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Some of the "high finance" is so "high" that it is putrid.

When a man gets neat enough to roll up his trousers the time is ripe for pulling his leg.

It was hardly fair in Laureate Austin to write a rank parody of Kipling and call it a New Year's ode.

The Philadelphia mint has begun striking off coins dated 1914. Here's hoping you may get a lot of them.

The assertion is made that the average Russian peasant's vocabulary is limited to 110 words. And such words!

Question of etiquette: Should the coy but not unwilling young man compel the leap year popper to ask popper?

There will be more room on the water wagon after a few days.—Washington Post. Going to climb down, are you?

It puzzles the people of Santo Domingo most of the time to determine which is the revolution and which is the government.

St. Thomas Lipton has forwarded his check from London to Chicago. There's a man whose heart and hand you can depend upon.

Perhaps it has occurred to you by this time that you can break that New Year's resolution about anybody's knowing anything about it.

A California woman carried off the first prize in the New York beauty show. California produces fine girls, no doubt, but there are others.

One of the most serious results of the production of "Parafal" on this side of the ocean is that it will be played by the street pianos.

New Hampshire's governor is charged with holding four positions and drawing four salaries. Just think what he is saving the state in desk room.

The Kalamazoo flying machine also is "cigar-shaped." It will probably be a long time before a new cigar is spoken of as being "flying machine shaped."

It is erroneously reported that six women put on men's clothes and witnessed a bloody prize fight in New York. They are not women, simply females.

When will the ingenious manufacturers discover that a mixture of cocaine and molasses is not a satisfactory substitute for pure Vermont maple sirup?

That doctor who declares that danger lies in the bath should be appointed the family physician for Wandering Willie.

An Illinois woman stole a lead pencil from a store twenty years ago and has just paid for it. Cold molasses? A conscience like that is almost as slow as cold cream.

From the Medicine Hat News we learn that there is a "first brigade" in that town. The popular impression has been that Medicine Hat has nothing but ice houses.

It will be unwelcome news to leap-year girls that a Paris scientist has found out how to show the heart's action by photograph. They'd rather speak for themselves.

Every time an actor lights a match on the stage now to burn a letter or light his cigar people watch the flame with fascinated interest, and think of the disaster in Chicago.

One of the important reasons which Gen. Weyler fails to mention in explaining why he did not invade the United States is that the United States would not let him in.

Strange, isn't it, how some men can steal several thousand dollars, mysteriously disappear, suddenly reappear "broke," and then report that their "mind was a blank"? Yes, it is passing strange.

The most wonderful music in all the world is the rippling laughter of a romping, frolicsome girl—Indianapolis Sentinel.

Unless, of course, she is making fun of you.

The new ocean steamer just ordered will be 755 feet long—30 feet longer than the largest steamship in the world. A walk from end to end of her and back before breakfast will be a first-rate constitutional.

A new Journal published in Turkish at Cairo declares: "Our chief duty is to show the Armenians that there is not in the whole world a nation more just, more tolerant than the Turks." And yet it does not purport to be a funny paper.

A Brooklyn woman whose first name is Ann has attained the age of 107 years. Those people who have recent inquiries concerning the age of Ann are doubtless regarded by her as being rather impertinent.

Mr. Ellis, who was lately entertained by Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia, declares that this rugged old warrior burst into tears of pleasure when told about Lincoln's liberation of the slaves. Mr. Ellis undoubtedly meant well, but it does seem as if he might have broken such sensational news a little less abruptly.

The minister to Korea complains because his silk hat touches the eaves of the legation building when he stands on the steps. Evidently what the minister needs is an opera hat.

"A typographical error is a hard thing to find in the proof," says a Kansas paper. "But in the printed and completed paper it looms up like a fat lady in a group of vegetarians."

The French consul at Shanghai reports a large market for cheap toilet soaps in China. Thus the impressive march of civilization marks its way.

This is leap year. But it still remains true that any young American worth having will possess enough spunk to do his own popping.

