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The naked truth can no longer be shown on Washington billboards.

Footprints of the devil have been discovered in the vicinity of Burlington, N. J. That's his State.

Some people seem to know more about what Edgar Allen Poe drank than they do about what he wrote.

Mobile "quietly lynched a negro" Friday night. For real gentility and decorum Mobile leads all her sister cities.

That clergyman who thinks that New York will be a pagan city twenty years from now is just twenty years behind time.

Scientists say that camels originated in America, which serves to explain how they happened to get a hump on themselves.

Jake Kilrain has been at the White House, and it is thought he may be the bodyguard of the President in Central Africa. Lions, beware.

The Panama canal zone is rapidly getting into the California class. It is now kicking against a treaty by the United States of America. How babies do grow.

The recently liberated Mr. Thornton Hains denies that he has any idea of going on the stage. He probably doesn't intend to give anyone a chance to get back at him.

The trustees of the I. I. Fund have decided not to employ special counsel during the present year. Former Governor Jennings received $15,000 fees as counsel in 1907 and $17,000 for similar services in 1908. Pretty good "pick-up" for the ex-Governor during past two years of Broward's reign, wasn't it? Wonder how much he got during 1905 and 1906?

The decision of the United States supreme court sustaining the Texas anti-trust laws is of vast importance and will have far-reaching results. It is a victory for State rights in that it confirms the right of any State to deal with unlawful combinations in restraint of trade that exist within its own borders, even though those combinations have an inter-state character. It also shows that when the effort is properly made the law can reach and punish trust offenders, and that is something many people had begun to doubt. What Texas has done other States may do.

The Bartow Courier-Informant is of the opinion that the United States Senate will not recognize the appointment of D. U. Fletcher for the term beginning March 4th, 1909, and that the seat will be vacant until an election by the Legislature. Such appointments have been recognized in the past, but if our memory serves us correctly notice was given that no such appointment would be recognized in the future. If the appointment of Mr. Fletcher is not recognized by the United States Senate it will then unquestionably be the duty of the Legislature to elect a Senator to succeed Senator Taliaferro for the term beginning March 4th, 1911.

TEDDIE'S LATEST AUTOCRACY.

(Atlanta Journal.)

The American people would find it difficult to restrain their impatience if the President of the United States had a longer tenure in which to exhibit the insolent and high-handed methods which he has adopted of late, as if in a very spirit of bravado.

His petty despotism and autocracy reached a climax in his seizure of certain data in possession of the bureau of corporations which, it is supposed, would throw light on the deal by which the United States steel corporation acquired the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company with the approval of the President himself, although the merger was apparently in direct violation of the anti-trust act.

Herbert Knox Smith, the commissioner of corporations in the department of commerce and labor, testified in unequivocal terms that the data he gathered for the President did not come under the head of "confidential," which, according to law, the President could give out or not as he saw fit. It was simply general information to which Congress is entitled on demand.

Getting wind of the fact that the judiciary committee of the Senate, in its investigation of the merger authorized by the President, would demand this data, Mr. Roosevelt, with his usual contempt for the legislative branch of the Government and defiance of all conventions, boldly demanded that the commissioner of corporations should bundle up all this data and send it to him.

This was done, and safely enclosed in well-sealed sacks, it now lies at the White House, while the President, in substance, cynically asks of Congress, "What are you going to do about it?"

He frankly confesses that he promised immunity to the steel trust if it wanted to go ahead and consummate the merger of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, and in order to carry out his promise of protection he openly defies the Senate judiciary committee and the Senate itself.

The foundations of this republic are so firmly laid that assaults upon them in the past have only served to awaken an indulgent smile. The long-haired anarchist and the political quacks of various kinds have stirred only a sort of amused pity. The pillars of the State were so broad that no man gave himself any concern about the impotent ravings of this fanatic or that.

