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THE POLITICAL SITUATION

The most interesting development of the week is the assertion of the Democratic managers that Woodrow Wilson can be elected President without the aid of New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Ohio, or Illinois, the five large States which are now regarded as fighting ground.

This prediction is based primarily upon the practical certainty that four States in the West, hitherto solidly Republican, will this year give their electoral votes to the Democratic candidate.

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cal future that Missouri should be in the Republican column. Consequently, he is traveling through the State appealing to Republicans not to aid in a Democratic victory by running after a third party.

There is no doubt that Gov. Hadley's declaration has helped President Taft immensely in Missouri. The Roosevelt movement in that State has practically gone to pieces, although the fact remains that the Republican margin of a majority in the State is so narrow that the party must be united to win.

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Columbus Day.

Yesterday was the 400th anniversary of the discovery of San Salvador by Christopher Columbus, the great Genoese—or Spanish—navigator and pioneer.

Columbus Day is a legal holiday in twenty-three States, who thus acknowledge their gratitude for being indirectly discovered. While the celebration for the most part is of a religious nature, in Catholic churches under the auspices of the Knight of Columbus, New York City this time has added a martial pageant.

The discovery of the poles in our own time was received with quickened pulses everywhere; when Columbus added a new world to the old it must have seemed to his contemporaries almost as though a new planet had been captured.

October 9 has been set aside in New York and in a number of other cities as fire prevention day. In this country we burn up the equivalent of a \$5,000,000 house every ten minutes.

During the course of the existence of the German workman's insurance, to which The Herald has devoted a good deal of laudatory comment, it has attained the dimensions of a gigantic social institution, which is of important influence for the furthering of hygienic and general conditions.

The American people are beginning to perceive that the welfare of the child is of paramount importance to the future welfare of the state. Laws have been devised, prisons and reformatories have been built for the punishment of the criminal, and great attention has been paid to punishing the individual when guilty of lawbreaking.

After a while Police Lieut. Becker may not think that the jury selected to try him is so "perfect."

COURT GOSSIP ON TOPICS OF WORLD-WIDE INTEREST

The visit to England of the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs was an event of international importance. M. Sazonoff is no stranger to England. He has served two periods on the staff of the Russian Embassy in London.

Many important subjects brought M. Sazonoff to England, such as the war in Tripoli, the uneasiness in the Balkans, the position of the new republic in China, and the situation in Persia.

Sir Edward Grey has said that but for the "agreement" the situation in Persia would have been worse, and that this document has prevented friction between Russia and England in Central Asia.

Miss Murphy's Treat Amuses the Children in Central Park. From the New York Tribune. Miss Murphy, the maternal head of the hippo family in the Central Park menagerie, got her first huckleberry pie yesterday.

Strange Customs of India. From the Philadelphia Inquirer. Parrot is taught in India to spend a large portion of their time in repeating the names of gods, and such a spokesman brings a great price, especially among business men, who imagine that by owning such a parrot their spiritual treasures are accumulating while they attend to their usual occupations.

TO THE PASSING SEASONS. There are no Noneses left to tell. The happy days of Spring! While parting anemones of farewell. While haunting chambers ring. Amid vast shires where ages dwell. The moon and stars are seen. Deep voices of glad visions yell. And sparkle through the green.



CINCINNATI

Cincinnati, a fine old town which has never been arrested for speeding, is cunningly balanced on the Mansard banks of the Ohio in Hamilton County, where most of our Presidents come from.

Cincinnati got a good start before Chicago was thought of and in the '50's was the greatest city in the West and entertained all the prominent strangers who ventured west of the Alleghenies.

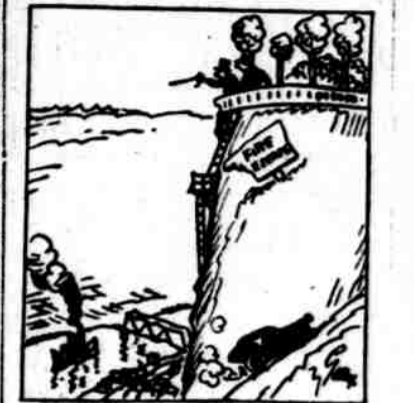
Cincinnati now has 32,000 people—about 1,000 for each pear garden. It is slow, comfortable and genteel, temperate and is composed of three parts—lower Cincinnati, situated a little below the high water mark of the Ohio river, upper Cincinnati, which is connected with lower Cincinnati by elevated leaders, inclined railways and fire escapes, and the suburbs, which are very beautiful and can easily be discovered by trolley.

A WOMAN WINE TASTER. Mrs. Collinere Said to Earn About \$3,000 a Year. Of the list of strange callings followed by women that of wine tasting is one of the most curious and lucrative.

VOTING IN ENGLAND. New Registration Bill Said to Be More Democratic. From the Springfield Union. The new registration bill just introduced in Parliament marks an important advancement of democratic institutions in England.

FIRE PROTECTION AT ST. PAUL'S. From the London Daily Graphic. The efficient protection of St. Paul's Cathedral from fire has recently been under the consideration of the dean and chapter, and after experiments a scheme submitted by the Messrs. Merryweather, the fire engineers, was adopted.

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"Always Above Flood Lines." Cincinnati would have been larger but for the fact that it has five fine bridges across the Ohio river.

A LITTLE NONSENSE. A FINE SEASON. In the fall the chestnut venter comes a-vending, welcome wares; And the old umbrella mender pleads along the thoroughfares.

October 13 in History. October 13, 1492—Columbus puts in the day mailing post cards of the new world. October 13, 1547—Henry VIII banishes all the umpires in England, declaring that his favorite team was jobbed out of the world's series.

Very Pretty. Maud Muller at a matinee. Was busy raking scenic hay. She also sang and danced with skill. I like farm life, in vaudiville.

AUTUMN. (Written for The Washington Herald.) In glowing tints both Nature paint each shrub and With lavish hand. Here in the grove the wild birds sing. Their farewell, while bounding free. The playful squirrels their stores of nuts now bring.