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How can we tell whether a resolution is good or not till after it has been broken.

Theodore may have learned wisdom from the sphinx, but apparently he did not learn silence.

Straws have been blowing with sufficient distinctness to show that republicans cannot afford to fight among themselves.

Trade between Canada and the United States made its highest record in the calendar year just ended and has more than doubled in the last 10 years.

Objections are made to John D. Rockefeller's way of disposing of his wealth. Objections are also made to his plan of accumulating it; what can he do?

The modernized system of news gathering is a back number, but is copyrighted. Thus: Yesterday, 29 years ago, P. T. Barnum died; 67 years ago today Adeline Patti was born; 50 years ago tomorrow the Pony Express was established.

A professor in the university of Missouri avers that the fashionable woman is a clotheshorse for the display of a rich man's wealth. He certainly has the courage of his convictions, but who is it that rushes in where angels fear to tread?

General George H. Williams is dead—
"Like a clock worn out with beating time,
The wheels of weary life at last stand still."
Oregon's Grand Old Man died in sleep at home during Sunday night. The end came as he had wished. His daughter summoning him to arise Monday morning, found that death had touched him. He was active to the last, and cheery with usual health.

The verdict of a New Jersey jury to the effect that "damn" is not an oath within the meaning of the vice and immorality act of the state no doubt accords with popular opinion. Usage has largely shorn the word of the suggestion of profanity it may once have had. It has become bowdlerized in the course of time and transformed into a mere expletive or diacritical oath after the manner of "oh, dear me," or "hully gee."

Bishop Berkeley, the philosopher and divine, predicted that America would prove to be Time's noblest child, and lead the world in literature and science. But could he ever have dreamed that an American would outdo Europeans in the mastery of a "dead" language? Yet exactly this is what has come to pass. A Brooklyn teacher has won the annual world's contest for the best poem in the Latin language, and is the first American to win the prize that has been offered since 1843. Wouldn't Cicero and St. Jerome and Erasmus gasp if they knew?

Aetna is still smoking and throwing considerable hot stuff down her old sides, but the decrease is very noticeable. An American who claims he is a volcanoist, or some other style of an ist, says he fears there is an obstruction in Aetna's throat and unless this is cleared out soon it may break out in some other part of the earth and the molten mass carrying death and destruction in that vicinity. If we lived near Aetna we would make arrangements to take up a homestead in Oregon where we are not troubled with earthquakes or hot stuff breaking out and running all over the country.

Monopoly of Water Power Sites.

Spokesman Review: There has been much discussion recently as to whether or not the water power sites of the west are under the control of a monopoly. Recent reports from members of the geological survey at Washington show that although such a monopoly has not yet been completed there has been a rapid concentration of the water power companies. Although many valuable water power sites are reported to have been filed on by the big power companies before the blanket withdrawals by Roosevelt, none of these have been patented, nor have any new filings been made. Mr. Pinchot's orders to the forest rangers to locate their cabins on 160-acre tracts, selected so as to include the water power sites in the forests, prevented still others from being filed upon by corporation dummies.

Since that time members of the geological survey have carefully examined the lakes, streams and mountain canyons, locating all water power sites and Ballinger is withholding these from entry, although all surrounding lands are being restored.

Many who are opposed to the Pinchot conservation policy say that it is the government's intention to prevent any use of these power sites for years, and thus hinder the development of the west. This is a mistaken idea. These sites are being withheld only until congress prepares a plan under which they may be developed. Ballinger and Taft have recommended that these power sites be leased for a term of 30 years on terms which will enable those who develop them to release them. The reason for the leasing plan is that in this age when the use of electrical power is being developed in so many ways, it is impossible to tell how valuable these power sites may be a generation hence. Thirty years ago the possibilities of the use of the water power of the Spokane river at the present time was beyond the wildest dream of its owners. So 30 years hence, nobody can even conjecture the value of the water power of this country.

Once the titles of all these water power sites pass into the hands of private individuals the formation of a complete monopoly is only a matter of furnishing sufficient money to procure them. Public opinion has no influence in determining to whom an individual is to sell his property. The people are willing and anxious that these water power sites should be utilized, but will insist that they be forever kept from the control of any power trust.

