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Phases of Government Rate-making. The North Carolina rate tangle has naturally revived discussion of the question whether State regulation of railway rates does not interfere with Federal regulation, and whether, if rates are to be regulated by government, they should not be regulated by a single authority instead of by forty or more.

Another aspect of the problem has appeared in Iowa, where the State railroad commission reduced rates on dairy products and live stock with a view to building up local industries.

The present tendency of things would doubtless immensely please Alexander Hamilton, were he here to make note of it.

AmERICANS AT HOME AND ABROAD. If our rich Americans cannot travel in Europe with greater security, we venture to predict that the time will come, and come soon, when they will not travel there at all.

It is too much to ask them to change their habits when they go abroad. They cannot thoroughly enjoy a foreign tour unless they feel the same sense of safety and freedom that they feel at home.

There appears to be an unusual demand throughout the country for statements which can make a 2-cent rate grow where a 3-cent rate grew before.

Gov. Hughes is two LL D's. There appears to be rank discrimination somewhere. Mr. Roosevelt is only one.

The President contends that "Pete" is a good fighter, but a poor judge of dogs. This should be a solemn warning to other dogs not to train an ambassadorial calf too exclusively in their salad days.

Another fatal defect in the Alabama plot to blow up Messrs. Fairbanks and Foraker lay in the fact that there was not even two and a half millions behind it.

Mr. Carnegie is said to be preparing a treatise on the diplococcus. He probably will never rest content until he either resides in the Annapolis Club or the nature-faker ranks.

The discussion as to closing those French Lick gambling places is still raging. It resembles a never-ending joint debate.

Russia is facing another crisis. That country never has a chance to get acquainted with one crisis before it is up against another.

Maxim Gor'ky says Americans are a "silent, gloomy people." Much depends on whose headquarters you drift into on election night.

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A Texan has been excused from jury duty because he has twenty-two children. It probably was just as well that he was permitted to go without a row.

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A Pennsylvania child was saved from the effects of drinking ammonia by being stuffed with ice cream. Better keep the ammonia bottle out of little Willie's reach hereafter.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand," the Montgomery Advertiser reminds us. Nevertheless, we have known of a near-fall house divided by a dirty deuce to stand pat.

After I seemed to hear a tremor, a multitude of waters tossed and wild. White half in languorous fear, yet half beguiled. For gentle death I waited quiet.

Moody's Magazine, in its June number, recently issued, contains an interesting article concerning the Panama Canal written by Mr. Claude N. Bennett, of this city.

But it's being doctored up. Oklahoma is called the baby State. The poor thing seems to have been born with an impaired constitution.

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brothers across the sea. A bad impression is created. In the end the worm will surely turn.

"Be sure of your facts," says Mr. Roosevelt. And, so far as the big stick is concerned, be equally sure of your whacks.

Abbe Klein, a French ecclesiastic whose account of the "Land of the Strenuous Life" will be recalled as a singularly appreciative impression of American social conditions and manners, has begun a notable series of lectures at the University of Chicago.

Whether government supervision of trade agreements would correct abuses of the modern tendency to combination without introducing into the situation the possibility of still graver abuses of governmental authority is a serious question.

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A SUNDAY TALK.

Think not I am come to send peace on earth; I come not to send peace, but a sword.—St. Matthew, 10: 34.

It was after Jesus had been abroad in the land and had suffered the doubts of those who were amazed at the miracles He had performed that He returned to Nazareth and gathered the twelve apostles about Him.

And later on, in the list of His instructions, which may be profitably pondered by all who profess to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ, He told them that they need not flatter themselves that they were going to have a time of ease and peace.

And so it has been since that day, nineteen hundred years ago, that Christianity has not just happened. Its doctrine have not been accepted by the world just because they chanced to be there, to be chosen or rejected.

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MEN AND THINGS.

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A LITTLE NONSENSE.

A FILLER SCHEME. A stratagem is no disgrace And staircase verse fills lots of space.

I love not work in summertime, And so I turn to staircase rhyme.

Among the Ads. Come, gentle reader, and let us wander a while through the back of the magazine, that cheerful country in which every one is so anxious to promote our worldly welfare.

Our jump from pure reading matter is broken by the patent mattress; it does not bite the tongue. On the next page we see the planella, which plays itself. We should like to have a planella if we had a piano to go with it.

Free Gold Watch for solving this enigma: I-P-G, a common domestic animal. This is not difficult; we guess this to be a pig. Ah, but we must send \$2 for a year's subscription to the Numskull's Home Treasury of Wit and Wisdom.

The Safety Fountain Pen has the strength of Gibraltar; it floats. Here we have an oak-tanned extract of violets, warrant of not to shriek or alarm the house. Memory training, by the pint, quart, or on the half-shell; you button the press, we do the forgetting.

