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1835 and 1911. If the spirit manifested by Senator Southard of New Jersey, chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, had always animated Congress, before and since that time, there would never have been reason to apprehend injustice on the part of the District's constitutionally designated legislature in its dealings with the National Capital.

The citizens of the District take a much keener interest in the Commissioners' estimates this year than they have for a long time past. Under a line of Congress the estimates themselves cannot be made public until they have been submitted to Congress by the Secretary of the Treasury, and therefore there is at present only a general understanding that they call for an appropriation of about \$12,500,000, approximately twice the amount of the estimated District revenues.

The conditions that Senator Southard set before the Senate seventy-six years ago are unchanged today, save that the District in its physical aspect shows the signs of the benefit of federal patronage. The local taxpayers are no better able to support the national city in the style which the United States has set and which the people of the country have come to expect and demand than they were in the old days of utter neglect.

This question should be studied by Congress in the present situation, not with reference to how much money the District can raise or how much money the United States has paid in the past, but how much the District owes, or what part of its debt the federal government has liquidated, or how heavy the tax burden is here compared with other cities. It should look back to the prime facts that the District was created by Congress, that it failed utterly of decent adequate development during the years when Congress neglected it, and that only since the United States has taken an equal share of the burden of maintenance has it been worthy of its place as the seat of government.

The Star hopes that the discussion of this question which has been in progress during the past week will have the result of rendering less likely any serious attempt in the House of Representatives next winter or in the near future to modify in any degree the federal obligations to the capital municipality under the organic act. It trusts that the discussion will also result in the House of Representatives to propose such changes which have been given in the form of interviews with responsible members of the House will have had the effect, before Congress meets, of preventing any attack whatever upon the organic act. Its publications have been based upon the assurance beyond the possibility of question that the design to propose the amendment of the organic act was contemplated seriously by leading members of Congress.

Two Ohio men who fought a duel with pistols were both wounded. The result of the fight was a revival of the old method of settling disputes with daggers or swords. Americans cannot hope for the European spirit which permits the duel to rank as a comparatively safe, though picturesque, formality.

Some of the democratic communities that respond heartily to the complimentary articles of President Taft do not hesitate to drop a suggestion that reciprocity does not necessarily mean annexation.

Occasionally a theatrical entertainment comes along which makes the writing of the author seem unimportant compared to what the producer has done in his check book.

Dr. Wiley managed to get through a quite spirited controversy without threatening to sue anybody for libel.

See America First Campaign. The See America First campaign, though they put much in their work, sometimes indulge in exaggeration. One is inclined to think that they underestimate the tourist flow that during the out-of-season swirls around Niagara, through the Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon of the Colorado and that revels in the wonder spots of the Alleghenies, the Rockies and the Sierras.

they gratified the yearning and ambition of years. They came home refreshed by travel and a change of interest, stimulated by new impressions and perhaps also with heightened resolve, to make their country a satisfactory vacation with the resolve to do better work in his particular calling. These travelers brought back a wealth of varied information, interesting and useful not alone to themselves, but to their friends and their country. They were in numerous instances broadened by the observation of other peoples and other customs.

It would be a happy thing if all Americans could see and know all America. It would be a good thing for the traveler as well as for the hotels and the railroads. It is the duty of Americans who can afford it to see their own country, and the belief is well grounded that Americans do this quite as thoroughly as the people of other countries—even the people of those countries where distances are small compared with distances in the United States.

The Stanley committee will suspend the steel investigation until after the November elections. The steel trust's morals may need mending; but so do the fences at home.

Mr. Rockefeller has a new way of shaking hands. Instead of giving the ordinary clasp, he keeps his hand closed, as if in the act of holding on to something.

The southern republican manages to attain considerable importance just before delegates to a national convention are chosen.

Alaska's admirers still restrain their enthusiasm when it comes to discussing the climate.

The effort to spoil the enjoyment of being senator for Mr. Lorimer is unabated.

SHOOTING STARS. BY PHILANDER JOHNSON. Not a Fashion Plate. "I am afraid your clothes are very much out of style," said the sporty youth.

The Wail of the Amateur. "Again the garden proved a bluff," he said, in tones austere. "I haven't gathered things enough to plant the place next year."

Most Annoying. "It's fearfully annoying to lose all your money on a get-rich-quick scheme," said Mr. Silwade. "Yes," replied Mr. Lambkin. "Such a disappointment to find the most enticing propositions coming along after you have wasted all your available coin on a back-number prospectus."

A Pessimistic Forecast. "It annoys me to have to run into so many cranks," said the irritable person. "Yes," replied the mathematical friend, "but think what the world will be a few generations hence. The rate of increase will be terrific. You can't live without meeting cranks and you can't keep running into them without becoming one yourself."

Indian Summer. Jes' foolin'—da's all! When de clouds break away An' de breeze seem to call Foh de blossoms of May, An' de flowers still cling To the branches so strong An' a bird stops to sing As it travels along.

The Servant Question. From the Philadelphia Ledger. The servant question is one that we have heard with increasing frequency. Keeping is actively resumed at summer's close the problem becomes more acutely vexatious than ever. It is easy to get the servant, but it is difficult to get the best of the household labor is a continuous performance from dawn to dark, and cannot be "sawed off into lengths."

Turks and Black Handers. From the St. Louis Times. The civilized world would be very glad to have the Italians win a complete victory, if the Turks could only succeed in "shooting up" the Black Hand.

Medals Do Not Help. From the Columbus Dispatch. It is to be observed that the pashas of the Balkans are in a most peculiar position. They are given medals, and medals, neither of which is worth a copper to fight with.

Trouble Entry Bookkeeping. From the Boston Herald. The Stephenson investigation suggests that no-entry bookkeeping is "trouble entry" bookkeeping.

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