KANSAS CITY GIRL WHO HAS WON HIGH FAVOR IN ENGLAND



MISS ELIZABETH PARKINSON

London correspondents point out an unusual honor for an American singer in the three-year contract made by the Covent Garden opera in London with Miss Elizabeth Parkinson. Miss Parkinson is the daughter of Judge John D. Parkinson of Kansas City. She made her musical debut in Paris a little over a year ago, and a few months later appeared with success as Lakme in a grand production at the Opera Comique.

WON CAMPAIGN WITH BULL.
How New York Assemblyman Secured His Seat.

Much surprise was evinced when the young millionaire Robert Winthrop Chandler defeated Major Francis G. Landon in the race for the New York Assembly. The explanation may be found in a story which seems to indicate that Mr. Chandler either has a good idea of practical politics or is being guided by a veteran at the game. Everything was going well with Major Landon's campaign, despite his unpopular move in declaring against the acceptance of Pullman passes, when Mr. Chandler invested \$5,000 in a prize bull, which he invited all the farmers of the district to call at his place and view. The ruralists went into raptures over the bull, and when they expressed a wish that they might own such an animal, Mr. Chandler promptly presented each with a card giving him an interest. These cards were distributed without discrimination to all raisers of cattle, and the prize bull became the common property of the county. Against the fight of competition Major Landon's fight was hopeless.

"THE HEALTH OF THE SICK."
Witty Toast Proposed by New York State Senator.

Senator Sullivan of New York was recently the guest at a banquet of homeopathic physicians. During the banquet the usual toasts were drunk. To the health of "the ladies," of the president of the Hahnemann, the father of homeopathy, and of a dozen other persons and subjects glasses were drained dry, and then, all of a sudden, the toastmaster remarked that the witty Senator Sullivan had not yet responded to a toast. "Senator Sullivan," he said, rising, "has not yet been heard from. Senator Sullivan will now propose a health." The Senator arose and beamed upon the assemblage of physicians. "I propose," he said, "the health of the sick."

CHARITIES TO BE KEPT UP.
Forecast of John D. Rockefeller's Last Testament.

It leaked out the other day through the statement of a prominent business man of New York city, whose acquaintance with John D. Rockefeller is a close one, that the terms of the Rockefeller will are so drawn that the numerous charities to which he now contributes regularly will receive the same benefits yearly as they do now. It isn't known whether this will include the University of Chicago or not, but it does include scores and scores of institutions and private charities which are kept alive largely by the generosity of Mr. Rockefeller, and of which the world at large knows but little.

Left Lands of Unknown Value.
The personal property of the late George M. Wakefield, mining operator and speculator of Milwaukee, is worth \$123,599.40, according to the report of the appraisers made to the county court. How much the real estate is worth is not known, as the appraisers were unable to determine the values, there being 4,186 acres of mining land in Michigan and thirty acres in Marinette county.

Would Change Term of Office.
Assemblyman Newcomb has introduced in the New York legislature a bill providing that after the close of McClellan's term the mayor of New York shall remain in office four years instead of two. Mr. Newcomb at present contents himself with saying that if municipal and national politics are to be divorced in New York it is evident that mayoralty elections the year before the presidential contest must be abolished.

Usual Appearance of Twins.
The usual early January announcement comes of twins being born in different years. This time the happy event occurred near Versailles, O. Mrs. Lewis Brown giving birth to a boy and a girl, the latter in 1903 and the former in 1904. The twins, who will never be able to celebrate their birthdays on the same day or even in the same year, are doing well, as is the mother.

Col. William Reinhold Dead.
Col. William Reinhold, a veteran of two revolutions and comrade of Carl Schurz and Gen. Franz Sigel, is dead at Salt Lake City, aged 81. He was one of the leaders of the German revolution of 1846 and was exiled from his country. He went to France and there espoused the cause of the commune.

Roosevelt Ridge, Alaska.
President Roosevelt has had a mountain ridge in Alaska named for him, Roosevelt ridge. The ridge was recently explored and christened by Dr. Frederick A. Cook.

