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Washington, Feb. 23.—"Uncle Sam's Cannon" boom is coming to be recognized as the most logical Republican candidate in 1908, provided the convention is not stampeded and insists on renominating President Roosevelt. In looking over the list of prospective candidates, it is seen that Beveridge will contend with Taft in Indiana; Spooner and Taft in Ohio; and in Ohio there will be a contest between Taft and Foraker; in Iowa, Root and Hughes undoubtedly strike fire in New York. From indications it would seem that Speaker Cannon is the only one who has not been under consideration for the nomination of the convention of the year with a solid state delegation behind him. However, the Czar of the House declines to discuss in any way his candidacy. When the subject is broached he cocks his chin at a more aggressive angle in the corner of his mouth and says, "I'll fight."

James, who with his brother, Jesse James, at one time engaged in exploits that furnished material for whole libraries of yellow literature, has abandoned for the gentle art of holding up banks and stage coaches, and devote his energies now to turning up the soil with a plow. James was purchased from the government a farm in the Big Pasture, Oklahoma, which was auctioned at the General Land Office. The other bidder got the S. E. 1/4 of the south, 10 west, being a part of the land cost \$2777. In years he has been making a living by officiating at horse races at Missouri and Kansas.

An interesting debate the interior and harbors appropriation bill had at the House. The debate in the House at times grew acrimonious and the bill was passed by a unanimous vote. This unanimity is a striking indication of the way in which Congress now regards this kind of legislation. In days gone by the bill that raged on the floor of the House, especially with regard to the future to provide a large waterway channel, probably would have resulted in the defeat of the measure, or, at least in curbing it. It is time to be recognized now, however, that the measure is one that works vast good to the country at large, and it is not that broad-minded policy that should be followed in the future. The spirit that animated the House has been created by the National Rivers and Harbors Commission, a civic organization with a membership throughout the United States. This na-

tional rivers and harbors congress is seeking to increase its membership to include every state, civic and commercial organization and every shipper individually interested in providing better transportation facilities. Its secretary, J. F. Ellison, of Cincinnati, recently issued a call inviting all these organizations and individuals to join the movement.

That the efforts of the department of agriculture to insure the cleanliness of packing products have not abated has just been proved afresh by the interest which officials of the department are taking in the National Packers' Exposition, which will be held in Chicago in May. This exposition will demonstrate just how meat and vegetables are canned and what effect the passage of the pure food bill has had on the packing industry. The government authorities welcome this move on the part of the packers, large and small, to meet public interest and curiosity by demonstrating what their processes are. And the packers realize on their part that by coming out openly in this way they will not only make a very interesting exhibit, but also furnish evidence that they are giving the public a "square deal." The nature of the government exhibit has not yet been determined. The exposition is scheduled to last eleven days. It will be held later on in New York, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Kansas City.

Certain congressmen are laughing in their sleeves over the predicament of John Wesley Gaines, although their laughter is subdued, for the effervescent representative from Tennessee is thoroughly well liked. Some time ago Mr. Gaines, it will be remembered, introduced a bill providing for the "docking" of members absent from their seats without permission. The introduction of his resolution had the effect of galvanizing into life a number of congressmen from their easy chairs in the rotunda of the hotel, whither they had stolen to enjoy the waters and escape from a dull session. Now Mr. Gaines, who has succumbed to overwork and is generally run down, has been forced to spend the remainder of the present session in trying to woo back to health at the mineral springs. While the wily Mr. Gaines got permission to absent himself from Speaker Cannon, he comes under the provision of his own rule technically, for the permission was not granted in open session. It is not likely, however, that his colleagues will insist upon enforcing his own rule in this case.

The interior department is making preparations to begin a vigorous prosecution of certain individuals high in public and business life on the coast. Thomas B. Neuhausen, with four assistants, has been in California for some time, collecting evidence at the instance of the department of justice, and it is admitted that gigantic land frauds have been discovered all the way from Siskiyou County to Death Valley. Officials of the interior department decline to reveal the nature of the evidence and the department of justice also is preserving silence.

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WEEKLY NEW YORK LETTER

New York, Feb. 23.—Chinatown of New York is to be wiped out of existence and its place given to a public park. The flat has gone forth and in the near future Pell and Mott streets, the home of chop suey and yet-o-main, and oriental bric-a-brac, made in Connecticut, will become things of the past. "Wiping out a plague spot" is one of those adjustable, resounding, ear filling phrases, that frequently drown the sound, of the small voice of common sense. If the obliteration of Chinatown has been classed as a triumph of civic purification we are not told what is to follow. Every student of human nature knows that the scattering and isolation of individual Chinese would be impracticable, even if desired. They are a peculiar class of clannish people and in every town, or city, where they have squatted there is a Chinatown. Wherever the Cantonese are gathered together there will be gambling, opium smoking and an occasional murder by order of the tongs, and the question naturally arises where will be the site for these performers, as well as for the establishment of their shops, restaurants and Joss houses, when the present Chinatown is no more. In what part of the city will the squatting take place when the great exodus commences? In what other section of the city can they found the new Chinatown where so little harm will be done by their vices and unhygienic habits as is done in the city off the Bowery? The projectors of this useless park never thought of this but the people of New York have a right to know.

