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many occasions when there are large crowds in the city, city passengers might fill the interurban cars to the discomfort or even the exclusion of interurban visitors. It is more important for the city at large that interurban traffic should be developed to the highest point than it is that an occasional impatient city resident should get a car a minute or two sooner than he would by waiting for a city car.

EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT. The report of the state treasurer for the fiscal year ended Oct. 31, 1903, published in yesterday's Journal, showed that the total disbursements on account of the State Government during the year were \$4,463,297. Divided approximately among the different departments of the government they were: Legislative, \$1,209,967.11; executive, \$2,237,472.35; judicial, \$1,015,857.81. These figures do not include a number of administrative and miscellaneous items which help to make up the total.

The fact that the penal and reformatory institutions of the State, that is the two prisons for men, the prison for women and the two reform schools for girls and boys, cost every year more than the legislative, the executive or the judicial branch of the government is calculated to set people thinking and wondering if there is not something radically wrong in a system which requires the expenditure of so much money for the punishment of crime and attempted reformation of criminals. And it must be remembered further that a considerable part of the cost of the courts is chargeable to crime, that the figures quoted do not include the expenses of county jails and that the cost of local police forces is in a large degree justly chargeable to the same cause.

The London Times approves President Roosevelt's message, and says that "The United States has a powerful and perfectly logical case in the Panama affair." The Times thus disagrees with Colonel Watterston and Senator Morgan, but even the Thunderer cannot please everybody.

It does not appear to do much good to convict bootleggers in St. Louis. Twenty-two men were found guilty by juries, but not one of them has been sent to prison. The Missouri judiciary may be in a bad way when even the notorious "Ed" Butler goes scot-free after having been proved guilty.

The Republican committeemen, politicians and party workers who occupied the city yesterday had only routine business to transact, but they created an atmosphere very favorable to the development of political activity. After the love feast, to be held during the holidays, the wheels will begin to go round, and then it will not be safe to stand on the track.

The divinity that doth hedge royalty about disappears in the presence of a night fire. When Queen Alexandra's apartments were threatened she and her maids of honor scampered about just like other people. The common herd likes to have it demonstrated occasionally that kings and queens are made of the same clay as themselves.

The work of constructing a ship canal to connect East Chicago with Indiana Harbor, in Lake county, Indiana, will, it is said, be prosecuted under rush orders, and it is hoped to have part of the canal open for steamers before next fall. Its completion will result in building up a large town in Indiana, which will increase the revenues of the State and contribute to the general prosperity.

The expert engineer who is at work on plans to eliminate grade crossings in this city is said to favor safety gates at some points, viaducts at some, and depression of tracks at others. The main point is to eliminate the dangers of grade crossings, and if this can be done effectively by the means indicated, that should be satisfactory. The disturbance of switch facilities is something to be avoided if possible.

The meeting of the Republican national committee in Washington yesterday was marked by the utmost harmony and good feeling. Senator Hanna's brief address on calling the committee to order was in his usual straight-from-the-shoulder style, and it was echoed by applause from the committee. As the entire committee, headed by Senator Hanna, called on the President in the afternoon, it is evident that all rumors of factional disturbance are without foundation.

Bible is one of the world's greatest books, at least; what right have we to banish it from our curricula? Shakespeare is found in every high school course; cannot the American schools give as much attention to the English Bible? It is the theory that no scholar can afford to be without a knowledge of Shakespeare, not only for the sake of the truths to be found in the plays but because modern literature is so saturated with Shakespeare that a knowledge of him is necessary for its understanding.

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them. A new system of classifying such matter has been adopted and is working well except in cases which have been taken to court. There is more or less legal opposition in the courts to the rulings of the department, but this is expected soon to be overcome. The fake periodicals usually insert something which gives them a fictitious literary or news value, and this makes the above difficult to control. When the matter is settled it will be another step toward wiping out the postoffice deficit.

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THE DRIFT OF POLITICS

Union B. Hunt, of Winchester, will, it is believed, seize upon the Republican love feast to be held in this city Dec. 23 as the auspicious occasion upon which to launch his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Governor. A tip to this effect passed around among the party leaders who were here yesterday to attend the meeting of the Republican State committee. Mr. Hunt did not state that he would formally announce his candidacy at the love feast—it would be carrying the game of flirtation too far for a man to announce that he would make a formal announcement on a certain day, and he would make a definite statement as to whether he will enter the gubernatorial race the former secretary of state studied a moment and then replied:

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A BATCH OF LITTLE STORIES.

