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It to stand the strain of the Civil War and to meet or avert panic conditions since, fell; and we have the present...

It is not probable that even yet Congress can be induced to consider any plan of a central bank, with branches; for the partisan prejudice...

Progress of the National idea has out the state sovereignty notion out of this business; yet the flat notion as to money or currency still prevails...

No one of the central bank systems of foreign countries would quite suit our own, for they all vary from each other, to meet special conditions of their own countries, and so our own must be made from them.

The general principle and features would be the same. A bank currency, under a proper system, is elastic or flexible; its security is the gold reserves and mercantile bills based on staple commodities moving in all markets.

The people of Portland have the right to buy their table vegetables anywhere and of anybody they please. They have the right to buy in the cheapest available market, and it would be intolerable for the Council to try to compel them to pay two middlemen's profits where one will suffice.

The financial condition of Japan is an excellent guarantee against any very wide breach of international peace at this time. The discussion of the financial budget at Tokio almost precipitated a riot on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Secretary Taft is still lifting up his voice in behalf of the Philippines and to his consistent attitude and earnest endeavors, to secure fair play for the state-Pacific dependencies, is due the patience with which our new wards have waited for this Government to do what is right toward them.

There was very general observance of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln. The observance will be still more general next year, for that will be the first centenary of Lincoln's birth.

There is a great deal of talk about Lincoln and his enemies. He was nearest to our universal humanity of any of our public men; the mildest, the most catholic, yet the firmest, unequalled in sagacity and in devotion to highest ideas, yet most idealistic and unmaligned.

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York. This radical change in suggestive of the remarks of the rural syndicate who attempted to order a meal at a high-toned restaurant in Gotham. "I believe," said he, "that if a man were to go down into New York City and start a hotel with the bill of fare printed in English so that folks could read it, he would make a fortune. It would get rumored around the country that there was such a hotel, and the sheriff would never get it." New York may perhaps be surprised to learn that there are a number of people in this country for whom the English language, sung or spoken, has a very pleasing sound, but it is a fact, and it may be demonstrated, even a grand opera.

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Commercial bodies of the Pacific Coast are already agitating the retention on the Pacific Coast of a fleet of at least six modern battleships. There will naturally be strenuous opposition from the same sources that have been criticizing the sending of the fleet to this Coast, but among loyal deep-thinking Americans, who regard the Navy as a guarantee of the preservation of peace, the proposition will be warmly welcomed. The Pacific will be the scene of the greatest commercial and political activity that the New World has ever known. The Atlantic with shores crowded with a people on whom the restraining hand of civilization has rested for more than a century, will never again be the scene of such trouble as is possible on the Pacific so long as we are confronted with the ambitious, recently civilized and in some cases almost uncivilized races across the Pacific.

The financial condition of Japan is an excellent guarantee against any very wide breach of international peace at this time. The discussion of the financial budget at Tokio almost precipitated a riot on the floor of the House of Representatives, and the principal speakers for the Government argued that it was both unwise and imprudent to discuss the nation's finances from a pessimistic standpoint. The success of Japan in concealing its true condition from Russia was the greatest factor in forcing the surrender of its antagonist during the recent war, but should the men of Jippon get into trouble with a nation which has a reputation for being perfectly familiar with conditions, much greater difficulty would be experienced in putting out a bluff that would be duly respected.

Now would be a good time for Seattle promoters to have the census of that city taken. The bill-board campaign of advertising Seattle has been pushed in the East with such energy and success (?) that disappointed, clamorous thousands of men and women are in that city stranded, begging for work which is not to be had and accepting in lieu thereof the sole of charity. This is a heavy price to pay for the advertisement of being phenomenally busy wide awake city of unlimited industrial opportunities, but it is a legitimate one. It is to the credit of Seattle that it is doing all it can to liquidate its obligation to the multitude of men and women that boastful boomers have lured to the city.

