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NO BONDS.

Carrying out a program agreed upon some time ago in the secret council of the rulers of the City authorities, Mayor Bransford last Friday evening favored a number of invited guests with a financial statement, and an argument in favor of a bond issue.

The Mayor stated that the City found itself at the beginning of the year without any funds available for current expenses or improvements, and with a debt that would swallow up not only cash balances but also uncollected taxes and water rates.

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The larger proportion of those not in school are in the South, and yet more than one Southern state has for several years built schoolhouses so rapidly that the average is a new school building for every day in the year.

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ticket, agree with Doctor Goshen that the City is infested with grafters. One gentleman of that class stated the other day that even New York, during its famous graft reform, did not do so far as to let out contracts for public work without securing the benefit of competition, as Salt Lake has done.

Another gentleman, an ex-councilman, expressed his opinion of the queer doings of the so-called American administration in still stronger terms. Those who have followed the proceedings of the party officials agree that they should not be entrusted with another million dollars to squander.

It appears that Congress has decided not to put through a number of the measures strongly favored and recommended by the President. The last special message was an urgent appeal to the lawmakers to enact into law the various suggestions which the President has repeatedly urged upon their attention.

It seems now that there is little possibility of favorable action upon the President's recommendations. In three weeks Congress will adjourn. It is thus demonstrated that his party associates, though in a large majority in the law-making body, do not look with favor upon many of his most cherished projects.

Probably the majority regards some of the President's proposals as too radical. They maintain that the country is not yet ready for them. Most people, however, regard a number of the President's favorite measures as reasonable and trustworthy, and will experience a sense of disappointment at the failure of Congress to act favorably upon them.

The leaders of Congress have notified the President that several bills which he desired enacted into laws will not pass. The most important of these measures are the following:

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Much of this sacrifice of infant life is unnecessary. Ignorance, carelessness, and lack of medical skill among the poorer classes are chiefly responsible for this appalling daily sacrifice; for it is chiefly the children of the poor who die.

in the Philippines, but in the United States; not in the choice of presidents and governors and the building of state capitols, but in the education and selection of teachers, the erection and equipment of schoolhouses, and the extension of the benefits of free elementary, practical and higher education.

And if the politicians fail to take notice of those greater needs of the people, the latter must themselves see to it. As yet, however, the people either do not know their own power, or they do not know how to use it.

Festivities follow the flag. May is the month for moving pictures. Castro hasn't been 'spanked' only ignored.

Young girls should not wear 'Merry Widow' hats. Mischaunce has done more harm to the Japanese navy than the Russians did.

How tame and dull California will seem after the battleship fleet leaves its coast. All clouds look alike to Captain Richmond Hobson, and they all look like warclouds.

On the bond question the people will be bond or free according to the way they decide. There never was a gamer man than the father of baseball whose death occurred recently.

From the top of the Newhouse buildings the citizens view Salt Lake not with alarm but with pride. Hetty Green, it is said, never used a telephone in her life. Presumably the line was busy all the time.

Would it not be more fitting if 'Merry Widow' hats were trimmed with widow's weeds in place of flowers? 'United we stand, divided we fall' does not apply to the battleship fleet which has been divided at Monterey.

Often as history repeats itself it isn't in it with a popular play that runs for five hundred nights in succession. Secretary Taft's boom will not suffer from his absence in Panama, for does not absence make the heart grow fonder?

When the cadets come back they will be veterans, and about a hundred years hence their widows will be drawing pensions. Senator Jeff Davis has lifted the laurel wreath of vituperation from the brow of Senator Tillman and placed it upon his own.

Striving to create and maintain the largest navy in the world is not the least of the white man's burden in various countries. Miss Rhoda Augusta Thompson, the last real daughter of the American Revolution, has just died in Woodbury, Connecticut. If she was the last 'real daughter,' are the others to be regarded as spurious?

Possibilities for a vice-presidential nomination are being presented to several prominent gentlemen, but as they do not consider themselves as out of the race for first place they have declined to accept them. It is a little presumptuous on the part of any one to begin talking consolidation prizes so early in the game.

The English woman who tried to sell John D. Rockefeller an old Ironsides sword for five hundred dollars found that he is not an easy mark though a shining one. And how splendid and appropriate his reply that he is a man of peace and has no use for a sword!

