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Items Gathered in
From Far and Near

Baths for the Senate.
From the Chicago Post.

Rome's fall began when the great baths were built. It was Maecenas, friend of Augustus, who constructed the first swimming pool, and Agrippa, another contemporary, was the first to build "thermae," on an elaborate and systematic plan. When Roman decadence was most gorgeous there were over 800 public baths in the city. We wonder whether the senators of the United States realize the grim warning, which the experience of civilization's first senators would convey. We wonder whether they are doing wisely in installing marble baths and salaried bathkeepers in the new senate building at Washington. It is never well to turn a necessity into a luxury. We would bid the senators beware. Chicago at least knows full well the civic injury that may develop from a "bathhouse."

Guard the Girls.
From the New York Tribune.

The murder of Ruth Wheeler, the young girl who was sent in search of employment from a business school by her teacher to the room of a man of whose character nothing was known, might profitably direct the attention of such institutions to the responsibility which they assume in making themselves avenues of communication between innocent young women and villains who seek their destruction. Perhaps a requirement of references and an investigation of prospective employers and their places of business would be salutary adjuncts of such schools. Especially should caution be observed about sending girls to flats and other places not well known as offices where legitimate employment is customarily offered.

The General Delivery.
From the Chicago Journal.

A young girl in Massillon, Ohio, is charged with slaying her older sister in order to obtain possession of her new clothes and hat. For more than a year she had been receiving mail at the general delivery wicket. More than one girl's road to a bad life has been by way of the general delivery. Many the divorce that has grown from the same source. Some regulation of the general delivery of letters to girls and young women, and, in fact, to any one who possesses a house address, is highly desirable.

Protection for Automobiles.
From the Brooklyn Eagle.

The joy ride will not be a permanent feature of automobile risk. The inventor will find a way to lock some vital part of the machine in the safety deposit vault of the garage office subject to the owner's call only. An automobile ought to be as safe from treacherous as a private mug in a barber shop.

Harsh Words.
From the Buffalo News.

Uncle Joe has no monopoly of harsh language. His opponents are as harshly at it as he is and it is no credit to either side.

TWINKLES

(By Philander Johnson.)

A Hard-Luck Story.
"Politeness always pays."

"I don't know about that," replied Mr. Hunting Work. "I had a pretty good position as a bill collector. But I made myself so agreeable that people held out on payments for fear I'd stop calling on them."

In the Game.

"I am in the hands of my friends," said the political sidestepper.
"Yes," replied the harsh critic, "and every time your friends look over their hands they seem impatient for a new deal."

A Passing Fear.

"Did you have any adventures while running in the woods?"
"Only one," replied Mr. Chugina. "My feet stamp out from the

EXCEPT INDIVIDUALLY.

Jim Watson labored long and hard yesterday over in Davies County "confining his attention almost exclusively to the tariff." The obvious reason for his efforts on this, as on all other similar occasions, was to embarrass Beveridge by trying to persuade the convention at Washington, Indiana, to say nice things about the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill.

As we were saying, Jim Watson labored long and hard (and he needed to) to defend the tariff bill. But after our Jim finished there was no mention of his labor in the resolutions. The Davies county men stood upon their hind legs and said that they "commended the course of Senator Alben J. Beveridge, the senior United States Senator from Indiana," and finished by pledging their representatives in the legislature to vote for his resolution.

And the Payne tariff went by unmentioned.

Of course, Mr. James E. Watson was merely at Washington, Indiana, by the merest chance, just as he was down at Rushville. He was still laboring in the interests of the Republican party "with no interest in this matter except individually as a Republican."

MERELY AN INQUIRY.

"There are always some fellows that want to disturb the existing order of things. There are always fellows who don't make any money that get mad because you do."—James Eli Watson, at Washington, Ind.

Perhaps Mr. Watson will now come out with a certified accounting and explain that statement more fully. Mr. Watson is quite correct if he means that there are some people who do not approve of the tariff just because a few men (in comparison with the rest of us) have capable representatives in Washington, D. C., who have made a good thing out of the tariff. Mr. Watson helped to make the tariff, but he was not representing the people when he did it. He is now defending the tariff—who is he representing?

SAM BLYTHE'S ARTICLE.

Sam Blythe hit the gong in the center and made it ring true in that little estimate of "Insurgent Indiana" in this week's Saturday Evening Post. It not only ought to be read—but it will be read.

And those who have been following Blythe's work in the Saturday Evening Post will not accuse him of being a prejudiced writer. He has been following reactionary lines pretty strenuously. He has sized up things about right in this part of the state and all the others that we know much about. There are a whole lot of things that Blythe says Indiana people think and think hard about, that we have not been reticent in saying ever since this fight began. That Blythe should find that condition is not surprising, but nevertheless pleasing.

bushes in a lonely spot and robbed us of all our jewelry."

"Weren't you terribly frightened?"
"Only for a moment. We thought at first we were being held up by some village sheriff for violating speed laws."

The American Tourists.

A hundred thousand, more or less, toward Europe will be on their way:

No wonder mid the storm and stress, We hear that Paris still is gay!

"Very often," said Uncle Eben, "de mand dat keeps talkin' bout hard luck in tryin' to make conversation take de place of hard work."

The Merry Spring.

Bring the camphor liniment
And pass the pills along;

Let me smell some pungent scent
With flavor strangely strong.

Tie a bandage 'round my neck
And give me drinks severe.

Feed me capsules by the peck—
The merry spring is here!

