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## TAFT'S EARNED POPULARITY

### His Work As Member of Cabinet

#### MUCH TRAVELLED MAN

#### Has Gone to Settle Boundary Disputes in Panama

#### CLOSE VIEW OF BIG SECRETARY

If Elected It Will Be Mr. Taft that is President and Not a Figure-Head Governed by Another.—A Positive, Courageous and Progressive Man.

The most prominent Presidential candidate of the Republican party is again on the flashing brine. This time he is on his way to Panama to settle a boundary question between Panama and Columbia the country from which she seceded at the time when the negotiations between the United States and Columbia for the Panama Canal strip were about to fail. The big Secretary of War, big enough, the majority of the delegates think, to be President of the United States has had one advantage in a greater degree than any President of the United States, the advantage of travel. He has traveled at least twice as much, possibly thrice as much as any President and he has managed some very important negotiations among them the negotiation with the Vatican when he represented the United States in the purchase of the Church lands in the Philippines, and when with a strong hand, more recently he averted war in Cuba and established a provisional government backed by a United States army. Your correspondent had an opportunity to see this probable President of the United States at rather close range from the thirteenth of September until the first of October, 1907, when he crossed the Pacific Ocean from Seattle to Yokohama on the same steamer. He spent much time on deck and was easily accessible to any passenger who wished to talk to him. He spent much of his time in his room with his Secretary but he was not too busy to prepare an address epitomizing the events and the negotiations by which the Philippine Islands became a part of the territory of the United States and in this address he gave a detail statement of his experience in Rome and at the Vatican interspersed with anecdotes concerning his negotiations with the Church, his meeting the Pope, etc. There is no doubt that the present President of the United States is the most widely and, perhaps deservedly, popular of all the Presidents. His greatest predecessor, Lincoln was President of a divided country, and the stress of war diverted attention from the White House, but if Mr. Taft shall be elected President of the United States he will give the country an excellent administration and while he may not create the enthusiasm of the present occupant in the White House he will be respected and esteemed and loved more and more as he becomes better known. No one who knows him will believe it possible for him to be a mere reflection of any man, no matter how great and deservedly popular that man may be for Secretary Taft is a positive man, great, generous, sincere, courageous and progressive.

#### TEN SHORT YEARS AGO!

Where Is the "Foremost American" Today?—What Becomes of the People's Idol.—Vanitas Vanitatum.

Without fear of successful contradiction, says the New York Sun, we affirm that ten years ago tomorrow morning the foremost man then existing beneath our flag, the one citizen for whom the future held treasure beyond the dreams of ambition, the supremely conspicuous possessor of fame and influence manifestly secure against all possibilities of reverse or diminution, the greatest and most popular American, was named George Dewey.

Think of it, this is Dewey Day! He was the agent of Empire. He was the splendid sunrise of the new America of the Twentieth Century and the Two Oceans. He was the hero of patriotic imagination. His was the hand that had but to reach forth and take.

Ten short years ago!

## FREAKS FROM DAILY PAPERS

### Minnesota's New Condensed Hog

#### SPINS WHEN WALKING

#### Pig All Hams And Shoulders Lacks Spare Ribs

#### A CALF WITH THREE MOUTHS.

Chicken Nest With Sixty-Five Eggs, Cow Has Triplets, Elongated Hog and a Rooster That Helps The Cluck.—Sounds Like a Circus Side Show.

Minnesota has developed a hog that is all hams and shoulders. He is a stubby little animal sadly lacking in spare ribs. One of the new variety has been sent to Chicago for exhibition purposes, and to convince the world that this state can raise pigs that are all quality.

A curious feature about the animal is that he has to kneel down when eating in order to get his snout to the ground. He has no neck. When he moves from one place to another he turns around and around as though waltzing.

After his return from Chicago the pig will be shown at the Minnesota county fairs as a breeders' curiosity.

James W. Burkholder, of Green Spring, owns a monstrosity in the shape of a calf that is attracting much attention.

