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An International Chautauqua.

Muckrakers to the contrary, the age is not wholly sordid. All public men are not under the dollar's spell. Some of them are not. Mr. ...

Mr. Beveridge, also, was tempted, but resisted. He, too, would have proved a strong card.

And the news comes from Paris that the ... of \$50,000 for a series of lectures to be given in the capitals of Europe on any subject or subjects of his choice.

With sightseers thronging the streets and buildings of Washington, the thought comes that Washingtonians themselves might pass some idle hours in sightseeing.

Washingtonians do not utilize all the benefits of Washington. The advantages presented by Washington are numerous and of the highest order.

Industrial Training.

The industrial course which, as announced recently in The Star, will be introduced in the local public schools should have a broadening and otherwise helpful influence on the children.

There is no complaint of overcrowding in the mechanical lines of work.

It begins to look as if Col. Roosevelt's speeches had gone up against some kind of an epithet eradicator.

Peary's recompense for arctic journeys was not as spectacular as Cook's, but it is lasting much longer.

A Not Impossible Colloquy.

You have been on deck here for a number of terms. I am entering on my third. Tell me a few things among people in the House. I want to make a good impression on these Washington people, and on the country at large.

Boulevard Projects.

Virginia has a boulevard idea which is full of promise to the good roads campaign. It is to be eighty-eight miles long, thirty feet wide and well built up, and clay, a combination which, it is said, makes for a permanent road.

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representative, makes much of a figure locally. Statemen are ordinary wear here. The people are busy with their own affairs.

"Simply keep your eyes and ears open, and watch the corners. Don't slight the work."

"At first. But after you've heard a few of these speeches you'll gain confidence. Modest as you may be, you'll think well of yourself, and soon begin to fire away with ease."

"Are many votes changed by speeches?"

"That question, old fellow, marks the novice. The votes in Congress are not changed by speeches from the opposition scarcely number one in a generation. Several years ago Mr. Hale all but paralyzed the Senate by confessing that Mr. Bailey by an argument had just changed his views about the matter under consideration. Assured of himself, he went on and on, and finally, in a way clearly embarrassed, fearing that he was being 'kidded,' and in a short time Mr. Hale went to a hospital in Baltimore for an operation. The idea prevailed that he was not well when he paid his compliment to Mr. Bailey.

"Rarely so. It's bad form. There are exceptions to the rule. You should be present and listen when one of your state colleagues, or a fellow-committee-man, speaks. And you can help him, if he begins to founder, by rising and saying in the way of interest. If my old friend will allow me a question right there? Give him, of course, an easy one, so that his reply will carry both readiness and accuracy, and be assured that he will never forget your kindness. The matter will show up well in the Record."

"Tell me about the Record."

"A much divided, but an invaluable publication. Make good use of it. Sow your district with copies. It's safer than the pulpit. A clergyman, you know, may be sued for his utterances, but when you are in the Record you are immune. No one can sue you for anything there."

"You make the House an attractive place."

"It is an attractive place. You are certain to like it, and certain to want to come back."

"But if a fellow falls to come back?"

"That's rough, but after doing his duty a fellow likes to be in-duced. Still, 'tis better to have served one term than never to have served at all. Go in, and win. I'm with you."

Know Washington.

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Automobile Fire Engines.

Every fire department chief and all persons directly or indirectly interested in promoting the efficiency of fire departments will watch the New York experiment with the automobile fire engine.

Roosevelt's Old Spelling.

Spelling reformers are charging Mr. Roosevelt with orthographic apostasy. They point out lapses in his gaudy trail of the phonetic speller books.

Explorations of the antarctic regions may be interesting, but there is little hope of their doing much in a controversial way.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Able Assistants.

"That's a fearfully profane parrot you have," replied the cannabot man; "but I've got to have some help in driving these mules."

The Red Breast.

The robin is a joyous bird. Whose springtime song is of the best. He wears all prudently, we've heard, A red protector on his chest.

Cantion.

"Did you tell the proprietor of the hotel that the roof over your room leaked?" asked one traveling man.

Resemblance.

"My doll was full of sawdust," said one little girl.

A Musician's View.

"Remember," said the business man, "that time to money."

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Upon the bank of the Revolution bayou, the Daughters of the Revolution have erected a monument, which was dedicated on San Jacinto April 28, 1836, which decided the independence of the republic of Texas.

You will recollect that Texas was originally a part of the Mexican state of Coahuila, but in early days so many Americans drifted upon its broad acres that they outnumbered the Mexican population. Suspicious that the United States was planning to take the province, Mexico passed a law forbidding any more Americans to settle in Texas and imposing a fine of several hundred dollars. Taxes were increased and various forms of tyranny were practiced. These were the causes of the revolution, but back of them an unbreached hostility between the American and the Mexican races.

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