

Chips.

The republican bosses find it both tiresome and troublesome to get used to Mr. Roosevelt's carefully cultivated habit of doing the unexpected, but they are not ready for a row yet.

Why Mr. Roosevelt wanted to shoot more ducks when Washington is full of political lame ducks that he is expected to look out for is too much for us.

General "Pull" is still in command at Washington, notwithstanding the official announcement some time ago that he would be retired and be succeeded by General "Merit."

Ex-Queen Lil is making her way to Washington by easy stages. She didn't get invited to eat Thanksgiving day dinner at the White House, but Christmas is coming.

British merchants claim that there is a secret sugar trust in Germany that is deliberately ruining the sugar trade everywhere. Well are not trusts organized to ruin every body's business but their own?

The rich American snobs and loadies are overlooking a bet. Now that King Edward has made it impossible for them to buy tickets for his coronation, why do not a bunch of them toss a few millions into London and get up a rival show that will make the coronation look like pewter dime?

Republican governors of the states interested have not been falling over each other in their eagerness to accept the invitation of the Governor of Minnesota to help him fight the big railroad trust. Is anybody afraid?

The republican bosses by stifling republican sentiment for tariff revision are making first-class democratic ammunition.

One good term may deserve another, but it won't get it in Georgia, if the proposition to limit the governors of the state to one term be adopted.

The official count in Maryland gives the democratic majority of fifteen on joint ballot in the legislature. Good morning Senator Gorman.

Maryland has never given the country a candidate for President, but two of its sons—Schley and Gorman—are in line Presidential possibilities.

As scrappy as Mr. Roosevelt is reputed to be, he was compelled to run away from the horde of office-seekers in Washington the other day.

Mr. Roosevelt has promised to aid in securing the reenactment of the anti-Chinese law, but the steamship companies are still fighting reenactment in every way they know how, and they know a lot of ways to "persuade" Congress men.

Indian Commissioner Jones has stirred up the beneficiaries of the Indian ring by strongly attacking the present policy of the government toward the Indians, and showing that the enormous expenditures have been productive of little good to the Indians. True, Mr. Jones, but think of the millions that have been made by "pickings" from those expenditures.

Mayor-elect Seth Low, is finding out that "reformers" are as persistent in their demands for political spoil as the professional scolds man could possibly be.

Let the republicans in Congress dodge the tariff revision question by the appointment of a tariff commission if they dare. Nothing would make more certain the election of a democratic majority of the House next year.

There is still such a thing as friendship. Hoo, Isidor Rayner, who was Schley's chief counsel, declined to accept a fee for his services, saying that it had been a work of love with him.

The Biggest of All.

Mr. Morgan's transportation Titan—the Northern Securities Company—is in fact larger by \$64,000,000 than his billion dollar steel colossus. It carries \$1,082,000,000 of bonds and stocks, as against the steel colossus's load of \$1,018,000,000. Therefore the giant which Minnesota and several neighbor States are planning to deprive of its legal life is the largest corporate "person" in the world.

This is not the first time that several States have united to give battle to a corporate giant who threatened to prove too much for any one of them singly. This Titan was preceded by a little giant constructed by J. J. Hill out of several Northwestern railways. Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana and Washington joined forces and attacked and destroyed it. If the Titan son is apparently stronger and craftier than its father, so also are the combining States apparently more aroused and more resolute.

But the general interest at present lies in the fact that these Northwestern States have pointed the way to a regulation of interstate monopolies without resigning control of their internal commerce and without centering at Washington the trust problem, and so perhaps creating a corruption more menacing than any which now exists. If the people of several States have identical interests in certain matters, why should they not compel their Legislatures to pass identical laws as carefully drawn as the subtle charters of interstate corporations?—World.

John Erbey, of New Brunswick, N. J., advertised some time ago for a wife. His requirements were so hard his friends doubted if he would be successful in getting any woman to answer. He wanted a wife who is young, pretty, of good education, strong and healthy, and who has \$10,000 in cash. The money was to be invested after marriage in a farm, she to be satisfied with the purchase before parting with her money.

Erbey was married Sunday. The bride's name was Florence Roehr and her home is at Bath, Pa. Erbey when seen last evening said that his bride answered all the requirements of his advertisement and more, too. The couple are living at New Brunswick for the present. Erbey refused to allow his wife to be interviewed. They will set about purchasing the farm in a few days.

The fools are not all dead yet. Forty young unmarried men of Geneva, N. Y., met and organized the Black Bean Club. The object of the club is matrimony. The membership is limited to forty, the initiation fee is \$50 and there are no dues or assessments.