The Oregonian has had something to say hitherto in notes somewhat loud, about the condition of railroads in Oregon and danger of travel upon them. It doesn't wish now to say, "Told you so," but it would like to urge anew the necessity, and the duty, of the Oregonian management and service, so that the people may have better assurance of safety.

Senator Bourne is out with a statement advising Republicans to vote only for Statement No. 1 nominees at the June election. Some Republicans take the advice, but many do not; others will not, because they don't feel like it. They feel, somehow, they say, that the results of Statement No. 1 hitherto have not been all that could be desired.

A writer in the Albany Democrat, not liking Brother Hofer of the Capital Journal, calls him "this pitiable editor." Isn't this too contemptuous? "Take any shape but that."

There will be no need to vote for any Republican nominees for the Legislature who pledges to Statement No. 1. Any Democratic nominee will do as well.

La Follette, his intimates say, does not expect the Presidency now, but wants to keep his name before the country for 1912. A far look and dim prospect.

An inexpensive way to improve the city streets would be to make the obstructing banana wagons and peanut vendors move on.

Patrolman Hepper hadn't served long enough on the Portland police force to be a coward or to flee in the face of danger.

Investors who are looking for real estate that has slumped should try Seattle or Los Angeles. There's none in Portland.

While the married letter-carrier patiently bears the burden of Christmas loads, he rebels at being a pack-horse today.

"The Roosevelt panic" is what they call it. It alludes, we may suppose to the panic among the plutocrats.

RAPS OREGON HOME-MADE LAWS. The Initiative and Referendum Slated Up as an "Iridescent Humbug." Washington (D. C.) Post (Ind.). The voters of Oregon are entitled to commiseration, in spite of the fact that they have brought most of their troubles upon themselves. In a spirit of revolt against graft and grafters, the people have attempted to run their government at first hand. In a few months they will be confronted with the first fruits of their new initiative and referendum scheme, in the shape of a ballot containing at least 20 important and complicated measures proposed for adoption. The butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker will be called upon to drop their tools long enough to make a cross on the ballot, and thereby enact this legislation. One of the proposed laws deals with Sunday observance; another makes a new system of representation in lawmaking bodies; another establishes a new and untried system of taxation; another models the grand jury laws; another provides for recalling from office men who are unsatisfactory; all these and other proposals demand a somewhat difficult requiring deliberation and discussion.

But there is no time for deliberation on the part of a man working for his living. He must vote and get back to work. So the fishers and choppers and plowmen of Oregon will take a day next June and try their hands at law-making. It will be interesting to note what the laws enacted without deliberation and discussion. How soon will it be before the voters will use their power of initiative to kill or amend the laws now asked to enact? What will they do when they are asked to patch up the laws, striking out the bad and keeping the good? How soon will they be called upon to escape confusion and disaster?

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CONTRASTS MR. BRYAN'S SINCERITY. Democratic Authority Concedes That He Looks Small to Mr. Taft. New York Times, (Dem.) The Roosevelt policies were mine, are his, and shall be mine again, said Mr. Bryan to the Democratic Senators who differed with him at the home of Senator Newlands. This is probably the first time in political history that a chief of the opposition has marked down his political attitude to obligatorily by planting himself firmly upon the principles of the party in power. In fairness, of course, it must be admitted that this singular situation is somewhat modified by Mr. Bryan's claim to a prior use of the principles in question. That claim is so well established by historical circumstance, and so generally admitted that if Mr. Bryan had had the foresight to publish his policy in the past, he would have been as well known as the principles of the party in power in our Federal Court where infringement suits are prosecuted.

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SILHOUETTES. BY ARTHUR A. GREENE. LIFE is so short at best that it seems a pity we must spend most of it trying to be pleasant to people we don't like.

At the Opry. The City Relative took his country cousin to the theater and they sat in a box. "I don't like the acoustics of this theater a bit," growled the City Relative during the performance. "I don't, neither," responded Country Cousin. "By Jacks, I'm most breakin' my neck tryin' to see the actors from thain'."