When Men Do the Knitting.
In Cairo, Egypt, it is the men who do the knitting. They belong to the poorer class and knit as they walk along the street. The man is also the spinner. He uses a reproduction of the distaff seen in the pictures of "The Three Fates."

White Eagle, former chief of the Ponca Indians, may die as the result of exposure while returning from Ponca City to the reservation. His feet were so badly frozen that amputation may be necessary. White Eagle is a splendid type of the old-time Indian as a man of unusual capacity as a tribal leader.

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Missouri Doings

MILITARY BALL AT THE CAPITAL

Governor Dockery's Reception Is a Memorable Event.

Jefferson City, Mo.: The military reception given by the Governor to the members of his staff and the State militia Friday evening at the Executive Mansion was most informal, the invitations being extended to the staff and officers of the Missouri regiments, while to the citizens of this city and State it was general. In consequence there was a very large crowd.

The handsome residence of the chief executive was most beautifully decorated in flags, bunting and palms, while in the dining-room, where punch was served, the table was in American beauties, red, white and blue ribbons, and from the incandescent arcs to the chandelier was suspended a canopy of tiny flags under which the table stood. The full length portrait of Gov. Francis, which hangs over one of the mantels, was decorated in the World's Fair colors.

The Third Regiment Band of Kansas City, composed of twenty-five pieces, furnished the music for dancing, being arranged on a platform, screened from view by tropical plants, beneath the grand staircase in the handsome reception hall.

The occasion was most brilliant, beautiful gowns were worn by both the ladies in the house and the guests, and, together with the mingling of the bright uniforms, the delightful music and the gay decorations, formed a picture not soon to be forgotten. The reception lasted until 10 o'clock, when dancing began, and continued until a late hour.

MAY PROSECUTE STUDENTS

Members of Medical Class Practice Upon Fellow-Pupils.

Columbia, Mo.: Action probably will be taken by the State Board of Health to prosecute students in the medical department of Missouri University who practice medicine among their fellow-students. This custom of practicing medicine among the students has grown to such an extent that President R. H. Jesse found it necessary to post the following bulletin in the halls of the university.

"It is informed that some medical students do practice medicine among their fellow-students. It would thus be that no student would let a man practice on him before he has been pronounced worthy to practice. The president of the Board of Health should prosecute to the tip end of the law the first student of the university that violates this law.

CAREY SNYDER'S TRIAL SET

Court Overrules Defendant's Plea in Abatement.

Kansas City, Mo.: Judge Wofford in the Criminal Court Saturday morning overruled the plea in abatement in the case of Carey Snyder, son of R. M. Snyder, the banker, charged with highway robbery, and set the trial of his case for February 4.

Snyder's attorneys, in their plea, contended that as Snyder was under arrest in this city two months ago for a generation he ought to be taken back there to be tried upon that charge before he can be tried in Kansas City for highway robbery.

Snyder and a "pal" held up O. M. Stevens and his wife, one night and robbed them of diamonds worth \$5,000.

Gets Long Sentence.
Sedalia, Mo.: Frank C. Dunton, who killed Emil Meyer in this city two months ago by the betrayal and desertion of his daughter, Daisy, was sentenced to the penitentiary for 28 years by a jury in the Pettis Circuit Court Sunday. The trial began Wednesday and the case was given to the jury at midnight Saturday. The evidence showed that Meyer was shot in the back, and on this ground the verdict was given. Sentiment was favorable to Dunton on the day of the shooting, but the post mortem revealing the nature of the wounds, discredited his testimony.

Missouri Pacific Shops Go to Sedalia.
New York: Sedalia has been selected by the Missouri Pacific railroad company as the site for its new shops. These works are to be the controlling factor for construction and repairs in the entire Southwestern system. In their construction \$1,500,000 will be expended, and they are to be completed by July, 1915. Sedalia contributes a bonus a little in excess of \$200,000.

