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Yokohama consulship is open for politicians.

Admiral George Dewey's presidential boom died a-borning, and again the presidential hopes of the McLean family are strewn to the winds.

Pharaphania for gambling purposes took a sudden rise in Seattle last Saturday, owing to the fact that Judge Benson got a corner on the output.

Suiciding is said to be rapidly on the increase in this country; so is Christianity and civilization, and it would thus appear that the three are working hand in hand.

Eastern Democrats are determined to head Bryan off from any probabilities of ever reaching the White House even if it takes the hero of Manila to do it with.

Shomo may have got his man, but the prosecution will have to show more than a five-year-old boy's testimony to convince the jury that he did get his man.

We will doff our hats to you, Mr. Jim Hill, if you will only do one-half for Seattle that you promise to do. Open up the Denny hotel and you need not build any depot this year.

Brer Oom Paul's armies have met with a good many reverses since the "Bobs" took control of the South African army, but both Oom and his army are still in the ring though badly disfigured.

And now, my dear Colone James Hamilton Lewis, permit us to remark, "A fare you well, brother Watkins, ah!" as you silently fold your tent and steal away from the political arena.

The most of the flowers that have as yet put in their appearance in this part of the moral vineyard are to be found on the headgear of the female side of the household—Sunday is Easter.

Levi Ankney—all the same W. A. Clark, of Montana, who is now on trial before the United States senate for political corruption—a successful politician by the grace of his multiplied millions of dollars.

The fact that the Prohibition party held its state convention in the private apartment of the secretary of the Y. M. C. A., of this city one day this week should not be lost sight of by the state politicians.

"Congressional Directory of Fifty-Sixth Congress" is the brief title of a most excellent hand-book that this office is the recipient of at the hands of Hon. Frank W. Cushman and for which it verily returns thanks.

There is at least one trust in this country that can be rightly declared, "full of prunes," and, it is none other than, the Oregon and Washington prune trust, now being perfected for launching on the financial seas.

It is hard to tell from photographs, whether Abner McKinley looks like President McKinley or the latter looks like Abner. In other words, it's difficult to distinguish toher from which, so much alike are the McKinley brothers.

City officials who have been getting a "gambling rake-off" for many months must feel a bit lonesome in only pulling down their measly little salaries—almost equal to no money at all, in comparison to what they have been getting.

W. A. Clark seems to have had no trouble in getting a corner on the Montana legislature's votes, but he has run against the real thing in the United States senate. We are glad to see such corruptionists turned down, but why not give Senator Le Roi a turn in the same direction, and then would be Senator Ankney might also be remembered.

Perhaps it was true that Gens. Joubert and Conje were the brains of the Boer army, but whoever was the belly of it is now doing some magnificent work for the Boer cause as a goodly number of British soldiers have recently disappeared therein.

Murderers in Spokane and Tacoma have been taking swinging exercise here of late. We believe those occupying murderer's row in King county would be far more healthy were they given some of that kind of exercise, and, we do know, they would be much better citizens.

If it is "water" the Prohibitionists want they were well supplied at their last state convention in this city for, vulgarly speaking, it rained pitchforks the day before and young bulls with their horns turned down the day of the convention. Water, pure water! Well, it was never more plentiful.

Webster Davis has begun his pro-Boer campaign in the United States. We suggest to "Web" that he take a spin over to England and deliver a few of his celebrated lectures there, where, if he should be successful in making any converts, it would be of some material benefit to the Boers and their cause.

The wholesale destruction of sea gulls on the Atlantic coast is still going merrily on, the feathers from which being used by the fastidious for millinery purposes. Let the states on the Atlantic seaboard learn a lesson from their extreme Western sister, Washington, and pass penalty laws prohibiting the killing of the gulls under any and all conditions.

Let's pray that the same fate will not overtake the Democrats in general as has befallen the Kansas City Coliseum, in which the Democrats were to soon assemble to denounce good Americanism. Yet, we fear, they will all, sooner or later, reap a similar reward as a retribution for their evil doings.

