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TUESDAY, JULY 30, 1907. Virginia and the Fare Law.

On mature deliberation, we think Gov. Swanson, of Virginia, will take a more judicious view of the railway situation. Ignore Judge Pritchard's order, he advises the State corporation commission, put in force the 2-cent rate, disney the general injunction, assert the rights of the sovereign State of Virginia, and "I will assume all responsibility."

The Richmond Times-Dispatch is not cited away by gubernatorial ardor. It reminds the public that the United States Supreme Court is as much a part and parcel of the organic life of Virginia or North Carolina as of any other State in the Union.

Somehow to the same effect is the reason given by President Finley, of the Southern Railway, for yielding to the rate law of North Carolina, notwithstanding his belief in his right to ignore it under the Federal injunction.

Mr. Foraker protests that he has never been nominated for any office by a Democratic Party. If this is intended as a jab at the President, it will not make much of a hit with the country.

As to Clubs for Women. It is evident that the woman's club as a part of our social life has come to stay. It is another sign of the emancipation of woman from the thralldom of domesticity.

Leut. Col. Ayres' Case. Lieut. Col. Charles G. Ayres, U. S. A., retired, is doing his case no good by daily airing his grievance through the newspapers.

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The price of shingle nails has advanced to the point where it is almost as cheap for unmarried gentlemen to use bachelors' buttons.

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their clubs without the restraining influence of the fair sex they are not altogether at their best. Is it far-fetched to dread some such effect on our women under such conditions?

Only the other day we heard of a new club being opened in London. It is called the Ladies' Park Club, and it has just moved into costly quarters at Knightsbridge, overlooking Hyde Park.

We are told that it "possesses the distinction of being the only West End club which strictly forbids bridge and smoking." This is just a slight indication of whether the clubs are leading woman.

No English court can declare an act of Parliament unconstitutional. This shows that it is as hard for an Englishman to see the usefulness of a little joker as it is for him to see a little joke.

The committee of the National Civic Federation which has been investigating the question of municipal ownership of public utilities has made a report which ought to satisfy the public demand for some conclusions of tangible value from that body.

The committee, however, appears to incline to the belief that under conditions as existing in this country, private management with public regulation is preferable to public ownership; but a distinction is drawn between public utilities which concern the public health and those which do not affect public health, public safety, public transportation, or the permanent occupation of streets or grounds.

An Indiana novelist wants to get into political life. If he can secure promises of support from his fellow-novelists, his success is assured.

Down South they speak of it as a "prohibition wave." It is rather strange, however, that it should leave such a dry streak in its wake.

Senator Pat McCarran says he "wouldn't trust a professional reformer with a dog's breakfast." Not if the Hon. Pat meant the breakfast in his own business, at all events.

The Emperor of Korea appears to be about as important a personage in this world's affairs as the Sultan of Sulu.

There are just as good fish in the sea as ever were caught, says the Montgomery Advertiser. No doubt; but are there as good fish as ever were yarned about?

An Illinois man is seeking to revive simplified spelling. Haven't we enough to worry over as it is?

It is claimed that the phonograph was really invented by a woman. There are numerous reasons to suspect that this is true.

We freely admit that Houston heat is much more plentiful than Washington heat, but there can be no comparison as to quality.

An elephant in the New York Zoo inserted his trunk into a happy bridegroom's pocket and extracted \$75 therefrom. The smallest of the silent furnace is the President to suspect that this is another nature fake.

A Coney Island magistrate says kissing is to be rated as disorderly conduct. Perhaps that is the reason why many people appear to appreciate its many qualities.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Favorable View Taken by an Eminent New York Financier. New York Herald interview with James Speyer.

"In considering a possible business contraction, one must not forget that we are nearing a Presidential election, which generally has a restricting influence in this respect."

"However, I am inclined to share the opinion of many thoughtful observers who believe that the Presidential campaign has already actually begun, as shown by the many attacks on corporations and capital which are largely due to political maneuvering, and that the fight having begun so early, it may be practically decided before the usual time."

"What do you think of the outcome of the coming Presidential election?" I asked.

"Oh," he said, "that is not easy to answer so long as it seems to me that the Republicans recede, and the demands for a moderate tariff revision and other reforms and nominate the right kind of Presidential candidate, they are pretty sure to win the election."

"I believe the politicians will realize ere long that the American public cannot be misled. As soon as they find out that the people think the agitation has gone too far they will be the first to stop short, or even retrace their steps."