Two young ladies on the promenade of a seaside resort had been watching the vessels pass through a telescope lent them by an "ancient mariner." On handing the glass back one of them remarked that it was a very good one.

"Yes, miss," said the old tar, "that 'ere telescope was given me by Lord Nelson." "Good gracious! Why, Nelson has been dead nearly 100 years." "Well, I'm blowed," replied the salty one, quite unabashed, "ow the time do fly!"—Golden Penny.

There is a feud between Senator Mitchell and Secretary Hitchcock. Saturday the President said to some friends: "You must excuse me now, for Senator Mitchell is waiting in the other office to tell me what he thinks of the honorable secretary of the Interior. Later on Secretary Hitchcock will tell me what he thinks of the honorable senator from Oregon."

"Why don't you get them up here together?" somebody asked. "My dear sir," the President answered, "I hate peace as much as any man, but I cannot go as far as that."—New York World.

Objected to Technicalities. Captain Hobson's proposition to have the country seed \$750,000,000 for battleships in the next twenty years reminded Col. "Pete" Heppburn, of Iowa, of the Populist who held a joint debate with the late Judge Cuberson, of Texas. The Populist was talking of the need of money. He said:

"And yet, in the face of this crying need of money, the trust-ridden government at Washington every year makes billions of dollars in billings for my friends the billions." "See here," said Judge Cuberson, "don't you mean millions?" "Now, Judge Cuberson," the Populist shouted, "you can't win this campaign by resorting to technicalities."—New York World.

The Limit of Economy. "There are many ways of saving money," said a Front-street commission merchant yesterday. "I have a regular customer who is about the limit. He keeps a grocery store uptown, and is said to be quite wealthy. He always buys two dozen eggs and always goes through the same little by-by in the egg case. Each dozen is placed in a separate bag, and then, from some hidden recess of his coat, he produces a pall containing some sawdust, into which he empties the two dozen eggs, puts them in his pocket, and walks out. In that way he saves the bags, which he undoubtedly uses again in his uptown store. I don't think you can beat that for close figuring."—Philadelphia Record.

Exchange of Compliments. Ella Wheeler Wilcox and James Whitcomb Riley met recently at the Westminster Hotel, in this city. "I never will forget what you said about me, Mr. Riley," said the poetess of passion, "when I first attempted to write poetry." "Nothing unpleasant, I hope," exclaimed the Hoosier poet. "You said," continued the poetess, "that I was too homely ever to write poetry." "Did I ever say that?" "Yes, you did; or at least it was published as coming from you. It made a deep impression on me, and I have been making a rag doll for a little piece of time, and I not only made it, but I painted its face. And I made that face just as ugly as I know how and called the doll James Whitcomb Riley."—New York Times.

One Place Where He Was Born. Mrs. Robert J. Burdette, the humorist's wife, is a great traveler. She has in her California home a collection of bells from every quarter of the globe. However, she has a peculiar collection of odd incidents and sayings gathered in as many and diverse places as the bells were. Mrs. Burdette says that, while touring in the Scottish highlands one summer, she was taken to a cave in which Macbeth was said to have been born. She examined the cave attentively. She listened to the eloquent speech of her guide. At the end she said to the man: "Now, tell me truly, is this really the place where Macbeth was born?" The guide smiled awkwardly. He shifted about a little. "Well," he said, "it's one of the places."—New York Tribune.

Trick of the Type. There was a dinner in the best Chinese restaurant in New York to a highly-bred Chinese woman who here to do social work. One of the editors of a great New York newspaper is interested in the work. He went to the dinner and asked that a good reporter should be sent to write a pleasant account of the dinner for the morning paper. The reporter went to the dinner, came to the office, wrote a pleasant third of a column and went home to bed. Next day when he came he was summoned before the editor. The editor asked him to bring a clipping to the reporter. "I don't understand," roared the editor. "Well, read that sentence and then you will understand." The reporter read: "Rice, mice and Odong flowed freely."

It was a good idea if we'd all introduce ourselves, for there's a bad mix-up somewhere." Explanations followed, and the tangle was straightened out. It seemed that while Mr. Montgomery was with a number of his political friends, Mr. Cromer was with a number of his political friends. Mr. Cromer was with a number of his political friends, Mr. Cromer was with a number of his political friends.