"Pierce is in the saddle," is a very recent political boast of the Tacoma Ledger. If that be true, where does Ankney, Piper, Tom Humes and their claquers come in? They, too, boast of being in the political saddle of this state, and we do not see how two can ride in the same saddle. Evidently some one has most audaciously prevaricated.

"I am looking a good many men and voters in the face this year whose backs I was only permitted to see in 1896."—Candidate Bryan. Do not overlook the fact, Col. Billy, that it is a long-time before it is time to vote for a president and you get an opportunity to look many voters in the face while they are trying to figure out what kind of an "it" you really are, but who, later on, will again show you their political backs.

As an admiral in the navy George Dewey is an American idol and a world's hero, but as a candidate for president of the United States he is a stink-pot at which many of the Democrats have already turned their noses up, and the half has not as yet been told. Admiral Dewey and the McLeans may represent the "silk stocking" Democracy, but Billy Bryan still holds the fort with the rank and file of the Democratic party.

Detective Sam Corbett, perhaps, is not technically a particips criminis in the robbery of Gross' store, but, Oh me! oh my! he is so near it, yes, so very near it. We have reasons to believe that much more of just such sculdugery is going on in Seattle in one way and another, which is a burning disgrace to the civilization she boasts of. Sam Corbett deserves to be dismissed from the service for scandalous sculdugery.

"Wilson turned down" has been very liberally sung in this city since the adjournment of the late state convention at Ellensburg. We remember once before Wilson was turned down and, as a result of that "Wilson turn down," the Tacoma Ledger, after the late convention had completed its labors, came out in flaming head lines, "Pierce Is in the Saddle." Wilson's turn-down, according to that, has not redounded very greatly to King county's edification either financially or otherwise. We suggest to King after all that has transpired for the past two years that it try to help to turn Wilson up, if it ever hopes to be in the political saddle where Pierce now is.

Booker Washington, that is, schools for the industrial education of the Southern colored youth, is rapidly settling the troublesome race problem in this country, and by sweat instead of blood. The young Negro no longer looks forward to the day when he will "hold off," but to the day when he will be a skilled mechanic, a successful latter day farmer, a splendid business man, and, for the present, he is leaving politics to his Caucasian brothers, who, like the Irishman's deer, is jumping so far at a leap, politically speaking, that, "in faith he will break his neck without having to waste a load at him." All things come to him who waits.

While Social Democracy does not expect to elect Eugene V. Debs president of the United States at the next general presidential election, yet it does propose to give to him the largest vote ever before recorded in favor of any one of his political faith. The "labor vote," which was practically unanimous for Bryan in 1896, will be for Debs almost to a man in 1900. This tribe of "Democracy" realizes that it has to make a beginning at some time and place and it seems determined to take a stand this year, demonstrate to the world how strong it really is and then elect a president of its faith in 1904. We must admit that such is a most beautiful theory, but will it bear practicalableness and be demonstrated, is the momentous question.

John J. Ingalls, the flight the editor and proprietor of the Kansas Knocker and he has thrown its columns open to promiscuous contributors, who are at liberty to criticize persons and parties that, from time to time, do things and pass laws which prove very detrimental to the best financial as well as commercial interest of the state of Kansas. If Washington gets many more political digs like unto the one she recently received at Ellensburg, it would seem meet and proper for some one to start a Washington Knocker to head off Ankenyism, which, if successful, means complete Republican disruption in this neck of the woods.

**COMING NATIONAL EVENTS.**

Events of National importance to transpire in the near future are:

**MAY 2:** The convening of the Twenty-third delegated general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States at Chicago.

The convening of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the world at Columbus, Ohio.

The convening of the Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church of the world at Washington, D. C.

**JUNE 19:** The assembling of the National Republican convention of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

**JULY FOURTH:** The assembling of the Democratic National convention at Kansas City, Mo.

**SAME DATE:** The assembling of the Populist National convention.

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