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Whiskey vs. Beer.
 The fact that there has been a break between the brewers and the whiskey men of the country has been disclosed since the question came up of whether there should be prohibition in Indian territory after its admission to the Union.

For many years there was a close alliance between these interests, which supposed they had everything in common; but they have now reached the parting of the ways, and the feud between them is quite bitter. The break has come over the question of prohibition above referred to.

The brewers are heartily opposed to it, and have taken a stand with those citizens of the territory who hold that prohibition is illogical and absurd, and moreover that it doesn't prohibit.

The whiskey men, on the other hand, favor prohibition, and, strange as it may seem, are working side by side with the good women of the W. C. T. U. and kindred bodies.

The reason for this division of opinion is not far away, says the Chicago Journal. Under any form of prohibition it would be very difficult for the brewers to get their goods into the new state, on account of their bulkiness. Whiskey, on the other hand, being smaller in bulk, and therefore more easily handled, would not suffer greatly under a prohibition law. This has been proven in the recent history of Iowa, the Dakotas and Kansas. Moreover, the "boot-leg" business, which would assume large proportions among a population largely Indian, would flourish more under prohibition than without it.

Since the break has come, the brewers are considering whether they have not suffered in reputation during the past years by their close association with the whiskey interests. Beer contains only a small percentage of alcohol, from 4 to 5 per cent, and of itself alone has never been regarded as a deadly enemy to society. It isn't beer that brings 75,000 men in this country every year to drunkards' graves. There are certain tonic and food properties in beer, and the makers are not backward about letting the public know of them. The brewers are coming to the conclusion that their business is not a menace to the American home or to American character, and that the charges that are brought with so much force against whiskey cannot be made to stick, in any large way, against their product. So from this time on they will go it alone.

The brewers and the whiskey men have split over another important question, that of the canteen. The former are in favor of the restoration of that adjunct to army life, while the latter, again joining with the good temperance people of the country, oppose the restoration. The reason is again plain for this difference of opinion.

In the army canteens only beer and light wines are sold, the former in quantities many times in excess of the latter. The canteen within the post inclosure means the wiping out of vile whiskey "joints" just outside the inclosure. At these "joints" the most villainous whiskey is sold, yielding a large percentage of profit, and the sale of beer is very small. If the canteen were re-established the whiskey men would be robbed of the trade of almost a thousand low saloons which line the entrance to army posts all over the country, while the sale of beer at the canteen would be very materially increased.

Squeezing the Eagle.
 In another column of this issue is given a detailed description of the progress made in securing the right of way for the Spokane & Inland electric road in and through Colfax. Sufficient has been done to make it beyond question that the electric line will pass through this city notwithstanding the claims of other towns that the road will divert.

There can be no question of there having been given sufficient reasons for the Spokane & Inland company to seek other territory where a right of way can be more easily secured. Only the loyalty of men interested in the company and attached to Colfax has prevented radical action against the interests of this city.

The trouble has had to do with the obstacles placed in the way of securing property for a right of way. In marked contrast to the action of public spirited property owners has been the stand taken by two or three who have attempted to hold up the enterprise by forcing the company to pay exorbitant prices for the lands.

Some of the enterprising owners who realize the great good it is to do Colfax and, eventually, to their own property, or business, have met the right of way agents more than half way and have cheerfully donated strips for the road. Others have asked but a moderate and

reasonable price for the land—while others have placed exorbitant prices on small and, sometimes, worthless tracts in an effort to make a few dollars regardless of the community demand for public spirit. Two of these owners are the largest holders of property in Colfax and will, ultimately, be more benefited than any others. Their lack of public spirit is a matter of surprise to those who have worked so earnestly for the welfare of Colfax by securing a new railroad. The penny-grasping greed is a matter of ridicule to those other towns which have not been as favored as has Colfax. The resultant condemnation proceedings will only work another injury to Colfax prestige.

Value of Water.
 Professor O. L. Waller of the W. A. C., has completed a trip taken through Washington for the purpose of ascertaining the value of an acre-foot of water used in irrigation, the information being compiled for the department of agriculture. In an interesting interview Professor Waller says:

"An acre foot of water is a volume of water one foot in depth that would cover an acre of land. In my investigation I am learning for the government what monetary returns have resulted from a foot of water put on land that is irrigated.

"On my present trip I have been investigating the Spokane valley returns from different crops grown in the Yakima valley and elsewhere in the state. "I found that an acre foot of water on Mr. Callister's land at Greenacres netted \$240, the land being tomato land. The total result from the acre was \$350, but 18 inches of water were used.