The episode recalls a similar one that occurred some weeks ago when a prominent up-State Republican met Charles A. Bookwalter in a cafe here, addressed him as Mayor Holtzman and insisted upon congratulating him warmly on his election.

Major George W. Steele, of Marion, and C. M. Ratliff, of Fairmont, chairman of the Republican organization in Grant county, were here a few hours yesterday. They kept their political mission, if they had any, in the afternoon. Mr. Ratliff, it is understood, will be a candidate for re-election as county clerk.

Oscar H. Montgomery, of Seymour, who is expected to enter the race for the Republican nomination for judge of the Supreme Court from the Second judicial district, said yesterday that he was ready for some little time to make a formal announcement of his political intentions.

Elmer Crockett, of South Bend, member of the Republican state advisory committee, said yesterday that Col. Charles A. Carlisle, of his city, has not indicated to his friends whether he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for lieutenant governor. "I have not heard of him for a day or two ago and he did not hint that he expected to be a candidate for any office," said Mr. Crockett, "but he might get into the race, for it is early yet."

Louis C. Davenport, of Bluffton, the Eighth district member of the Republican state advisory committee, who was here yesterday afternoon, says that interest in politics and almost everything else has been lost sight of in Bluffton at present while the Terrell murder trial is in progress. The trial is attracting the attention of everybody, he said, and everybody is waiting impatiently with intense interest for the verdict which will be rendered tomorrow. "I should not be surprised if Terrell is acquitted."

George W. Faris, of Terre Haute, former member of Congress from the Fifth district, was at the Columbia Club last evening and with Frank L. Littleton, of this city, Perry Coleman, of Evansville, and E. P. Thayer, of Greensburg, including a reminiscence of college days at old De Pauw. All four are members of the same fraternity and Mr. Faris and Mr. Freeman were in college together in the days when De Pauw was "Old Asbury."

Speaking of politics, Mr. Faris said that he anticipated the Republican convention nomination in the Fifth next year. "I do not know who will be candidates against Mr. Holliday," he said, "but I believe it is generally understood in Terre Haute that he will have opposition."

Mr. Faris intimated that he has no intention of again seeking entrance into the congressional arena. "Since leaving Congress," he said, "my personal affairs have assumed such shape as to demand practically all my attention. It is a fine thing to have a man of my value highly my experience there, and if I had that part of my life to live over again I would make no manager or entering into the congressional lists is concerned. However, I believe that for men can afford to remain in Congress more than a few years and that they do so at a sacrifice."

A. M. Higgins, of Terre Haute, was also at the Columbia Club last night. George W. Self, the veteran Republican of Corydon, attended what will probably be his last meeting of the Republican State committee yesterday. He has been a member of the committee for eight years, but is not a candidate for re-election. Prior to his election as district chairman Mr. Self served twelve months in the State advisory committee and he has a record of long and valiant party service. His service is all the more notable and praiseworthy by reason of the fact that he has labored continually in the face of a big Democratic majority in the district. Mr. Self was in a reminiscent mood.

THE MAKING OF A SOLDIER

Not This in the Class of Men Like the Chicago Bandits. The press dispatches say that when Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, called upon the Chicago outlaws, Neilson, Harrison, Dine and Roeki, as he very appropriately did the other day, he remarked: "These fellows would make fine soldiers."

GERONIMO'S RELIGION

Washington Letter. Washington spiritual circles have received with a deep sense of gratitude and with a truly pardonable pride the knowledge that Gerónimo, chief of a series of bands and the same church to which belongs our President, Theodore Roosevelt—the good old Dutch Reformed. It was feared for a long time that the Methodists had captured the good chief. The Methodist minister, one of their warlike brethren, General Lawton, captured Gerónimo's body in the years that he was a prisoner. The Methodist denomination had laid hold on his soul to the exclusion of the claims of the good old Dutch Reformed church of state.

THROW AWAY THE GUN

The unarmed man is as safe as possible when he is not in a business. The fool who is a gun is reckless and generally comes to grief, whether he shoots somebody or gets shot. To carry a pistol is evidence of either weakness or cowardice; or both; the gun play proclaims the man a bully, a puppy, a snob. The man with the pistol habit, most frequently he is a swaggering smart-aleck! Always he is a menace to his fellow-men—an ever-ready instrument of trouble and a promoter of war.—St. Joseph News.