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He that has light within his own breast, May sit in the center, and enjoy bright day; But he that hides a dark soul, and foul thoughts, Benighted walks under the mid-day sun; Himself is his own dungeon. —Milton.

THREE MILLION A DAY

Upon the last day of the year we are confronted by the statement that the estimates furnished by the executive department of the democratic administration show that it will cost three million dollars a day—Sundays included—to carry on the government during the year ahead. This figure is based upon the amounts of appropriations asked by the heads of departments and upon the appropriations which have already been made. Every cabinet department is planning to extend its operations and to enlarge its scope; the members of President Wilson's official council do not receive much recollection these days, but they are busy apparently in the effort to command notice.

The indications are that they will receive notice—plenty of it—when the country wakes to a realization of the new situation. Not in the days of alleged extravagance, when the billion-dollar mark was first reached and when, democratic orators were arraigning their political opponents for wasteful use of the public money, was there anything like the assault upon the treasury which is being made now by the very men who have for years preached and promised economy.

Perhaps the country will get value received for this enormous expenditure of its money—it is to be hoped that this will be the case. But the situation is important in that it discloses the fact that the democrats, now that the spending power is theirs, find that it is not as simple a matter as they had supposed, to cut down expenses, especially when there is a hungry crowd demanding a slice of the public pie.

More than this, the democrats have a serious problem to solve. While they have increased the expenditures to a figure never heard of before, they have also reduced the public revenue from tariff duties until it falls far short of the amount needed for government expenses. They are depending upon an unknown quantity, the income tax, to make good the deficiency. Whether it will reach or not, remains to be seen.

But, now that they have learned something about the actual requirements of the government, we shall probably hear less from the democratic spellbinders concerning "reckless extravagance" and "outrageous appropriations."

Meantime, the state-rights people peruse the report of Secretary Lane in the vain hope of finding a loophole, through which they can crawl.

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A fine, helpful resolution is a determination to become a regular user of the twice-a-day class ad.

Even our oatmeal mush is trust-controlled. Shall we resolve not to eat mush?

The soup kitchen is one of the results of over-booming.

It's better to resolve and fail than not to resolve at all. Sign your resolutions early and avoid the rush. A six-shooter is a poor arbitrator in any quarrel.

SECRETARY LANE--PROGRESSIVE

Colonel Sam Gordon, discussing in his Yellowstone Journal the report of the secretary of the interior in its relation to the action of the Montana delegation at the national conservation congress, thinks that Secretary Lane has furnished some good medicine for the ills of that delegation which so recently returned from the national capital, "full to the neck with undigested spleen against the 'Pinchot gang,' that had succeeded in recording an almost unanimous vote against the further absorption of the natural resources of the west by private monopolies."

Colonel Gordon reviews briefly the history of the session of the conservation congress as it was given in the press reports; he refers to the record which has been made by "such plunderbunds as assemble biennially in Helena under the deceptive title of legislatures"; he quotes the statement made by state-control delegates that the action of the conservation congress was "very undesirable." Then came the comforting—to them—assurance from the state-control people that Secretary Lane had given them his personal assurance that the west should not suffer. To that promise the state-control delegates pinned their hope. Of what followed, the Yellowstone Journal's editorial page gives this interesting resume:

It is to be feared that Mr. Secretary Lane either talked in parables, or else those he talked to inferred altogether too much, for in his annual report just made public he could hardly be more emphatic than Mr. Pinchot and others of "the gang" in expressing his approval of their style of conserving public utilities, unless he had added some denunciation of the efforts of the state's control people, which would perhaps be unseemly in a state document, for in the very opening paragraph of this report Mr. Lane makes a declaration that lays a broad and strong foundation for all that he later builds upon it, when he says: "It is, of course, known to you that there exists a feeling in the west that its affairs and needs have not been given the consideration at the hands of the national government which they merit. This feeling is not confined to speculators or exploiters. It is the sentiment of many who are without selfish motive and regard the matter wholly from the standpoint of national growth. They point to the conditions which obtain in Alaska as unparalleled among people of our aggressive and nation-building stock. So, too, they are unable to understand why ways have not been found by which the great bodies of coal and oil lands, of phosphate and potash lands, may be developed, and the waters of the mountains made available for the generation of power and the redemption of the desert."

"There is one very simple explanation for the existence of this feeling. We have adventured upon a new policy of administering our affairs and have not developed adequate machinery. We have called a halt on methods of spoliation which existed, to the great benefit of many, but we have failed to substitute methods, sane, healthful, and progressive, by which normal enterprises of an ambitious people can make full use of their own resources. We abruptly closed opportunities to the monopolist, but did not open to the developer."

