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The government printing office is in suspicion of graft. Too much pi, perhaps.

The fog the peace envoys struck en route to Portsmouth seems still to envelop them.

New York and Washington are having typhoid scares. Must be jealous of New Orleans.

Forty cases of appendicitis are reported from Cheyenne, Wyo. Prosperity is rampant there, evidently.

The Philadelphia mint has been closed. The common garden mint is doing all the business just now.

The Taggarts threaten to return to Fort Leavenworth. Is that why the government has started a laundry there?

And just to think that one B. Franklin once walked through Philadelphia carrying his "roll" under his arm, in plain sight!

It is an interesting fact, shown by the last census bulletin that the southern whites have a larger proportion of children than the whites of the north, but in this respect the negroes are away ahead of the palefaced in both sections.

While everything points to the disruption of the peace negotiations at Portsmouth, we are sanguine as to the results of President Roosevelt's efforts to bring about a reconciliation. Mr. Roosevelt has forced his way to a position where he enjoys the admiration of the entire world; his options are not only respected but solicited and it is reasonable to believe his plea for the preserving of amicable relations between the emissaries of Russia and Japan will be received with more deference than would be those of any other ruler.

Pigmy President Castro has placed orders in Europe for torpedo boats, guns and ammunition at a cost of about \$2,000,000. This formidable array of armament he will use to fight the Yankees. He is said to have remarked that he will not permit the emissary of President Roosevelt to enter Venezuela. Primarily we are at loss to perceive from what source Castro will obtain this two million dollars; from the poor mouth he has repeatedly put forth when pressed for the settlement of the claims of Germany, or Great Britain or half a dozen other countries we are inclined to believe he has discovered something along the lines of "open Sesame," or he has hypnotized some European country into extending credit, we can only say it will soon become necessary for Uncle Sam to take this troublesome South American across his knee and spank him real hard. No fears need arise as to a call for volunteers being issued. The smallest torpedo boat in the American navy can take care of Castro.

It cannot escape public attention nor pass unnoticed by the politicians that the Trans-Mississippi Congress and the Reciprocity Conference at Chicago are taking up some very practical public and political questions. Out of these questions will issue the politics of the immediate future. Commerce and immigration are brought to the front, pushed up by the thought of the people. While the Governors of Oregon and Washington in addressing the Portland Congress, saw only one fraction of the immigration question, Governor Pardee of California brought it all into focus, and took the only tenable ground, by insisting that all nations have equality of treatment in respect to immigration. Any

other policy is not only too narrow for the dignity of the great country, but it is injurious to our commerce. It is interesting that the old issues in politics, which were sentimental, have entirely passed away, and we are now entering the period of economic politics. In the past we were alarmed lest the national soul go to perdition. Now we are solicitous about the body; how shall it be clothed and wherewith shall it be fed. It is useless to decry this as commercialism and this as a commercial age. "Seest thou a man diligent in his business, he shall stand before kings and he shall not stand before mean men," was uttered in a commercial age. Every age has been commercial. The student of politics who intends to take an active part in public affairs must inquire into the economic conditions that have brought men into conference in Portland and Chicago. We are not going to have any more race issue or sectional politics. All that is buried with the resolutions of 1798 and 1799, the Mississippi compromise, the Wilmot proviso and the Dred Scott decision. We have now the politics of three meals a day and a change of shirts.

GAME LAWS.

The sale of deer, elk, moose, mountain sheep or spotted fawn is absolutely prohibited.

Licenses—It is unlawful for any person to hunt in this state without having first procured from the County clerk of one of the counties of the state a license therefor, which license the hunter must have with him, and in his possession at the time of hunting. A license procured in any county is good for the entire state. All licenses expire on December 21 of each year. Fees: For residents, \$1; for non-residents, \$10. The law says: No license shall be required of a man or members of his own family for permission to hunt upon his own lands. Therefore beware of hunting beyond the boundaries of your own land without having procured a license.

Seasons—Spotted Fawn—Closed at all times. Elk—Closed until Sept 15, 1907. Buck Deer—Closed between November of each year and August 15th of the following year.

Female Deer—Closed between November 1 of each year and September 1 of the following year.

Night hunting and the use of dogs prohibited.

Limit—Five deer in any one open season.

Tags—Any person lawfully killing deer during the open season, not to exceed five deer, must make an affidavit before any justice of the peace, setting forth the killing of each deer and that the same were killed by the affiant. The justice of the peace thereupon issues to the affiant one leather tag for each deer. These tags must be securely fastened with wire, one tag to each deer skin. The tags are issued to the county clerk by the state game warden, and are by them distributed to the justices of the peace.

It is evident from the foregoing as the law now stands, that the tags cannot be issued before the deer have been killed, and it is useless to apply for them until that time.

No tags can be issued after the expiration of five days from the close of the open season.

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IMPORTS FALL OFF

Purchases by Russia from United States Decrease 46 per cent.

OTHERS ARE IN PROPORTION

General Decrease in Imports Over European Frontier During First Four Months of Present Calendar Year. 21.5 Per Cent—War the Cause.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Imports into Russia over the European frontier during the past four months of the calendar year have fallen off 27.5 per cent as compared with imports during the corresponding period in 1904. Exports during the same period are 7.26 per cent in excess of 1904. These figures are taken from the Russian official trade returns just received at the department of commerce and labor. The heaviest decrease of imports were under the general heads of raw and semi-manufactured materials and lightness under the head of manufactures.

The decrease in imports is distributed from equally among the various countries that have been supplying Russia with articles of manufacture or consumption. From Germany the decrease was about 20 per cent, the United Kingdom 36 per cent and France almost 40 per cent. The latter trade discrimination is explained by the fact that the imports from France have been composed to a larger extent of articles of immediate consumption and luxuries.

Owing to the considerable shrinkage in the quantity and value of raw cotton imported, the total imports credited to the United States and Egypt during the four months show even heavier decreases. Thus, imports of cotton from the United States have fallen about 58 per cent in value from \$15,346,000 in 1904 to \$6,481,000 in 1905 and 35 per cent in quantity from 107.6 millions of pounds to 69.9 millions of pounds; while the total imports credited to this country have decreased about 46 per cent from \$19,390,000 in 1904, to \$10,522,000 in 1905.

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