

Electric Sparks

Most men would rather help with the anvil chorus than play second violin.

The new congressman knows that the country is safe.

"Bryan's portrait on view", says a newspaper headline. What's the admission fee?

People who raise objections are always sure of a bumper crop.

There was a time, in the days gone by, when American liberty enlightened the world without the aid of electricity, but that was in the days gone by.

Few men would trouble themselves to look for work, if they didn't need the money.

By watching the flight of the buzzards Gen. Pershing ought to know where Villa is by this time.

Wrapping paper also has gone up tremendously in price. Let us hope that foreign complications will not arise and operate to raise the cost of writing paper.

Colonel Bryan talked so nobly when in Washington that one scarcely noticed whether he was shaking the plum tree on the side.

When Bryan finally swears off running for the presidency, he'll probably want a prohibition law against that, too.

Ohio firms have been advertising for bricklayers, \$1 an hour. How would you like to pay rent for the structure they are building?

It looks not only as if Kitchener's prediction of three years of war would be fulfilled, but as if the time may be extended.

The situation in England is rather confused, but no uncertainty exists as to which George will run for the government.

sec. Baker gives warning that the American side of Niagara falls is likely to disappear if the present volume of water is permitted to continue over Horseshoe falls, but he doesn't say how soon.

An inquiry that will go beyond food cost is contemplated by Congress. In that case, all altitude records are sure to be broken.

Greece may be going into the war fifty-fifty.

Secretary Daniels says that the American navy must be increased. Very likely he has heard rumors to the effect that the world is at war.

The newly stamped eggs and the newly minted dimes are appearing simultaneously. But the egg is the older and may soon be the more valuable.

The Hay bill can lead the guardsmen to the border, but it can't make "em take the double oath."

When Chicago Health authorities broke up his corner, the "egg king" was sure that the crime smelled of heaven.

"Reading maketh a full man", is an accepted slogan in some quarters, but no Virginian now believes that Bacon wrote Shakespeare.

Some people are so rich, they don't have to support a dog.

Everything comes to the stenuous chap who goes after the good things that the other fellow is waiting for.

It is extremely fortunate for Carranza and Mexico that Pershing's forces were not withdrawn at the first Chief's instance. They form a barrier that Villa will find effective, if he is inclined to test it.

Secretary Baker announces that it was a mistake—he will not resign. Those late returns certainly did stiffen the Democratic office holder's backbone.

He may have kept us out of war but look what he has got us into.

Utah and Vermont appear to have obtained a divorce.

Wilson—that's all, says a headline. Well, not quite all—there's Daniels.

From Virginia comes the story that a victim of consumption kept absolutely silent for one year and was cured. It probably is a question with many women if the cure is not worse than the disease.

Latest candidate for admission to the dictionary: Congresswoman.

When a man arises to announce that one never gets old the public has a fairly sage line on his age.

Green beef hides are worth 16¢ per pound at the Sanitary Market.

Fred Jones has traded his place out on the West Scio road to J N Long for his town property, and the latter's will move to their new home at once.

Typewriter ribbons 65c at the News office.

Mrs Ficklin came over from Albany Wednesday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs Walter Bilyeu, who has been ill for some time.

* An announcement has been received at this office of the marriage of Miss Margaret Smith daughter of Mr and Mrs Ed Smith, to Chas D Alexander, at the home of the bride's parents at Mt Pleasant, on January 14. The couple will make their home at the Linn Ringneck ranch near Albany, where Mr Alexander is engaged in pheasant raising.

Old Dutch Customs.

In the fishing districts and on the farms of Holland the old time Dutch customs are still to be found. The quaint costume of the women, with the ancient headdress and the full skirts, remains the pride of the Holland housewife (housewife), and the men, with their wide, baggy trousers, are no less picturesque. The milkmaid, with her two milk cans, polished like silver and swung from a specially built shoulder yoke, is a feature of the street scene in any village.

As a Critic Saw Browning.

There was marked vulgarity about Browning, particularly in his accent and in the tone of his voice and a certain indescribable savor of sycophancy of a man eager to be of a grade to which he did not belong, but the poet was there—the poet's keen eye, the poet's heart, obvious in his remarks and descriptions.—Memoirs of John Churton Collins.

A Diplomatic Decision.

Two ladies contending for precedence at the court of Charles V. appealed to the monarch, who decided that the elder should go first. Disputes of that character never occurred thereafter.



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WHY TIRES BLOW OUT.

Underinflation Bends the Fabric and Generates Heat.

Ask a tiremaker why tires break down, and he will promptly answer "under inflation" or "overloading," which is the same thing. A highly inflated tire is almost as hard as solid rubber. Let out some of the air and its springiness increases. Since most of us ride for the joy of it, we are inclined to pump air into our tires too sparingly. The car bows along easily; the tire absorbs all the shocks. But all the time the underinflated tire fabric is bending and bending at the sides, thousands and thousands of times, until at last the heated interior walls weaken and a loud explosion breaks upon the air.

That incessant bending and straightening of side walls to which a tire is subjected generates heat. Bend a piece of wire back and forth in your hand many times, and it will become so hot that your fingers cannot hold it. Heat, similarly generated, breaks the chemical union between the inner fabric and the outer rubber and reduces a tire to separate layers. No longer are the strains equally distributed. One layer is pulled this way, another that way—moreover, with unequal forces. Blisters, corrugations, bumps large and small, appear on the surface.

Tires are popularly supposed to blow out because they have been heated by the sun. No tire manufacturer makes allowances for hot weather. It is true that heat expands, but the amount of expansion due to the sun alone is negligible. A certain degree of heat is generated in running over the road. But even that does not increase the air pressure as much as motorcar owners believe.

If the temperature of the air is 32 degrees F. (cold enough to freeze water), if the tire is blown up to a pressure of seventy-two pounds a square inch, and if the rise in the tire's temperature at the end of a run is 35 degrees, the total pressure within the tube will be seventy-eight pounds, an increase of only six pounds. But if the thermometer records 90 degrees, as it often does on a summer's day, the rise in temperature at the end of an equivalent run will be only 33 degrees, and the total air pressure 77 1/4 pounds, an increase of only 5 1/4 pounds.

Paradoxical as it may seem, the increase in pressure due to the sun's heat is not nearly so great as motorcar users suppose. For a given distance it is actually less on a hot day than on a cold day.—Waldemar Kaempfert in McClure's Magazine.

Defying the Dictionary.

George Eliot and Horace Walpole introduced the strange word "greenth" in place of "greenery" into their writings. Shakespeare wrote "kist" and "drest" and is said to have signed his name in sixteen different ways, and Carlyle was fond of such terms as "sensiblest" and "pitiablest." Even Queen Victoria often spelled separate "seperate." Dickens introduced the most eccentric punctuation when writing "Pickwick." Jane Austen was very partial to the use of the word "excessively" when she obviously meant "exceedingly," and the critics have accused Miss Marie Corelli of using "perspicuity" instead of "perspicacity."

Presidential Conventions.

The first presidential nominating convention, as is the custom of today, was in the campaign of 1812, when the Democratic convention met in Washington in May and nominated James Madison for president, and the Federalists met in New York in September and nominated DeWitt Clinton. From this on every fourth year conventions of the respective parties have been held and candidates have been nominated and states have chosen electors to vote for them.

Pleasing Occupation.

"Slothers made a pile of money in that gold mine of his, didn't he?" asked Willoughby.
"Yes; about five millions," said Hickenlooper.
"What's he doing now?" asked Willoughby.
"Oh, he's resting on his ore," said Hickenlooper.

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