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not to be supposed that the gentlemen at Olympia will be so foolish. However, there is no occasion for the newspapers to worry. In this enlightened age no jury will find for any aggressor unless he is actually benefited, and if a libel has been committed, doubtless he should have a remedy.

PARALLELS AND DIFFERENCES. As the scenes of the great drama in Russia are unfolded, comparison with other popular uprisings, insurrections and revolutions is naturally suggested.

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condensed milk, and so on throughout the long catalogue of things eatable, drinkable and medicinal.

This disgusting presentment is urged in favor of the passage of at least one of the pure-food bills now before Congress.

But perhaps, after all, things are not nearly so bad as they seem. It is a common error, as pointed out by the Journal through which Senator McCumber makes his presentment, to maintain that conditions in this respect are much worse than they used to be.

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may have even greater occasion to be surprised that so much was freely said by the correspondents about him, his manifestoes, his activities, his astonishing bold on the people, and his apparent immunity from harm by the soldiers.

Internal Russia may be the old Russia; but externally Russia is different.

The New York Times has been investigating again the returns of the late election, and it reaches the interesting conclusion that "one in every eleven voters who supported Mr. Roosevelt did not support him because he was the Republican candidate."

In other words, the eleventh man voted for him despite that fact. The net plurality for Mr. Roosevelt in twenty-nine states where there was voting for state tickets was 2,999,372.

In those twenty-nine states the aggregate Republican plurality for the head of the state ticket was 1,839,024. But several Democratic Governors were elected, and in other states Republican candidates for Governor ran far behind the normal Republican vote.

A fairer comparison would be with the Congressional tickets in all the states. Roosevelt's popular vote was 7,629,322; for Republican Congressional candidates, 6,842,906; the Roosevelt excess, 776,416. This really represents the Roosevelt strength over the mean Republican strength. It is enough.

The purpose of Federal Internal Improvement is to develop and to facilitate commerce. If Chairman Burton is to enforce any rule that there shall be no Government appropriation for any improvement until the commerce already established requires and justifies it, we shall find that the entire policy of the Government has been reversed.

And we shall be in straits indeed. However, all know that a great and fertile territory is drained by the Columbia River; that small part only of its resources has been touched; that the Celilo Canal will open a mighty river for 500 miles; and that settlement and development will be immensely accelerated, and cost of transportation cheapened. That ought to be enough.

The Consolidated Street Railway Company has been criticized by many people because of a rule that any passenger desiring a transfer shall ask for it on payment of his fare. Yet it is a perfectly proper and reasonable requirement.

All travelers are familiar with the delays made by persons who demand transfers at the last moment, causing annoyance to every one else; and all ought to know that if the transfer is asked and given at once, there is no opportunity for subsequent confusion or misunderstanding.

When the traveling public has become familiar with the rule, it will cease to complain about it.

NOTE AND COMMENT. La Grande boasts a horned horse. Evidently the best realizes that unusual measures are necessary to attract attention from the automobile.

The Sacramento Bee and the San Francisco Argonaut are having a terrific combat over the unanswerable question: "What is a gentleman?"

Just to show that the discussion has no personal application to the editors of the papers, the Bee accuses the Argonaut of lying. Evidently the question can never be answered to every one's satisfaction, so far as the general acceptance of the word goes.

In legal matters it is different. English courts, we notice in an exchange, have decided that a schoolmaster, a buyer of silks, a solicitor's clerk out of work, a commission agent, and an audit office clerk are not gentlemen.

Among those held to be gentlemen are a sleeping partner in certain businesses, a medical student, a dismissed coal agent out of work, and a person living on a parent's allowance.

Of strange criminals, one of the oddest is "Jack, the Shoe-Shafer," who is now at large in Philadelphia. The man sneaks up to a girl on the street and with a keen knife cuts down the side of her shoe.

If the man devoted his energies to slashing a few inches off any high heels he came across, he would be filling a useful place in the world.

"Living statuary" was one of the attractions at a recent ball in New York. The same thing on a vaudeville stage, and the house would be raided by the police, but of course that is different.

Waffles, the Cracked Amateur. Nit by E. W. Scorning. "Bunny!" It was the same magnetic voice, the voice that had led me to become a murderer, a thief, a pickpocket and an outcast.

"Bunny!" It was the same voice again, the voice that had led me—but why repeat all that again? I kicked aside the burning log that lay in the fireplace, and in a moment Waffles, immaculate as ever, slid down the chimney.

"Scotland Yard—hat that startles you, Bunny? I was watching the door, so I came down the stairs. Waffles poured out a stiff glass of Scotch.

HE IS WITH ROOSEVELT. Bryan Supports President's Policy on Several Issues. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 23.—William J. Bryan was the guest of honor at a dinner banquet given tonight.

Mr. Bryan made it an occasion for recasting the reasons why the Democratic party was so overwhelmingly defeated in the last campaign and also stated what seemed to him to be the next Presidential campaign.

"Taking away the personal popularity of Mr. Roosevelt in the campaign," he said, "there would be much left in the result to encourage the Democrats. For a quarter of a century the Government has been drifting farther and farther from the people, and both rule and corruption have been increasing."

But it was a good sign that the radical element is getting since that election. We have found persons whom we did not suspect of such a tendency helping along good Democratic ways.

In President Roosevelt himself there have been symptoms of reform on the part of one who had no suspicion of it. I scanned his conduct and did not believe that reform was to be expected from him.

But since election he has done several things. First, he announced that he would not be a candidate for the Presidency. That gave him independence. I read in his message his views about publication of the principal communications which he did more than anything else to clean up campaigning.

Then he recommended more power to the Interstate Commerce Commission. "I want the Democratic party to forget itself and to help the President carry out whatever is good. If we help him and he does not succeed, he will nevertheless help us. If we do more than anything else to clean up campaigning, then he recommended more power to the Interstate Commerce Commission."

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PRESIDENT AFTER JACKRABBITS. Hunt of Mule-Ears Will Be Included in Visit to Texas. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 23.—The Republic will say tomorrow:

President Roosevelt has arranged to hunt jackrabbits in Texas some time between March 25 and April 5. Accompanied by Secretary Lobb, he will go to St. Louis, where he will be met by Cecil Lyell, a wealthy lumberman of Sherman, Tex., and W. S. Simpson of Dallas, Tex. Mr. Simpson was a member of the Rough Riders and was in the charge at San Juan Hill.

The president will go direct to Texas. The President will visit Houston and Dallas and attend the Rough Riders' reunion at San Antonio. He will then be taken to a section of Houston known as the "Big Thicket," which abounds in jackrabbits and other game. The President will spend some days in hunting. His itinerary on the return trip has not been definitely agreed on.

HAS TO THINK FOR TOO MANY. Andrew D. White's Explanation of the Czar's Failure to Rule. ITHACA, N. Y., Jan. 23.—Andrew D. White, former Ambassador to Russia, and one of the best-informed Americans on Russian affairs today, made the following statement in regard to the situation in St. Petersburg:

"The main difficulty in the whole case is that the Emperor is supposed to do all the thinking for 40,000,000 people scattered over the largest territory possessed by any government in the world, with all sorts of different religions, nations and ideas, and this no man can do, and least of all in a time like this.

"The simple fact is that the evils of the autocracy have become absolutely intolerable and when you add to that the sending off of immense numbers of the best young men in the country to an utterly useless and wicked war, and the pressure of taxation which grinds the people to the dust, you have a situation which none but the very strongest rulers in all human history can cope with.

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