The terms "opportunist" and "monopolist" are calculated to send a chill down the spine of those who, affronted at the treatment their policies received at the conservation congress, had hoped to lean on Mr. Lane for support, but there is no subsequent warmth, for the report of the conservation congress held by the "Pinchot gang" is adopted for the broad principle under which the department of the interior should be operated. Lands, coal, minerals, timber, all to be administered with a generous hand, but with an absolutely firm government control; but it is with the undeveloped water power of the country that we of Montana are most concerned, by reason perhaps of being richer in that regard, and by reason of having been already "frisked" of some of it by a dutiful legislature. In regard to power sites Secretary Lane stands for the speediest development of them possible, by private capital, if private capital can see its way to such investment, subject to permanent government ownership, and government control of rates, with government right to purchase at the expiration of a period of, say 50 years, but under no conditions will he consider private ownership, even with government control. The power sites he says belong to the people, not of today, but of all time and must be so administered as to take the place of present methods of producing light, heat and power when these methods have become exhausted or too expensive to operate.

We are inclined to regard Mr. Secretary Lane as a thorough going progressive, for his policies are not only those of the "Pinchot gang," but adhere very closely to the Bull Moose platform enunciated at Chicago last August.

Notes of the Anvil Chorus

A BALLADE OF NOISES. (Dedicated to Willie, the Young German Band Who Lives Next Door to This Office.)

When little Willie tried to plumb The secrets of his violin, My father's soul was kindly dumb, Protesting not against the din. I even did my best to grin. When he assailed the piano— But Virtue's hands are growing thin Since Willie got that piccolo.

Gentle the boiler-maker's hum, Soothing the raucous cotton-gin, The blarney horn, the deep-voiced drum, My thorough admiration win. The night-voice of the terrapin, The lyric warblings of the crow, To be ear-splitting don't begin Since Willie got that piccolo.

Each day the German clankmen come, And Willie proudly lets them in, To hear his screech-provoking thump, Torture that devil caused in tin. Then Willie plays, to please his kin, 'Der Wacht am Rhein,' in accents slow. Ah, murder wouldn't be a sin Since Willie got that piccolo.

Envoi. Santa, I'll flay you of your skin, If ever certainly I know, That it was from your Christmas bin Our Willie got that piccolo.

Yesterday morning, for three mortal hours, Willie, making his first expedition into piccolodious realms, tried to play "You Made Me Love You." A year ago we would have sworn that a waitress wrestling on the piano with "The Robert E. Lee," or the Lina Sewing circle chanting a German "Glow-Worm," would be heartier for euphony, but Willie has grabbed the prize. There should be a bounty on piccolodious players.

After Samuel Pepys. December 29.—In bed until near noon, it being my resting day, and laughing at Sir W. too, who must rise early and is loath to do so seeing me resting. Am near to die of the cold what with my head in the bathroom when I am up and the water scalding. To my office where is a letter from C. Nickum, the wheat crimp, who was an operator but repented, and it said that his family had come to be two years old and could talk and do many marvelous things, which is remarkable. There met G. Reynolds and talked of verifying and he gave me fresh heart with his cheerfulness, but was ever so and he puzzled to know of what he shall talk at the coming scrivener's feast, though it will make little difference as he talk not too long. To F. Quimby's

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ANTIPODAL STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN FAIR

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND WILL BE REPRESENTED AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Unaffected by the refusal of their parent government to participate officially in the Panama-Pacific exposition, the commonwealth of Australia and the government of New Zealand are giving cordial support to the fair and both will be fully represented.

The American commission headed by Alva Adams and including O'Neil Sevier, Major Sydney A. Cloman, U. S. A., and Thomas G. Stallenrich, which was sent to Australia to stimulate interest in the exposition, has reported to the state department a most hearty welcome.

The two governments and the several states expect to spend about \$500,000 in the governmental and state exhibits in addition to displays by individual exhibitors.

The commission demonstrated to the Australians that failure to show their splendid primary products—wools, meats, hides, fruits, butter, cheese, breadstuffs and the like—would deprive them of a large immediate revenue from the United States, especially in view of the opening of the Panama canal, which would shorten by 4,000 miles their line of communication with the Atlantic seaboard.

Major Cloman has received assurance that Australia will send artillery, cavalry, and infantry to the great military show and the navy also will be represented by a new super-dreadnought.