But there is no governmental structure on earth which could sustain the persistent assaults which have been made upon our own by a man in the exalted station of President Roosevelt without feeling the effects of his revolutionary conduct. Like a blind Cyclops he has been striking to right and to left of him, as if he wished to round out a dramatic administration by something supremely spectacular and audacious.

He has apparently delighted in giving a shock to precedents and traditions. He began to using the influence of his position as a campaign asset, and in the methods he adopted he was no whit superior to the ward politicians and the party bosses. He indulged in bitter personalities toward Mr. Bryan and other leading Democrats and dragged the chief magistrate into the political gutter.

He sent to Congress a message containing the most amazing charges ever preferred, in modern times, by one branch of Government against another, in which he accused the members of Congress with being at least the beneficiaries of crime.

Called upon to explain, he was more insolent and more insulting than before.

He has instituted proceedings against a newspaper for criminal libel against himself and the Government, without warrant of any known law and in violation of many that are well known. The defendant and witnesses were summoned without being informed as to who lodged the complaint against them and what law they were alleged to have violated.

After perverting the secret service from the only function recognized by law, he attempted to jutify his use of this branch by revealing the fruits of its investigation, and in doing so make a wanton attack upon the personal integrity of a member of the United States Senate.

With an assumption of authority dangerous in the extreme, he promised immunity to one of the great trusts of the world if it saw fit to acquire property in apparent violation of the laws made to restrain that very thing.

And now that there is reason to believe that the steel trust merger was a stock-jobbing affair; now that the Senate insists upon having the facts, in order that this cloud of suspicion may be cleared away, he lays violent hands upon the Government archives, carries them to the White House, where he keeps them under lock and key, and to all inquiries, simply says, "How are you going to help yourself?"

Such a rain of blows upon the structure of the republic; such arbitrary and repeated assumptions of authority on the part of the executive branch of the Government, cannot fail to have its effect.

It is not sublime as a coup d'etat. There is nothing heroic in its magnitude. It is more like the petty meddling, the stupid obstinacy of Napoleon the Little.

But the very vermin can pierce a Dutch dyke and flood a province. The recklessness of Roosevelt paves the way for someone else with greater ability and equal daring.

The most ardent of his friends, the most loyal of his partisans, are beginning to breathe a prayer of thanks that his autocracy rule is almost over.

It May Be Pneumonia

"A hard chill, pain through the chest, difficult breathing. Then fever, with great prostration." If this should be your experience, send for your doctor. You may have pneumonia! If your doctor cannot come at once, give Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. When he comes, tell him exactly what you have done. Then do as he says. No alcohol in this cough medicine. *J.C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.*

Keep the bowels in good condition. One of Ayer's Pills at bedtime will cause an increased flow of bile, and produce a gentle laxative effect the day following.

The tragedy on the crib in the lake at Chicago, by which over fifty men lost their lives, is the latest of the many terrible accidents due to criminal carelessness. In this case the carelessness seems to have been shared by several. A careless workman was probably the immediate cause of the accident, a careless company built a crib that proved a death trap, and, apparently, carleess city officials failed to enforce the law. As the result of this combined carelessness three score men met with a horrible death and many homes darkened with grief. Of course the coroner made a "rigid" investigation. That is always done, and that, with public indignation and newspaper comments, is about all that is done. For some reason or other the parties responible for such disasters, like that of the Iroquois Theatre fire for instance, seldom get punished. So long as that is the case and contractors are permitted to do faulty work, just so long may we expect such accidents to occur.

BONNIE MELROSE.

MELROSE, Feb. 2.—Geo. M. Lynch, professor of Secondary Education of the State University, was in town Tuesday to look after school matters, and while he found the teachers most efficient and the attendance very good he was much shocked at the deplorable condition of the building and grounds. Evidently somebody will have a bad quarter of an hour as the result of his visit.

The Melrose people would certainly like to know why the school does not receive more benefit from the Clay county division of sub-district fund than they are at present receiving.

