Interesting Items of News.

No longer can it be charged that President Roosevelt is a one-sided man. He has given ample demonstration of the fact that he is two kinds of a hero,

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Mark Twain says the peace at this time indefinitely postpones the dawn of liberty in Russia. People who think this a joke will not have to wait long to find their mistake,

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The kaiser congratulates everybody on the peace prospect, because he is a diplomat whose equal did not sit in the conference at Portsmouth. Inwardly the kaiser rages, but outwardly he offers up thanks to God for peace on earth.

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Lawrence Brown an Inspector for the Department of the Interior, whose hasty marriage to Miss Florence Hargraves, of Colorado Springs, a member of the chorus with the Irma opera company, caused a sensation at the Oklahoma capital, has been dismissed from the service, and a quasi-public notice given that marriages on one day's acquaintance are not looked upon with favor by the Interior Department.

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Ruined by disastrous financial ventures, Brewer Button, a former millionaire of Western Springs, Ill., committed suicide at Chicago by inhaling illuminating gas in a rooming-house in Indiana avenue. Button went to Chicago five weeks ago, since when he has been speculating heavily on the Board of Trade. Two years ago Button was worth $1,200,000, but is said to have lost it all by speculation.

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It is easy to believe that Minister Rockhill is correct in saying that the Chinese boycott against the United States is nearing its end. Mr. Rockhill is on the ground and ought to know something about the boycott. It is a pretty big issue with him. He has brought the matter to the attention of the government at Pekin, and efforts have been made by the authorities there to induce the importers at Shanghai to let up in their interdict against America.

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With Edison's perfected storage battery an accomplished fact, there can be no doubt of a great extension of electrically propelled vehicles in all parts of the country, including farm operations and locomotion. The new battery makes a great saving over the old methods, both in expense and convenience in renewals of the power. There will be great saving of time and money, and now that it has come we may expect to see the electric motor a familiar factor of the farm.

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At 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon a Japanese Commissioner bearing a white flag and escorted by 50 soldiers, arrived at a post near the railway and handed to the Russian officers who went to meet him a letter from Field Marshal Oyama to General Linievitch, congratulating him on the conclusion of peace and begging him to appoint Russian plenipotentiaries to arrange an armistice. Field Marshal Oyama appointed General Fukushima as plenipotentiary for his side. The latter announced and he suggested Chakl edza as the meeting-place.

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Manufacturers of farm implements at St. Paul and Minneapolis, are in a quandary. Many of the best customers in Minnesota and surrounding states are emigrating to the Canadian northwest. They will still want farm machinery and would naturally buy as heretofore in their old home states, but the high tariffs between the two countries make it unprofitable for the manufacturer to ship their goods over the border. Either they must lose their customers, therefore, get the tariff reduced or remove their plants over the line and set them up again in Canada.

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We hear much about the rapacity of the meat trust, but really it is the retailer of meats rather than the whole-saler that needs watching. Recently, when the packers were selling dressed beef in Chicago at an average price of 6 66 cents per pound, at the same time the retailers were demanding 17 cents a pound for inferior round stake, while sirloins and porterhouse were "out of sight" for the the common people. Somewhere between the wholesale and retail prices there is an enormous amount of graft, robbed from the seller of the cattle and the consumer of the beef.

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William M. Davis, president of the Missouri Society in Oregon, has issued a letter urging all former Missourians and descendants of Missourians in Oregon and Washington to make every effort to be present at the Lewis and Clark Exposition today, which is Missouri day Governor J. W. Folk will be present; he will be tendered a reception, and will make a speech. There are more than 20,000 natives of Missouri living in Oregon alone, and it is expected that this will be one of the largest days at the fair, as everybody seems eager to meet the famous young governor of Missouri, who is only 35 years of age, but is already a national political figure.

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Because one boodler was found in the Agricultural Department does not prove, as certain excitable individuals are charging, that "the whole department is permeated with corruption." Might as well say a farm was wothless because found covered with bugs one season or a whole herd no good because one was infected with disease. Surgeons often have to cut off diseased limbs to save the patient, and it is often necessary to quarantine against epidemics to prevent the sound from being contaminated by the unsound. All that can be asked of Mr. Wilson is to kick out the discovered boodlers, and this he has done.

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It is peace. The news from Portsmouth is welcome to the world as the fulfillment of the desire of nations. We may say, too, it has been expected. In that consummation the world will cordially rejoice. We may not altogether agree either with Samuel Butler's citation, that an unjust peace is to be preferred before a just war, or with Franklin's dictum, that there never was a good war or a bad peace; but this we may well believe—that the peace concluded Tuesday at Portsmouth will be better that a prolongation of the war, and that, whatever may be thought of some of its detailed terms, it will, on the whole, be a good, a just, an honorable and reasonable peace.

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A Canadian farmer, noted for his absent-mindedness, went to town one day and transacted his business with utmost precision. He started back on his way home, however, with the firm conviction that he had forgotten something—what it was he could not recall, try how he would. As he neared home the conviction increased, and three times he stopped his horse and went carefully through his pocketbook in a vain endeavor to discover what he had forgotten. In due course he reached home, and was met by his daughter, who looked at him in surprise, and exclaimed, "Why, father, where have you left mother?"—Pall Mall Gazette.

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Japan has won her crowning victory. Her terms of peace are finer than her conquests at Moukden and in the Corean Strait. A merely big nation could win a war and collect its spoils. It takes a great nation to be generous in the hour of triumph, and for the sake of peace to relinquish its just gains to the defeated foe. That is what Japan, at the last moment, has done. It will be remembered to her praise. For the final and decisive concessions have been made by her, and by her alone. That is the salient feature of the terms of peace. Indeed, we might say she has made the only concession. Mr. Sato is quoted as saying Russia had made none. He was right, and so would any one have been right in saying Japan had made none until this final question of indemnity was reached.