The creature is double-headed, but has three mouths and tongues and four eyes. Having but one throat, the little freak frequently chokes when partaking of food, as it tries to use all three mouths. Burkholder is exhibiting the calf and has refused several offers for it.

Asher Frey, of Pleasant Valley, found a hen's nest near his barn which contained sixty-five eggs.

Three calves, triplets, were born in the stockyard at Spring City. All three will live.

Jacob Z. Yoder, of Morgantown, owns (Continued on page 8.)

## THE GAME THEY PLAY

### Each Trying to Put the Other Fellow in a Hole

#### PRESIDENT, SENATE AND HOUSE.

#### Roosevelt Out-Manoeuvred Speaker Cannon Who Depends on Senate to Pull Him Out and They In Turn Resent This Policy.

The pleasant game of trying to put the other fellow in a hole, according to the New York Post, is now being played in Washington by President, Senate, and House. Yesterday it appeared that the President had outmanoeuvred the House—that is, Speaker Cannon—so that it was willing to surrender somewhat and give him a mild anti-injunction bill, the latest Vreeland financial measure, and a District of Columbia child-labor law. But it now appears that the Speaker is willing to concede this only in the hope that the Senate will kill the bills when they reach it. Naturally, the Senate resents this policy, and is beginning to warn the House that if it does not look out, it will find one or two of its bills passed when it least expects such action. So far the President seems to be in the best strategic position; he can lean back and watch the two houses wriggle, and when the sport flags he has only to let it be known that he will send in another message to see them writhe afresh. But the public bids fair to be the loser if it expects sane, intelligent, well considered legislation. Nothing of that kind need be hoped for. Any measure, whether anti-injunction or financial, that is rushed through now, is bound to be a bad piece of legislation together in the eleventh hour merely for the purpose of getting something done to boast about on the stump and satisfy a hated President.

## CHRONICLES OF EMMITSBURG

### Series of Entertaining Articles Concerning Town And People

#### INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT EARLY TIMES

#### Customs and Amusements Now Almost Forgotten Recounted by Oldest Inhabitants

#### ANECDOTES ILLUSTRATIVE OF LIFE OF FORMER GENERATIONS

Letter Describing War Times in Emmitsburg.—The Battle of Gettysburg as Seen From Indian Lookout.—Sixty People with Telescopes Watch the Third Day's Fight.—The Scene after the Struggle.—Dead Bodies and the Thousand Graves.—Relic Hunters Swoop Down Before The Smoke Had Drifted Away From The Bloody Field.

The following interesting letter, relative to the war times in this place, written by A. J. B. to John A. Watterson, now Bishop Watterson, then a student at Mount St. Mary's College, was furnished THE CHRONICLE by the Bishop's brother, Hon. A. V. D. Watterson, president of the Alumni Association of the College:

MT. ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, "MOUNTAIN HOME," MD., July 13th, 1863.

