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Don't Get Scared Until the Underwood Inquisition Is Really Set Up.

The Hon. Oscar W. Underwood seems ambitious to classify himself with Our Own Julius as a mighty wand waver in politics...

Mr. Underwood aspires to do similar wonders with the little baton which he brought out and flourished in the House of Representatives...

The Alabama statesman has warned producers who may think that they are injuriously affected by his revision to conceal their wounds...

Producers who stand to lose money by operating at full capacity under the reduced tariff rates...

We cannot get as excited over Mr. Underwood's wand waving as we are some of the administration's strongest supporters hereabouts...

"I can call spirits from the vasty deep," boasted Owen Glendower, the Underwood-Harbarger of his period in Welsh history...

We shall not believe that all seditious critics will tremble in their shoes and fall to testifying loudly to the inefficiency of the new tariff bill...

No More Illicit Cocaine Selling.

With the new law restricting possession and sale of cocaine which Governor Sulzer has just signed...

As a result improper use of this drug is bound to become less. Certainly it will be impossible for school children to purchase it from street peddlers...

The Tribune is proud of the fact that it was instrumental in helping to bring about the enactment of the new law.

City Helps to Perfect Babyhood.

Where a few days ago only one perfect baby blossomed—perfect, that is, according to the cold scale of weights and measures established by the physicians—now a whole crop has sprung up...

The baby contests are doing a great work for future generations. Incidentally, they speak a good word for New York City, with its milk stations, its medical clinics, its bureaus of advice and help for mothers in the sections where they are needed most...

Able to Pay in Full.

We publish in another column a summary of the reports made on business conditions in the West and South by correspondents of the United States Mortgage and Trust Company.

Dissatisfaction with the Wilson-Underwood bill is reported from various points, but the concern expressed is limited to local interests.

pared for an experiment with lower duties than it was in 1894, when the passage of the Wilson-Gorman law depressed industry and threw tens of thousands of workmen out of employment.

The Schurz Memorial.

The Carl Schurz monument, unveiled yesterday in Riverside Drive, is more than a monument to Schurz as an individual.

Schurz's career and services typified those of tens of thousands of his German countrymen, who brought to the United States in the critical period just before the Civil War their high enthusiasm for freedom and progress...

The German immigration following the revolution of 1848 did much to make Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa and Michigan free soil states.

In war, politics and as a leader of thought Mr. Schurz was perhaps the most distinguished of German-Americans.

Other Coastwise Trade at Panama.

The latest suggestion concerning coastwise trade at Panama may be quite new as a method of settling our controversy with England, but it is certainly not new as a general principle.

If such a rule were adopted it would be necessary to define the terms explicitly, so as to have a clear understanding of the meaning of "domestic commerce" and "coastwise trade."

Whether such an amendment to the existing law would be accepted by Great Britain as a satisfactory settlement of the controversy is, of course, open to question.

The Passing of "Chuck" Connors.

"Chuck" Connors' death will leave Chinatown without its best advertised attraction. He was able to make Chinatown plausible to the "slumming party" which had come downtown expecting to see things queer and mysterious and dark and desperate.

In his heyday "Chuck" was known all over the country, and people would flock to his saloon to see him and hear some of his marvellous Bowery jargon and his philosophizing.

Of late his sun had been shadowed. Though he didn't look old, he was old. Things weren't the same. Instead of fighting with fists or blackjacks the gangs fought with "gats"—heavy pistols which killed more innocent bystanders than gang members.

"Chuck" was a true son of the old Bowery, from his newsways days to the end. The old Bowery having gone, it was fitting that "Chuck" should not long survive it.

The Strange History of a Famous Letter.

It is a queer turn of fate that brings "De Profundis," Oscar Wilde's last prose work, written while in Reading Jail, into debate again.

The original manuscript was written on blue prison paper and handed by Wilde to his literary executor in 1897 at the time of his release.

Probably only half a dozen persons had seen the complete MS. when in 1910 it was carefully sealed and filed away in the British Museum with the proviso that it should not be opened for fifty years, or until January, 1960.

But a few weeks ago a court order broke the seals and made the suppressed passages a matter of record in a libel action.

surprising. The beauty of word and the keenness of thought in the published work attracted many. But probably the fact that has struck every one most forcibly is the utter lack of anything approaching regret or humbleness in this confession of a disgraced and broken man.

So the new passages read in court in the Douglas-Ransome libel suit, petty and unpleasant as they are, rather complete an expected picture than may a work of art.

There are now almost as many certified "perfect babies" as, according to Mayor Gaynor's count, there are imperfect policemen in New York.

That is an engaging proposal, to fill Central Park with reproductions of the Pyramids, the Colossus of Rhodes, the Pharos of Alexandria, the Coliseum and other famous structures, snugly constructed of concrete, sheet iron and papier maché.

The "lawn mower squad" isn't likely to become a popular one with members of the force—on or off "The Island."

School children strike in Boston, centre of all education. "How sharper than a serpent's tooth!"

AS I WAS SAYING

Jeanne d'Arc—not "Jeannie D. Arc," as the tourists say—was a fine, spunky girl, and better than most. So the fathers of Holy Church have been promoting her, grade by grade, till one more ceremony will make her a saint.

However, we understand that her motives are honorable, for the saints have long desired to do something for the circus.

Halt, unruly pen! The public has heard about "This little lion isn't getting any Christian," and refuses to stand more.

