# TOPICS OF THE TIMES

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Reports from Panama show that baseball follows the flag.

Secretary Meyer's parcels post plan seems to have been lost in the mails.

to be able to pick a rhinoceros off of a limb.

As an actress Ella Gingles isn't bad. but she is several laps behind E. Nesbit Thaw.

Since the stone wall did so much for Galveston the town should call Itself Jackson.

Every experiment proves that the balloon is only a distant relation to the true flying machine.

Treasury officials have declared that the \$2 certificates are unpopular. We know one vote that wasn't taken.

Mr. Rockefeller advises us to "brighten some one else's life." He refrained from telling us what to do it with.

The value of this year's crop is estimated by Secretary Wilson at \$8,000,-000,000. No wonder hard times see 23 on the horizon.

Mexico discourages revolutionists by giving them long terms in prison, a practice which republics south of it would do well to imitate.

It is a highly commendable move to try to keep open the door of diplomatic preferment to capable American citizens who do not happen to be rich.

It is said that when an author dies his books always pick up in popularity. There are some writers whom the world would be willing to boost under those circumstances.

The officials of a Western college have announced that the co-eds must have a chaperon. This is one of the most crushing blows yet administered to feminine independence.

There are indications that the Seattle exposition is going to be a success in spite of the fact that it is strictly a temperance affair. Are we to have no traditions that may be depended upon to last?

Miss Anita Stewart and her mother are paying \$1,000,000 in cash for the Portuguese prince that the young lady is to get. It almost seems as if they might have got him cheaper if they had haggled a bit.

There are rumors of another hazing scandal at West Point. No sooner does Annapolis succeed in getting the attention of the public centered there than West Point jealously comes forward showing that it, too, can be very foolish. The contest seems to be interminable.

Autorite Sectories and a state of the state its coal land, the government does wisely. It is time for a new policy with regard to natural resources. But it is unfair to use the new value as a text for recriminations about the past policy of the government. When it practically gave away lands, it did so in order to get people on the soil. The success of its policy is evident in the wonderful development of the West. How much of that \$500-an-acre value is due to the fact that railroads are ready to carry away the coal from the Anybody who could hit a barn ought | Wyoming mines? How much of it is due to the fact that there are customers for coal within a short haul of the deposits? The price set for coal land is low, but it would have been high forty years ago. Without railroads, it would have been prohibitive. Without settlers, there would have been no suc cessful railroads. So we may say fair-

ly that the liberal policy of the government in the past has been the factor which makes its more businesslike policy of the present and future possible.

"Brighten some one else's life, Cheer some one else's pathway every day. This is the best investment that any of us in this world can ever hope to make." We won't repeat the name of the man who said it. He has announced that he is going to seek obscurity henceforth. Moreover, there are so many other people who both live as he does and talk as he does that it is not necessary to draw the moral upon the particular man. "Brighten some one else's life." That is most excellent advice. It is good old-fashioned morality, just as good to-day as it ever was, and just as good for the future as for to-day. However, in the sense in which it is used, it is very imperfect, very partial advice. A little active work in brightening some one else's life by direct personal efforts needs to be supplemented more to-day than ever before by indirect methods of brightening other people's lives, especially through restraint from creating conditions which have the op posite effect. For many citizens, and especially for those who give the "brightening" advice most freely, the indirect methods of self-restraint are vastly more important socially than the other. When a man adopts a system of business operations which have as their direct result the driving of competitors out of business by methods always unfair, and often illegal; when he sacrifices families ruthlessly because he is not in immediate con tact with the suffering members; when his mechanism of business is so fine that he can dip his hands in the pockets of a hundred thousand families

and gain wealth so easily that his main thought is that he is to be personally approved because he takes so little, then, indeed, it is but a poor compensation that he makes it a point of directly brightening some neighbor's life every day. To one life that he brightens directly there are thousands that he darkens indirectly. The new morality will take full account of such facts at their proper value.





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SENTENCED TO HOME LIFE. ' is a wise judge in Malden, Mass., who has prescribed the home treatment for youths who wreak mischief in the streets. Several boys were brought before him. charged with wandering misbehavior. He released them temporarily, on condition that their parents keep them at home from 6 o'clock in the evening until the next morning. At the end of this probation the lads are to be examined as to the effect of this treatment upon their conduct.

