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A FOREWORD.

In any election it is to be expected that the party that is "out" and wants to get "in" will say harsh things about a passing administration.

That is politics as some people know it. And the men who are the victims of such attack can well afford to ignore it, knowing its motives, and realizing that the people will understand.

The solid, the substantial things in city government are the things that count. And yet these are apt often to be overlooked in the heat of a campaign with its bitterness, its personalities, its clamor and its petty ambitions.

It is most vital to the welfare of the city and its people that these things be not overlooked, but be sanely and soberly considered, weighed and studied.

How has the city administration cared for its people? How has it handled their money? How has it provided for the generations as yet unborn? Has it taken heed to this new movement in public life, the social welfare movement? Has it provided for the spiritual needs of its people?

Believing these things to be of commanding importance the News-Times proposes to discuss them in future issues, to the end that the real issues, the things permanent and substantial, be not overlooked in the noisy clamor of office hungry politicians.

The park department, the work of the public health board, public improvements, finance, taxation, will be discussed.

AN ENFORCED EXPEDIENT.

The prospect is that Huerta will be "hoist by his own petard," that assuming the dictatorship will prove his undoing. The most conspicuous foreshadow of this event is the complete alienation of the friendly offices of the United States and other powers.

Advices from Washington indicate that Pres. Wilson has severed relations with the Mexican dictator and, what is more significant, that the president is considering opening negotiations with the constitutionalists. It is not to be understood from this that the American government is espousing the cause of the so-called rebels or that it has any other purpose than the bringing of peace and good government to the distressed republic.

The motive of the United States are entirely peaceful. The utmost care has been taken to avoid action upon which might be based a presumption or assumption that this government has either bias or prejudice for or against any faction in Mexico, except that Pres. Wilson has not deemed it wise, prudent or just to give recognition to the Huerta government, founded as it was upon assassination.

Subsequent events have fully vindicated the wisdom of Pres. Wilson's course, and the new policy foreshadowed seems justified by the circumstances. The constitutionalists are in rebellion against the Huerta government, ostensibly at least they are striving to give Mexico a better form of government than Huerta has provided or than he is likely to provide, and whether they are sincere or not they have done nothing so far to antagonize or alienate neighboring and foreign powers.

Huerta has made it impossible for this government to continue relations with him, however distant, but the pacification of Mexico cannot be abandoned by this and other nations which have more than a friendly interest in it through commercial relations. There is too much at stake to stand aloof and do nothing to aid in restoring order and good government. The peace of the continent is of first importance and the interests of foreigners in Mexico are entitled to protection.

In this emergency any honorable and peaceful means to which Pres. Wilson may have recourse will be regarded as legitimate and as in no wise compromising or involving the American government.

THE DANGEROUS JOKER.

The other day a thoughtless person started the report that an attaché of one of the city garages was dead. The report reached the mother of the young man said to have been killed in a motor car accident and caused her great distress of mind.

The author of the report had only the idea of perpetrating a practical joke. He had no thought or conception of the consequences. He wanted to have a little fun at the expense of his friend and could think of no better way. It was, of course, an idle and foolish performance and one in which, perhaps, the performer would not have indulged had he taken a second thought or foreseen the consequences. It was expensive fun, and if the perpetrator of the act is as conscious of its enormity as he should be he is doubtless finding his proper share of suffering in remorse.

Many a word spok-u in jest carries a concealed dart which is as effective in producing pain as though fired in malice. Many an ill considered act has consequences far beyond the comprehension of the author. Such offenses against sense and propriety arise from lack of consideration for others and from a very bad habit of

LITTLE OLD NEW YORK

BY NORMAN.

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There was a good reason why no picture was printed. "Benny" Altman, as he was known to his intimates, was a queer little man, and one of his oddities was that he never would have his picture taken. Friends would sometimes playfully attempt to snapshot him, but he was clever at baffling them.