Place me in an easy chair
In helplessness complete;

Have water boiled with cruel care
And in it place my feet.

And let the garter and the spray
Be waiting ever near

To celebrate the gladsome day—
The merry spring is near.

Ye seekers of the fragile prize
Of pleasure as it flees
Can never hope to realize
Life's true intensities.

The reveler in the gilded shows
Moves on in thoughtless cheer—

Tis he that grieves at home who
knows

The merry spring is here!

When improvements now under way

on the Trans-Siberian railroad are completed

the distance from Paris to Peking will be 6,300 miles, instead of 7,500 miles, over the present line through Harbin and Mukden.

RUSSIAN AIDS POOR

Bachelor Bequeaths Fortune
to Aid Peasants in Entering Wedlock.

HE PROVIDES GOOD HOMES

(American News Service)

St. Petersburg, March 31.—M. Vasileff, a millionaire bachelor of this city, has bequeathed his entire fortune to provide the poor with the means of getting married, and setting up in comfortable homes.

He explained that he did not wish to leave anything to his relatives, as they are rich enough already, but he wished to enable poor girls to marry. He asks:

"What is the reason that so many beautiful women never get a husband? Solely that the young men of the present day have no self-respect. They do not look for beauty, but for money, when they seek a wife."

It is not surprising that so many of the loveliest creatures remain spinsters. No one will marry them because they have no dowry. I love all women, especially those who have to work for their living, and that is why I want to help them to get married, for I consider that a single life is the saddest thing on earth."

The disappointed heirs are endeavoring to invalidate the will, but it appears that it has been drawn up in the prescribed form, and that it is quite legal.

In France a spinster is not allowed to put money in the bank or have a check book. However, once married or a widow she can do business with bankers as far as her means and mind go.

Indiana Politics as Viewed By Sam Blythe

Clever Writer in Saturday Evening Post Classes Indiana as Insurgent and Sounds Timely Warning to James E. Watson.

Samuel G. Blythe, special writer for the Saturday Evening Post, in this week's issue, deals with the political situation in Indiana. He classes this state as insurgent and warns Jim Watson not to play with fire. His article in part is as follows:

Beveridge is in accord with the majority of his own party in Indiana. He opposed the passage of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill and voted against it, in company with other progressive senators. In the senate there are in Indiana those mostly affiliated with the old-line leaders or what is left of them—who declare that Beveridge, after opposing the bill to the extreme limit, should have retained his party regularly by voting for the bill on the ground that it was a party measure and that he was thus bound to support it in the final showdown. You do not hear the great bulk of the party men saying this. If Beveridge had not voted against the bill which they consider to be iniquitous, not in consonance with party pledges and not in stride with the spirit of the state, he would have been dropped like a hot potato. As it is, he is the most popular and the most powerful man in the state today, in full control of the organization, and will be the unopposed candidate of his party for senator. He has elected the majority of the state committee, will undoubtedly be endorsed by the state convention, which had not been held when this was written, and will go into the campaign as the choice of most of his party and, nominally, of his entire party.

No man acquainted with Indiana politics but will say to you, if he talks candidly, that without Beveridge the party would not have a ghost of a show. Many men with whom I have talked said if there is any criticism of Beveridge it is not because he is too radical, but because he isn't radical.

It seems improbable that the anti-Suffragists among these two beaten politicians should accomplish the defeat of Beveridge, for a great many men who formerly belonged to that machine are now honestly and avowedly for Beveridge. Ninety-nine per cent of the men who were prominent in politics in the old days are for Beveridge. Here and there are men who will not be reconciled. Combined with these men are high protectionists who are opposed to Beveridge because of his course on the tariff bill, and, also there will be an effective and vigilant Democratic opposition. Thus, it can be seen, that the fight that is coming in Indiana will be more than a local one. It will be a fight for the progressive policies of the Republican party in a state where these progressive policies are held to be the only right ones, typifying the whole progressive movement and entailing a last and desperate struggle of men of the old school of politics to hold the progressive movement in Indiana in check.

No man who knows Beveridge is insensible to his faults, but no man who knows him will honestly contend that his faults are not largely temperamental. He is something of an egotist, given to vainglorious conversation and declamation, and has an extreme faculty for irritating many with whom he comes in contact. However, when you consider the intrinsic worth of the man, his splendid mind, his large grasp of public questions, his faculty for looking out for his people, his great skill as an orator and debater,

there is a Legislature to elect. It is now Democratic on joint ballot. More than half of the twenty-five hold-over senators are Democrats. The Democrats will make a hard fight, for Thomas Taggart, present Democratic leader in Indiana, has senatorial aspirations. The burden is on the Republicans, and the insurgent Republicans at that.

It is said that it is the intention of Watson, a man of great personal magnetism and of much power as an orator, to go into the state during the campaign and speak from the stump with the argument that any man who voted against the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill is not a Republican, that the vote for or against that bill, which was a party measure, was the test of party loyalty, and that the Republican party can not elect any man who is not a Republican. It is stated that he intends to say that opposition to that bill was opposition to Taft and that Taft is the leader of the party, the titular head, as Taft put it himself, and that non-support of Taft predicates treason to the Republican party.

I hardly think Mr. Watson will attempt to enunciate this fine old Bourbon doctrine on the stump in Indiana. He is a smart man, not a chump. If he is chump enough to do it so as being the issue in the campaign is concerned, he will have that measure of justification and endorsement that comes before the supreme event of the election.

Consider the situation and its diffi-

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