The magistrate has exercised his discretion in the direction of enforcing parental responsibility. In reality, it is the fathers and mothers, and the homes they make, rather than the childern, that are on trial in this test. The experiment will enforce, at least during its period, the presence of these boys every evening in the family circle. The influence of its environment must make itself manifest in either marked improvement of manners and diligence, or in sullen deterioration; for youth must grow, either upward or downward. It is possible that the trial of this method may disclose whether it is the parents who need reformation .--Washington Herald.

#### THE MOSQUITO PROBLEM.

HAT was done on the Isthmus of Panama can be as effectively done in New Jersey for the extirpation of the mosquito. The State. is the only power that can do the POCwork, and should set about it in earnest. The isthmus was notoriously the most unbealthy region in the world until Amer-

ican engineers undertook to conquer its bad name. They ascertained that the mosquito was the conveyer of the malaria and yellow fever that had carried off thousands of human beings. So they attacked the insect in his lair. They destroyed the breeding places by drainage and other methods. To-day the Panama isthmus is as healthy as any section of the United States, and the change is entirely due to the work of the American engineers and sanitarians.

The mosquito problem was attacked on the isthmus with the determination to conquer. The problem in New Jersey has been dallied with. There has been no earnest purpose. The Legislature has been lukewarm and parsimonious, legislators have been incompetent to size up to the great importance to the State of ridding it of a pest that entails a property loss of many mil-Hons, keeps away population and makes summer life a trial alike to the sick and well.-Newark Star.

#### ANOTHER VICTORY FOR WOMEN.

LMA LOUISE SINGLETON'S name should certainly be enrolled high on the scroll of famous women who have won notable victories for the cause of women's rights. Elma Louise has succeeded in persuading COD. a divorce court that a husband who is engaged in business six days of the week should remain at home and entertain his wife on the seventh, and that failure to do so furnishes good grounds for severing the marriage bond.

This is a long step in advance from the days when

a man was permitted to whip his wife, provided the whip was no thicker than his little finger. Surely it marks an era of new women's rights worthy of a little extra jubilation and surely Elma Louise deserves to be the central figure of the rejoicing. Soon we shall have other offenses listed as valid ground for cutting the tie that binds. Eating pie with a knife, stopping out after 8 of an evening, taking in more than one ball game a week, smoking a nasty smelling pipe, refusal to wear a high collar in August, eating onions, neglect to curl the mustache, and snoring may now hope to be recognized as just cause for divorce.

The forward sisterhood will be justified in holding & real celebration then. But in the meantime common fairness demands that Elma Louise should receive immediate recognition as a gre-e-e-a-t benefactor of her suffering sex .- Chicago Journal.

#### THE YELLOW JOURNAL EGOIST.



a man like Thaw, whose condition of 'exaggerated ego" led him under certain favorable circumstances to the commission of a homicide, should therefore be permanently secluded in a hospital or jail as a measure of public safety, why should not the public safety be further assured

by the seclusion of other more dangerous madmen whose insane egolsm creates vastly different social injury? Why not bring to bear the restrictive grip of the law upon cases of exaggerated ego which find expression in yellow journalism?

To habitually murder the truth, for the sake of notoriety and profit, is a crime so far-reaching in its disastrous consequences, when it takes form in the publication of a daily newspaper, that any corrective ruling of the courts bearing upon the matter is most welcome. The egolst who, as publisher or editor of a newspaper, seeks to keep himself in the public eye by riding every inviting hobby, by making indecency more indecent, revolting fact more revolting, and by constantly ministering to the depraved appetite, is more dangerous than an army of Thaws .- Philadelphia Record.

#### AMERICANS AS EMIGRANTS.



E are impatient with those immigrants who maintain their native ways of living and thought within our borders. May it not be that in the Canadian Northwest the Canadian-born look with distrust upon the Americans recently settled there? A traveler wrote that the saddest men and women he had ever met were the American exiles who

were trying to be gay in Paris. The farmers who have gone into Canada to till the lands all but given them will not have occasion to know the sadness of the exile. They will be too busy. Their work will save them, will protect them, from the grief the banished feel. But as these farm people grow older they will have the leisure to dwell upon their relations to the folk about them and to the institutions under which they live. It is a characteristic of the American to compare the things he sees abroad with those at home, to the disadvantage of the foreign. And those who have settled in Manitoba or Alberta, being as American as any of us, are hardly likely to lose that habit .--Toledo Blade.

of the bubonic plague.