One of Altman's hobbies was a fondness for fine horses, and his department store was perhaps the only one that ever carried horses as a part of its diversified stock. Before the days of the automobile, people who wanted a pair of blooded carriage horses could go to Altman's for them, and know that they would get just what they paid for. Altman himself loved blooded horses and his personal guarantee was back of every sale.

In his business career, the great merchant made two moves, each of which marked an epoch. He started with a little store on lower Third av. In later years he came farther uptown, and opened a bigger place on Sixth av. The last move was to the huge and architecturally beautiful structure on Fifth av. and 24th st.

Nowhere on the building does any name appear. There is not even a monogram or an initial on a curtain or a doormat. If you do not know that building houses Altman's store, you never will know, until some one tells you. That was another of Altman's odd ideas.

The little man never married. A quiet, solitary life he lived in his home at Fifth av. and 50th st., his one great passion, aside from his business, the collection of works of art. During the days of the automobile, he put in the Metropolitan museum, what Dr. Edward Robinson, director of the museum, describes as "the most splendid gift any citizen has ever made to the people of the city of New York."

The collection comprises many art treasures that are literally priceless. It includes paintings, rugs, tapestries, antique furniture, Chinese porcelains, Limoges enamels, rock crystals, bronzes—everything that an artistic nature could desire, and vast wealth could buy, from every corner of the earth.

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THE MELTING POT

COME! TAKE POTLUCK WITH US.

THE ANONYMOUS NOTE.

In the life of everyone, there are events, the cynic declared. There are a few who are quite a stir if they were ever bored.

WE have it from that unimpeachable authority, the society editor, that October is supplanting June as the month of marriages. The society editor ought to know. She makes the record and she could have no ulterior motive in fattening the returns of any particular month.

AT the same time June has these advantages which will not be overlooked by the sentimental bride and the prudent groom. June gives the bride the roses and the groom a running start to get through the winter months.

The Dancing Husbands of Logansport. (Logansport Pharos-Reporter.) Logansport man who yesterday sued for divorce, said that his wife pulled out a gun and made him dance. Well, there are a lot of Logansport women who make hubby dance, and they don't use a gun, either.

"IS society responsible for crime?" queries an exchange, and we are moved to say that if not it has been getting more in the neck than was coming to it.

A Plausible Explanation. Will confess I didn't know that Lord and Heaven resided on opposite sides of a ravine at Higman Park, but since you have mentioned the matter, it occurs to me that the ravine might possibly be Devil's Hole. In that case wouldn't it be a sacrilege to discuss it further?

N. B.—Devil's Hole is a name of one of the ravines up there. IF July Juckett had the luck it seems he ought to know, he would never have to duck it when the coppers show.

Muzzle Your Mouse. Here's the case: Baby asleep. Hear noises in room. Figure it is a mouse that has slipped in. Can't light a light. Wake baby. Don't want to let mouse enjoy a free meal. Fraid he might bite baby. What's your answer? PAPA.

AND, recurring to significance in names, it follows as a natural sequence that Mrs. Gussie Mashburn of LaGrange, Ga., should have the record of being engaged to twenty-five men, foiled in five elopements and twice married at the age of 17.

Ninety Degrees North in Politeness. Taxi stops in front of No. 613 at 3 a. m. and driver rings the doorbell. Head protrudes from second floor window and asks what is wanted. "I have a passenger for No. 615." "Thanks," said the protruding head. "615 is next door."

AMEL'S Journal is authority for the statement that "Society rests upon conscience," provoking the rejoinder that society seems to be off its base.

Overlooking the Notable. (Bristol Banner.) In the rush of moving we neglected to mention in last week's issue the notable capture of fish made by Jake Bickel. Jake was out about three hours and brought in the largest string of fish we ever saw taken from the St. Joseph. True they were but suckers but there were several weighing about six pounds each and the combined weight was upwards of 60 pounds. Jake retailed his catch at 5 cents per pound and after reserving what he thought he wanted for himself, garnered in \$2.45 of Uncle Sam's coin which with the satisfaction of having made the largest catch of the year, afforded him unusual satisfaction for one day.

