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The postponement of the St. Louis fair for a year ought to enable Washington to assemble a prize winning exhibit.

Senator Tillman has apparently pitchforked Senator McClaurin into submission, as the latter announces that he will not again enter the senatorial race in the primaries of South Carolina.

Uniontown has a new paper, The Press, the first number of which appeared last Friday. It is owned by J. J. Murray of Pullman, and conducted by Oscar Samuelson. Politically it is democratic.

Soldiering in the Philippines, with the courtmartial attachment added lately, is no picnic. It is not yet decided how Funston shall be punished for capturing Aguinaldo. That he ought to be punished all the antis admit.

It has been decided to postpone for one year the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis, and the fair will not open until 1904. The postponement was found necessary because exhibits could not be gathered in time for the opening next year.

We trust that it was not intended as a reflection upon the passengers when two carloads of hogs were attached to a passenger train on the Spokane & Palouse branch the other day. The hogs no doubt were booked for an engagement at the slaughter pen and had to get there or have their date canceled.

Mexico and Austria have made up after being very bad friends since 1867. It is strange how the big quarrels of some nations are so little to the rest of us. The busy world appears to have known little of and to have cared less for the fight which these two interesting countries have maintained so long.

After a while, when the men begin wearing beefsteaks for jewelry, which is now threatened, there can be no reasonable complaint against adorning a woman's hat with a stuffed bird. In this connection it is noted that the vegetarians are beginning to feel uneasy lest the rush for their diet force up the price of cabbage and potatoes.

A cattle and horse growers' association down in Colorado puts the beef trust on the back and appeals to the press and public to cease the effort to "bust" the combination. It is not doubted that profits at present prices are a great aid to their enjoyment of life, but some of the meat eaters desire to leave something to their heirs when they quit this range.

The attorney general of the state has rendered an opinion holding that the decision of the questions as to whether school districts shall have free text books rests with the directors and does not have to be submitted to a vote of the electors of the district. Since the act was amended by the last legislature there has been a difference of opinion among school directors as to their powers under the law, and the question was submitted to clear it up.

"I thank you, fellow Americans; I think you make it evident that you intend the flag shall 'stay put.'" These were the concluding words of a felicitous speech delivered by President Roosevelt at a banquet held in connection with the annual congress of the Sons of the American Revolution, at Washington last week. It was a sentiment that deserved and received the applause of the 400 banqueters, and expresses the thought of a great majority of the people.

The present emperor of China is a ruler in name only, without power and no honor to speak of. Noting the return of the court from a pilgrimage to the eastern tombs, which little jaunt cost over a million taels, the news reports say that all the officials prostrated themselves before the temple entrance of the dowager empress, who had a magnificent entourage, while the emperor was shabbily dressed and looked bored. And no wonder—he plays second fiddle or none at all.

The republican state central committee will meet at Tacoma May 10 for the purpose, among other things, of fixing a date for the state convention. If, as many expect it will be, the convention is called for the latter part of July or early in August, many counties will hold two conventions, one to elect delegates to the state convention and another at a later date to nominate a county ticket. A long county campaign is regarded as too expensive a luxury by candidates for county offices and politicians generally, therefore if an early convention is held it will be in deference to the wishes of Congressmen Cushman and Jones, who expect renomination and have expressed themselves as desiring it, in order that they may thoroughly cover the state.

The National Health Service.

The Perkins bill, now pending in congress, seeks to extend the scope and enlarge the facilities of the marine hospital service. It calls for a change of name, provides for a proper status for the officers and also asks that the laboratory work of the service be brought into relation with the scientific work of the war, navy and agricultural departments.

The marine hospital service has outgrown its name, and the designation of the "United States health service" suggested in the Perkins bill is entirely consistent with its work and aims. The latter term would lead a dignity commensurate with the duties of the organization, which are in fact to safeguard the health of the nation. The change of name would not imply a change of functions, but rather an enlargement of them. The treatment of seamen, the management of epidemics, the medical inspection of immigrants and the publication of sanitary reports and statistics would continue to be functions of the United States health service, but under the bill its efficiency would be greatly increased.

One of the most important results would be co-operation between national and state authorities in matters relating to the public health. Every year has made apparent the necessity for closer union and more harmonious work. This is especially manifest in the handling of epidemic diseases, which do not respect state lines and which need a centralized authority to direct the control.

There is no branch of the public service more important than that of guarding the public health, and no one familiar with the administration of quarantine regulations and the means taken to prevent the spread of epidemics, with the skill and courage displayed in fighting yellow fever, cholera and other scourges, can fail to appreciate the good work done by the marine hospital service. It ought not to be handicapped for lack of facilities and legalized prerogatives.

Empire Builders at Odds.

The fact that the name of Joseph Chamberlain does not appear in the list of trustees under the will of Cecil Rhodes while that of Lord Rosebery heads it occasions some comment in London. In this connection it is recalled that when Mr. Chamberlain entered the colonial office there was a struggle between Mr. Rhodes and himself for supremacy in South African policy. Mr. Rhodes, with his imperious will, forced the hands of one colonial secretary after another and retained the mastery of the situation. When Mr. Chamberlain entered the office, he determined to have the "empire builder" understand that there could be but one cock of the walk in Downing street, and the result was an estrangement between the men who have had more to do than all others in shaping the recent British policy in South Africa.

