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How do you like these contributed snubs.

The people who want safe factories for garment workers must hand over more than 89 cents for a shirt waist.

Admiral Togo is coming to Panama, and there is no doubt in our mind that he means to carry the canal back to Japan.

The Mexicans may not fear our regular army, but if they saw the gold lace of the Georgia colonels they would certainly run.

Our troops are close up to the border, anxiously waiting for the news that some Mexican has thrown a brick bat over the fence.

Senator Bailey had better be getting his Lorimer whitewash ready again, as the Senate is bound to reopen the case and sift it to the bottom.

Judge Brawley has made an able, clean judge, and we can wish the public no better luck than that his successor will be as good in all respects as he has been.

Andrew Carnegie is reported to have dropped considerable money lately. But he had to do something with it until he could persuade one more town to take a library.

When you buy goods in some distant city that could be had as well at home, you miss the chance to make a business ally in your own town who sooner or later may be very useful.

Mrs. Champ Clark is to be a social leader at Washington. We hope she gets the government clerks to attend all her parties so as to relieve the strain of their distressing overwork.

After the New York fire horror building codes will be advised all over the country, but often the motive will be not to protect the factory workers, but to get protection from their votes.

You can't dun people any more on a post card. Such duns never bother debtors any, and as the creditors like it very much, it seems too bad to stop a practice that adds to human happiness.

With Mr. Taft pulling up hill, a Democratic House breaking out a new patch cross lots, and conservative Senate hanging for dear life to the bushes, which way will the load go at the extra session?

The magazines say they would be driven out of business by higher postage rates. Would it not be awful if we never found out whether Algeron Saphed won the love of Genevieve Sottleigh?

With only 20,000 of our troops to patrol the Mexican 1,200 mile frontier, the Insurgents won't have to run very fast. They may get only the exercise needed by persons of the leisure class for good digestion.

Republican party discipline is all upset. The school house door is locked, the teacher deposited in the coal hole, and the pupils are trying to force their way each on their own hook into the melon patch.

We could save embarrassment by publishing the spring poetry offered us, but if we did so, our years of labor to get the Pegasus of this neighborhood lassoed and tied up in the barn would be thrown away.

Democratic Senators who have messed in the miserable Lorimer bribery case, by voting to seat him, ought to be convinced by the last revelations in the matter that it was case of mistaken confidence on their part.

The New York World says Mr. Bryan has been offered one million dollars by residents of Memphis, Tenn., if he would take up his residence in that city and move his Commemorative there. If Mr. Bryan declines, which it is said he will do, we want those Memphis folks to understand we are open for a proposition, if the people here would consent for us to consider it. We are entirely in the hands of our Orangeburg County friends.

Clarence S. Funk, General Manager of the International Harvester Company, Wednesday before the state senate bribery investigating committee, at Springfield, Illinois, exploded the biggest sensation of the Lorimer bribery case. He testified that Edward Hines, of Chicago, millionaire lumberman, asked him as manager of the Harvester company to contribute \$10,000 to reimburse certain men who had put up a \$100,000 "slush fund" to elect William Lorimer to the United States Senate. Now what do you think of that?

A Wise Policy.

Officials of the Southern Railway announce when a wreck or accident occurs on any of their lines complete and accurate information will be furnished the newspapers without question and without quibble. The Augusta Chronicle thinks "the decision is a wise one, and the road will find, as others following that policy have found, that it will benefit in the end."

"Much of the prejudices against railroads which has been capitalized by a certain type of politician is due to the old-time mistaken policy of exclusiveness and lack of confidence towards the public on the part of the corporations." A railroad is a quasi-public institution. The public is interested, and has a right to know, about any important occurrence connected therewith.

"Until a few years ago, every railroad in the country maintained a rule of secrecy with regard to matters of public interest that would have shamed the officers of the Czar of Russia. When wrecks occurred, those with all available correct information gave correct imitations of the calamity when the newsgatherers went around. The result was that a reporter assigned to a wreck always got a 'story' from somewhere or somehow, but it was usually inaccurate, exaggerated and nine times out of ten unduly harmful to the railroad. But the newgetter was not to blame; for in many instances wrecks occurred at inaccessible points or essential details could be obtained only from the management of the road."

"But the policy announced by the Southern is only one step in a direction that many should be taken by the managers of railroad properties. They should take their patrons into their confidence, and be perfectly frank with them regarding rates, schedules and all other matters relating to service. They should have nothing to conceal, and therefore should hide nothing. Let the public understand about the operations of a railroad, and in a majority of cases it will be convinced that it is operated honestly. Knowing this, the ear of the voter will not be attuned to the screechy voice appealing to anti-railroad prejudices—prejudices which can be overcome as to the body of the people by candor and open dealing."

Keep Good Towns Down.