MR. JOHN A. WATTERSON:—

My very dear friend: \* \* \* I scarce feel this vacation passing by. It seems to pass very quickly. However, this is owing perhaps to the fact that we are kept in almost constant excitement; but the immediate neighborhood is at present in a comparatively quiet state. Occasionally we see a few troopers pass by, but this no longer attracts any attention, except on one occasion when Stewart's (conf.) Cavalry passed. The Army of the Potomac in motion was truly a most beautiful sight. I believe it was even grander than that presented by the "Blairsville Blues" and "Blackie Greys," in days gone by. The Army came from Frederick City by the Turnpike and Frederick Mud-roads. On the latter most of the wagons, ambulances, cannon &c., came, which, by the way, were coming in from early dawn till night fall, and I do not know by what time of night they all got in. They encamped around about Emmitsburg. Their camp fires as viewed from the college windows almost led one to imagine that this section of country, for miles around, had received in one shower all the stars of the heavens. We were visited here by single soldiers, officers, groups, etc., to the amount of some thousands, some for the purpose of seeing old friends and companions, as for example, Mr. O'Leary, Maj. Anderson, (an old graduate of Mt. St. M.) and many old students of this place, who, by the way, all hold honorable positions in the army. But most of the privates and many of the officers visited the place to try the quality of Miss Leo's bread, butter, milk, &c., which I am pleased to say were dealt with a liberal hand. I heard that the 11th Regulars (in which I believe the Blairville boys are) passed, but it was too late that evening to try to hunt up any of our old acquaintances, so next morning I put off to the camp through a heavy rain, and mud half knee-deep, but before I reached the place they were parading, making ready to march to Gettysburg, so I did not see any of our old friends of Blairville. Whilst parading and marching out they seemed to present one solid mass of human beings, interrupted only by Regiments and Brigades of horsemen. Whilst passing here on their way up to Gettysburg French Bugles made our beautiful valley resound with martial music. The country round here sustained little or no damage from their marching through it, except when the owner was reported to be a rebel, and then pity that place! Unfortunately, Mr. Jno. Elder was reported, such by some of his malicious neighbors, in consequence of which his place, he told me, was almost destroyed. But perhaps you will say what I have already said is of minor importance, and that I should spare some of that talk for

#### Who Would Like To Take His Place.

Speaking of whiskey, a London morning paper prints this pathetic advertisement:

"Gentleman in good social position finds that wherever he goes friends ply him with whiskeys and sodas, which he does not like, and which disagree with him; they resent it if he refuses them. He would like introduction to society in which whiskey and soda does not form so important an element."

#### Woeful Want Will Follow.

Officials of the United States Geological Survey who are studying the fuel problem make the statement that 200,000,000 tons of coal, enough to supply the needs of the country for six months, are being wasted every year in the United States through improper mining methods. This waste represents a loss of more than \$200,000,000, for the coal is worth at least \$1 a ton.

## JEROME FLAYS BIG DAILIES

### Receives Hot Shot In Return

#### NEWS IS SUPPRESSED

#### Says They Are Controlled By Venal Persons

#### SHOWS MIGHTY POOR JUDGMENT

Lover of Notoriety Makes Four Mis-statements of Facts.—Advertisers Do Not Control Newspapers of New York.—Money Can't Suppress News.

District Attorney Jerome, of New York City, uncorked the vials of his wrath against the newspapers at the dinner given at the Waldorf by the St. George's Society on Thursday evening, of last week, says the *Editor and Publisher*.

He began by saying that democratic government wouldn't work in this country, either in the city, the State or the Nation, unless government by the newspapers should come to an end. Then he asserted that the newspapers in New York City were controlled for the most part by venal persons that more than one blackmailer has been produced of late inside these newspaper offices; that the business end of the newspapers controlled the general policies, and that persons who spend sufficient money can suppress the news. Jerome said in part:

"You can't make government right by statutes; it must be made right by men alone. Remember that all men are human, and the man who says that he does not care for public admiration is a fool or a liar. Our democratic institutions will not work out so long as we have government by the newspapers for the newspapers. Public opinion is not dictated by the newspapers themselves, but in the counting rooms of R. H. Macy & Co., Siegel-Cooper and John Wanamaker. Commenting on these statements the same paper says: The man who lives and thrives on notoriety, who loves to see his name and deeds emblazoned in the newspapers, and has many book shelves filled with

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## BASEBALL DOPE SHEET

### Major League Hitters and Their Percentage

#### LAST YEAR'S LEADERS ARE BLIND

McConnell, Boston, and Dooin, Philadelphia, Head the Batting List.—Chicago and Cleveland Are the Best Fielding Teams.

The first installment of the major league batting averages for the season furnish many surprises. The men who have been the leading batsmen for years have not yet got their eyes on the ball and are far down in the lists, while others who in previous seasons were not rated as high-class stick artists are now at or near the top.