Revised Definitions, No. 1.—Adventurers (noun-ferm).—A woman who knows you but doesn't know your wife. Almost every day something happens that makes me hope there is a hell.

A woman dropped dead in a bargain-counter rush in an Eastern city recently. She was trying to get some silk stockings marked down from \$1 to \$1.97, but couldn't for the life of her.

At the Beauty Shop. Her face got onto her nerves one day. So she went to the beauty shop over the way. And timidly asked of the Marcelled miss, "Can you do anything for a map like this?"

"Of course," smiled the maid, "and before we get through, Your face will be even better than now." The patient sighed, as she felt for her purse: "I'll take a chance, for it can't be worse."

When one does a good deed, he usually dulls the edge of beneficence by talking about it. The only disagreeable feature about heaven, so far as I can learn, is that St. Peter doesn't issue pass checks.

The average woman who uses for breach of promise is perfectly willing to dismiss her action after she has broken into the papers as "a striking beauty with rare charms of face and figure."

One of the really enjoyable spectacles that the American people have been privileged recently is the petting out of that noisy nuisance, Thomas W. Lawson.

It will soon be time for the prospective June bride to collect her trousseau preparatory to becoming a November divorcee.

The combination of a woman and a telephone is responsible for the loss of more valuable time than any other agency, not even excepting theatrical performances.

According to the President, the Republican party is entitled to its opinions so long as they are acceptable to Theodore Roosevelt.

If Councilmen Driscoll and Vaughn don't subside pretty soon they should be tied together and thrown over a clothes-line.

Wisdom and Polly have conflicting franchises and frequently get their wires crossed.

Home View of Mr. Bryan. Lincoln (Neb.) State Journal, Rep. Mr. Bryan has become well-to-do, and yet to charge him with mercenary motives involves a complete misunderstanding of his life and character. If anything can be proved by the testimony of a man's neighbors, let it be set down that Mr. Bryan should be credited with purity of life as well as personal charms; that he is sincerely devoted to the interests of our people, and that few men are more willing to give of their earnings to public causes in which he feels an interest.

The failure of a community that cheerfully and voluntarily, unanimously offers testimony to all of these things to support Mr. Bryan for the Presidency is another matter. It arises from a lack of faith in the Republican party and its principles and a distrust of Mr. Bryan's ability to accomplish anything with such a following; rather than a lack of belief in the sincerity of Mr. Bryan himself.

Enoch Arden is Outdone. Raleigh (N. C.) Dispatch in New York World. The Legislature has passed almost unanimously a bill providing for the marriage of Joseph Ridenhour to Mrs. H. C. Doris, two years ago, in Rowen County. The woman's husband, Doris, left North Carolina some four years ago. When he had been absent three years Ridenhour came to her that he had been drowned in the Far East. Some time after she married Ridenhour. Now there is a child several months old. Doris recently returned without notice, went to his old home and found his wife married, realized the circumstances and left the state without further notice. Senator Redwin, opposing the bill, said "he thought it would contravene the Constitution and be granting a divorce."

A FEW SQUIBS. Patience—Lessons are given now, you know, by means of phonographs. What a pity that the way you later learned to sing!—Yonkers Statesman. "I never never had a better laugh," declared the optimist. "Made my money by hard work and advertising."—Louisville Courier Journal. "Tom (as the musician)—Don't you think Miss Sweeney sing with considerable feeling? Jack—Not so I can notice it. If she had any feeling for the notes, she wouldn't sing all—Chicago Daily News. "Fairly well, but didn't you think the minister struck a rather pessimistic note?" "I don't know. He was just stating so many that I overlooked the minister's."—Judge. "How do you get on getting well grounded in the classics?" asked the anxious millionaire. "Wouldn't you rather be well grounded in the private toilet?" "I may say that he is actually strangled on them."—Chicago World-Herald. "Dennis—Goin' to spend the week-end at Callahan's, are you?" "Ain't you callin' me a walk-out?" 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