"In the Yakima valley I found an acre of potato land that yielded more than \$60 to a foot of water. In four or five places in that valley I found a foot of water brought 8 1/4 tons of alfalfa to the acre, and alfalfa in the stack is worth \$5 a ton. I found a half acre of Spitz apples, 40 trees, that yielded \$350.

"In making these reports I include the natural precipitation in the estimates. For instance, in the Spokane valley last June there was a precipitation of five inches, almost as much as the rainfall of an entire year in the Yakima country."

The city marshal of Pullman has resigned because he had too much work to do. He was paid \$65 a month and for this did police duty, did the work of a street commissioner, cleaned crossings and streets and saw that his deputy did his duty at night. The last straw was an order that all street crossings leading to churches must be cleaned Sunday morning in time for services. There are seven churches and 25 crossings, or about eight hours work each Sunday morning.

B. Jennings Bryan of Nebraska, has Teddy skinned several thousands of miles. B. Jennings is now a datto of the Moros and gets a salute of 50 guns, while Teddy is only president of the United States and is saluted with but 21 guns. Bill had a body guard of 40 Moros, while Teddy has but four secret service officers.

With David Bennett Hill and B. B. Odell retiring from politics, Mayor McClelland tearing loose from Tammany and our own Teddy doing the fumigation act to state politics, New York has a chance to go back to the ancient Astorian smell of hides and undressed furs.

The fall of the pugilistic mighty is sudden and heavy. Bob Fitzsimmons is shoeing horses in exhibitions and giving benefits for the blacksmiths whose floors cave in, while Jack O'Brien, his latest opponent, has a Pullman drawing room and a valet.

A St. Louis man advertised for a wife. He got one and is now suing for a divorce because he learned the woman was married six times and had 17 children, 10 of whom are living. You get good returns when you advertise.

Sanitary officers in Panama, while fumigating shanties, set fire to the buildings and burned up most of that section of the town including two public schools and an orphan asylum. Some of the fever bugs had narrow escapes.

It is announced that the late President Harper desired President Roosevelt named as his successor at Chicago university. If Mr. Roosevelt accepts, Coach Stagg would better win a football game now and then.

Finecky people in Ellensburg are objecting to the proposed sugar beet factory because of the smell. We would wager they use musk as a perfume.

The postmaster general has approved the use of automobiles for rural mail carriers. What's the use? Who's to pay for those little red wagons?

President Roosevelt has announced his approval of the railroad rate bill introduced by Hepburn of Idaho. Now who's going to carve that bill?

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PRESS COMMENTS

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 Seattle Times.
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Keep Moving.
 Bellingham Herald
 Jim Hill cannot now take any backward steps in his Portland & Seattle project. Somebody has burned one of his bridges.

Impossible!
 Tacoma News.
 Can it be possible that congress has worked itself into such a frenzy over the loss of railroad passes as to enact immediate railway legislation?

Dangerous!
 Olympia Recorder.
 There is grave danger in falling from the water wagon. One is liable to be crippled by the fall or be run over, and to have to be pulled out of the gutter.

Lucky Democrats.
 Post-Intelligencer
 Andrew Jackson day should have been enthusiastically celebrated in Ohio, for the Buckeye state on that day inaugurated the first Democratic governor it has had in a dozen years.

It's Too Warm.
 Walla Walla Union.
 It is reported that many Umatilla county people contemplate emigrating to Texas. They should reflect upon General Sheridan's famous aphorism about Texas and an unmentionable place.

About B. Jennings.
 Spokane Outburst.
 Mr. W. J. Bryan will contribute to the columns of the Spokesman Review during his trip around the world. He is carrying a bigger hoodoo than ever before in his career. Perhaps he has selected this unflattering method of committing political suicide.

Atkinson's Puzzles.
 Morning Olympian.
 Judging by the query put to the attorney general yesterday by a Bellingham undertaker, it may not be long before the head of the state's legal department will be called upon for an opinion on such a vexed point as the identity of the assailant of Hon. William Patterson.

Will Try Again.
 Oregonian
 The Washington Post expresses the opinion that "Oregon, after her bitter experience, will take pains to send to congress a delegation that will reflect credit on the state." We really haven't done much to give any one in Washington so optimistic a view of Oregon, but we're grateful to the Post, just the same. And we'll try, really, we'll try.

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