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MR. LILLEY, MR. FOX AND OTHERS.

If anything could justify us in our own eyes in prejudging the action of the election court it would be the conduct of Mr. Lilley's indiscreet and painfully inconsiderate newspaper advocates. The Journal-Courier has consistently refrained from discussing the case in other than an impersonal manner and from in any way considering Mr. Lilley's relation to it.

We have said in behalf of Mr. Fox that he was solely responsible for the creation of the election court, and that every instinct of fair play demanded that he should not be prejudged any more than Mr. Lilley should be on account of the charges made by Mr. Fox.

Why should not the whole country as enthusiastically take up the suggestion made by Mark Twain, that the stamps be used in connection with New Year's day, as it entered into the spirit of their use at Christmas time? Writes the famous humorist: "In paying New Year's bills, and also in postponing them, I will stick on a Red Cross stamp."

We read in the columns of our esteemed contemporary, the Middletown Sun: "The Journal-Courier deals in the stamps and the benevolent spirit there is red-hot."

THE NEW IDEA.

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Mr. Roosevelt's latest idea, that for the conservation of the natural resources of all North America, including Canada and Mexico, as well as the United States, is really nothing more than the natural and legitimate extension of the conservation-idea which was given birth at the recent governors' congress at the White house.

The conservation and utilization of waterways and forests and mineral deposits is not a matter of isolated farms or counties. To reach its greatest effectiveness this idea must be extended to include not only states but nations. If we are to attain the best of results, it is quite useless to think of conserving the trees of certain of our water-

sheds without similarly conserving the trees of the adjacent parts of the same watersheds which may lie across the Mexican and Canadian borders. Thus we have undertaken a matter which concerns a continent, not an isolated nation. Mr. Roosevelt could be encouraged in his worthy suggestion that President Diaz of Mexico and the premier of Canada be invited to send delegates to meet with our various state representatives at the next conservation conference.

"KEEP THE POT BOILING."

The original intention of those who have had the excellent Red Cross holiday stamp charity in hand and who have succeeded in making it the greatest novelty of the 1908 Christmas season, was to end their labors and the sale of the stamps with Christmas day, as has already been announced in these columns. Yet why this arbitrary limit should be put upon the stamps, we do not see.

The way the stamps have sold throughout the country has been nothing short of marvellous. Approximately three millions have already been sold throughout New England alone. The sale in New Haven reached well over 100,000 before Christmas week and no accurate returns of the number sold during the few days just preceding Mr. Santa Claus' visit have yet come to our notice.

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No holiday in the year perhaps marks this sharp contrast as does the Christmas day. There are brave and generous hearts who on that day give heartily of their substance to the oppressed, but there is only an example of what human brotherhood might be, not of what it has yet come to be on Christmas day, by any means.

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Little Civic Sermons--No. 34. Increasing Interest in City Governments.

THE public is apparently reaching the opinion that the government of cities is not the business of politicians, but the business of experts. Many obstacles are obvious, such as the firmly entrenched municipal machines and the great body of ignorant voters in cities, to which immigration makes its constant contributions.

CHRISTMAS IN THE RETROSPECT.

Merry Christmas—it is always spoken of as such, yet how far from "merry" it often is! The great holiday just passed is ever a day of brilliant lights and somber, heavy shadows, each in severe contrast to the other.

"KICK COLUMN."

(Under the above heading the Journal-Courier will be pleased to publish such letters as its readers may desire to write it. Address your letter to the Editor of the Kick Column, Journal-Courier, New Haven, Conn. Write briefly and to the point, and always send your right name and address, without which no letter can be published.)

Start the Year 1909 Right.

New Year is near at hand. Let all try to make it a day to end the feud, the bitterness, the estrangements, the enmities that have separated families and friends. It is the day to forget and forgive.

A LEVEL OF THE GOOD.

New Haven, Dec. 27, 1908. Various Opinions Expressed in the Press. (Haltimore Sun.) It is to be hoped the higher court will take advantage of the occasion to hand down an opinion that will definitely settle the rights of the strikers.

THE GOMPERS DECISION.

It is to be hoped the higher court will take advantage of the occasion to hand down an opinion that will definitely settle the rights of the strikers, how far they may go in persuading others not to take their places, how far they may go in persuading others not to buy from a concern which has been boycotted and placed on the "unfair" list, and generally fix marks that lower courts may steer by.

SAVINGS AND DOINGS.

It is said that the annual bird slaughter for plumes and other decorations is 300,000,000. A year's death rate from tigers in India numbers 698 human beings and nearly 25,000 head of cattle.

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THE ELECTION COURT.

The Whole State Press is Discussing It. (New Britain Herald.) The question as to whether the election law was violated ought to be decided. That is the main point at issue.

CAUGHT ON THE WING.

Elderly Uncle—"Dottie, how do you like the little story book I sent you last week? Dottie (aged seven)—Uncle Rufus, it's punk. They don't marry—Exchange.

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The electric fan for winter ventilation is quite as important as for summer cooling. F. P. Nutting, editor of the Albany, Ore., Democrat, is on the first vacation he has had since 1883. Glass and cement are both used as a substitute for wooden poles where the latter are attacked by insects and rats. Europe has 20,000 newspapers, with Germany in the lead. England, however, has the greatest number of daily papers. The proposal to hold an international aeroplane competition in Russia next summer has been abandoned on account of lack of funds. A New York woman slapper who is fond of figures has estimated that the time lost by customers each day in one of the large department stores in waiting for their change is equal to the average time of labor for one person for seventy days. This year 12,554 women registered in Boston to vote for school committee. Twenty-nine years ago, when the privilege of voting at these elections was first granted to women, only 500 registered, and for the following nine years the average was only a little over 1,000. Motorists who suffer with cold hands while driving their cars may have relief by using a steering wheel provided with electric heat. An English inventor describes a steering wheel with a core that carries two electrically heated coils insulated one from the other and from the outer rim. Askitt—Is your friend Yankem a painless dentist? Nott—Yes. He's so busy he hasn't time to take pains with his victims. —Chicago News.

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