After giving an imaginative description of a possible war between Japan and the United States, Captain Richmond Hobson hysterically cries: 'It is time patriotic Americans were considering the possibility of a war for our very existence.' To which it may be replied as Job said of Eliphaz, 'Now hath he made me weary.'

A CURIOUS SOUVENIR. Bohemian. A short time ago, Pope Plus X gave an audience to a group of distinguished Americans. While they were conversing the reversed gentleman took from a compartment in a near-by desk a piece of paper, and handing it to one of the party said: 'My son, allow me to present to you with a little souvenir of your visit to Plus the Tenth.' (The recipient upon examining his treasure, found it to be the return coupon of a railroad ticket from Venice to Rome. It was the one purchased by Cardinal Giuseppe Sarato to attend the meeting of cardinals at Rome after the death of Leo. As we all know, he has never returned to Venice.)

OFFICE FIFTY YEARS IN ONE FAMILY. Detroit Free Press. A remarkable feature of the elections held this week is commented upon in Taymouth township, where D. D. Ross, a Democrat, was elected supervisor. It transpires that for upward of 50 years, of nearly the whole of the township's existence, the office of supervisor has been in the Ross family. Ross's grandfather, one of the earliest settlers in Saginaw county, was for many years supervisor during and before Civil war days. When he became too old to continue in the duties the office descended to his son, by the same name, who likewise held it for many years. Now comes the grandson, who is the third in the direct family line to hold the office of supervisor in Taymouth. It is believed not another record in office holding such as this can be found in the State of Michigan.

EFFICIENCY AND OLD AGE. Speech by Chauncey M. Depew. In Shakespeare's time men were played out and sent to 50 because of their loads of living. Water was regarded as necessary only for navigation and irrigation and the pleasures of life were summed up in the ability to consume unlimited quantities of beef, beer and wine. Sanitation did not exist. People between 40 and 50 had worn out stomachs, palsied muscles and shattered nerves. The senate illustrates the preservation of vigor by the habits of today. Alabama's two great senators, one at 86 and the other at 84,

Morgan and Pettus, who died last session, were to the end famous for physical and intellectual energy. There are three senators of 80 who are heads of great committees and surpass all the youngsters in the amount and value of the work which they do. They have passed the spectacular period. They do not believe that all of legislation is artifice and demagoguery which by their sensationalism give the orator standing room next to editorial matter in the press and large audiences from the platform, but they give their unequalled experience, their maturity of years and their ripe judgment to constructive policies, which will permanently promote the best interests of the people and the stability of the government.

JUST FOR FUN. Quits. Philadelphia Press. 'Gracious!' exclaimed Mr. Swellman, 'the baby has eaten a lot of that dog biscuit!'

The Snorer. 'Was he sound asleep?' 'If there was half as much sleep as sound, he was.'—Houston Post. Confidence Returning. Knecker—We have placed a loan abroad. Eecker—Fine; maybe I can borrow an umbrella now.—New York Sun.

What Our Artist Has to Put Up With. —Visitor—I say, old chappie, tell me, what is about the average price of an old Master?—Punch. Doctor (to attempted suicide)—You may sit up now. Sufferer—I know, doctor; but I don't want to do anything to endanger my health.—Judge.

'I cannot live but a week longer without you!' 'Really, Duke? Now how can you fix on a specific length of time?' 'Ze landlord fix on it, miss; not I.'—Louisville Courier-Journal. Mrs. Brown—She's forever complaining, but I think she merely lacks stam- ing.—Mrs. Malaprop—Oh, no; she's got it; at any rate, that's what the doctor calls her disease. She can't sleep, you know.—Philadelphia Press.

Political Candidate—Which way do the farm hands lean around here? Farmer Ryetop—Well, stranger, around ploughing and planting time we'll see them leaning against the barn or fence every time your back is turned.—Chicago Daily News.

'My clerk over there at the liquor counter,' said the proprietor of the large establishment, 'is a believer in occult phenomena.'

'So I see,' replied the customer, as he noted the clerk deftly making a bottle up into a package. 'At this very moment, I observe he is engaged in spirit-wrapping.'—Baltimore American.

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