

SCRAPS.

Pertinent and Interesting Remarks.

o's standing army will soon be the highest standard of efficiency. The 2000 officers do not include the 1500 privates to death.

Army nurses are easier to find than survivors of the battle of Bull Run. Either nursing induces loneliness or the nurses started in business at a very early age.

fact that Indiana is the only state which snow is reported as having fallen this summer makes it chilly for any contemplated real estate boom for Senator Kern.

we ever reach the point where automobile thieves will be as common as flies, how long will it take before the horse will be as common as flies? Hardly. The horse will not make the same appeal as the automobile.

es bothering the American people and the Canadian Parliament. The reciprocity question is a good throw of discord and perplexity to the debating clubs this year.

and of continuing as a single unit the Standard Oil Company will divide itself into thirty-one companies. No doubt, the company will find lots of comfort in being divided.

choppers flying high above the Bluffs, Ia., have darkened the sky for that town, as for many towns in that state. All of this is ominous for a Cummins presidential boom.

ally, Nat Goodwin defends his right to marry as long as he can or wants to. Mr. Goodwin, no doubt, appreciates the sentiment of Nat's valorous defense of him.

prediction is made that John Rockefeller's riches will come from him. To avert this Rockefeller's daily task is to keep his wings with a pair of shears.

Cincinnati W. C. T. U. is inquiring: "What is a girl?" Cincinnati is a great town, but still it is close to Kentucky to get this question answered right.

come at last. There is one thing to swim across the Atlantic Ocean. It has been a source of derision during the last ten years, but this has not deterred, or, at least, pro-

ustralia has enlisted more than 100,000 youths between 14 and 18 years of age as the beginning of a new army. Australia has the right. There might be a great deal for Mr. Hobson in that country.

man bankers say of our currency system that "it sacrifices security to security." This may be banking, but in the stock of watered corporations the security is often sacrificed to the flu-

Dudley A. Sargent of Yale says that women look well in trousers. Long domestic familiarity may have acquainted the professor with the fact, but men not so ruled prefer female form divine in more draperies.

tor La Follette and Representative Underwood had no trouble agreeing upon the farmers' bill. The senator's trouble was when he tried to agree with the farmer who comes from the Republican side of Congress.

ident Simon of Hayti has to bed with nervous prostration because some of his policies are not acceptable to the people. President Taft had acted about reciprocity. Simon cheer up.

lations are to the effect that the sugar trust made a 40 per cent profit. Some of it, however, has been spent in reforming the Municipal Government of San Francisco, since Abe Ruef decided some of the 40,000 per cent.

Roosevelt testified for a long time before the Stanley committee that putting a single man in the White House Club. It is possible that finding so many oppositionists of that kind started, Mr. Roosevelt started out to change the mind.

man who had been shooting up the other, III., shot up the court and bound over to the grand jury. The succeeding riot resulted in the death of several lives. At that time, better than dynamiting for being a criminal instinct in rather.

private car of Mrs. Harrison on a Western road her husband, had to be sidetracked the day to give right-of-way to a train carrying fans to see a baseball game. The national game in

this country speaks for the eagle, and the eagle is still supreme.

The mayor of Shawnee, Ok., has appointed a woman and empowered her to destroy all liquor and bar fixtures found in the town. She has procured a hatchet and an official badge, and now the blind tiger should look to himself. Carrie Nation is not dead nor even sleeping.

Dr. Wiley, who was progressing well with his crusade until he attacked the smokers of the country, is repeating the history of Carrie Nation, who was doing well in the war against the demon rum until she began jerking cigars, pipes and cigarettes out of the mouths of the men who are the people.

A San Francisco judge who had a woman jury to which he referred a question of divorce and alimony has had to discharge it from consideration of the case, not only because it disagreed but because it quarreled. In any difference between a man and a woman, at least half of the women are for the man.

Representative Mondell of Wyoming recently reintroduced his bill for the establishment of parcels post on rural and star routes. The measure provides for the transmission of parcels weighing not more than 11 pounds at a rate of 1 cent for the first 3 ounces, over 3 and up to 6 ounces 2 cents, from 6 to 9 ounces 3 cents, from 9 to 12 ounces 4 cents, over 12 ounces up to one pound, 5 cents, and for each additional pound or fraction thereof 2 cents, making the total rate for a parcel of 11 pounds 25 cents. The present rate on parcels to over forty foreign countries is 12 cents per pound, each parcel being limited to 11 pounds, the international weight.

As was expected, the Canadian enemies of reciprocity are bringing annexation into the contest. The election of a new Parliament in Canada will take place on September 21, and the issue is the trade pact which recently passed the United States Congress. The opposing chieftains, Laurier and Borden, are in the height of the fight, which may be relied on to be active from this time onward to the voting day. Premier Laurier, who dissolved Parliament so as to refer the whole question directly to the people, seems confident that the agreement will win. Very likely he is correct in his judgement. Canada has much to gain and nothing of any consequence to lose by it.

When, in the latter part of August, Admiral Togo sails for home, he will not only carry the good wishes of the United States with him, but he promises to say a good word for us when he gets to Tokio. He has been feted here in a way that has deeply impressed him. The president of the United States, at a reception to Togo complimented the emperor of Japan on "the broad humanitarian view" which he took in modifying the treaty of alliance with England in such a way as to facilitate England's arbitration pact with us. By a rather pleasing coincidence, too, our treaties with England and France were signed in Washington on the same day that the Japanese sea fighter reached there.