Regard for Appearances.

Curious.

### FACTS IN TABLOID FORM.

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The absinthe consumption of France s increasing. In Honduras even the meanest

nouses are built of mahogany.

Corn is our greatest crop, that of 1908 being valued at \$1,616,000,000. Nine days' sickness per annum is

the average for the human being. The highest track-laying record on

the Western Pacific railway is 7,800 feet a day.

It has been estimated that rats in England do damage to the extent of \$75,000,000 annually.

The figures of the London police courts show a very decided increase during recent years in serious crime. The salmon output of Alaska equals the combined catch of British Columbia, the United States proper and Japan.

The greatest cotton crop in the United States was that of 1908, which, on the farm, was valued at \$722,000,-000

Irvine King, of Grovetown, Ga., has a turkey gobbler sitting on about five dozen eggs, three dozen of which are guinea eggs.

Cats are subject to a form of influenza which is communicable to human beings, and they can catch it from man just as readily.

Cigar boxes of glass are coming more and more into use. They are cheaper than the wooden boxes and keep the cigars fresh a longer time.

Of the eighty-eight millions of population of the United States, one-third, speaking in round numbers, are found in the thirteen original States.

The amount of blast furnace gaspower lost each year approximates 2,000,000 horse power, although this is being reduced by the installation of gas engines to utilize the power.

During the fall and winter season of 1908-09, which ended March 21, 221 persons perished by shipwreck and eighty-nine vessels met with disaster off the New England and British North American coasts.

In 1839 Velpeau, one of the greatest. surgeons of his time, wrote as follows: 'The escape from pain in surgical operations is a chimera which it is idle to follow up to-day. 'Knife' and 'pain' in surgery are two words which are always inseparable in the minds. of patients, and this necessary association must be conceded."

There will shortly be opened in Switzerland the Wieser viaduct, on the route from Davos to Filisur. It is entirely constructed of stone, at a height of 90 meters, or 2921/2 feet, and has a central arch of 55 meters and six others each of 20 meters, the entire length of the bridge being 175 meters. It is, according to a Pariscontemporary, the most beautiful bridge in the world.

The extension of prohibition throughout the United States has caused a largely increased demand for "soda pop," as indicated by the great demand for bottles. Two big factories at the Alton (Ill.) glass works have been working since last fall, night and day, manufacturing soda pop bottles. The prohibition wave has also caused a big increase in orders for all kinds of large bottles. The Institute of Marine Engineers. in London recently discussed the sub-"Why, I don't know," was the reply ject, and H. A. Mayor, of Glasgow, said of the way. 'Clear the track!' is the "They are in executive session." "No, they are not," hastily put in that the prospect for electric propulthese touring cars are driven. No Mr. Mathews. Then the situation sion for ships is very hopeful. Lead-State should adopt a road law which dawned upon him. There had been ing shipbuilders have been considering fails to deal justly with all parties, no doorkeeper at the entrance when it for some time. W. P. Durtnall said squarely with the aggressive contin- those who have autos and those who he passed in to warn him, and he had that in the all-electric Paragon methunwittingly enjoyed a part of an exec- od of driving vessels, the electric motors are coupled direct to the propellers, and run at equally high efficiency in either direction. Since the steam How the Brakeman Helped. turbine can run in only one direction, Thomas Moffat, consul at Trinidad, the new method saves the expense of distinguished himself while consul at a reversible turbine. A minor drawback connected with the use of the electric flatiron has been found to be in the fact that the temperature varied considerably as it. was passed from one piece of work "The local authorities were angry



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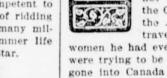
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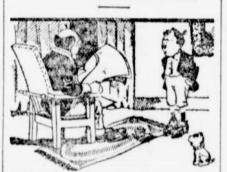


An illustration of the difficulties met by those who seek to raise the social standard comes from London, where a borough council recently erected forty little dwellings for the poorest class, each with a bath-room. An investigation a few months later showed that in thirty-six of the forty houses the tenants used the bath-tub wholly for the storage of fuel, clothing and general cubbish.

In life, in literature, there is no magic charm like that of personality, but politicians are afraid of it in their business. Of this they sedulously cultivate the idea that it must be conducted by committees and parties, is collective, nothing personal. Intrigue and subterranean management are the prime forces, and the old practitioners of the art are always aghast when some man of native vigor comes forward with open methods and direct appeals.

