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TWINKLES

Taking Care of No. 1.
Do your constituents write to you
about the tariff?"I should say so," answered Senator
Sorghum. "And I must say that if I
were as selfish in my politics as some
of my correspondents I'd have been
sent back to private life long ago.""Do you think my peach-basket hat
is too extravagant?" she asked."That isn't a peach basket," an-
swered her husband as he grudgingly
signed another check. "That's a waste
basket."

A Great Man's Constituents.

With many men of many minds,
Each more or less intent on self.Free trade in speech the statesman
finds

But scant protection to himself.

Unconscious Innocence.

"My ancestors came over in the
Mayflower," said the haughty lady."Oh, yes," rejoined Mrs. Cumrox,
with interest. "Mine didn't. None of
my family ever cared for those big ex-
cursions.""Borrowin' trouble," said Uncle Eb-
en, "is very often like payin' de highes'
rate of interest for a loan of counter-
feited money."

As Taste Changes.

I do not read the fairy tales
That pleased me as a boy.

The volume once so charming falls

To bring a thrill of joy.
For interest now they bid me look
Way off among the stars.

I get a scientific book!

And read the news from Mars!

I am unmoved though princes grope

Through an enchanted place;

My hero has a telescope.

And bravely roams through space.

I care not for the knightly deed,

For victories or for scars.

My one ambition is to read

The latest news from Mars!

Items Gathered in
From Far and Near

THE SLOWNESS OF SPRING.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel.
How far into the summer are we to be
reminded of the winter?

From the Scranton Tribune.

It takes real faith in spring to en-
joy a ride in the open street car these
days.

From the Indianapolis Star.

Winter has been dethroned, as we
understand it, but he does not let Meh-
effend Spring alone on the job.

From the Buffalo Times.

Any man who can sing a song of
spring in these raw winds must have
the poesy fever or—worse than that.

From the Omaha Bee.

Spring would be much more popular
if it would return to form and cease
its strenuous ways.

From the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

We wonder what April is like in
Chile, anyway.

From the Boston Advertiser.

Fashion note: Overcoats are being
worn longer than usual this spring.

From the Chicago Record-Herald.

One of the magazines publishes an
article in which an attempt is made
to show that the weather bureau is
seldom right in its predictions.We have noticed recently that the bureau
has been painfully accurate every time
it predicted colder weather.

THE GNU QUESTION.

From the Nashville Banner.

Quite a number of paragraphers
have hastened to make the original re-
mark that they gnu Mr. Roosevelt
would kill that gnu.

From the Cleveland Leader.

T. R. has bagged a gnu. How will the
Outlook spell it?

From the Milwaukee Free Press.

President Roosevelt has killed a
wildebeest. Pure wantonness! We
guru he would do that.

From the Springfield Union.

Shooting wildebeest is a gnu ex-
perience for Col. Roosevelt.

From the Toledo Blade.

A gnu was the first animal killed in
Africa by Mr. Roosevelt. That ought to
please the reformed spelling advocates.

From the Springfield Union.

Editor Roosevelt's reason for forbidding
the reporters to follow him into the
jungle was that he wanted to send all the gnu from Africa to The Out-
look.

From the Concord Evening Monitor.

Of course Col. Roosevelt, being a
scientist as well as a sportsman, knew
the gnu when he had killed it.

BUILDING BOOM

IN RICHMOND A

RECORD BREAKER

(Continued From Page One.)

J. Vogelsong, South Ninth street,

new addition to dwelling, \$300; Rich-
mond City School Board, Ninth and
North B streets, school building

\$124,000; Edward F. Roser, 903 Main

street, repair of old frame store room,

\$300; Edward M. Geier, 503 South

Eleventh street, new frame dwelling

\$1,800; Benjamin and Agnes Crump,

220 South West Second street, old

frame dwelling, \$250; W. S. Hervey,

Twenty-first and South A street, new

frame dwelling, \$2,500.

PENNY TO SPEAK.