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The average housekeeper in modern circumstances spends most of her time in the kitchen doing work that might be much lightened if only she would bring herself to think so. But the average mother of a family simply will not spare herself. She ruffles and tucks the children's clothing so that she may have more ironing to do and cooks many more different dishes for the table than is at all necessary for wholesomeness, thus making herself much more work in this direction. Better spare yourself, house mother, even if your family live more simply. How much more pleased will husband and children be to see mother look fresh and tidy than to see her look heated and tired—too worn out to enjoy the dainty repast she has worked so hard to serve. Some day they will miss you when it is too late if you give yourself no care.

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Rev. Alexander F. Irvine, of New Haven, Conn., has received a letter from W. J. Bryan, executor of the estate of Philo S. Bennett, saying that the estate has been settled. Mr. Bryan submits a list of the payments to be made out of the estate, including the Bennett prize fund, Mr. Bryan's fund for poor boys, and his fund for poor girls. Each of the three amounts to $10,000. The Bennett prize fund is shared by several colleges and universities throughout the country. Mr. Bryan announces that he shall not use any of the executor's fees for himself, but that he has divided them up into small charitable donations. The provisions of the "sealed letter," over which there was a contest by the legatees, have been lived up to, according to the executor's report, the $50,000 being distributed to educational and charitable institutions.

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In the Eastern, Middle and a considerable portion of the Middle West States dairying in general, and butter making in particular, is destined to become a great and steadily growing industry. It has already become one of the greatest in the district mentioned. More than $2,000,000,000 are to-day invested in the dairy interests. Over 700,000 persons as hired help are engaged in the business in the United States; 300,000,000 bushels of grain and over 30,000,000 tons of hay are consumed annually in this business; over 16,000,000 cows are required to produce the milk, butter and cheese supply of this nation. "What shall be the future of this great industry?" is a question of no small national importance. Its answer particularly concerns those engaged in the business. The magnitude of the foregoing figures is a suggestive hint to every dairyman in the United States of the character of competition he is to meet in the coming years.

Milwaukee seems to be bidding against Philadelphia for the largest number and greatest assortment of piebald grafters. Prosecutor McGovern already has several hundred in his net, including one multi-millionaire, and is reaching out after a lot more. The grand jury has determined to take no vacation this year. Such is municipal government in America.

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The chief nuisance of the farming world is the chronic croaker. They are found everywhere, and their main business in life is to throw a dampener over all things and everybody. One of these gentry will never admit, would rather die than acknowledge that there was a good prospect for any crop. He always finds reasons for his ravenish note of discord and can pile you up calamity howls higher than the Himalayas. A good sample of this pestilent class is reported in the Des Moines Register as predicting a great disappointment in the corn crop. Everybody else regards hot weather in July as the very thing for the corn. Not so with this croaker. Listen to him: "The other day I looked at the corn and soon saw a stalk with five silks on it. The hot weather had come just at a time to make every joint set and so make any real corning impossible." If there had been no hot weather, of course, this crank would have found an entirely opposite excuse for his lugubrious lamentations. According to this bird of ill omen this is to be a year of nubbins and unripe ears. In fact, it is his own ears that are unripe as well as too long. They ought to be cut off.

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It is now being charged by hotheads and repeated even in some agricultural papers, that the Department of Agriculture is spending too much money, much of which is wasted, and that "the department is full of bureaucrats and barnacles." This is wild talk which can only be indulged in by the ill informed. Much of the work of the Agricultural Department is devoted to scientific experimentation, which is always expensive, and equally so whether good results are obtained or not. But would you stop the experimentation because it costs money? Hardly. All scientific work is costly, but the truth is worth all it costs. Only by discoveries of new fruits, new seeds, new varieties of stock and grain and new processes can agriculture be made progressive and profitable. It costs much money for Burbank to make his experiments, but would you stop the wizard in order to save a few measly dollars? If he finds one new fruit that is better than any known, or a vegetable superior to the other varieties, either is worth millions. Compared to other departments, that of agriculture is spending only a bagatelle, but for the purposes of the people it is worth them all put together. We may do without armies and navies, but not without agriculture.

The Bosses Want "Harmony!"

"Harmony!" That is what a number of republican leaders, the very men who placed themselves above party principles, and failing in their object, caused the factional fights and the "knife" to be used upon party candidates, now want. Republicans who have stayed with the republican party have nothing to harmonize, but it is different with the "bolters," the "knifers," the "knockers." They are wanting to "harmonize," and in that way get back into good standing in the party to prevent being left out in the cold. It is hardly fair of the Oregonian to attribute all the factional discord in the republican party in this state to Senator John H. Mitchell. The Simon "ring," if anything, was a little deeper in the political mire than the Mitchell "ring." It was dog eat dog with both of them, and to chew up each other, no end of political corruption was resorted to, for it was a cat and dog fight between bosses of these and other factions for the purpose of controlling the party. Party principles were lost sight of, and wherever an aspirant or candidate antagonized either of these contending factions, there was one thing he could expect, sure, and that was a certain amount of "knifing" at the polls. We have little faith in a love feast to bring about "harmony." A repentance meeting on the part of those who disrupted the republican party for selfish, personal and sordid motives is more in order, for those who stayed with the republican party and republican candidates have nothing to "harmonize." Every republican leader who fought republican candidates because they did not bear their ear marks ought to have a big "B" placed against their names to signify a bolter. We are opposed to a love feast for the purpose of taking back and embracing a lot of bolters until such time as they realize there is principle and honor at stake in politics, as in every thing else.

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