The Augusta Chronicle says hundreds of good towns have been kept in the village classification and denied their proper growth by factional strife and personal animosities. As an example of what "means by the above the Chronicle says they are now trying to pass a bond issue in Colquitt, Miller county. We know nothing of the proposition. It may be good or it may be bad, but the issue seems to have been forgotten in the factional bitterness engendered by its discussion. An exponent upholding the bond issue writes a column long card to the local paper, from which we extract the following:

Right here I dispute ever being an associate of yours during any period of my life. No connections whatever with you except imaginary objects from your multiple vision.

I find you still suffering from illusions. Take the safe remedy from your old family physician. Stop your snocking, kicking and a hing; close your childish prattles; get with the progressives.

Again, being an orator of renown, many of us remember with great pleasure your maiden oration delivering medals to the merited at the close of the late Miss Alice McCann School. (hic)

It is reasonable to assume that the above is in reply to something equally as personal and foreign to the question at issue. No matter how badly the bond issue may be needed, it would be better to forego it entirely than to precipitate debates of such type between leading citizens. Such senseless pow-wowing holds many a good town down, and lets better tempered and less deserving rivals escape with the bone of progress.

Stranger Than Fiction.

The Nashville Advocate says were the story of Samuel Burdette woven into a novel, it would be pronounced fiction of the most crude type. It is the truth, nevertheless; and there are many who rejoice that vindication has come, even though it be 30 years late, and that suspicion has been lifted from a worthy man that he may stand spotless before his fellowmen in his declining days. Thirty years ago Samuel Burdette, a registry clerk in the postoffice at Peoria, Ill., put a package of registered letters containing \$2,500 into a mail sack and billed it to its destination. When the sack was opened the package was missing, and suspicion fell upon Burdette. Owing to the confidence reposed in him by his superiors, Burdette was not prosecuted, but was retained in his position for two years longer, when he entered the ministry and was sent to Asia as a missionary. For several years past he has been pastor of a church in Springfield, Mass., loved and honored, but occasionally reminded of the missing registered package. A few weeks ago a veteran mail sack found its way into the government repair shop in San Francisco, and underneath the lining in the bottom was found the package, where it had been hidden from sight for 30 years. Improbable as the story is, its truth has been vouched for by the postal authorities.

Lame Duck Pond.

There seems to be a lot of public money wasted in putting defeated congressmen on commissions for which there is little use, and for which, if they are of use, very few of the appointees have needful qualifications. It is getting so that for almost every conceivable thing there is a commission, and apparently they are created mainly for above named purpose. If a congressman on the dominant side, or any side, is defeated for renomination or re-election it is always open to him to follow his previous calling or take up some vocation. That, certainly, would be more manly than to be cared for by the government at the expense of the public. The Democratic House should look into this lame duck business and cut off the supplies on which they feed. This lame duck pond grows bigger and bigger and it is about time to abolish it.

Opening Books of Subscription. State of South Carolina—County of Orangeburg. Pursuant to a commission issued to the undersigned as corporators by R. M. McCown, Secretary of State, on the 16th day of February, 1911: Notice is hereby given that Books of Subscription to the capital stock of the Farmers and Merchants Bank will be opened at the office of H. P. Fulmer in the town of Norway, in the County and State aforesaid, on Tuesday the 11th day of April, 1911, at 11 o'clock A. M.

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Citation for Letters of Administration The State of South Carolina—County of Orangeburg. By G. L. Sailey, Clerk of Court, Acting Probate Judge:

Whereas, John A. Gleaton has made suit to me to grant to him Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of Arthur O. Gleaton, deceased. These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and Creditors of the said Arthur O. Gleaton, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Orangeburg, S. C., on April 19th, 1911, next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this fifth day of April, Anno Domini 1911. (L. S.) G. L. SALLEY, Clerk of Court, Acting Judge of Probate.

Notice of Sale. By virtue of power contained in the undersigned by J. P. Hutto, dated 16 day of August, 1909, past due and unpaid I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at public auction beginning at 10 o'clock Wednesday, April 12, 1911, at the J. P. Hutto gin on the Ninety Six Road in Orangeburg County the following property:

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State of South Carolina—County of Orangeburg. In Court of Common Pleas. Kittle A. Grier, Plaintiff vs. Edith K. Grier, et al, Defendants.

Pursuant to order of said Court made in the above entitled case. All persons holding claims against the estate of the late A. Coke Grier of Orangeburg County, are required to present and prove same before me on or before the sixth day of May, A. D. 1911, or be debarred payment.

I. W. BOWMAN, Special Referee and Officer of Said Court.

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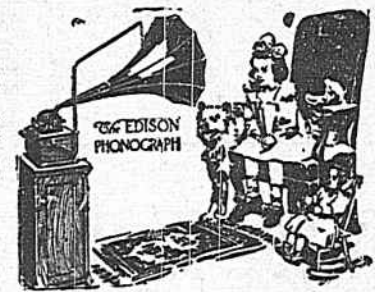
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