Harry Penny county clerk, will de-
liver the memorial day address at

Goshen on May 23. The affair is in

charge of the G. A. R. post of that

place.

Deadly Snake in a Motor Car
Drives Autoist in a Wild Ride

Richmond, Ky., May 7.—Allen Zarring, a miller yesterday dedicated his new automobile in a unique ceremony. Incidentally Zarring was in great danger for some time and, strangely, it was speeding that saved his life instead of threatening it.

Zarring went out into the country on business and while he was talking over the deal, a big copperhead snake crawled up and snuggled itself in the lap robe on the floor of the machine. When Zarring started home the snake raised its head and showed its fangs to Zarring. Too astonished at first to jump or do anything else, the miller sat inert while the reptile wound itself around his leg and the brake of the auto. Then Zarring got scared. Not realizing what he was doing, he jerked the lever open and let the machine go its best.

The snake moved around a little when the motor car had attained about its full speed and its head was within an inch or two of the brake handle. In this position it swayed its head back and forth and thrust out its fangs whenever the man looked as if he were about to make a move.

Zarring has more than ordinary nerve and after the first shock the snake had given him—which had caused him inadvertently to start the machine in its wild ride—he regained as

After Zarring had recovered from his fright he picked up the dead snake, thanked his rescuer, and returned to town. He says he will have the reptile mounted by a taxidermist.

PRESIDENT TAFT
TO TAKE ACTION
ON RATE STATUTEHe is of the Opinion That the
Court Decisions Compel an
Early Action by Congress
For Regulation.SENATOR ELKINS IS
AN AUTHOR OF JOKESWest Virginia Statesman Never
Intended That the Com-
modities Clause Should Get
Into the Bill.Washington, D. C., May 7.—At the
opening of the next session of congress
President Taft will be called upon to
ask for important legislation amending
two of the well known sections of the
railroad rate law.He may not go as far as some would
like him to go in the way of radical
recommendations, but the decisions of
the court this year have been such as
to compel some kind of action by con-
gress in the interest not only of the
shipper but of the railroads themselves.The Elkins law section forbidding rates
probably will have to be remod-
eled in the light of the Standard Oil
decision, and the commodity opinion in
the supreme court has rendered it ab-
solutely necessary that the whole sec-
tion should be repealed outright or
strengthened materially.It is a curious coincidence—and, of
course, it is only a coincidence—that
both of these sections of the law which
have been found defective by the court
were fathered by Stephen B. Elkins of
West Virginia, chairman of the sen-
ate committee on interstate commerce,
and not generally classed as a warm
friend either of President Roosevelt or
the general principle of the regulation
of railroads.

Shows Truth of Old Adage.

There never was a better illustration
of the truth of the old classical adage
about fearing Greeks even when they
bear gifts than in this case. Senator
Elkins prepared an anti-rebate lawthrough which the courts have driven
a horse and wagon, and then he wrote
the commodity paragraph which now
has been rendered useless if not ab-
surd unless congress strengthens it in
certain important particulars.President Taft is a lawyer above all
things, and he naturally looks at ev-
erything from a lawyer's point of view.Undoubtedly he will feel himself as
much bound by the opinion of the supreme
court of appeals as if he were a district
judge himself. Unlike President Roose-
velt he is not disposed to question the
integrity or ability of the bench. His
point of view surely will be that con-
gress has failed, in effect, but that, it
has the power to make good in the future,
and he almost certainly will recom-
mend immediate passage of new
legislation to patch up the holes in the
interstate commerce law.

Power of Congress Held Supreme.

It is a curious fact in both cases, al-
though the government was beaten
badly in its original contention that
the court held the power of congress to
be supreme. The two paragraphs of
the same law were held defective and
not unconstitutional. The responsibil-
ity, therefore, will rest with con-
gress to correct its own mistakes, and
President Taft may be expected to
make this fact clear.The commodity clause in the rail-
road rate law was a joke originally. It
is a notorious fact that it was offered
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