If Mr. Frederick W. Schulz will kindly step outside this paragraph our poet will again warble. Thank you, Mr. Schulz! Now to proceed: Shorter still and ever slighter.

Big business is not without friends. Just as all seems darkest, behold the hellish Billboard beating the "half-baked brood of business-batters" and bellowing: "We will stop feeding the gabby ginks and geezers who are doing weird thinking for us and set them to work."

We see it all now. The new Tariff will reduce the cost of commodities to wholesalers and retailers and ruin the Democratic party, which consists so exclusively of neither. Prices to the consumer will keep on rising.

Dined with Mr. Ernest Harold Barnes and ordered moek turtle soup. Never again! Since the crusade against nature fakers our naturalists have become morbidly sensitive.

And having come thus near the turtle subject, we may as well admit that a sham tuberculosis cure works wonders in cases of sham tuberculosis.

Going abroad? Then beware of counterfeit money. It is everywhere. But with all your bearing you will receive more counterfeit money than your pockets can hold.

A CENTURY OF PEACE.

One hundred years of peace between Old England's land and ours, Both accepted monarchs, sceptred queen With their imperial powers.

Two peoples speaking the same tongue, And hands in friendly clasp. A mighty empire, nation young, A world's peace in their grasp.

Both leading in the grand advance That marks this brilliant age. Disused between them sword and lance As peace fair heritage, Columbia and Albion's shores

Combined, a mighty force for good, They hold a lofty place In foremost rank of brotherhood, The Anglo-Saxon race.

APPARENTLY NOT.

From The Providence Journal. "You cannot legislate for all the ill man is heir to," declares an observer of current tendencies.

THE UNGRACIOUSNESS OF POWER.



Boadicea Robinson

UNDERWOOD (to protected manufacturer)—You monkey with my bill and I'll swat you with this.

THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN An Open Forum for Public Debate

THE CLINGING VINE

Argument Is Joined with One of the "Frumps."

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: A New York newspaper said recently that when women win the ballot they will owe it largely to the logic of the ants.

A good case in point is Mrs. A. J. George's assertion that "sex appeal dominated" the suffrage parade of last Saturday.

A few fashionable women out of twenty thousand wore the extreme styles of the season (which truly are "a sight") hence the suffragettes, "banded together," rely on their sex rather than their arguments to win their cause.

But even Jove nods, and in her eagerness to insinuate that suffragettes are really little better than "scarlet women" she insinuates that men are largely without self-control.

That is the good old attitude. At any rate, they no longer call us "frumps," but they seem on the way to call us something worse. FLORENCE CRAWFORD.

DAM LAKE ERIE

Raise Its Level Three Feet and Make Ships 1,000 Tons Bigger.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: About the only joint undertaking in our Canadian relations concerning the international waters and the betterment of them which has not yet been accomplished is the construction of regulation works in the form of a weir dam, at the foot of Lake Erie, on the Niagara River, for storing the waters and raising the level of that lake three feet and of the Detroit River and Lakes St. Clair and Huron one foot.

This structure should have in it gate sluices by which absolute control would be assured, so that in times of low water the supply below might be increased from these enormous reservoirs, and there would be better channels around Niagara and in Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence.

It would also insure the other public interest in the scenic effect of the falls, with a sufficiency of volume, and beyond that would allow without injury in-

creased diversion for power development. Such works of such promise would cost only \$32,000. Each foot by excavation in upper lake channels has cost \$3,000,000.

A memorial bridge across to old Fort Erie is proposed in commemoration of the 100 years of peace and of the Treaty of Ghent. Would it not be well to consider a combination of these works and such a bridge, which would be to our mutual benefit? UNION JACK.

Butternuts, N. Y., May 4, 1913.

THOSE YALE KNICKERS

A Senior Protests That They Have Been Greatly Exaggerated.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: The remarks in the New York papers recently about knickerbockers at Yale have caused a slight ripple of interest here because of their absurdity.

Morning chapel is attended by the usual kind of young men in the usual attire, and special effort on my part during the last week has failed to reveal more than four or five knickerbockers per morning among a class of approximately three hundred. This occasional wearing of knee breeches may be attributed to golf players; a "knicker club" such as has been suggested, does not exist, so far as I can ascertain.

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THE ANTI-MENINGITIS SERUM

Dr. Flexner's Statistics of Its Value Are Questioned.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: In The Tribune of May 3 appeared an article entitled "Serum Cures Meningitis," in which it was said that, according to Dr. Flexner, in "The Journal of Experimental Medicine" for May, 1912, the anti-meningitis serum "has demonstrated its ability to reduce greatly the death rate" from cerebro-spinal meningitis.

MAKING THE YOUNG CRIMINALS.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: People herded together "like cattle" in tenement houses produce the criminal. Break congestion. Remove the cause. Give the child a fair chance in life by providing good homes; clean, healthy, moral environment.

THE TALK OF THE DAY.

A letter from a student at one of the large educational institutions hints at trouble which may arise because of restrictive regulations in connection with the closing festivities.

LO, THE POOR INDIAN. The red man salts the golden mine and gets the paleface cash; He lurks now in the soft sunshine and "coppers" like a flash;

Well, once the paleface trimmed him well, So it's appropriate, Since on the bluff we've made him dwell, He should reciprocate. J. G. C.