Upon one point they were, however, agreed, and that was in the extension of British empire over the continent of Africa. What would have been the result if they had worked more in harmony to that end is a matter of speculation.

The statement that Lord Rosebery is going to South Africa to study the situation there with the view of submitting his impressions to the king is significant. Lord Rosebery is a close friend of King Edward, and his visit to South Africa would be in the nature of a personal representative of the British sovereign. What he may be able to accomplish, of course, remains to be seen, though taken in connection with the visit to South Africa of Lord Wolseley, also a close friend of the king, Lord Rosebery's journey gives hope that peace may be effected. It is well known that King Edward is extremely anxious that the war shall be ended before his coronation, and to this end it would appear that efforts are being directed.

An Italian organ grinder arrested in New York the other day for begging on the streets is much offended because he was compelled to pay a fine of \$5, though he had at the time about \$200 on his person and confessed that he had \$12,000 salted away in a bank in Rome, besides lately having sent \$2,000 to his daughter in Italy, who is going to marry a count. The organ grinder, who is sixty, says he will retire from "business," having created a competency. He thinks a man should retire at sixty. In this respect he takes the high ground held by some eminent economists and philanthropists.

A cable dispatch from Nice reports the capture of a one hundred and four foot whale near that place, the first ever seen in the Mediterranean. Apparently the seaside resort press agent has struck the Riviera. He is to be commended, however, for refraining from the introduction of the ancient sea serpent.

And now the hostilities open between the man who wants to have a garden and his neighbor who keeps chickens.

Miss Stone has been captured again. Major Pond is the bold brigand who did the trick this time.

POLITICAL GOSSIP.

The last three republican nominating conventions were held at Tacoma, and there will probably be a strong pull to have the next one held at Spokane.

The republican state central committee has been called to meet at Tacoma, Saturday, May 10, for the purpose of fixing the date and apportionment and issuing a call for the state convention.

Petitions are being signed all over the state of Oregon asking that the name of Governor T. T. Geer be placed on the official ballot as a candidate for the U. S. senate.

The Spokane and Yakima bar associations have passed resolutions urging the passage of the bill creating an additional judge for the Ninth circuit, and recommending Hon. C. H. Hanford for the position.

Palouse Republic: Senator Turner dodged the vote on the oleomargarine bill when it was up for passage in the senate recently; and now the dairy interests of Washington are out with their bolos.

Something ought to result from the gathering at Washington of the candidates for the Puget sound collectorship and their chief supporters. D. B. Crocker, Clarence W. Ide, Judge Brents, John L. Wilson, Miles C. Moore and others have been to see the president and doubtless told him all about it.

Now what do you suppose the Rosalia Citizen means when it says: "Politicians should not pin their faith on 'vulgar popularity.' A good smooth selection of chin music and a little dough used judiciously, goes a long way toward defeating the best developed case of popularity that ever existed."

U. L. Ettinger, mentioned last week as a possible candidate for the republican nomination for prosecuting attorney, authorizes the statement that he is in no sense a candidate for the place. Robert M. Hanna of Colfax has announced himself in the race for this position and will seek nomination at the hands of the republican convention.

Governor McBride has announced his acceptance of the resignation of Colonel E. M. Day of Fairhaven as judge advocate general on the governor's staff, and appointed Assistant Attorney General Chas. C. Dalton to the vacancy. The position carries with it the title of colonel, and it is now Colonel C. C. Dalton.

The state board of control has announced the reappointment of James Watson as superintendent of the school for defective youth, the position he has held since the establishment of the school fourteen years ago, and Thomas P. Westendorf as superintendent of the reform school, which position he has held for eleven years. Both men are republicans.

C. B. Hopkins, recently appointed United States marshal, announces that he will resign his position as a member of the republican state central committee from Spokane, in conformity with the late circular of instructions from the department of justice, which forbids its officials to hold positions in party organizations. As marshal Mr. Hopkins comes under the restriction.

Since the administration's attitude toward the trusts will disarm the democracy of that weapon, and the Philippine policy is in accord with all our territorial policy, while this howl of harsh treatment showed only isolated and unauthorized instances, there will be no issue left for democracy except the long howl of the hungry coyote, says the Seattle Washingtonian.

Spraying by Steam Power.

Garfield Enterprise: Thos. Woody, one of Garfield's energetic fruit growers, now uses steam power to spray his orchard. He lost last season from scab about 200 boxes of apples. And while this was a small loss, if he allowed it to pass unchecked he anticipated much greater losses. He estimates the cost of the material for spraying at about 40 cents per hundred trees. Mr. Woody has an orchard of more than 600 trees, a portion of which is not yet in bearing. He planted his trees 30 feet apart, and then planted Ben Davis between the rows as fillers, intending to take the latter out when they begin to crowd. Since the recent experiments in shipping apples to the orient are so favorable to the Ben Davis, Mr. Woody thinks there is a likelihood that he may dig up the "orchard" and allow the fillers to remain.

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