May Pay Back \$18,000.
St. Joseph, Mo.: George Hall, who left this county suddenly while occupying the office of County Collector about ten years ago with \$18,000 of the county money, is now said to be repentant, and will return to make good his shortage. He is in Montevideo, Mexico, and is getting rich rapidly. Charles M. Sherwood, formerly general passenger agent of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, brought the news to St. Joseph. He says Hall told him that he was coming back to reimburse his bondsmen.

Can Profitably Grow Mushrooms.
Columbia, Mo.: Mushrooms can be grown in America equal in quality to the French product. They will in a few years be as cheap as any garden vegetable, and the importation from France, which costs America many millions annually, will perhaps stop entirely. Such is the belief of Dr. B. M. Dugger of Missouri University, who announced Saturday the result of several years in experiments in mushroom growing on the State horticultural grounds.

Schutts Held for Trial.
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STRANGE DISEASE DEADLY

Affliction of Cattle at Mexico Puzzles State Veterinarian.

Mexico, Mo.: Some unknown disease has caused the loss of many sheep and cattle on eastern Australia.

State Veterinarian Luckie of Columbia was called here the first of last week, and said that the disease had appeared in various parts of Missouri during the past year.

It is a disease of the stomach, many worms being present in the affected parts. The remedy, Dr. Luckie suggested, is a thorough cleansing with salt and then a dose of ginseng.

Forwards Sullivan Transcript.
Jefferson City, Mo.: Circuit Clerk O. L. Moore Saturday afternoon sent to the Kansas City Court of Appeals the transcript in the case of State Senator William P. Sullivan of Christian county, convicted in the Circuit Court here of soliciting a bribe from Whitney P. Layton, an alum baking powder manufacturer, for his vote on the pure food bill and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100.

Senator Sullivan is the only one of the indicted Senators whose trial has not yet been held. Those yet to go to trial are charged with bribery, which is a felony. The cases are those against Senators Frank Farris, Charlie Smith and Buell Matthews, and are set for a special term to be held in March.

Small Fortune for Cattle Slender.
Mexico, Mo.: A large shipment of extra heavy fat cattle was made Saturday from Mineola, southeast of this city. The cattle, 180 in number, were consigned for 16 months by William Graham, and were sold to White & Hensley of Montgomery City, the first of the week, for \$525 a hundred, making about \$16,000. Fifty of the cattle will average about 1,800 pounds, and the entire consignment goes to Pittsburg, Pa.

Judge John J. Sawyer.
Jackson, Mo.: Saturday at his home in Fruitland, Judge John J. Sawyer died at the age of 71 years. He came to Missouri in early boyhood and has for a generation been one of the prominent men of Southeast Missouri in politics and public enterprise. For many years he was presiding judge of the county court and represented Cape Girardeau county two terms in the State Legislature.

Mrs. Amelia Ann Coleman.
Danville, Mo.: Mrs. Amelia Ann Coleman, the last surviving child of Capt. James Mackay, commandant of the 10th Missouri Infantry, Spanish war, has just died at her home in this place, at the advanced age of 86 years. She was born in the first brick house ever built in St. Louis, which afterward became a part of the old Sacred Heart convent.

Eisberry Poultry Association.
Eisberry, Mo.: At the meeting of the Eisberry Poultry Association Saturday, the following officers were elected for the fifth annual show: T. W. Crank, president; D. K. Knapp, vice president; L. H. Thompson, secretary; A. W. McDonald, treasurer; Miss Jennie Ferry, manager; C. S. Huckstep, assistant manager.

St. Joseph Brewery Agent Robbed.
St. Joseph, Mo.: Two masked men entered the office of the St. Joseph distributing plant, Fifth and Remick streets, at 9 o'clock Saturday night, and at the point of revolvers, compelled the manager to give them \$250, all the funds on hand. People were passing in front of the building when the hold-up was in progress.