The club meets once a year, and at that meeting a box containing forty beans, one of which is black, is passed around and each man takes a bean. The man who draws the black bean must, according to his solemn pledge at the time of initiation, get married before the next meeting. All members pledge themselves to remain single until they draw the black bean.

The whole expense of the wedding of the man who draws the black bean is to be paid from the treasury of the club, including a wedding tour not to exceed three weeks, and complete furnishings for a seven-room house.

The Herald says the DEMOCRAT withheld Mr. Carothers letter until after election. This is not true. The letter was brought in just as the paper was going to press on election day too late for that day. The man who will sign his name to his communication and not hide under the usual anonymous signature can say almost anything he pleases in the columns of the DEMOCRAT.

MISFITS

Mr. Brouse, aged 79 and Mrs. Johnson, aged 89, were recently married at Independence. May they have a long and happy life together.

Two Brooklyn telephone girls have just been married to young men who were charmed by their voices over the wire. Telephone girls everywhere reading this will begin work with new courage.—Ex.

It is said that liquor is sold to minors continually in some of the saloons of the city. There is little doubt that the Ward boy got the liquor which caused him to do the recent stabbing, in one of the saloons. Of all things this should be stopped if possible. It is against the law to even sell a minor in a saloon.

Albany's push club is all right. It is called ALCO, and it means, Albany Linn County, Oregon. We are pushing for Albany, for Linn county and for Oregon. There is nothing small about our push club.—Albany DEMOCRAT.

If the Alco Club is "pushing for Linn county," it can find a good field in which to spend some of its energy in the completion of the Linn county wagon road to the Blue River and Calapoopia mines. This is one object wherein the Alco Club can assist to the great and lasting benefit of the whole of Linn county.—Brownsville Times.

GRAFTS.

You can't most always sometimes tell how a man will vote after hearing him talk. There is no duty on the word the candidate pulls over the eyes of the voter. Fish as a brain food need to have a pretty good brain to start on. Great minds do not run in the same channel on election day. A man has to put up with a good deal in this world on election day. Women who pose as fashion plates on small incomes generally break their husbands. Some people high up in the social scale are too light to bring the seals down. The small boy cannot vote but he is on hand when the election returns point toward the nearest confectionary store.

GRAFTS.

The woman who has to run after a man to catch him is generally sorry for her bargain.

The funny comments on the trip up Salt River are worth all the trouble of running for office.

Congratulating a newly married couple is serious business. Sometimes sympathy is the proper thing.

The failure to keep election promises generally face a man at some time in his after life.

Ignorance is the curse of the world.

There wouldn't be much dancing if it wasn't for the hugging.

The merchant who would give twenty cents worth of goods for a dollar received would soon lose his business, but that is what the Dewey gambling machine does.

From the World.

For a backwoods Thanksgiving "turkey shoot" a big bird is tied by one leg and rival marksmen fire at it from a distance. As they "get the range" the blood-dabbled turkey, crazed with pain and madly trying to fly, succeeds only in prolonging its own misery and the "fun" of its tormentors until some rifleman wins his dinner by a fatal shot.

On Friday a party of New Yorkers who ought to know and do better will set a pernicious example by participating in a "live pigeon shoot." Hundreds of birds after being cooped up for days will be released for living targets. Those will be fortunate that fall at the first shot or are bagged by "pot-hunters" out of bounds. There will be many to drag themselves away with broken legs or wings, to die after days of agony.

The "turkey-shoot" is cruelty retail; the "pigeon-shoot" is cruelty wholesale, without the excuse of ignorance and primitive conditions.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Sudden Death

EGGERS, Or., Dec. 4, 1901.—Word was brought to Eugene this morning that A. H. Fisk, former county judge, prominent in political circles, and a leading democrat, died suddenly Monday night at his ranch near Mapleton, on the Siuslaw. His body will be brought to Eugene.

Fatal Accident

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—So far as news be determined tonight, only three lives were lost in the collision on the bay between the ferry-boats San Rafael and Sausalito. Those drowned were W. G. Crandall, secretary of the Long Syrup Works; George Tredway, a waiter on the San Rafael, and the 3-year-old son of Mrs. Waller of Ross Valley. The body of Crandall was washed ashore at Angel Island today.

Mitchell Appointed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—John Mitchell, who was appointed messenger in the United States Senate last March to succeed C. G. Coad, when the latter was made Postmaster at Dallas, at the instance of Senator Simon will assume his duties at the present session of Congress.

Quiet at Colon.

COLON, Dec. 1.—Yesterday and today passed uneventfully at Colon and Panama. Both Liberals and Conservatives are gradually resuming their customary intercourse and fraternizing with each other. There is no undue boasting on the part of the victors, nor ill-concealed hatred on the part of those who sympathize with the vanquished. Consequently there have been no disturbances or unseemly behavior.