Doin, Philadelphia Nationals, who has played in thirteen games and been at the bat 41 times with a total of four runs, 17 hits with a total of 18 bases, has a percentage of .415. Following him in the order given are: Leach, Pittsburgh, .405; Wiltse, New York, .400; Sheehan, Brooklyn, .389 and Jordan and Hummel, of Brooklyn, each .327. Philadelphia leads in club batting with an average of .249, and Cincinnati next with .238. In club fielding Chicago leads, followed by Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Boston.

In the American League McConnell, Boston, .478; Criss, St. Louis, .400; Stovall, Cleveland, .375 and Chase, New York, .375 are the best hitters. Cleveland, .245, are the best in club batting, while Cleveland, Athletics, St. Louis and Chicago lead in fielding.

One primitive method of getting water for irrigating vegetable gardens in China is to dig a hole in a shallow river bed and carry the water to fields in American coal oil tins. The well, of course, is lost the next time the river rises.

## SUNDAY, MAY 10, MOTHERS' DAY

### An Appeal For a New Holiday

#### HONOR TO BEST WOMAN

#### Some Calendars Count 365 Mothers' Days.

#### EMBLEM IS WHITE CARNATION

"If On One Day Alone Every Man Would Give His Thoughts to Her Who Gave Him Birth We Would Be a Better People in a Better Country."

The Club women of New York, says the *Philadelphia North American*, have had a happy thought. They have invented a new holiday. But their invention must not be let remain a local possession of any class of people in any city. The festival—"Mothers' Day"—should be celebrated by the whole nation. Here are the facts about it:

Date—Sunday, May 10.  
Name—Mothers' Day.  
Object—The honoring of the best mother that ever lived—your own.  
Observance—The wearing of a white carnation.

Now, it is well for the race that there are many men and women whose calendars count 365 "mothers' days" each year. These will need no urging to do this little special honor to the one they reverence rightly.

This holiday we think is meant not so much for those as for those who have been caught up in the whirlpool of their life-work and made not heartless, but thoughtless and forgetful of the memory of their dear best friend or the debt of constant love they owe to her if living.

Let us have this new holiday. Let that white carnation be an every breast of old and young and rich and poor on one day of the year. Let us hang out that sign of our knowledge of the truth that:

A mother is a mother still.  
The holiest thing alive.

Not for the first time Mark Twain proves himself a true and wise adviser when he says:

This is a pleasure and a duty that we have long neglected. No thought could be more beautiful than that which prompts every man, woman and child to pay such a tribute to those dear ones to whom we owe so much. I do not know how many anniversaries of "mothers' day" I will see, but on those that I have remaining I will wear a white carnation, the emblem of purity and mother love.

The more thoughts of the mother the better. But if on one day alone every man would give his thoughts to her who gave him birth, we would be a better people in a better country.

And if those tired hands have been folded in final rest, and God's hand has smoothed her brow, that grew lined with thinking how she might help her children, all the more need to keep her picture from fading in memory for lack of grateful loving thought.

Therefore, let none be so engrossed or indifferent as to forget "Mothers' Day"—May 10—and the white carnation.

In a certain town in Indiana a man brought suit against a hardware company for \$10,000 damages. He claimed that a rope he had bought to commit suicide with broke and thus foiled his plans. After the rope broke, he said, he could not get up courage enough to try it over.

## NEW BUILDING IN WASHINGTON

### Ceremonies at Laying of Corner-Stone To International Bureau of American Republics.

The corner of Washington to the West of the White House and South of Pennsylvania avenue is coming to the front, remarks the *Evening Transcript* (Boston), after nearly a century of somnolence. There the corner-stone of the beautiful new building for the International Bureau of American Republics will be laid next Monday, in what is known as Van Ness Park. The President, the Secretary of State, the ambassador of Brazil, Cardinal Gibbons, Bishop Cranston and Andrew Carnegie will participate in the exercises and the program will also include the reading of specially cabled messages of congratulation from the presidents of all the Latin American republics. John Barrett, the present head of the Bureau, knows how to get up a celebration which will command attention.