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### JEROME AND THE MAYORALTY.

Mr. William Travers Jerome, District Attorney of New York, belongs to that rare species of men who know their own minds. He thinks he has made a good District Attorney, therefore he asks for a re-election. He is fit for it; he is a man of a record to stand on; and because that record has a character of its own, clear, definite and uncompromising, for the people to approve or condemn. Like all his compeers in the new school of politicians, whether Republicans or Democrats, and like the great and successful founder of that school, Mr. Jerome loves a clear issue, and above all he is gratified when the issue is a square one between right and wrong. New York City is therefore an ideal arena for him to fight upon, since in that valley of Armageddon Gog and Magog are forever at war. With varying and uncertain fortunes the contest between the houses of the city, and Jerome is perpetually waged there, and Jerome is gradually emerging as the protagonist of light.

### THE DELAY AT PANAMA.

It is now announced that all other branches of work on the Panama Canal will be temporarily suspended until the sanitary conditions at the Isthmus have been sufficiently improved to admit of a laborer performing a day's work without playing his life on the line. Unquestionably this is a necessary part of the work that should have been attended to eighteen months ago, and had it been taken up at that time, vast sums of money and much time would have been saved. There has been something which, for want of a better definition, we might term "un-American" about the conduct of the Panama Canal work throughout the entire eighteen months that the old commission was in charge.

### Credit to Portland.

Athena (Utah) Press.  
It is most gratifying to say that the good people of Portland are not taking advantage of the opportunity to "graft" and "hold up" everybody, as has been so often the case at great expositions, hotel rates, private families, meals at restaurants or with private parties, as reasonable as before the Exposition, and opening its doors. In fact, so far as the cost of necessities is concerned, one could hardly realize a great Exposition is in full blast and thousands of strangers are within the gates and the guests of Portland. And Portland people can well be proud of this condition of affairs. The future will show their wisdom and bring a reward far in excess of what is now being followed by a policy of "get rich quick" had adopted by them.

## Where That Bill Went.

William Dollar returned Monday from his visit to the Portland Fair—Coeur d'Alene (Idaho) Journal.  
Still Manner.  
A gentle reader from Hood River declares that there is a man in his town even meaner than the one who runs an aptary and crosses his bees with lightning bugs to make them work all night, as noted in this column a few days ago. The Hood River man, according to the reader, hangs around a maple sugarmaking plant in July and catches flies to get the sugar off their legs.

## The King's Economy.

Joseph Blethen, associate editor of the Seattle Times, has discovered that in order to see the King of England it is not necessary for a man to put on uncounted knee-breeches and un-American humulity, nor to fall over a chair walking backward out of the royal presence. Mr. Blethen writes from London that he saw King Edward and his whole royal outfit without changing his clothes or his method of locomotion. The King and his suite arrived at a railway station and entered carriages for the royal palace, and the Seattle journalist was in the eventful mob outside the ropes. Before he entered the royal locomotive, pulling the royal train and the royal railway carriages, a set of tapers tacked down a red carpet on the platform and a set of sweepers swept the imaginary dust from it. The King stepped on this carpet to save the price of a shoe-shine. Such economy is touching.

## That Inevitable If.

"My new airship," said the Columbus of the upper strata, "is sure to be a success. It will take the rubber-rod just like a rubber-rod. The rubber-rod is made on scientific principles, and the propellers can't be improved upon. It is sure to make a successful flight, if—" "When are you going up in it?" inquired the enthusiastic friend.  
"Just as soon as the weather conditions are favorable. As I say, the machine is the most approved of all. Every contingency has been looked-after, and it is going to be a world-beater, if—" "I'm eager to see you try it." "If the machinery doesn't get out of order," concluded the confident aeronaut.

## Trials.

Page 45, of the August issue of The Auto Advocate, tells of the races at Cleveland, where that veteran racing man, Earl Kiser, lost control of his machine and crashed. This led to the trial of the machine. The trial was held in the courtroom of the court house and the trial was a sensational one. Kiser was acquitted, but the machine was found to be defective. The trial was a landmark in the history of automobile racing.

## World Peace.

Philadelphia Press.  
"It was Bismarck's work in securing peace at the Berlin Congress, President Roosevelt's work on the occasion is greater still. He called the conference. Again and again he has secured the concessions of the Kaiser and next to the Mikado, which made peace possible. Without President Roosevelt's hand alone, the peace of the world would have remained a distant dream. At home and abroad, in the conferences and in domestic politics, the 'World Peace-maker' holds a new place and speaks with new power in all he says and does.

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