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met out of the proceeds of the present tax rate, well and good; but if it cannot be, the tax reduction article of the new Constitution provides and suggests a method whereby the money needed may be procured without increasing the sum total of taxation for the present, at least.

In other words, the 10 cents taken from the State rate (or so much thereof as may be needed) may be added to the city rate.

This is one plan. There are others. Some better, may be. All of them should be looked into.

The basin is needed. "It must" be provided; the ways and means essential thereto can and must be found.

Swapping hats is a new fashion among women at the summer resorts, it is reported. It seems to be a means of reducing to the minimum the envy that rises in every woman's soul at sight of a hat more stylish than hers, and if this is so, the development is highly complimentary to the women of to-day, for think of the self-sacrifice involved in a woman's swapping a more stylish for a less stylish hat, even temporarily! We are compelled to believe that the world is growing better, after all.

IN POLAR REGIONS. The last news from Andree has been pretty well discredited, seeing that it appears to have been merely a revival of a rumor that was current three years ago. None the less, it has excited renewed interest in the polar expeditions now out.

Of these there are seven: Peary, Baldwin, Sverdrup, and Dedrick are in the arctic regions, and three continental expeditions are making explorations in the Antarctic circle.

The Peary and the Baldwin are American parties, and perhaps more interest attaches to the latter than to any of the others. Peary's plan was to approach the pole via the route, approximately speaking, he had travelled on his previous ventures. Baldwin's programme was to make a dash from Franz Josef's land, and he was confident of surpassing Nansen and the Duke of Abruzzi in the matter of penetrating north.

Baldwin was liberally backed by Mr. Zeigler, and it is said that his expedition was the best equipped that ever started in search of the pole. In the opinion of many students of Arctic conditions the route he proposed to follow is along the line of least resistance and affords the best promise of attaining the pole itself. Indeed it is considered more than possible that he will report having reached his goal.

However, it is understood that if he failed in this and his venture did not meet with serious disaster, he will stay north and repeat his dash with the advent of spring until he succeeds, or the method of his attack has been demonstrated to be impracticable.

The dog star is making things Sirius for us again.

The President seems finally disposed to exclude all business from his summer home, and we are not surprised. Stringency would certainly seem to be out of place at Oyster Bay, the oyster being nothing if not reposeful.

The Sherman anti-trust law is weak, of course, but it is safe to say it isn't as weak as the Republican alleged efforts to enforce it.

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who ended his life in a fit of insanity, brought on by months of physical agony. Stromberg was a celebrated composer, whose rag-time melodies have achieved a national reputation. For many months past he had been going down hill, and some days ago he swallowed nearly a cupful of Paris green, a poison kept on his place to kill potato bugs. The obsequies took place in New York city and Messrs. Webber and Fields, for whom Stromberg had been orchestra conductor and writer of burlesque scores, were at the head of a large crowd of mourners. During the funeral service members of the orchestra played "Rolie," "Dinah" and "Come Back, My Honey Boy, to Me"—melodies that had set thousands of feet a-dancing or marking time.

When it came to the last song there was a general outburst of weeping, despite the jollity of the air, for the melody was Mr. Stromberg's favorite, and he was known by the nickname "Honey."

Ten of the choir boys of the Episcopal church of the Transfiguration, Brooklyn, struck Sunday because they did not get the ice cream that had been promised them by Rev. Dr. Stuart Crockett, who sailed for Europe on June 25th. The minister left the money for the treat with the choirmaster, and that heartless individual forgot to "set 'em up on rehearsal night."

"Well, if we don't get it we don't sing," said the boys, referring to the cream, and as the desired article was not forthcoming at the proper time the melody of the juvenile songsters was hushed on the following Sabbath. Public sentiment is with the boys and will continue to be until the thermometer falls.

Prominent men of Denver, Col., recently vied with one another in winning and dining one P. Yoshakami, "Prince of Tokio," who represented himself as a Japanese government agent commissioned to investigate industrial conditions in this country. Yoshakami was very liberal with his interviews and opinions of domestic economy, and created a fine impression. He likewise showed himself to be quite epicurean in his tastes—an accomplishment easily explained when he was arrested later as the missing cook of a railway gang.

The Denver people now realize that others besides princes have appetites, and that even a cook knows a good thing when he sees it on the table.

Current Comment. Says the Staunton News: "The Democratic party has struck its gait, and is now falling rapidly into line in support of right principles applied to living issues, and there will be no turning to right or left, but the coming campaign will be fought throughout the country by a once more homogeneous party."

In that event there is no reason why it should not be victorious.

They (the northern people) have shown that they greatly prefer to deal with the race problem theoretically—at a great distance—than to have the race whose presence produces the problem at their very doors and deal with it practically. They have shown how they would solve the problem, if its practical solution were left to them. They would get rid of it by getting rid of the race.—Danville Register.

Polk Miller's Story. The Snake in the Bucket of Cow's Milk. (Montgomery Advertiser.) The Bessemer Workman is worried over a Virginia snake and milk story which has been going the rounds of the press lately. In brief, the story, as we find it in the Richmond Dispatch, runs this way: A countryman called at the store of Polk Miller yesterday morning with a pail of milk in which a snake about six inches long curled and wriggled.

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Silent Oracles. (Baltimore Herald.) Beryl: A good deal is thought of her since she was married. Sibly: It's merciful they don't put their thoughts into words.

A Hint to the Average Man. (Somerville (Mass.) Journal.) If the average man who is unlucky in love spent half as much energy in hunting up some other desirable girl as he does in chasing the girl who is unkind to him, he would soon be a good deal happier.