Individually, as all travelers testify, the Chinese are an exceptionally honest people, but in the official life of the empire there has long been systematic corruption and wholesale pilfering such as few other lands have ever known. Of special significance, therefore, is the recent removal of a Chiness viceroy on the charge of corruption. When the viceroy was suddenly confronted with the charges, he was so amazed and confounded that he suffered a stroke of apoplexy. Such a thing as interfering with the plundering of the poor by a public official was unheard of. The incident is welcome evidence that China is really waking up.

The Department of the interior has been valuing the government's lands on which coal exists, and, instead of selling them at the old price of agricultural lands, is marking them up as coal lands. In some cases, the price has been put as high as \$500 an acre. These coal lands were classified and restored to entry in June. At the old rate, they were worth \$7,500,000. Under the new plan they are held at \$18,-500,000. The principle involved, the Chicago Tribune declares, is much more important than the amounts, and it adds: "If this principle had been put in practice many years ago, many a fraud upon the government would have been prevented." And many a ted with villages, would still be a for cheap shows



John, Jr.-Will you give me a nickel if I'm good all day, dad? John, Sr .- No, my son; I want you to be good for nothing.

#### Biggest of All Mackerel.

Until a few days ago a mackerel that State President Lee, of the Farmers' exceeded four pounds in weight was Union, and the overwhelming major- highway is somewhat hazy and chaconsidered something remarkable, but ity of officials and prominent citizens when Capt. Rufus McKay of the sein- voicing representative sentiment in never by individualities. Everything or Speculator showed one he had taken this State. in the catch he brought to T wharf "All of us want good roads for all there was a change of opinion, and the of us." declares the sage of McDuffie, ordinary large mackerel looked like a in his straightforward fashion. Mr canner in comparison, a Boston dis- Watson directs attention to important patch to the New York Herald says. phases of the subject that must figure Capt. McKay had been seining on in any blanket legislation by the gen-

the Rips and had taken some pretty eral assembly. We need statutes and big fish, many of them weighing above fixed regulations, he shows, that will Mr. Watson should receive mature con- and baneful policy. They said it was four pounds, but when the men came newly and sharply define the "laws of sideration, across the real big one the crew stop- the road," so constructed as to conserve ped work for a time to get a look at the interests and privileges of all par- that his influence may be counted harmfulness, of a brakeman I once it. The fish was carefully laid in ice ties. Following is an editorial extract upon to further a movement so vital knew. separate from the others, and when embodying his views on a problem with constructive meaning to the bona the Speculator's hatches were opened now of vital concern to all Georgia: "The Jeffersonlan courts no fame as Constitution. it was brought out and shown to the dealers. an old fogy, and has no disposition to

Immediately there was a struggle to cater to the popular prejudice against get it, and it was finally bought by automobiles. The motor car is here to Elmer Prior for P. H. Prior, 2 T wharf. stay: the air ship is on its way, and Press Man Found Proceedings Dull The fish was placed on exhibition in we might as well agree with tortured he store and was viewed by hundreds. Galileo, that the world does move, it weighs eight pounds and is twenty- orthodoxy to the contrary notwith- ent at the secret sessions of the Unitnine and one-half inches from the tip standing. • • •

nineteen inches in its largest circum- good roads and, so far as we know, he up against at the capitol is gathering ference.

Good Market.

fist selling a new-fangled diary."

be much money in that."

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do."-Puck.

Mr. Prior was made an offer of \$10 whoop-her-ups are not necessary for doors of the Senate chamber have been for the fish by a Beverly dealer, who that. All of us want good roads for closed to all except Senators and one wanted to present it to President Taft, all of us. \* \* If our road sys. or two sworn employes who keep its but he refused the offer, as he intends tem, which now bears somewhat heav. records, says the New York Herald. to have it mounted.

tribute the advantages coultably. "Is your son doing anything during

"Yes. He's making money hand over "I shouldn't think that there would duty of the drivers of all vehicles, and floor.