Burned Alive

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 2.—Five persons, a mother and her four children, were burned to death at Gwyn Station, on the Woposnook Railroad, three miles north of this city, early today. The husband escaped with severe injuries.

The Chinese.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 1.—According to mail advices from the Orient, Chinese officials are endeavoring to find means to raise money to assist in paying the indemnity demanded by the powers. Besides a gigantic lottery scheme in which money to \$100,000,000 is involved, half of which will go into the indemnity fund, half to be given away in prizes, and when scheme has received the sanction of the court, it is now proposed by Prince Ching to impose a head tax on all Chinese.

Big for Sale

SALEM, Dec. 1.—A second Saturday night hold-up was reported to the police today. A young man, whose name was not learned, claims he was held up by a single footpad at the Bush Bank corner, in the center of the business district, about 10 o'clock Saturday evening, and was at the point of a pistol forced to give up 30 cents, which was all the money he had.

A Tariff Decision.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Opinions were rendered in the United States Supreme Court today in the last two of the insular test cases. One of them was that known as the "fourteen diamond rings case," involving the relationship of the United States to the Philippine Islands from a tariff known as the Doolley case No. 2, involving the constitutionality of the collection of duty on goods shipped from New York to Porto Rico. In the former court, through Chief Justice Fuller, held that the diamond rings brought in from the Philippines and over which the case arose, should have been exempt from duty under the Paris treaty of peace, as that treaty made the Philippines American territory.

Newport Election.

NEWPORT, Or., Dec. 2.—The annual city election was held today. The following ticket was elected: City Recorder, John Simpson; Treasurer, Oscar Olsen; Marshal, Ira Miller; Street Commissioner, J. P. Beverly; Councilmen—First Ward, George Sylvester; Second Ward, J. A. Olsen, William Neal; Third Ward, R. I. Bensell, B. F. Young, C. H. Williams, F. H. McDonald, W. S. Whitten, S. G. Irvine and J. F. Delaney polled a tie vote in the Second Ward.

Coming to Oregon.

St. Louis, Dec. 2.—The recently published statement that the officers of the Traveler's Protective Association of America contemplated changing the place for holding the National meeting from Portland, Or., was erroneous. No change has been discussed and elaborate plans are being made to send delegations to Portland from every state in the Union.

A Russian Wreck.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 2.—The extremely cold weather throughout Russia, especially in Siberia, has delayed the mails and many trains are now snow-bound. Grain steamers on the Vistula are frozen in the river. In a railroad collision near Kharbin, 18 Chinese and seven Russians were killed. Two of the latter were frozen to death.

After Some Island.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 2.—A full agreement has been reached between Denmark and the United States for the sale of the Danish West Indies. The treaty will probably be signed this week at Washington. The price fixed is between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000.

Congress Opened.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The opening of the first session of the 57th Congress at noon today drew to the Capitol a great throng of spectators, eager to witness the scenes of animation which mark the annual reassembling of the National lawmakers.

The President's Message.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The Senate listened to the first message of President Roosevelt today and adopted a resolution directing the appointment of a committee to cooperate with a like committee from the House to consider by what token of respect and affection Congress might express the sorrow of the Nation upon the tragic death of the late President McKinley. The message was delivered soon after the Senate met. The reading occupied nearly two and a half hours.

Philippine Tariff.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The duties on imports going in of the Philippines under the Spooner amendment will remain the same as fixed by the Philippine Commission and approved by the Secretary of War which went into effect about six weeks ago. It is probable that an effort will be made to confirm that tariff, as it meets the approval of the Administration, when any Philippine legislation the present Philippine tariff will be enforced.

Good Riddance.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—In an interview with Richard Croker, the Evening Post today quotes the Tammany leader as saying: "You won't see much more leading on my part in the future. I am getting old and worn out, and I cannot be a field-horse for everybody any longer. I admit that the leader of Tammany Hall should stay in New York all the year round and I cannot stay here for more than a part of the year."

Redwood Trust.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—The Chronicle says a big combination of the redwood lumbermen of the Pacific Coast is in course of formation. For some time the redwood manufacturers have had a union or association for their mutual protection in the local trade, but it is proposed to broaden the organization by employing a selling agent to represent all those in the combine.

Denniston Accepts

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 3.—Upon conferring with General Passenger and Ticket Agent Whitney, A. B. C. Denniston, of Portland, concluded to accept the position of general western passenger agent of the Great Northern Railway, which was made vacant by the death of R. C. Stevens in Seattle last month. The new appointment was made to date from December 1.