Appoints Heiserer Judge.
Jefferson City, Mo.: Gov. Dockery Saturday afternoon announced the appointment of Vincent Heiserer of Benton to be presiding judge of the county court of Scott county, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge William R. Roeder.

Bill for Building at Carthage.
Washington: Representative Benton of Missouri Saturday introduced a bill for an appropriation of \$100,000 for a public building at Carthage, his home town.

Last of Fremont's Rangers.
Troy, Mo.: Aaron V. Hamilton, the oldest person in Lincoln county, is dead here at the age of 86 years. Mr. Hamilton is the last member of "Fremont's rangers," who marched to the Pacific coast in 1845 to 1848.

Henderson Requisition Honored.
Jefferson City, Mo.: Gov. Dockery has honored a requisition on him by Gov. Bailey of Kansas for the return of James Henderson, now under arrest at St. Joseph, who is wanted in Goff, Kas., for safe-blowing.

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THE NEWS RESUME.

Being a Condensed Story of the News of the Week.

Poolrooms at Madison, Ill., were ignored by the Grand Jury.

Several Pennsylvania towns are partly submerged by the floods.

Hereafter court uniforms must be worn at White House social functions.

The Mississippi House votes \$200,000 for Confederate pensions, also a "Jim Crow" law.

Two hundred stranded theatrical performers are driven from a Chicago hotel by fire.

A Denver woman is arrested on a charge of participating in recent alleged election frauds.

Governor Dockery gave the annual military reception at the Executive Mansion Friday night.

Senator Hanna, in a magazine article, sees a great future for properly organized labor unions.

Daniel J. Sully, the "cotton king," is initiated into membership in the New York Stock Exchange.

Elbert Hubbard is married to the woman who was named as correspondent in his first wife's divorce suit.

A memorial to the victims of the Iroquois Theater fire may be established on the site of the theater.

Three persons are burned to death and thirteen injured by a gas explosion which wrecks a hotel at Marion, Ind.

A tornado wrecks Moundville, Ala., killing thirty-seven persons, nearly all negroes, and injuring more than 100 others.

Re-enforcements for the German soldiers in Southwest Africa start on their journey after being reviewed by Prince Henry.

Governor Dockery appoints D. J. Dean a member of the Kansas City Police Board to succeed William T. Kemper.

A son of a Kansas City banker is arrested in New York after depositing a worthless check for \$1,200. He confesses his guilt.

Dr. Dugger of Missouri University discovers new method of growing fishrooms, whereby he can grow them as cheaply as potatoes.

Miss Jennie Ritchey of Neosho, Mo., lost her purse containing diamonds valued at \$600 and \$75 in currency at St. Louis Union Station.

The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections will report in favor of investigating the charges against the Mormon Senator, Smoot.

It is reported that a conspiracy against King Peter of Serbia has been formed by friends of the murdered monarch and Queen Draga.

A Grand Rapids alderman is found guilty of accepting a bribe in connection with the Lake Michigan water deal. The jury recommends mercy.

The referee decided that J. Waldeck Kirk, ex-king of the dudes, must pay the hotel bill contracted in Kansas City by a woman claiming to be his wife.

Members of the London Stock Exchange want to be permitted to advertise in order to save their business from the inroads made by the bucket shops.

The Chicago Board of Health obtains the promise of a supply of anti-toxin at a reasonable price, and hopes soon to be able to smash the so-called "death trust."

Texas cotton planters, through protest of Cotton Growers' Association, express thanks to Congress for appropriation looking toward extermination of boll weevil.

Robbers steal the express safe from a car on the Sunset Limited train in California and escape with its contents. The value of the booty is variously estimated.

The Government introduces witnesses in the Maschen trial to prove that Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz frequently received and deposited checks from the Coffin brothers.

Cotton passes the 15-cent mark at New York Friday, traders being wildly excited over reports from Liverpool, where the staple goes to a price equivalent to 16 cents a pound.

The managers of the Iroquois Theater, on the stand at the coroner's inquest over the victims of the Chicago fire, try to shift responsibility for conditions in the ill-fated playhouse.