"Of course, the investigations and exposures that have taken place have had some unfavorable effects on the business world, but I believe that ultimately all this agitation will result in a more probably Federal, which will prevent many abuses and make railroad investments in the United States safer than ever."

Enjoining Execution of State Law Thought to Be Unnecessary. From the Louisville Courier-Journal.

There has been a good deal of unimportant discussion with reference to "government by injunction," largely by those who do not wish to be controlled. The writ of injunction is a perfectly legitimate exercise of judicial power, and cases occur where it is badly needed.

It can hardly be said, however, that the rights of the States are measured by such a decision, though the exercise of such a power is temporarily suspended. A writ of injunction, therefore, grants necessarily suspends the exercise of some right. If it is wrongfully granted it may be dissolved.

The rights of the States just now are not threatened by an enforcement of the Constitution, but rather by the scheme to set it aside by construction. Judge Pritchard's action may be a step in that direction, but his decision is not final.

A REAL BEAUTY SHOW. Old-fashioned Way of Deciding Pre-eminence Has an Advocate. James Humber, Editor.

I confess I prefer the old-fashioned beauty contests of St. Louis or New Orleans, of Vienna or Arles, where the women, life size, radiant, smiling, vital, walk before the enraptured eyes of the judges. Picture to yourselves this wholly human fashion of deciding such a momentous question—and what can be more momentous for the human race than the beauty of women—transported to America, and in some intimate amphitheater, where one would not have to use a celestial eyepiece to an opera glass, let us assemble five hundred or a thousand beautiful women. Pagan as is the proceeding, it would attract an audience bigger than a Wagner music drama at Bayreuth.

Island Empire Unable to Market Securities for Railway Extension. From the Philadelphia Ledger.

If we could suppose that the Japanese government was in any way disposed toward war with the United States, the consideration of the cost and of the means of meeting it must be an effective deterrent. The present national debt of Japan is something over a billion of dollars, more than one-half of which is held abroad, and while the national revenues have largely increased, the interest charges are burdensome.

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A well-known Japanese general is responsible for the bulk of the Gingo talk over there," says a contemporary. General Cussedness?

We entertain serious doubts as to the truthfulness of that story about a fish getting inside an Atlantic City girl's bathing suit, thereby causing her to faint in the water. There isn't room for a girl and a fish inside the same bathing suit at the same time these days.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

IN INDIANA. I had it right beyond a doubt. When I arrived in Terra Hoot.

But soon I met a gay galoot. Who said the town was Terra Hoot. I might have had plain sailing, but Another dubbed it Terra Hoot.

Still others called about my vote. And welcomed me to Terra Hote. And then I gave it up, you know. And moved away to Kokomo.

Which? "There is talk of a theatrical trust with a capital of a billion dollars." "Stage or Ueater States money?"

A Queer Boston Girl. "What do you think of Chaucer?" inquired the Chicago man. "I think he's a dead one," answered the Boston girl.

For Speeding. The rural justice fined him ten. And thought it plenty. Until the fateful moment when He displayed twenty.

An Exhibition Stunt. "Malpeodes are the fourth and fifth pairs of head-appendages of chilopods." "What's that to me?"

Stuffy. "I want a name for my villa. What would you suggest?" "Nozone Cottage," replied the man who had bitten by booklet.

All in a Month. "Before marriage I used to dream of life in a fine house, with sixteen servants." "Dreams never come true."

FLEETING FANCIES. From the Milwaukee Sentinel. SO OLD. So many the blooms, my dear, and dreams That wait in the world for you, So much of the gold in the sunny beams From out the sky's cloudless blue.

So many the songsters' tunes o'erhead, So many the fragrant ways— So many the paths for your feet to tread That carry thro' rainbow days.

The sun gleams thro' where the roses nod, And their fragrance comes to me, But the petals fall on the velvet sod When the wind from the south blows free.

And every time a petal falls I breathe, my dear, a prayer That all of your castles and stately halls May ever be firm and fair.

The road winds like a ribbon white To the misty, far-off world, Thro' the sun-kissed day and the dreamy night, With its shadowy shades unfurled.

And I never gaze on the road, dear heart, Nor look to the skies of blue, That I do not pray, when our pathways part, That both will be sweet to you.

I thrill at the touch of your tiny hand, And I grieve at your childish tears; I laugh in your joy—O, that Magic's wand Might stay for a while the years!

I long for the clasp of your little arms, Close in my strong enfold, To hold you far from the doubts and harms— For the world is old—so old!

