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President Roosevelt is so fond of children that he will be glad to have Oklahoma and the Indian Territory come in as twins.

Everybody except a few senators is satisfied with the fifty years of talk on the Isthmian canal and ready to say: "Let us dig."

By licensing the carrying of concealed weapons Kentucky has struck an ingenious plan of requiring each citizen to bear his full share of the burdens of government.

Out of 700,000 voters in Texas it is believed that only 550,000 will make good their right to vote by paying \$1.75 poll tax. Isn't prosperity doing business down there?

The best use to which the republicans can put a patronage huckster is to induce him to abuse the party, which he is sure to do the moment he fails to get the offices he demands.

Mr. Watterson is not only opposed to the candidacy of Mr. Hearst for President, but carries his vindictiveness so far that he will not even refer to him as "an esteemed contemporary."

In the report of extra cold weather in St. Louis, the other day, the dispatch stated that all workmen at the exposition grounds stopped working with the exception of the Japanese. That is the sort of spirit that Russia has to look out for.

The South is enjoying unwanted prosperity at present in the shape of the constantly increasing price of cotton. The staple production of that portion of the country has gone up 17 cents in the scale lately and those who have cotton to sell are right in the swim. Really the south is not caring for a change of administration just now.

The Hon. Arthur Poe Gorman will see to it that there is a plank in the next democratic national platform demanding popular election of senators. He has been busily engaged lately in taking the job of naming a colleague for himself off the hands even of the Maryland democratic legislative caucus, his candidate for the seat being the most prominent corporation attorney in the state.

In discussing the war cloud in the Orient every one, almost, speaks of little Japan. But she is not little. In area she is much bigger than the United Kingdom of Great Britain, and she has a population half as great as that of the big United States of America. For these reasons Russia is temporizing. She knows the magnitude of the job before her if the clash of arms comes.

The imports of the United States for 1903 aggregated in value a billion dollars, being \$26,000,000 above the highest mark previously reached. The exports amounted to \$1,484,668.

127, nearly twenty millions greater than the total for any preceding year. Our internal trade reached thirty billions. It is this condition of affairs that democratic leadership would have us turn for another chase after the markets of the world like that of 1893-4-5, which, it will be remembered, had its finish in the squalor.

Senator Hanna's condition of health seems to be quite precarious. He has not been a well man for several years and his burden of official and business cares, together with the strain of the last campaign in Ohio has brought him down to an enfeebled state, which alarms his friends. It is said that his physicians decided that his only chance of recovery from the effects of recent attacks of the grip is a change of climate and absolute rest for several months. It is feared that Senator Hanna will not be in condition to take part in the coming presidential campaign either as head of the national committee or on the stump owing to his failing health.

Though still indefinite, reciprocity has moved along far enough to land in the democratic camp.

Colombia seems determined to adopt the Spanish plan of saving its national integrity by fighting.

Woody Dell Reed says boodling is not an issue in Missouri, and that is the sort of governor he would make.

The Cincinnati Enquirer furnishes a certificate of character for the Hon. William Randolph Hearst. Now will some one furnish a similar certificate for the said Enquirer?

Someone claims to have discovered a method of bleaching black babies to snowy whiteness. If this scheme proves to be successful, what will the Solid South do for a paramount issue?

The Memphis Commercial-Appeal says, in speaking of President McKinley, that he was "the best friend the South had in the republican party." The trouble with the South is that it never recognizes its best friends until after they are dead.

There is grave danger that the self-constituted reorganizers of the democratic party may go to all the trouble of selecting delegates to the St. Louis convention only to have them swept off on the crest of a rhetorical wave by some perfidious declaimer of the cross-of-gold, crown-of-thorn school of statesmanship.

New York republicans are fully in line for Roosevelt and will instruct him in the state convention. It is likely the delegates at large to the national convention will be Gov. Odell, Senators Platt and Depew, and ex-Gov. Black. The latter will probably be designated to present Roosevelt's name to the convention.