ONLY A SOP

(From the New York Tribune.) The vice of the republican national committee's assumption of power to change the basis of representation in national conventions was demonstrated yesterday when the first attempt to exercise the new power was made. What the republican voters wanted was a change through the instrumentality of a new convention to change the basis of representation in accordance with their own ideas of justice and equality. But the committee, with a view to preventing the free action of the party and thus avoiding undue interference with its own authority, preferred to initiate a personally conducted downward revision, leaving the voters only the narrow latitude of accepting or rejecting whatever exemplification of wisdom might be offered.

The plan of representation adopted yesterday is a sop to the popular demand for a fairer distribution of delegate power in national conventions, but it is only a sop. The inequalities left are almost as glaring as those existing under the present system. The committee ventured to lop off a part of the absurdly excessive representation of the southern states, but it failed to deal logically or courageously with the abuse of "rotten boroughs."

The plan offered by the Young Republican club of this city has the great merit of applying honestly the principle of representation in accordance with voting strength. It fixed a minimum vote to which a congress district must attain in order to be entitled to a delegate, and thus sought to put an end to the farce of delegate making.

"RING OUT, WILD BELLS, TO THE WILD SKY; THE YEAR IS DYING; LET HIM DIE"



The old year is going fast, now. Soon the new year will be in, and with it will come the great "Game of Song and Story," which appear in this paper. This simple picture suggests what the game will be like. It illustrates a song. Stop, here, and see if you can fit the correct title before you get to the end of this article. Soon we will make a big announcement about the game, which will delight all our readers, as well as others. The answer to yesterday's picture was "Christmas Week," by Frank R. Stockton. Easy, wasn't it? The answer to today's picture is "The New Year," by Mendelssohn.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER AWARDED Medal and Diploma for Superiority over all competitors at the great World's Fair and at all fairs and expositions wherever exhibited. DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER is the one great baking powder, for over half a century known and celebrated for its purity, strength, and keeping quality. Its use assures the food against alum and all forms of unwholesome adulterations that go with imitation, low grade brands.

ABOUT THE STATE

Dawson county, threatened with another division, is seeking to demonstrate to the would-be secessionists that they are making a mistake.

Blaine county collected in taxes this year \$179,953.70, with \$19,000 delinquent.

An active progressive club has been organized at Harlem, Blaine county.

Beaverhead county officials records show 98 births during the year and 22 deaths, seven of which were violent.

The investigation of the water supply of Great Falls shows that the city uses more than a billion gallons a year.

Helena Elks initiated 24 new members this week.

The annual report of the state dairy commissioner shows that there are 3,000 persons in Montana employed in the dairy industry.

The First Christian church of Billings is to build a handsome new home.

In Billings, John Bechtel has sued Clark Bright for damages in the sum of \$5,110, the basis of the claim being that Bright filled him with No. 6 shot, all of which have not been removed.

WILL CLOSE STORE TODAY.

Hamilton, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The big J. H. Theis store of this city will close its doors tomorrow evening, and fixtures and stock will be sold to the highest bidder soon by Mrs. J. H. Theis, administrator of the estate. The store was opened here in 1910 by Mr. Theis, and has done a fine business. The store fixtures and stock may be sold to a buyer, who will conduct the business in its present location.

IF BACK HURTS USE SALTS FOR KIDNEYS

Eat Less Meat If Kidneys Feel Like Lead or Bladder Bothers.

Most folks forget that the kidneys, like the bowels, get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders.

You simply must keep your kidneys active and clean, and the moment you feel an ache or pain in the kidney region get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is harmless to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity. It also neutralizes the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is harmless; inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everybody should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean, thus avoiding serious complications.

A well-known local druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcooking kidney trouble while it is only trouble. Missoula Drug Co., Argenta—Ady.

Extract From the Heating and Ventilating Magazine

The official publication of the central heating business.

It has been demonstrated that it is much easier to waste steam, than it is to waste either electric current or water. For instance, if the customer sees his electric water running from the faucets that he is using the water. But there is not one customer out of 25 who knows that when he has the radiator turned on and the windows open, on a day when the temperature out of doors is about 40 degrees Fahrenheit above zero, that the radiators are condensing more steam than they would on a day when the out of doors temperature is zero and he has the windows closed.

There have been cases where, by covering exposed pipes in the basement and repairing windows and doors in same, a customer has been able to cut his bills in two. It has also been proved that by installing weather strips on the doors and windows of a building, the bills have been cut from 20 per cent to 25 per cent, and by shutting off the service valve at night and Sundays, in business buildings when the out of door temperature is about 40 degrees Fahrenheit, the bills for those months were reduced 40 per cent.

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