A LOGANSPORT man has asked for a divorce because his wife carries a revolver. INDICATING that married life is a state of continuous revolution. C. N. F.

THE WORLD

BY BERTON BRALEY.

We seek him everywhere Amid the throng. We've sought him here and there And sought him long. Hoping among the mob He'll chance to dwell— The man who knows his job And does it well!

We know of labor's woes, Nor hold them light, But ah, the man who knows His business—right! Workman, or cop, or clerk— He makes a hit. The man who knows his work And tends to it!

The world has constant use For men like this. Who's work's not fast and loose And hit or miss. It seeks, with heart and throb, Where he may dwell— The man who knows his job And does it well.

HE WAS READY.

Each of the guests at dinner was first offered a basin and a pitcher and it was bad form to help one's self to any of the food before having carefully washed hands and face. Of course they washed them again after the meal. Goldsmith finally invented forks but at first they were objects of luxury and were used only at times when they might have been done without, as for eating pears, cheese and sandwiches.

An incident at Anderson, S. C., again indicates that a fool and his automobile are soon parted. In this instance the fool struck a match to light his lamps while the machine was being filled with gasoline. Result: Three dead, eight hurt, the garage and its contents destroyed.

Beginning Sunday the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education will be in session in Grand Rapids for a week. The proceedings should be of especial interest in Indiana, where vocational schools have just been authorized.

In Allen county the prisoners in the county jail are to be given what may be esteemed by them as the privilege of working on the roads. Incidentally the energy wasted in playing cards in the jail corridor will be conserved.

On the principle that the converted sinner is the most enthusiastic in his piety, so the imported suffraget is most violent in her demonstrations. See records made by Zelle Emerson in London and Minnie Vall in Paris.

Nothing short of a cleanup of the Huerta administration will satisfy Pres. Wilson. Incidentally it will be satisfactory to most people in Mexico.

The Seventh Day Adventists are to meet in California in 1915. This gives the world immunity from destruction for two years.

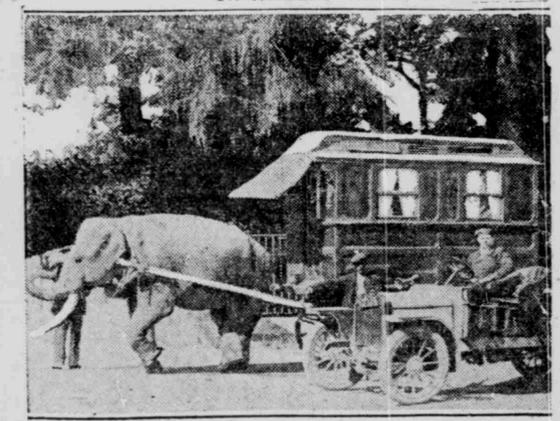
When Mr. Sulzer sheds his muzzle some interesting but not necessarily convincing copy will be furnished.

If Julian Hawthorne can suggest some real prison reforms his experience will not have been in vain.

Huerta is liable to feel something slipping and to find it is the throne he has assumed.

The impudent fly that defies your swatter should spur your zeal to swat.

CLUMSY OLD ELEPHANT PULLS HOUSE ON WHEELS DOWN BUSY STREET



What would you think if you were to see an elephant pulling a house on wheels down the middle of a busy city street?

Did you ever see an elephant hitched up or did you have the impression that he is such a clumsy animal he cannot be useful?

This elephant, pictured here, has been trained to work. He may not like it very well. But he cannot very well help himself.

The house on wheels, which he is pulling, belongs to a rich family that likes to do something different for a change now and then.

BUYERS of Fall and Winter garments here are not only getting their pick of the newest ideas from the latest fashion models, but are securing special values in dependable clothes.

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