It is not what Mr. Bryan says or does that worries the sort of democratic leadership that wants worst of all to win, but the consciousness that he represents the sentiment of a section of the party large enough to insure democratic defeat if it is disappointed in the candidate nominated and the platform framed at St. Louis.

Democratic State Chairman O'Brien announced Thursday that the democrats had filed a third suit contesting the constitutionality of the apportionment act of 1903. This suit was filed in Ripley county. When asked the object of bringing further suits when the two circuit judges had already decided in favor of the democratic contention and the cases were now en route to the Supreme Court, he explained by saying that in Ripley county the apportionment could be attacked on slightly different grounds, and the democrats purposed to overlook no chance for knocking out the act.

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came to Senator Fairbanks without any semblance of solicitation on the part of his friends he would accept it.

The people of Indiana would like to see Fairbanks on the ticket and believe his name would add strength to it."

Nr. New is in Indianapolis to meet other members of the subcommittee of the Republican national committee regarding the plans for the convention.

Sound Talk on Lynchings.

A recent issue of the Charleston News and Courier contains a well-considered and fearlessly written article on the question of lynchings. What it says is applicable to lawlessness and to lynchings everywhere, North as well as South, and not regarding the question whether the lawlessness or the lynchings are few or many in number. Insisting that the mob must be suppressed, or that a confession of failure of American civilization must be made, the News and Courier says:

It is unlawful now to put a man to death in the state without due process of law, and whether the person is killed by an individual or by a number of individuals the crime is murder and ought to be punished as murder.

That is the plain truth, plainly stated. It is a truth applicable to temporizing with the law and applicable to the conduct of too many sentimental juries and hair-splitting courts. The mob and civilization can not continue to exist in one and the same community, for the mob is but the active expression of anarchy. Neither can civilization exist where any one class attempts to dictate what shall or what shall not be done, or where courts and juries fail to rise to the demands of strict and impartial justice.

The sign given by the News and Courier is most wholesome, but South Carolina—and every community—must learn the lesson of punishment of murderers in the individual as well as murderers in the mob. When an unarmed man can be shot down on the streets of the capital of a state, as Gonzales was shot down, and when the slayer can go acquit, as Tillman went acquit, there will always be found some sort of excuses for mobs, while the last excuse for the mob will vanish when Justice sits blindfold in the tribunals, and is swayed neither by passion nor by position. And that is applicable to Illinois as well as to South Carolina, to Massachusetts as well as to Louisiana. In fact, it is applicable in every state.

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A Debt-Paying Party.

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## The Model Republic.

Pursuing an even tenor, at peace with itself and all the world, making no great stir in the struggle of nations for supremacy, sandwiched in among striving monarchies of the eastern hemisphere, is Switzerland, known as the model republic. It aspires to no greatness, seeks no conquest, has no rivals and gets along with as little friction, no doubt, as any other country on the globe. It is made up of a hardy, industrious, intelligent, peace-loving people and in many respects is a pattern for all other republics to copy from.

Switzerland in the first place has a good political system. It is never rent by political disturbances. Though it changes a president every year there are no yearly political campaigns to stir the land from center to circumference. The government in the hands of a federal council and this body chooses a president and vice-president. The former has few executive powers, and is simply a presiding officer for the federal council. The vice-president is purely an honorary officer and all he has to do is to wait his turn to step into the presidency when the year rolls round.

In this way the country is spared the bickerings and backbitings and face-slappings and nose-knockings common to the United States every four years. Why would it not be well for this strenuous republic of the United States to imitate Switzerland at least in one respect, make the president ineligible to a second term, and improve upon the Swiss republic in another respect by extending the term of a president to six years, as according to our system we must now have a political tempest all over the land every few years. It would be much better if it came but every half dozen years and then have a new man at the helm every time.