By jimmies, Ay Tank So! Surprise for Ole Swanson. When Ay got up and nominate For President Yon Yonson. —Henry Waterston.

Continuous. "Does your wife always manage to have the last word?" "Huh! I guess you don't know her. She always has the last one and then starts again on the first."

HAYWOOD'S ACQUITTAL.

Press Comment on the Verdict in the Idaho Case. From the Baltimore Sun.

It is plain that the jury of representative citizens of Idaho did not concur with President Roosevelt in the opinion that Haywood is "an undesirable citizen."

There were eminent lawyers ready to undertake his defense, and they would scarcely have done this if they had believed that the President's estimate of Haywood was just and accurate.

Fortunately the President's disparaging opinion of the defendant in this celebrated case did Haywood no harm. It may be assumed that the jury has given the only verdict which it could render intelligently and conscientiously, according to the law and the evidence.

If the verdict was against the evidence, there can be no appeal by the State. It is a triumph for the forces behind the Miners' Federation. The jury, let us assume, discharged to the best of its ability and according to its lights a painful duty. It has thought fit to accept the explanations offered by the defense for the absence of this witness and its failure to put this witness on the stand, and it has not been impressed by damning facts offered by the prosecution which should have been explained away.

By its verdict, it has practically given the Western Federation of Miners a clean bill of health. From the New York World.

A jury composed of "puppets of plutocracy," packed to convict Haywood, after carefully weighing all the evidence in the case, decided that he was not guilty. In short, the "puppets of plutocracy" brought in the same verdict as the "unofficial jury" of Socialists. What becomes of the "conspiracy"? What becomes of all this cheap socialist buncombe designed to delude the weak-minded and sow the seeds of a class war?

What becomes of the agitators and demagogues to whom due process of law has so flatteringly given the lie? If socialism is really the crime of Haywood, then socialism is convicted of being an ass.

The personal interest and sympathy in the fate of Haywood hardly extend beyond his own circle. In the broader sense, the proof remains upon the record that the federation is ruled by those who consort with murderers and who approve violence. In fact, a contract to refrain from violence, officially signed, was part of the proof. The disproof of a capitalist conspiracy and affirmance of the federation's policy to get its ends, by all means if necessary, are both on the record, and independent of Haywood's personal guilt or innocence.

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MEN AND THINGS.

Prof. Brown's Services. The change in the curriculum at the Naval Academy, which combines the departments of mathematics and mechanics in charge of Prof. Stinson J. Brown, recalls the local astronomical work of that officer, who was stationed for some years at the United States Naval Observatory, on Georgetown Heights.

Prof. Brown was in charge of the great equatorial at the observatory for a number of years prior to his assignment to the Naval Academy. He was director of the observatory from 1888 to 1891, and also director of the Nautical Almanac 1890-1891. He prepared a catalogue of stars for the Berliner Jahrbuch at Annopolis, 1885-87, and at the observatory of the University of Wisconsin, 1889-90, also various scientific memoirs in the Astronomical Journal, founded on original observations and researches.

Capt. J. C. Badger, who has just assumed the superintendency of the Naval Academy, does not approve of all the recommendations and changes made by the Wainwright board, but has approved the consolidation of mathematics and mechanics, of which the former Washington scientist is to be in charge. Prof. Brown lived for a number of years in Georgetown, where he was married, and where Mrs. Brown's family still reside.

He was educated at Cornell and at the Naval Academy, from which he graduated, at the head of his class, in 1874. He was appointed professor of mathematics in 1883.

Another one of the many remarkable laws enacted by the last session of the Texas legislature is now attracting attention. It is the one forbidding the issuance of free passes by railroads, and it has been hailed by the public as a result of a suit filed by the Wells-Fargo Express Company against the various lines over which it operates to compel the carrying out of contracts, not yet expired, which provide for the free transportation of certain express company employes. The suit has been filed in one of the State district courts at Houston. Counsel for the plaintiff insist that they have a strong case, this opinion being partially based, apparently, on the assumption that the railroads have construed the anti-pass law improperly.

