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WORLD GLIMPSE.

Uncle Sam has been spending some time in Central America looking into the affairs of our bombastic neighbors a little. Some of the European states are asking what he means by it. If Mr. Secretary Knox wants these folks to know all he means he will doubtless tell them. One of the tasks of the farmers "back east" in the corn belt was to scatter poison, set traps and rig up other scare-crows to keep the marauding varmints out of the sprouting crops. Mr. Knox is just taking a walk around the cornfield. He does not know but that he may have to go a-gunning some day.

What stories Abe Ruef will not tell are the ones that concern the public as well as the ones he will tell. Thieves hang together pretty well until they begin to hang separately, then they scatter; and who can catch them may have the hindmost.

It looks now as if the dream of Gladstone will be at least strongly

undertaken, and it seems hopeful of realization, that of "home rule" for Ireland very soon. Nineteen years ago that strong man had to release his hold on affairs of men and this was his burning desire. Premier Asquith is now its champion.

The seriousness of the coal strike in England is ended by the leaders of the British union accepting the minimum wage bill offered by the government.

Would it not be an advance in things practically economic if among the new postmasters to be appointed none should receive the office who had not earned the promotion by practical knowledge? Such responsible affairs of the people should be taken from the hands of the politicians and placed on a more sensible basis. Is the work of the postoffice a trick or a trade?

The southern boundary of Texas is not good camping grounds for the Mexican rebels. Water is scarce, and the "northers" are terrible occasionally. If they will listen to our advice, we would recommend that they gather up their frijoles and yamose because there are some fellows dressed in khaki just north of the Rio Grande who are a little bolsterous on occasion.

Dr. Sun, late president of the Chinese republic, is a single-taxer, a disciple of Henry George, and desires to spend his life advocating and developing the milder type of socialism.

Breadth of charity may be a virtue commendable and desirable, but there are places where breadth is deplorable; the dwellers on the lower Mississippi do not think rivers ought to get too broad. The "oldest inhabitant" has only comparative stories to tell now, and the people of 1912 are the ones who will tell tales to the wide-eyed hereafter for a while. For many years western Yankees who know so much about the deft doing of things have scolded the far-away Chinese for permitting such conditions as cause the deadly devastations of the Hoang Ho and the Yang-tse Kiang floods; but now we stand aghast at the riparian levees melting like sand-piles.

The world of letters lost a great initiator in things practical last week when Dr. I. K. Funk, of the firm of Funk & Wagnalls, publishers, of New York, died. He originated the Literary Digest, the Jewish Cyclopaedia, the Schaff-Herzog Cyclopaedia and others of value to many a library.

A better is one who bets. It does not follow he will be the better off when the case is decided; in fact he may be the worse instead. This is a case where the better can be the worse. Guessers are better for there is not the risk of losing. Just now it is better for the guesser to be no better in the matter of presidential candidates. The mere spectator at dog fight or a scrap between husband and wife is sometimes better as well as wiser. He is the wiser these exciting days who watches Illinois, New York, Indiana, Ohio and other states and keeps his hands out of the pocket in which he carries his money. Don't you think?

Again we repeat:

Judge Ellis
Will tell us
That he is the man;
While Sinnot
Says: "Sin not,
But vote with my clan."

While Jerry
Is very
Insistent to run,
Yet talks runs
To Cochran's
Advantage by some.

Has the new Commercial club building at the corner of Elm and Adams gone up or is it still going? Someone saw it is "out of sight" already; if so, that is scraping the sky too soon.

What would be a better site for the proposed Y. M. C. A. building than the Ladd place the Methodists bought some time ago? Possibly they could be induced to part with it for so commendable a purpose as that.

Easter Sunday was perfectly beautiful; therefore tomorrow will be the same. Superstitions do not live in La Grande. We never turn back when a black cat runs across the path ahead of us, nor shudder when we see the new moon over the left shoulder, nor plant our potatoes on Good Friday (even if it should fall on Sunday), nor think there's company coming when the dropped dish-rag leaves a spot on the floor. No, we're not that sort.

Mr. J. E. Hough who was buried yesterday was a kindly soul whose figure was a most familiar one on our streets till about three years ago since which time he was an invalid. He was a very popular justice of the peace, tying more matrimonial knots than all the other officials in the city.

In 1834 when Capt. Bonneville visited the Grande Ronde valley he called the river we have the Fourche de Glace (river of ice.) It does not look very icy today, for its flood rushing toward the Pacific is very tawny. These warm rains are making it a torrent dangerous to property.

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