Either that, or let us follow the example of Mexico and fix it so that when we get a good man for president keep him there for life. In France he is elected every seven years all is said and done, though, there may be defects in the United States political system, wher's the republic or any other nation on the globe that has made such rapid progress in the march of civilization within the little more than a century of years our country has been in existence?—South Bend Tribune.

Terms of County and Judicial Officers Cannot Be Extended by Legislature.

Addison C. Harris, of Indianapolis at the request of James P. Goodrich, chairman of the republican state committee, has prepared an opinion on the constitutionality of the law passed by the legislature of 1903 extending the terms of certain county and judicial offices so that the terms of all such offices shall begin upon the same day and uniformity thereby be secured.

Mr. Harris holds the law to be unconstitutional, and suggests that in all counties the nominations be made as usual this year. The law affects different offices in different counties.

In Marshall county it gives the county treasurer Wm. O'Keefe an extension of one year. County Clerk Jones and Auditor Singrey who are serving their first terms may not be effected by this opinion of Mr. Harris.

County officers will be nominated this year the same as if no law lengthening the terms of offices had been passed.

Then a friendly suit will be instituted, and the case will be carried to the supreme court for a final decision at the earliest possible moment.

Peanuts Cause Death.

It is supposed that peanuts were the cause in an indirect way, of the death of little Muriel Tank, the adopted child of Wm. Tank of Walkerton who died Thursday morning. Tuesday while she was eating peanuts one caught in her wind-pipe which caused considerable coughing. Wednesday morning it was necessary to call a physician. The exact location of the peanut could not be found so it was impossible to perform an operation. All day Wednesday her breathing was heavy. Thursday morning she asked to get up she was helped up and walked over to her mother and died very peacefully in her mother's arms.

Physicians think heart failure was the direct cause of her death brought on by the peanut in the wind-pipe causing a poisoning of the blood. The funeral took place Saturday afternoon at 1:30.

Prosperity is Prevalent.

O, yes; there is still a little prosperity on tap in the country even if the pessimists can't see it and how about the way we are plowing into eternal ruin with our republican president and republican laws. The head of a local firm told us the other day that his firm did \$3,600 more business this year than last and that last year was \$3,500 ahead of the year before. When things in a business way, look like this most men are willing to "stand pat" and let well enough alone.—Cannelton Enquirer.

Root Draws with Wile.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—John Wile and

Jack Root fought six rounds, the

decision being a draw. The fight was

fast, with Wile the aggressive

thoroughbred.

Tillman's Estate.

Washington, Feb. 5.—When Tillman

arose to address the senate on his

Crusade Hale asked him to

permits of his passage without debate,

but Tillman said that he did not want

to send his baby out into the world

without any clothes, and proceeded

with his speech.

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Mr. New says: "I believe that if the nomination for the vice-presidency

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## SWINDLED THE WOMEN

Is the Charge Against One Thompson and Did It Through the United States Mail.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—C. W. Thompson who the postal authorities allege has operated a mail order business under fifteen different names, was arrested here on the charge of misusing the United States mails. Women in all parts of the country who believed they would be paid \$30 for copying each 100 letters are, according to the postal officials, victims of Thompson's scheme.

Some of the titles used by Thompson are carrying on the scheme were: Women's Co-Operative Club; Woman's Industrial Bureau; Amazon Advertising Agency; Occidental Wholesale Company and the Occidental Commercial Agency.

Senate and House in Brief.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The political debate in the senate on the proposed loan of \$4,000,000 to the St. Louis exposition came to a close through a vote which left the provision in the urgent deficiency appropriation bill, which was passed. Patterson then made a political speech and the remainder of the day was devoted to Panama. A few bills of no public importance were passed. An executive session was held. Adjourned to Monday.

Sheppard (Dem.) of Texas made a determined and persistent effort during the discussion of the agricultural appropriation to bring about a reform in the matter of the distribution of seeds by the government, but he failed and the usual clause on that subject remains in the bill, which was passed.

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