The position of the defendant railroads is that they have fulfilled their contracts with the express companies without violating the new statute, but the plaintiff contends that the legislation does not apply to contracts in force prior to its enactment. If this contention fails, the claim will be made that the law is unconstitutional, and that the Texas legislature has no right or authority, under the Federal or State constitutions, to enact any law which impairs the obligations of contracts, and because the enforcement of the law in such a way as to annul the existing contracts would constitute the taking of property without due process of law. In the event named it doubtless will be further contended that the law interferes with interstate commerce, and that the State legislature has no right or authority, under the Federal or State constitutions, to enact any law which impairs the obligations of contracts, and because the enforcement of the law in such a way as to annul the existing contracts would constitute the taking of property without due process of law.

In view of the recent developments in the North Carolina case, a statement made by Judge Stockton, of New York, general attorney for the plaintiff company, is decidedly interesting. "Our reasons for going into the State courts," he said, "is because the State statutes should be decided by the State courts, and this is not necessarily a Federal question."

The Ohio Situation. So many silly-season yarns have been printed about the Ohio situation that the average newspaper reader doubtless has some difficulty in determining where he "is at." Senator Foraker has been reported as having abandoned the fight numberless times, and just as frequently statements have been printed to the effect that he was in the conflict to the bitter end. The speech he made at Bellefontaine Saturday night, and his latest statement, published this morning, indicate that the last class of stories have been accurate and, indeed, nobody acquainted with the Senator and his methods has doubted his inclination or ability to remain in the campaign until some definite action is taken by the Buckeye Republicans.

Some interesting developments in the situation are expected to-day, when a meeting of the Ohio State Central Committee will be held. There has been much speculation as to whether the body will endorse the candidacy of Secretary Taft, and the predictions as to the probable results seem to have depended entirely on whether the prophet was pro-Taft or anti-Taft. Secretary Taft's friends have been very positive that a resolution favorable to him would be adopted, and if this is not done, impartial observers doubtless will gain the impression that the Taft boom has had a setback in the endorsement of the Ohio State Central Committee. However, the Ohioans who are equally familiar with State politics expect a Taft victory; so, apparently, the only thing to do is to await the returns. They may or may not be significant as indicating the standing of Mr. Taft at home.

Baths on the Public. As a result of a concession made by Secretary of the Navy Metcalf, naval officers who are traveling under orders and do not receive mileage, as well as civilian employes of the Navy Department who travel on official business, may now enjoy their baths at the expense of the taxpaying public. The action of the Secretary followed a recommendation of the Paymaster General, and now only the sanction of the Comptroller of the Currency, who must pass on the legality of the proposed innovation, is needed to remove all elements of uncertainty. The plan is to establish a definite scale of allowances, so that officers may know exactly what they may expect from the Treasury in the way of reimbursement for traveling expenses. Furthermore, the department proposes to eliminate the delays of from two to six months in the settlement of expense accounts, which heretofore have distinguished such transactions. The allowance for bathing will change a Treasury Department rule of long standing.

The Vischer Centenary. There has been a revival of interest in Germany in all that pertains to Vischer, the eccentric author, due to the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of his birth. One of the stories told of him is his adventure with an American girl. He was busy with his treatise on aesthetics, which afterward became famous, when the girl secured the next room to his, and played on the piano for hours at a time. He begged for quiet, but was told that if he did not like his room he could leave. He had occupied his apartments for fourteen years, and was loath to change, so one day he burst from his room, and scolded the pianist, who moved the next day. It was Vischer, too, who, while in Italy, became angered at a waiter in a cafe, and, being short on Italian phrases, held the waiter by the coat-tail, while with the other hand he searched a pocket dictionary for the Italian word meaning scoundrel. As a centenary gift Vischer's life from Italy has been printed by his son.

Army Etiquette. From the Baltimore American. Col. Ayres has been retired. Hereafter when army men wish to retain their positions they will allow their wives to fight their own battles alone and unaided. It is evidently conduct unbecoming an officer to take the part of his wife in any quarrel.

The Double Sting. From the Houston Post. One of the Washington correspondents says Mr. Roosevelt is determined to give Mr. Harriman the double cross. The New York World is trying to give him the double sting.

Copp Theory Gaining Ground. From the Richmond Times-Dispatch. A little more of this concentrated extract of summer, and public opinion will begin to rally round the banner of Rev. Zeigler H. Copp, who asserts that hell is in the sun.

A Great Celebration. From the Baltimore Sun. That Ohio boy who is to get \$50,000, if he is a patriotic American will probably put up a Fourth of July celebration that will make the country scream for help.

A Needed Merger. From the Louisville Courier-Journal. A coffee and spice merger is now talked of. Coffee has long been merged with chloery, bean dust, and other matter, and has seemed to lack spice.