Americans Besetting Sin.

James J. Hill in a recent address delivered before the St. Paul Conservation Congress, declared that extravagance has become a national trait. He quoted figures to show that the ordinary expense of the federal government in the years between 1890 and 1909 had increased by more than 121 per cent, and that the increase from 1890 to 1909 was more than 201 per cent.

That this statement is true and timely admits of no doubt, and that is true of the nation is equally true of the states and individuals.

Redmond expects to become an incorporated city, next month.

"Do it now!" seems to be the attitude of the trusts toward the public. A colleague calls Uncle Joe Cannon the most intrepid watchdog of the treasury that the United States has ever had. And there is no evidence that he ever wavered in his role. Fifteen democrats voted against Champ Clark as a member of the house extended committee on rules. Champs exploits with insurgent republicans may teach some tricks to his own side. Two years ago the democrat just elected to congress in Massachusetts was a republican and is still a protectionist. The lesson from Capecod is that politics is mixed. Republicans in that district must have been afflicted with an amount of over confidence amounting to indifference. A difference not easily defined. By the appointment of six regular republicans as the component of the 10 members of the house extended committee on rules, that chamber is at last almost ready to push the republican program. Insurgent, as well as regular republicans, express satisfaction at the selections which have been made for the republican end of the committee. Some of the regulars favor increase to 11 members to avert the chance of tie votes. President Taft has suggested that the people of the country answer the questions of the census enumerators. The fact that the president should make such a request indicates the importance of the census in the opinion of the administration. And its importance is not exaggerated. In this way Uncle Sam not only determines how big he is, but what he is; and to know thyself is as important for the nation as for the individual.

REPORT OF SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

For the Month Ending March 25, 1910.

Dist. No.	School	Teacher	Enrollment	Number days taught	Whole No. days absent	Whole No. times late	Number absent for late	Percent of attendance	No. visits by parents	Visits by school board
1	Bigelow	Bertha Angell	19	15	12	3	5	94	0	0
2	Brock	Dena Larson	22	20	29	0	10	92	0	0
3	Rulus	Anna B Thompson	9	20	8	0	7	96	3	0
4	Locust Grove	Laura McIntosh	6	10	4	0	1	84	2	0
5	China Hollow	Florence Heston	147	20	144	5	22	94	2	1
6	Wasco	J M Woods	63	20	70	0	16	90	0	0
7	Keel	L W Wimberly	9	20	7	0	3	96	4	0
8	Webfoot	May E Cook	13	20	16	0	3	92	4	0
9	Freudberg	Isabelle McGregor	10	20	12	0	2	96	0	0
10	Shera Bridge	B F Smith	20	20	12	0	8	98	1	0
11	DeMoss	Egna Danewood	9	20	4	0	0	98	1	0
12	Erskinville	Mabel Deems	119	20	108	15	53	95	3	0
13	Moro	Oliver O. Rush	10	20	2	0	0	97	8	0
14	Monkland	Rebecca Wilson	5	20	1	0	1	98	0	0
15	Upr. Hay Can.	B A Vase	17	20	4	0	0	98	4	0
16	Fairview	Edna A Everett	119	20	120	8	19	92	4	1
17	Boardman	Alice Bayley	27	20	28	5	19	94	1	0
18	Grass Valley	Louis Murdoch	8	18	12	0	2	84	7	0
19	Rutledge	Lois Covle	3	20	0	0	0	100	0	0
20	German Sett'mt.	C P Adams	10	20	0	0	0	100	0	0
21	Michigan	Lena Gilman	10	20	0	0	0	100	0	0
22	Blue school Hse.	Adie Taylor	10	20	0	0	0	100	0	0
23	Wilcox	Amy Cook	13	20	40	27	3	86	8	1
24	Klondike	Lydie Wymann	12	14	5	0	1	93	0	0
25	Bridges	Alta O'dell	5	15	5	0	2	93	0	0
26	Rosebush	Eva Smith								
27	Buckley	Debie Daugherty								
28	Debie Point	Bertha Angell								
29	Early									

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b Teacher failed to report.

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