Newly registered at the Huffman House are Mrs. M. M. Cochran and Mrs. E. M. Marshall of Cannonsburg, Pa. Other new arrivals in town are Col. F. M. Tolles and Mrs. Tolles, Nangatuck, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. H. Tolles, Ansonia, Conn., and Mrs. S. M. Caldwell of Springfield, Mass.

The old Whitcomb house, near Melrose, was burned down on Sunday night, the tenants, John Vincent and family, losing everything.

During the cold snap the self-registering thermometer marked on Sunday 27 degrees min. and 40 degrees max.; on Monday 28 degrees and 50 degrees. Comparatively little damage was done.

C. P. Huffman met with quite an accident on Monday, when he cut the middle finger of his right hand with the steam saw.

Wm. Kifer of Galion, Ohio, is stopping with T. A. Birt. Mr. Birt is kept quite busy lately building boats for Messrs. Cole and Williams and others, also for rent.

S. M. Nash, a Syrian merchant of Palatka, has been arrested in Tallahassee charged with swindling. His place of business was searched at Palatka and not over $200 worth of goods found. He has operated extensively in ordering and having the goods reshipped elsewhere.

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In Which a Resident of Alachua County Will be Awarded a Beautiful Howard Piano, and 18 Certificates Valued at $3,150.00 Furnished by The Bush & Safford Piano Co., Sole Representatives of The R. S. Howard Co. of Miami, the Contest to be Conducted by THE SUN in Behalf of Bush & Safford.

$3,550.00.

One $400.00 Howard Piano will be given to the person residing in the County of Alachua who receives the highest number of votes between December 15th, 1908, and 10 p. m. April 15th, 1909.

ADDITIONAL GIFTS.

In addition to the Piano there will be issued by The Bush & Safford Piano Co., on a new $400 Howard Piano, eighteen Transferable Due Bills, same to be used as a first or initial payment on a new Howard Piano. These due bills will be given in this voting contest as follows, to persons residing in Alachua County:

To the first six receiving the next to the highest vote, a due bill for each for $200.00.

To the second six receiving the next highest vote, a due bill for each for $175.00.

To the next six receiving the next highest vote, a due bill for each for $150.00.

These due bills may be used by the winners or can be disposed of to anyone for any value they may see fit, and will be worth their face value upon the purchase of one of these new pianos.

In the event of a tie for any prize offered, a prize similar in all respects thereto, will be given each of those tieing.

How and Where to Get Votes.

The following merchants will give one vote for every cent paid into their establishments for goods which they handle:

The Gainesville Hardware Co.
Phifer Bros.
Hyde & Tench.

Where Votes May be Cast.

Ballot boxes will be found in the establishments of the merchants giving votes and at The Sun office. Votes sent by mail must be directed to the Voting Contest Department of The Sun, Gainesville, Florida.

Rules and Regulations.

1 The contest is open to anyone living in Alachua county who is known by the conductors of the contest or vouched for by some reputable person, to them well known.

2. No employee, attachee or relative of the proprietors of the above-named firms are eligible to participate in this contest and will participate in no manner.

3. In the event of a misunderstanding between candidates or others interested in this contest, such controversy may be referred to the conductors of contest, who alone are the persons qualified to render decisions.

4. In the event a candidate decides to withdraw from the race, such candidate will not be allowed to transfer votes to the credit of another candidate in the contest.

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$1.25	400 votes	500 votes
$2.50	1,000 votes	1,200 votes
$5.00	3,000 votes	3,500 votes

For a club of five (old subscribers) one-year subscriptions (before April 1, 1909) 25,000 votes.

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There is no limit to the number of clubs each contestant may secure.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY SUN.

$1.00 .... 400 votes
For a club of five one-year subscriptions ....4,000 votes

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Soliciting votes by candidates or friends within the stores distributing votes is undesired by the proprietors.

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