Simple Honesty. (Ainslie's Magazine.) Simple honesty is one of the striking characteristics of the people of Newfoundland—that piety and honesty which accompany an austere religion. Doors are not locked; property lies exposed everywhere; no watch is kept on the fish when they lie drying on the flakes. No man quarrels with his brother, and a man appears to the law nobody is arrested.

"If you leave these lying here," said the writer to a man of Birch Bay, pointing to a magnificent set of caribou antlers, "you'll lose them. These can be sold, you know."

"At 'em, who'd take 'em, sure?" said Jonathan.

"Well, I might."

"But that would be stealing," he exclaimed.

"You would never know that I was the thief."

"Suppose," said he, cunningly, "that I went 'round asking people if they took 'em. Suppose I comes 't' you an' says, 'Did you take 'em?' What would you do? I'd have 'em then, sure."

"Oh, that's simple, I'd say 'no.'"

"Oh," he cried, in horror, "but that would be a lie!"

A Difference. The Ruby of the English crown is famous in popular estimation. But—its history apart—what does the connoisseur say as to its value? asks the London Chronicle.

Is it a ruby or is it only a fine and large spinel? Some people call a spinel a spinel, but a spinel is not a ruby. The stone last named, when it is of more than three and a half carats in weight, and flawless all through, is more precious than a perfect diamond of the same size. When it is considerably larger its value is to be estimated, and may be anything, according to the passion of the collector. But the spinel (a much less hard crystal), even when it reaches the weight of four carats, is valued at half the weight of a four-carat diamond. The reason is that the ruby crown is, according to a common rumor among experts, the lowlier spinel.

A Walter Raleigh of To-Day. Young Walter Raleigh, tossing his cloak to be a bridge for the Virgin Queen's feet, was not so gallant a squire of dames as that Kentucky cadet at the Virginia Military Institute, who accounted as he was, plunged in the water and rescued a white hat from a boat by a young woman of Richmond. She was inspired by mischief or enthusiasm for sociology or anthropology to test the devotion of southern youth and stir their chivalry by a "dare." The Kentuckian spoiled his swim and saved his honor and the swimming hat. He was rewarded or repaid by a smile and a hand-kiss. Honor to the brave; and yet wasn't the young woman braver than her knight? For a girl to dump her hat into the water, and to have a man risk his life to get it, is more than mortal courage.

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that Mexico's friends of the trusts. That was during the time when the Cuban reciprocity proposition was under consideration in the Senate. The House had sent a bill to the Senate providing for reciprocity, but with an additional provision striking off the differential duty on sugar.

"Now, if Mr. Roosevelt was very anxious to have reciprocity, why did he not favor the adoption of the House bill? It called for reciprocity—a straight reduction in tariff rates on Cuban products. It provided for everything demanded by those clamoring for reciprocity. It was the President's great chance, and it was Democrats of all shades who laid it in the House bill, and it would have carried if allowed to reach a vote."

THE FACTS AS GIVEN. "Can any one, after this proceeding, doubt that Mr. Roosevelt and his party followers are not sincere in their trust policy? There are the facts, and what may be said to the contrary will be useless. It has been found convenient to talk about the question at this time because the elections are approaching, but the President cannot escape his act in holding his party aloof from this anti-Sugar Trust legislation which was passed by the House, and not without the aid of Democratic votes. The record is there, and all talk can not conceal it."

"At the next session, I presume, Mr. Roosevelt will send a treaty to Congress for ratification, and it will be the means of securing reciprocity with Cuba. It will, however, not be amended so as to affect the Sugar Trust, and one of the greatest industrial combinations will be protected from foreign competition which would give sugar to the people as a much reduced price."

"I do not think that the Republicans are fooling any one by their agitation of the question at this time."

Congressional Appropriations. (Roanoke Times.) It will be recalled that some years ago a billion dollars was appropriated at the two sessions, which was regarded as the rankest extravagance. Now we find one session of Congress appropriating that amount, when the other session appropriated to much of the criticism that will naturally follow this big expenditure of the people's money. The country is growing at a rapid rate, and when the dollar side of the money, which will be divided up and spread over the vast territory. Of course, Congress has not all this money at its disposal. There will follow the usual bond issue, especially for the isthmian canal appropriation.

JAMES K. JONES' DEMOCRACY. Gov. Jeff Davis Protest Against Appointment to Panama Commission. A Little Rock, Ark., special says: Governor Jeff Davis forwarded a letter to President Roosevelt to-day. He said in part: "I desire, Mr. President, to say in behalf of the people of Arkansas, with all due deference and respect, that I have not assented to the appointment, if you contemplate appointing Mr. Jones to the Panama Commission as a Democrat from Arkansas as an honor to our State, we would like to have an opportunity to be seated against the preferred nominee. He has been repudiated here by the Democracy, and by his recent utterance and actions has put himself beyond the party line, but if you desire to appoint him as a Republican pure and simple, I have no objection. I am a Democrat, and I should not have addressed you thus plainly, and I should not have done so but for your kind consideration of my recent visit and the expressed desire on your part to have me communicate with you freely about any matter in Arkansas."

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"That is a counterblast against tobacco worthy of being placed beside the celebrated assault made on the weed by King James I. of England. It is strictly 'the King James version.' Far be it from us to question the motives of the worthy men who passed the resolutions, but the habit is undoubtedly injurious in many cases. But, as a matter of fact, it is not—with the exception of the promiscuous, all-over-the-face-foul-and-heard style of chewing and perpetual garette-soaking—about the least culpable of the vices of civilization man? Is it not, kept within bounds, a gentlemanly diversion? Is it not often a solace which does not harm the public and greatly helps the individual?"

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