

THE ITEMS

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And now the anti-expansionists will tell us that Manilla's recent earthquake was an attempt to shake off American rule.

The isthmian canal will cost not less than \$180,000,000. Of this sum a large amount will go for unskilled labor. Why not use the convicts from the state penitentiaries for this purpose?

Porto Rico has a law against "conspiring to raise wages." That might not prove such a bad thing if she would only enact another against conspiring to reduce them.

Now that he has become a Cabinet minister, Mr. Henry C. Payne's well known views in favor of the reduction of Southern congressional representation and one cent postage are of especial interest.

A London paper recently over-stated the age of Miss Hettie Chattell. Miss Chattell brought suit for libel, stating that she was an actress and her age had a commercial value. The injury gave her \$7,500.

Dr. Jay W. Seavor, director of the Yale University gymnasium, announces that the lung capacity of the Yale freshman class is higher than ever before, a fact which he attributes to the decrease in the number of smokers.

Democratic sympathy for the little brown men of the Philippines is particularly touching in view of democratic efforts to exclude from suffrage "the big black man of the South," and "without the consent of the governed" too.

The Chicago judge who imprisoned two newspaper men for criticism of his decision may have gone too far but it is a question if newspapers do not occasionally err in their strictures on judicial acts. Their course is likely to detract from the respect due to law.

Professor Albion Small of the University of Chicago says that no man has an earning capacity in excess of \$50,000 per annum, and no man can properly raise a family on less than \$1,000 per annum. He would have all wages adjusted between these figures.

Someone has remarked that civilizing the Philippines will prove to be "a hundred year job." Perhaps it will but that is all the more reason why we should be at it early and all the more worth the effort.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order of diseased.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy, the mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized.

A man's inclination to put himself on the back when he has merely done his duty is evidence of how conspicuous he realizes such instances are.

The American Federation of Labor has demonstrated its good sense by its rejection of the resolution denouncing the introduction of cigar making machinery.

As soon as Senator Hoar gets his anarchist colony established he proposes to turn his attention to lynching with an effort to make it punishable by the Federal courts.

The little school boy who answered "Santa Claus" to the question "Who discovered America?" was simply an example of the mental condition of the average youngster at this season of the year.

It is to be hoped that Congress will pass the bill changing the date for presidential inaugurations to the third Thursday in April. None but a pneumonia proof president and populace can survive an inauguration on March 4th.

If Emperor William really desires to put a stop to duelling in the army he can accomplish it by making the survivor responsible for damages to his victim's family and relatives. Such a course has proved efficacious in France.

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Mr. Payne Whitney, the young man who is to marry the daughter of the Secretary of State, is to receive as a wedding present from his uncle, Colonel Payne, a handsome furnished residence in New York and a beautiful ocean-going steam yacht. Its good to have a rich uncle.

The Department of Agriculture recently purchased from a well known seed dealer a bushel of clover seed for \$6.00. After taking out the dirt, weed seed, etc. it was found that the price of the genuine clover seed amounted to \$90 per bushel.

The President's check for \$10, donated to a church fair, recently sold for \$50. A handkerchief Mrs. Roosevelt sent to the Ladies Aid Society of a New York town sold at auction for \$30.50. If Mr. Roosevelt would contribute a few frayed collars to a rummage sale they would doubtless bring \$10 apiece.

A prominent citizen of Washington called at the White House recently with a colored man who had served a term for libel and whom he wished to recommend for appointment. "Mr. President do you remember Mr. Blank?" "Very well. I remember his jail record too" replied the President, in his usual stentorian tone.

Gen. Miles is wiser than his friends. While they are indulging in all sorts of fool-talk about what he ought to do about being censured by Secretary Root for having been indiscreet enough to publish a criticism of the Schley Court, he is keeping quiet, and doubtless regretting his indiscretion. A wry man is keeping quiet and setting an example that his friends might follow with advantage to themselves and to him.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, Dec. 27.—President Roosevelt figures that if Congress is entitled to a Christmas recess of nearly three weeks he is certainly entitled to a week's holiday. He has not put in any time to speak of in his office this week and will not until after New Year's day, and has only received those having engagements to discuss important matters with him.

Republican Senators and Representatives who are in Washington have nothing but good words to say of Gov. Shaw, of Iowa, who has by request of President Roosevelt accepted the portfolio of the Secretary of the Treasury, the latter having failed in his efforts to persuade Secretary Gage to retain it. Gov. Shaw has long been known as one of the leading republicans of the middle west, which has so many able republicans in public life, and has long ago established his reputation as a financier and successful business man, and is fully qualified to preside over the national finances.

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The democratic House caucus committees charged with the big job of deciding what constitutes a democrat in the House has had one meeting. It came so near resulting in a scuffling match that there will probably be no more meetings. It is thought that the committee will simply report the matter back to the caucus for settlement, and doubtful whether it will be settled at all at this session of Congress.

Italy's new Ambassador has undertaken quite a big job. In order to remove existing difficulties in the way of direct Federal protection being given to Italians residing in the States or immediate redress for such affairs as the Louisiana and Mississippi lynching of Italian citizens, he asks that our laws be so amended as to give the Federal authorities the necessary power to protect alien residents in accordance with treaties between the United States and the countries from which they come. Theoretically he is unquestionably right. It seems farcical for the United States to negotiate treaties with other countries in which citizens of both are to be given the same protection and rights other than political and then to be unable to give the rights guaranteed except through and with the consent of the State authorities, but practically the question of making changes in our governmental system is too big a one to be lightly or hastily considered. There are lots of things theoretically right that it is practically impossible to do.

Congressional sentiment is practically unanimous that the legislative branch of the government should be specially represented at the coronation of King Edward by a joint committee of Senators and representatives, and it is probably that action providing for such representation will be taken soon after the re-assembling of Congress. It is not yet certain how large it will be nor how its members shall be selected, but the favorite idea is that it shall consist of twelve members, six Senators and six Representatives, to be chosen from the Foreign committees of the House and Senate. The Executive branch of the government will, in addition to its diplomatic representatives, send an officer to represent the army and another to represent the navy, and the Supreme Court may send one or more of its members to represent the judicial branch of the government at the coronation.

Representative McCleary, of Minn., in response to a number of requests that he should introduce a bill and try to push it through amending the national banking law so as to permit small national banks to make loans on real estate, has sent out about 600 circular letters, addressed to all classes of citizens and covering every State and Territory, asking those addressed to favor him with their opinion for or against the idea and their reason for holding same.



Somewhere in the world life is at stake every minute of the day. Right at our own doors, perhaps, is going on a struggle as grim and fierce as any fight or flight on record. You hear the hollow tearing cough; see the ooze of blood which tells of the wounded lungs; mark the emaciated body and hectic cheek, and know a life is at stake.

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