According to reports from Washington the Army General Staff has discovered evidences of the activity of foreign military spies in the United States and its possessions. The report may be true, but it is not very startling. So far as regards the mainland the county seems to have no military secrets. Not only are the numbers and the stations of the troops well known to the world, but the style and strength of the fortifications on the coasts can easily be learned by anybody seeking this information. In the debates in Congress and in the reports of our military commanders pretty much everything which a possible enemy of the United States would want to know can be learned. The newspapers, too, publish plans of defenses in their localities from time to time, when these are of any news value.

There is significance in the report that the Hamburg-American Steamship Company is planning to establish a line of steamers between Hamburg and San Francisco by way of the Panama Canal. The company is arranging for the purchase of sites for docks at San Francisco. Moreover, the plan is to touch at some of the other ports on the Pacific also, according to reports. At the outset this plan will cater to the trade of the lower class of immigrants, it is said. Those who want a quick trip to the Pacific Coast will touch at New York or Boston and take the train across the continent, but the one or two weeks extra time in going by water all the way, and through the canal, will not be a drawback to the average immigrant.

There is to be a fiddler's contest at Monte Ne, Ark., under the auspices of "Coin" Harvey, who, in 1896, awoke all of the echoes, even to the remotest corners of the land, with that piece of ragtime fiddle music called "Sixteen to One." Millions danced to that music then. The dance ended, but the band played on. Mr. Bryan has remained under the spotlight but "Coin" Harvey has soared above it. He invested his coinage for up in the Boston Mountains, on a peak called Monte Ne, and in a resort to which the sons of liberty could always resort to drink at the fountains of patriotism. He has made money, not as much money, perhaps, as has been made by Mr. Bryan, but he has had a great deal more fun than Mr. Bryan has ever been able to extract from his victorious defeats.

Talking About Short Corps.

If the estimate of the Department of Agriculture turns out to be correct, the cereal yield of 1911 will be much smaller than was that of 1910. The falling off will be over 5000,000 bushels in corn, 31,000,000 bushels in wheat, 309,000,000 bushels in oats, 23,000,000 bushels in barley, and 3,000,000 bushels each in rye and buckwheat. The report for hay, rice, tobacco and flaxseed is also bad. Several stocks on the big exchange in New York dropped when this estimate was published.

But before the country works itself into a scare on this account it should consider one or two qualifying factors. The data on which the report was based was gathered much more than two weeks ago, and there have been rains since then which have put different faces on things in the grain-growing region. If the rains had come in the latter half of May or in June or July the effect would have been far better, but even now they will help corn and some of the other cereals. Usually the early estimates of the Department of Agriculture of crop conditions make the situation look a little worse than the final figures in December warrant. The department's harvest forecasts are generally below the mark. Western authorities who have taken a look over the ground more recently than the government's agents did when they were compiling the figures recently made public say that the actual present conditions are much better than the department intimates.

Women and Money.

The household economic department of the University of Wisconsin has issued a bulletin which will create universal astonishment, and nowhere more than in the dry goods stores. This bulletin recites that \$10,000,000,000 a year is spent in general shopping, nine-tenths of it by women, and the greater part of these know nothing of the value of money.

The University of Wisconsin has long been famous for its enterprise in meeting the practical needs of the people. It will teach Greek to persons who wish to know Greek, but it will also teach butter making to the far greater number of persons who wish to know how to make gilded butter. Hence its department of household economics, which more nearly concerns the community than astronomy, geology and the higher mathematics. If this department will devote itself to teaching dressmaking, millinery and cooking, it will add greatly to the happiness of the State of Wisconsin and the state of matrimony. These are things that most women have to know, but nature does not endow them with skill in these arts, and they must learn them.

But when it comes to shopping and the value of money, the department of household economics in Madison is intruding upon the realm of nature. Women are born shoppers. The vast difference between \$3 and \$2.98 is a part of their inheritance; they need no benevolent university to teach it to them. Women have been hunting bargains ever since fig leaves went out of style and costumes had to be bought instead of picked off the trees. Do not the dry goods dealers know that women are by nature gifted as shoppers, and do not their published announcements appeal especially to the instinct of woman for getting the best that there is at the lowest possible price? Can the University of Wisconsin teach bargain hunting? Do the women of Senator La Follette's state need any instruction in the gentle art of shopping? No mere man can get anything like as much for \$1.93 as his wife can. If the university would only undertake to teach men how to spend money judiciously it would be something well and worth while.—Philadelphia Record.

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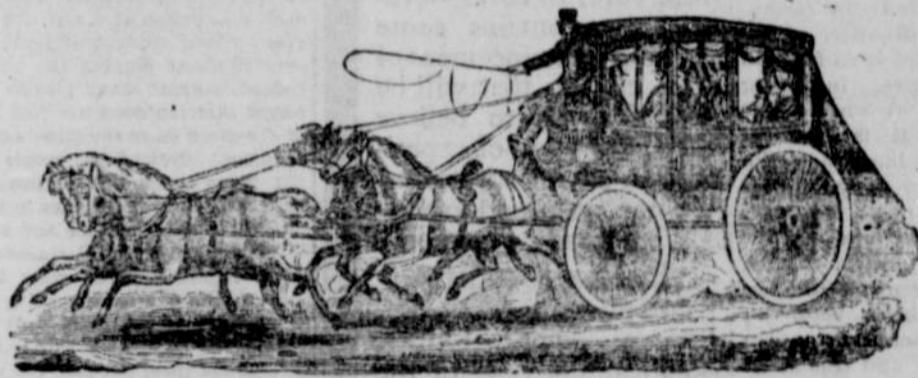
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