On the Stand. Says John D. Rockefeller: "Wheel! They don't get anything much out of me."

The Dear Girls. "I refused him twice, but some men are so obstinate." "Especially when they have been drinking," suggested her dear girl friend.

He Draws the Line. "I guess we'll hire to ask for the subrette's resignation," declared the manager of the troupe. "Why?" "She associates with a Steel president, it seems."

PLAIN DEALS. From the Cleveland Plain Dealer. CHARGE OF GLIDDEN BRIGADE. Half a month, half a month—Far have they ridden, Over all sorts of roads.

When they began the raid, Touring the Glidden. "Forward the Chug Brigade!" Was there a man named "Chug?" Not though such chauffeur knew Speed was forbidden.

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AT THE HOTELS.

Mr. Louis Ludlow, the widely known Indiana newspaper man, has returned to Washington after a tour of a score of States. During his travels he wrote interesting letters to his paper, the Indianapolis Star, as to financial, industrial, and political conditions in the various Commonwealths.

"In only one spot on the map did I encounter any sentiment adverse to President Roosevelt, and that was in Wall street. Everywhere else his popularity overshadows that of any man of the day, and even in rock-ribbed Democratic Texas I heard men give emphatic utterance to their approval of him.

"I found that a great sentiment exists for giving Roosevelt another term, and that if he can be induced to accept, all other aspirants might as well get out of the way. Eliminating him, public favor is not crystallized in any one Republican statesman who is mentioned for the succession, but I should say that one hears often of Taft and Fairbanks than of the rest.

"In Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, New York, I heard many men declare that the very best man to nominate, and the only man who could win for the Democrats, was ex-Senator George Gray, of Delaware. That he will be chosen by the convention is certain, for his own State, and a delegation there that will press his claims vigorously, in Illinois, Missouri, and generally throughout the Southwest, Bryan is regarded as the sure nominee of his party, although in Utah there is a growing sentiment in favor of nominating Senator Culberson."

"If Senator Culberson would only give the word, he could have a solid and enthusiastic delegation from his own State in the next Democratic national convention," said Mr. W. F. Roberts, of El Paso, Tex., at the Shoreham.

"While Texas has been listed as a Bryan State, it is not such in reality. Many of our people regard Mr. Bryan with great favor, but the majority do not endorse the idea of having him nominated in 1908, because they think his leadership would make the party a laughing stock in the way of a vigorous boom campaign. Culberson, therefore, save the Senator's own modesty, He is constitutionally difficult, and yet, when called upon to act, is the readiest and most forceful of men. He is the idol of Texans, and there was probably never a man since the days of Sam Houston who could control the State as he does."

"The publishers of text-books for the common schools get the biggest contracts out of Texas of any State in the Union, and their second biggest customer is Indiana," said Mr. N. D. Crane, representative of a large Boston book house, at the New Willard. "I think Kansas would come third on the list. These States have adopted the plan of having a uniform system of books in all the public schools throughout their limits.

California some time ago tried the plan of making and printing all the readers, histories, and other school books, but that her school children would need, but the experiment was a signal failure. The books themselves were not up to the mark, and the State found that it could not produce them nearly as cheaply as it could buy them.

"The most successful schoolbook ever printed was the old Webster's blue-backed book, that was used by our fathers and grandfathers, and at the time that it was sold by the book trust, \$2.00 for each copy of it had been put out, and it is still in demand in the more isolated rural districts of the South and West. The Japanese have pirated it, as they do pretty nearly every other Yankee product. Most of the middle-aged men of to-day studied either Davies' or Ray's arithmetic, and they are still popular. There has been a great change, however, in the opinion of the people of the Southern States the children are mostly given histories that were written by historians of that section, in order that they might not be induced to think their progenitors acted treacherously in 1861-62."

Mr. George W. Parrott, of Atlanta, Ga., manager of the handsome and sumptuous Piedmont Hotel, of that city, and part owner thereof, was in Washington yesterday.

"The enactment of State prohibition," said Mr. Parrott, "will be a tremendous blow to the business interests of Atlanta. It will virtually make it a dead town, and transform the liveliest, most prosperous and progressive city of the South into a 'deserted village.' People who have business there will not tarry an hour longer than it takes to berth, for tourists will give it a wide berth, in a place where a gentleman cannot get even a bottle of claret with his dinner. This is not a prejudiced opinion, but is the view taken by conservative and temperate people. Any city of the size of Atlanta, which has ample police protection and stringent laws against the abuses of the rum traffic, will lose its Southern supremacy under a prohibitory law."

Mr. Parrott is feeling