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PRIMARY USE OF PRIMARIES.

The new primary law will prove a God-send to the politician and the business man. It offers them a secretive and admirable resource for disposing of the hydra-headed candidate with dispatch and aplomb.

A MERE REMINDER.

Rather than the Council should go into session again unmindful of the crying need for its instant and effective action in the premises, the Astorian ventures to remark that the vicious and hurtful slot machine is in full vogue in this city.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

The man who speaks before he speaks often saves his words. They say the bear keeps his head wonderfully well during his turmoil. There are several of spreading pneumonia, but fevers pains are not necessarily a symptom of the disease. Some railroads will not pass city officials, others will not pass inspection, even. Rev. Madison G. Pieters asks will the

coming man marry. However that may be, his parents will.

Statement of the associated banks of New York shows a gain of more than \$12,000,000 in surplus reserve.

Some one has discovered that sarcasm is truth in evening clothes. That explains the peculiarities of its cut.

The city laborers in New York are betting on whether it will be snow-plows or lawn-mowers next.

Couldn't Mr. Castro of Venezuela be induced to get up and let somebody else sit on the Monroe doctrine a little while?

Lincoln Steffens begins in Washington an investigation to determine who rules the United States, the people or the special interests.

The insurgents have captured the capital of Ecuador, there being no Joe Cannon to handle insurgents in Ecuador.

Colorado points with justifiable pride to the fact that its crops last year exceeded its mining products in value by \$20,000,000.

Again there is talk of congressional action on a pure-food bill, but this is one of the subjects apt to evaporate in Washington.

There is nothing new in the domestic problem. It was Benjamin Franklin who said: "If you'd have a servant that you like, serve yourself."

A Chinese commission is about to study American systems and methods. The statistics of the recent years of prosperity are powerfully persuasive.

When it comes to an election, England seems to be willing to accept Mr. Joe Chamberlain's theory that he is all the Conservative party worth considering.

A New York restaurant comparison: Positive, wait; comparative, waiter; superlative, help yourself and settle with the cashieress.

There are those who think the House insurgents might have saved some of their strength for that very doubtful Arizona-New Mexico statehood bill.

Just as the weather has nicely fixed it for no coal strike talk, those pessimists come along and remind the public the ice crop is a failure.

Traveling on the New York elevated railroad is still the safest method, if the passenger has his choice of the means to get down.

The sultan of Turkey feels twinges of jealousy when he reviews the record of Venezuela in its handling of its debts so as to keep other nations in hot water.

The House has passed the Philippine tariff bill without waiting for a report from Datto Bryan, who seems to be off in the interior on a stumping tour with Aguinaldo.

The agrarian war on railroads in Kansas will not seriously interfere with the spring plowing. Senator La Follette has generously volunteered to assist Gov. Hoch in getting in his crops. America, the statisticians have discovered, now leads in the making of barrels, which may in some degree account for the widespread popularity of the politics in this country.

Mark Twain's offer to pay taxes on what he does not own and its acceptance by the tax officials lead to the suspicion that the author of "Innocents Abroad" is seeking material for "Innocents at Home."

A Manhattan magistrate finds that the law forbidding prize fights has been strictly complied with by a "boxing club." It will be reassuring to know that nobody is likely to be killed except strictly according to law.

The Lowell Observatory at Flagstaff, Arizona, has made it certain there really are canals on Mars. Perhaps if we could ship a few observatories down to the isthmus those high priced engineers could show us.

Postmaster General Cortelyou says Chicago's new post office is inadequate and officials believe congress in the near future will authorize a new building, and they have just moved into the new building.

The supreme court of Wisconsin at Madison yesterday "handed down" an opinion that children of illegitimates are blood relatives or relatives of the illegitimate parents and as such can inherit property the same as legitimates.

A lecturer on the Panama canal says the French raised \$325,000,000 for the work, spent a third of it in actual labor, wasted a third and stole the rest. Now let Uncle Sam show the world how to get a dollar's worth of work for every dollar spent in that noted locality.

A "worm with wings" has appeared openly in North Carolina and is biting the people into illness. We know the worm of the still was frequently encountered in the inaccessible mountain regions of that State, but to hear it described as having wings and biting the people is a phase of its character that the revenue officers should investigate.

If Doctor Alexander Graham Bell prophesied correctly in his remarks before automobilists at their banquet, the practical flying machine may arrive in 1906. We trust it will be made, unlike the gasoline automobile, without any woodpulsiness; otherwise, what's the use?

Some figures published show to what extent men are deserting from the German regiments in garrison at Metz. Nearly 1,000 German deserters have been registered for service in the French foreign legion. German soldiers are deserting almost every day and it is computed that during the present year the Sixteenth German corps has lost nearly 1,500 men.

Here's a pleasant variation of the time-worn story of a man who caught the big fish which got away. It comes from New Gloucester, Me. A fox-hunter told how he caught a fox in a bran sack, but there was a hole in the other end of the sack, and sly Reynard was not slow in improving his opportunity. However, the man still had the sack and the hole to prove his story, and what more could be asked?

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