A New York man who believes that mystic influences are at work inciting him to kill the President is arrested and committed to a hospital for an examination as to his sanity.

According to the trade reviews, business all over the country has been hindered in the last week by unfavorable weather, though the prospects for good business in the spring continue bright.

Judge Hallett of the Federal District Court at Denver refuses to interfere with the state authorities, who are holding union miner in the bull pen at Cripple Creek without warrant, bail being refused.

The Senate committee has decided that there should be no river and harbor appropriation bill at this session.

Cut-stone contractors east of Denver form an association, one of whose objects is to deal with the labor problem.

The House passes the Hepburn pure food bill, defining the standards of purity in foods and drugs and things which will be regarded as adulterations. The amendment inserting the word "willful," which makes it compulsory on the Government to prove willful intent to defraud, is stricken out.

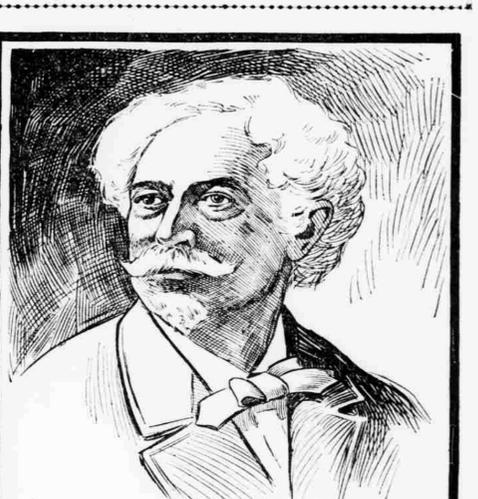
Prince Eusebia of Korea, who is studying in this country, is concealing his whereabouts, owing to the highly unsettled conditions in his native country, where one faction proposes to make him Emperor, though he is not the heir-apparent.

The House Friday passed 209 pension bills, and also resolutions calling on the Secretary of War and the Attorney General for information as to the number of horses and carriages maintained at Government expense for officers of these respective departments.

The Senate has adopted the Gorman resolution calling upon the President to furnish the Senate with all the documents relating to the Panama affair.

The Dawes Commission memorializes the Senate in its own defense, declaring that the charges widely circulated against the commission are calumnies utterly without foundation. The commissioners admit they own property and interests in business enterprises and in the Indian Territory, but maintain that they have a perfect right to do so and have no apologies to offer on this score.

DEATH OF GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN, WORLD'S MOST ERRATIC GENIUS



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George Francis Train died at New York Jan. 18 from heart disease, following an attack of acute nephritis at Mills' Hotel No. 1, where he has lived for some years.

TRAIN'S LONG AND BUSY LIFE
Achieved Lasting Fame as a Man of Business Ability.

Mr. Train was considered the most erratic genius ever produced in America, and genius he certainly was, even if judged solely by his actual achievements as a man of business and as a master of transportation. Beneath all his fond talk about "Psycho" and his wildly odd methods of saying what he had to say there was contained in his writings much of the soundest philosophy ever uttered by man.

In 1902 Train published his autobiography, which he had dictated at a rate of something like 250 words per minute, and which was an excellent piece of work from any point of view. To show how clear was his mind and with what facility and consciousness he could talk when he wished to do so, the following extract from the autobiography is reproduced:

"I was born at 21 High street, Boston, during a snowstorm, on the 24th day of March, 1829. When I was a baby my father went to New Orleans and opened a store. Soon after arriving in that city I was old enough to observe things and to remember. I can recollect almost everything in my life from my fourth year. From the time I was three years old up to this present moment—a long stretch of seventy years, the prophet's limit of human life—I can remember almost every event in my life with the greatest distinctness."

Some of his performances are more than noteworthy. From the age of four, when he was left an orphan, he earned his own living. At fourteen he began his business career as a clerk in a grocery store in Cambridgeport, Mass., at a salary of \$1 per week.