Chinese Affairs.

PEKIN, Dec. 3.—Chinese officials say that the appointment of a new heir apparent to the throne will be delayed until the Emperor can discuss the question with leading men. The imperial edict deposing Pu Chun, son of Prince Tuan, the author of the Boxer troubles, is generally considered as the strongest proof given of the sincerity of the Emperor's leaning toward reform.

Crime's Waterloo.

(The following by Lillian M. Heath is lauded the DEMOCRAT by an old subscriber for publication.)

The heart of a mighty nation stood still in sore dismay.

At the deed of the assassin, that fair September day;

And the sound of muffled drum beats the roll—no echoes woke,

Through the awe-struck silence fallen o'er town and country folk.

As the form of the murdered ruler was tenderly laid to rest,

Old wrangles were forgotten—love's mantle, eye, is best—

And for met foe as comrade, once more in the hour of grief,

When a nation bowed in sorrow too deep for tears' relief.

Bat hawk! Through the sacred silence—a harsh, discordant jeer!

What voices are thus heedless? What sounds and sights are here?

'Tis the open, mocking bar-room—the traffic that knows no rest,

Where anarchy, brazen-featured, flaunts shameless, self-confessed,

Yes, merrily clinked the glasses, despite the nation's woe,

'Twas the fruit of a lawful system; the people would have it so.

But the basest maris deserted in reverence silence stood,

Save anarchy's boasted refuge—the menace to all things good.

O, sons of America, rally! Resolve, with a clearer view,

That the tyrant, so long triumphant, shall find his Waterloo!

Let the nation sicken with sorrow be the nation purified,

Till merciful, righteous statutes in all the land abide.

First rouse to the sternest action, then welcome the dawn of peace,

First conquer the mocking traitor, then rest, for the strife shall cease.

Like a mighty, thundering torrent it echoes—the cry of doom,

America's voice commanding, to anarchy and the saloon:

"Down! down! to oblivion's darkness! to nothingness where you belong!

No part have you in the mourning—no part in the new life-song!

And up with the Law's white banner, of government high and pure.

Crime's carnival ends in downfall; Truth's victory shall endure."

'Tis dawning! The day when the empire of the monster wrong shall cease,

When the lips of patriots, joyous, shall tell of the wondrous peace

That came when people's edict changed midnight into noon,

And crushed, at once and forever, the anarchy-breeding saloon.

When a whale is washed ashore in the wild parts of Australia the natives rush upon the carcass and proceed to have a Thanksgiving dinner. They eat until they drop unconscious. As soon as they come to they fall upon the carcass again, and so on until when the hovering vultures venture to descend they roost gloomy and empty upon the skeleton of the whale and reflect with sad satire upon the gross habits of the lords and ladies of creation stretched about in a snoring stupor.—Ex.

A New York newspaper, says Life, contains in one issue 268 different subjects; two thirds of these are devoted to lies, two thirds of what remains are devoted to murders and scandals, and two thirds of what still remains are devoted to irrelevant gossip. One-third of what is left is items of news. How many articles are there still unaccounted for?

Fine Christmas Goods

Watches

We are offering special bargains in Watches and have a complete line of Waltham, Elgin, Hamilton and Seth Thomas watches for both ladies and gents.



Cut Glass

Our line of Cut Glass will bear very close inspection, and we sell it at very low prices.

Chains

In Chains we have solid gold, gold filled, and silk guards, and for gents we have vest chains, Prince Albert, and fine silk fobs.

FM French The Jeweler.

Souvenir Spoons

Representing the China Phoenix, Willamette bridge, Three Sisters, Court house, etc., etc.

Greeting

It is with pleasure that we again invite our many friends and customers to call and inspect our large and complete stock of holiday goods. We pay special attention to our mail order.



Umbrellas

We have an elegant line of Ladies and Gents Umbrellas. They make a Christmas present that is a way appreciated.

Diamonds

A Diamond Ring or Shirt Stud is a thing of beauty and a joy for ever.

Some fine bag and purse tops.

F M FRENCH The Jeweler.

Silverware

We make a specialty of Reed and Barton and Roger Bros. goods. Our stock this season is much larger than ever before and consists of Tea Sets, Baking Dishes, Turkeys, Cake Baskets, Knives, Forks, Spoons and etc.

Rings

We pride ourselves in being able to show our customers the largest stock of Rings to be found in the city. We make a specialty of engagement and wedding rings. Our line of Opal rings is exceptionally fine.



Silver Novelties

Watch boxes, Hat Mags, Coat Hangers and Silver mounted brushes of all kinds.