"Every woman buys it. It has one page a day for what you do yourself and ten pages for what your neighbors

We still contend that the funniest

buggy, or carriage, or wagon, or pedes- by two or three Senators. One moved trian? Settle on a rule, and make it over to a group and pointed at Mr. ompulsory, with penalties. Who has Mathews, and together they seemed to he right-of-way, when the question be discussing him. Things seemed of precedence arises? No road law dull, and after a short stay on the should pass which fails to meet this floor Mr. Mathews left the chamber mestion. Then, again, there is the and joined some friends in the press peed limit, and the policing of the gallery. oad. Non-resident motoring parties "What is that they are reading down are in the habit of coming through at there, Tom?" he asked the representaa forty-mile clip, as though it were tive of another press association. he duty of all creation to scoot out

Plea for Roads and Road Laws. reckless motto by which too many of In a recent issue of The Jeffersonfan, Thomas E. Watson, as was to have been expected, aligns himself gent for good roads in Georgia, along haven't." with National President Barrett and There can be no question that the utive session. average conception of the rules of the

otic. Conditions governing traffic have changed radically in the last twentyfive years. Travel and patronage of La Guayra by refusing to sign a docthe public roads has multiplied many ument declaring the "sanitary conditimes, and means are now employed tions of La Guayra to be perfect." for locomotion that introduce new fac- The town at the time was in the grip tors into the situation.

When the present legislature comes, as it probably will, to enact a uniform with me," said Mr. Moffat recently, road law, these features stressed by "for refusing to indorse their stupid Meanwhile, it is gratifying to know

# IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

### and Left Voluntarily.

Reporters are not allowed to be presed States Senate. Some of the diffiof the head to the tip of the tall, and "Every good citizen should favor cult work which newspaper men go does. Scout cars and newspaper the details of some outbreak after the tly on the under dog, is to be changed. One newspaper man recently sat let us adopt a plan which will dis- through a part of a secret session and left of his own free will. He is Jerry "Besides, we should adopt some def. A. Mathews, a representative of one stick. inite 'law of the road,' adjusted to of the three press associations which present conditions. We should pre- during the open sessions of the Senscribe, under reasonable penalties, the ate are given the privileges of the able."

> the duty of all vehicle drivers toward Coming down the corridor one afterpeople on foot. Which side of the road noon Mr. Mathews pushed through the must meeting vehicles take? Shall Senate doors and took his usual place a lot o' folks will hardly notice de because it is almost directly overhead,

each team turn to the right, or to the below the clerk's desk. A treaty was speeches of de country's brainlest left? Make a rule on the subject and being read. After looking about him men, an' dat dey'll read every word of penalize each violation of it. What it dawned upon the newspaper man what an ex-champion of prize-fightin' prairie, now cut up in farms and dot- thing in the world is cheap printing warning must the auto give to the that he was being closely examined has to say!"-Washington Star.

to another containing more or less moisture. This has now been overcome by an automatic means of control by which the temperature is maina beneficient policy, but I told them tained at one point within a fraction that it reminded me, in its ignorant of a degree. When the flatiron is in use a large amount of current is per-

"The man was a novice, and on his mitted to pass through the heating fide producers of Georgia.-Atlanta first run there was a very steep grade coils, but whenever the heat rises unto mount. The engineer always had duly a switch automatically introduces more or less trouble to get up this the resistance necessary to cut down

grade, but this time he came near the current. Chief Engineer Burgess, of the Honsticking. He almost lost his head. Eventually, 'however, he reached the duras National Railway, giving advice to engineers working in the tropics, 'At the station, looking out of his says emphatically, "Don't get lost!" cab, the engineer saw the new brake He adds that a man should no more man and said with a sigh of relief: think of going out into a tropical for-"I tell you what, my lad, we had est without a compass than of going a job to get up here, didn't we?" to sea without one. Without a com-'We certainly did,' said the new pass one has no way of getting his brakeman, 'and if I hadn't put the direction. In a few minutes he is brake on we'd have slipped back." turned round. The sun can only be seen, if at all, when directly overhead. There is no moss on the trees to serve Max O'Rell was once staying with for a guide. Distant elevations, or a friend at Edinburgh. Starting for a mountains, if any exist, can not be walk on Sunday, he took his walking seen on account of the density of the "Do you mind taking an um- forest. Even on the treeless llanos of brella?" asked his conscientious South America, where the mountains Scotch host. "It looks more respect- are too distant to be seen, the compass is the only guide. One can tell

the direction of east and west at sunrise and sunset, but in the middle of "It's curious," said Uncle Eben, "dat the day the sun is useless as a guide, and often one may stand in the shadow of his own hat .-- Youth's Companion.

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