Pickpockets have got so numerous in this city that the police, and several of the magistrates, now strongly favor the bill killed twice at Albany, and introduced again this year, which empowers magistrates to treat convicted pickpockets as vagrants, and lock them up for six months when they are found in crowds, or in public conveyances. Inspector McLaughlin states that there are no less than 12,000 pickpockets and crooks of all sorts at large in this city, and though the police make from 30 to 60 arrests a day of men known to be light-fingered, and to be practicing their trade they are mostly all cases turned loose from the police courts. When the prisgs are arrested and "caught with the goods" they set up a howl in court and say they are being hounded by the police, and strange to say people are tender hearted enough to believe them. There is no doubt but if a criminal has the slightest intention of reforming the police do all in their power to assist him, but so glaring is the conduct of certain magistrates in discharging offenders, against whom there is clear proof, that the police are now becoming more or less careless, with the result that the public is suffering to an extent never before known in the history of the city. The police say that schools are maintained in the east side of the city for the training of pickpockets and this must be true for in the daily line up of suspects at police headquarters numbers of boys from 12 to 15 years take their stand side by side with hardened ex-convicts.

A sorrowful man today is Van Hise, the official hangman of the state of New Jersey, for after the first of March, like Othello, his occupation will be gone. Van Hise, who was sent to every sheriff in the state to relieve them of the task of hanging murderers doesn't at all like the new law substituting electricity for the rope, as he really took pride in his work and like "the gentleman of Paris" often dilated on the beauty and symmetry of a neat "polishing off" of a culprit. He has his own gallows and it is stated, that he notches it every time he sends a soul into eternity, like a duelist nicks his pistol when he lands a fresh victim. We are told that Van Hise has 59 notches on his gallows frame and hoped to make it a hundred, as John D. Rockefeller longs to round up his age to par. Only give him condemned murderers enough and Van Hise will realize his ambition, for nobody in New Jersey envies him his self-appointed mission of life.

Figures, appalling in their significance, have just been published by the board of health giving the infant mortality in this city for one month as 1638 or 1248 over the total of deaths of children in the rest of the state with an almost equal population. These figures give startling emphasis to the demand for the pasteurization of the city's milk depots as there is no dispute of the fact that the chief handicap of the city infant in its fight for life is impure milk. Much has been done in the way of improved tenements, thorough sanitary inspection, systematic education of mothers, the diligent work of visiting nurses and physicians, and philanthropic and health department efforts of various kinds to improve the condition of children, but the one fundamental peril of the child, the milk supply, has remained unimproved. The milk wagon daily disseminates bacteria by the billions and the babies die while with an equally pure milk supply, the city baby's chances for life would be better than that of the country child, but infected milk throws the balance the other way and rolls up the death rate. It is to be hoped that these alarming figures will spur on the impending reform, hurry the opening of infant milk depots, and compel the pasteurization of milk so as to give the little ones a fair chance to live.

In the country districts and in cities throughout this state no one attempts to move a load in icy weather with smooth shod horses, but in little old New York no horses are sharpshod, and many are compelled to work shoes worn as smooth and shiny as a pair of skates. The question that is daily suggesting itself to every lover of animals, as he sees horses falling is, if something cannot be done to prevent the barbarous abuse of the most faithful servant we have, whose painful efforts at present to do their work have excited the pity and indignation of every horse lover, and brought a blush of shame to every one who imagined himself a resident of a civilized community. The drivers are often heartless and cruel, but they are by no means so much at fault as the owners who send them out, with heavy loads and smooth shod teams, expecting them to do the ordinary day's work. Surely the brutality of the past few days cannot endure forever, and there is no doubt but the person who would take initial steps to have a law passed to compel owners of draught horses to have them properly shod when the streets are icy, would have the thanks of the citizens at large.

An attempt has at last been made to prevent the exhibition of most objectionable posters which have of late been flooding this city, and catch the eye at every street corner and boarding one passes. A prosecution is now pending against the American Bill Posting company for having caused to be posted in the city posters inclined to inflame the mind of the young. The posters objected to represented the plays "The Millionaires' Revenge" which it is said, was founded on the Thaw-White tragedy and which according to the complainants in the case "tended to incite the minds to acts of immorality and familiarize the minds of young persons with the same." Judge Welkins, of the children's court has strongly endorsed the movement to do away with the "inflammable posters" as he said many of the children enough before him had said they had stolen money in order to witness some such shows.

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