the scruff of the neck, rushed across our island and dropped into the sea." The reverend father must think that Mormons are a good deal like kittens.

CUTTING DOWN EXPENSES.

Mr. A. Mitchell Palmer, representative in Congress from Stroudsburg, as the head of a committee to investigate expenses, has used his knife to such good effect that \$182,680 has been chopped off the expenses of the House alone. For instance of the expenses of the service under the speaker, \$2,320 has been cut away. Under clerk, \$39,970; under sergeant-at-arms, \$47,050; under doorkeeper, \$31,340; by abolishing extra months pay, \$50,000; through abolishing six committees, \$12,000, making a grand total of \$182,680.

According to the report, the committee found that the 13-year-old daughter of Chief Doorkeeper Lyons was on the pay roll as "clerk to the doorkeeper" at a salary of \$1,200 a year—and getting an extra month's pay each year thrown in, we suppose, for good measure. We should like the committee to request Mr. Lyons to tell us just how much help a clerk would be to a doorkeeper. Evidently no explanation was forthcoming to the committee, so on its recommendation this position will be abolished.

"During the Spanish-American war," writes Chairman Palmer in his report, "Somebody's friends told somebody's cousin that somebody's aunt had heard someone say that a plot was on foot to dynamite the capitol. Thirty-eight extra policemen were added. They have remained ever since." Waiting, we suppose, for that heinous plot to be put into execution. For their patience and bravery in facing such a terrible danger the stalwart thirty-eight received \$39,000 a year. But, at that, they were a trifle more useful than a doorkeeper's clerk.

Then there were the two telegraph operators who have drawn \$1400 apiece for more years than can be remembered. It seems that many years before the telephone was invented a private telegraph line was established between the War Department and the House wing of the Capitol. Two operators were provided for this wire.

Then the telephone came along and of course nobody used the telegraph any longer. But did the operators say anything about it to anybody? Not on your life. They simply drew their salary and blessed the genius who invented the telephone and thereby saved them any work at all except the cashing of their monthly government checks.

And so on with innumerable instances such as in 1895 the clerk's document room of the House with an annual payroll of \$6,260 was abolished but somehow or other said abolition didn't stop the pay checks.

The days of doing nothing and getting paid for it will soon be no more. The Palmer committee has taken the first step and we hope the good work will continue.

A Jersey man says his state will lend Gov. Wilson to the nation. We wonder what the discount on the loan would be.

A New York lunatic has received a year's parole to go abroad. His name is Jeremiah Goggin. No wonder he's crazy.

Germany sends 29,000 feathers a year to England for millinery purposes," says the Truth. We had an idea they were for tickling persons who read Punch.

When Carter Harrison becomes President and W. R. Hearst Vice-President of the United States we shall expect to see Hinky Dink appointed Secretary of State.—Philadelphian. Yes, and Bathhouse John Ambassador to England.

HYDROPHOBIA.

The approach of warm weather and the recent deaths of two victims is sufficient to cause us to publish as a warning a short editorial reprinted from the New York American. Read it carefully because there is a lesson to be learned and a warning to be heeded:

The death from hydrophobia of Abraham Nahon ought to serve as a warning to every family owning a dog. Nahon allowed his pet to lick his hands. That was more than four months ago. Later the animal grew ugly; it was killed and found to have rabies. Too late Nahon took treatment.

The lesson is plain. Thousands of men, women and children who would shrink in terror from a rattlesnake think nothing of letting dogs lick their hands and faces. Every time they do so they invite the most horrible form of death known, for the dog does not have to froth at the mouth to be mad. It may have the germ of rabies and develop the disease later, yet if its tongue touches the slightest abrasion there is small hope for the victim. It may be months after the person who has caressed the animal has forgotten the incident that he is seized with the terrible contraction of the throat muscles that precedes a vain struggle for life.

The habit of allowing dogs to lick hands and faces is a plain invitation to suffering, physical and mental, the like of which even the Inquisition could not parallel. Infinitely preferable is the bite of a mad dog, for then the afflicted person can take the Pasteur treatment in time to save himself. A dog's place in anywhere but in a woman's lap, in a nursery or in a house. It is safe to say that if all the world could witness the death agonies of a rabies victim steps would be taken at once to stamp out hydrophobia, dogs would be relegated to the stable and the kennel.

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