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THE MODERN NEWSPAPER.

The modern newspaper has many sins to bear upon its shoulders. No institution can exert a powerful influence for good without at the same time acquiring a power for evil.

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While no one will for a moment contend that the modern newspaper is perfect or an approximation to perfection, it can truthfully be asserted that it is the most perfect mirror of daily happenings all the world over that has yet been devised.

No, of course not. The controversy over the Garfield incident raised by the publication of John Sherman's book would not be complete without a chapter or two from ex-Senator Ingalls.

An enterprising mercantile firm is circulating an advertisement headed "Use No Soap." We regret to express our fear that some people are likely to read the announcement for whom the advice is altogether superfluous.

The clubs comprising the Western Interstate Intercollegiate Foot Ball association know about as much now as to the superiority of the respective college teams as they did at the commencement of the present foot ball season.

President Cleveland has shown that he believes in shifting the positions of his cabinet officers when vacancies occur. If only enough vacancies occur Secretary Olney may have the experience of serving at the head of every one of the departments.

The champion pugilist of America emphatically asserts his intention to retire from the prize ring. If he will scrupulously carry out his expression of intention without delay the people will give him credit for one of the most sensible acts of his life.

Western railroads have come to an agreement to charge a stipulated toll for transporting bicycles belonging to passengers on their trains.

And the very latest is that Nebraska may furnish the presidential candidate for the prohibition party. As The Bee has previously remarked, the names of Nebraska men will in all probability be seriously considered in connection with the presidential nominations of all of the different political parties that have national organizations.

The Atlanta exposition is, according to reliable reports, demonstrating its success more and more as the time for closing approaches. The World's Columbian exposition closed on schedule time. It remains to be seen whether or not the promise of continued patronage will not persuade the Atlanta exposition managers to extend the time when their show is to be discontinued.

H. L. Gould, republican candidate for university regent, ran ahead of Charles H. Morrill, his associate on the ticket for the same office, nearly 1,000 votes. One thousand votes represents approximately the advantage of having one's name appear first on the ballot in the state of Nebraska. If we assume that under ordinary conditions the two republican candidates for university regents would have polled the same number of votes.

The Washington correspondent who can't give a complete outline of the president's forthcoming message to congress in advance of its composition is not up to snuff. Every efficient scribe in the neighborhood of the white house knows what the president is going to say, or at least what he ought to say. If some of these journalistic second-sight mediums have not struck a few things right it is not because of too weak imaginative powers.

transmississippi states adopted a resolution in favor of the annexation of Hawaii, notwithstanding the statement that out of a population of 100,000 only 7,000 are Americans, and there is reason to expect that a vigorous effort will be made in the national congress to secure an expression favorable to Hawaiian annexation.

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When The Bee ventured the suggestion of a Transmississippi exposition it advertised to the success which had attended the Cotton States exposition at Atlanta and held up the great Georgia fair as a sort of working model.

The secretary of war suggests in his annual report that it is important that congress should early adopt and consistently pursue a fixed policy in regard to the marking of the battlefields of the civil war.

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The new woman's revision of the scriptures says that there is no sex in the bible, and yet the new version always refers to the devil as "he." Is this giving the devil his due?

The commissioner of internal revenue estimates the revenue of the last fiscal year at \$71,000,000, but he collected only \$43,246,000. It is an estimating rather than a performing administration, anyhow.

If the Japs are coming over here to sell anti-radi bicycles at \$12 apiece, they will surely sell a great many of them, unless high protective duties are slapped on to stop it. The Japs beat the world for cheap labor.

It is claimed from Germany that recent inventions will enable farmers to do nearly all their work by the aid of electricity. When the time comes that the practical agriculturist can drive the plow, drag the harrow, chop the wood, feed the pigs and keep the chickens by the aid of electricity, merely touching the button, congested centers of population will be very suddenly relieved.

OUR COMMERCIAL INDEPENDENCE.

The commercial independence of the United States was not achieved until some twelve years after our political independence was acknowledged. It was in 1793 that what is known as the Jay treaty was negotiated, by which the United States obtained a commercial treaty with the nation and secured privileges of the greatest importance and value.

It was not, however, a popular treaty at the time of its negotiation. History records that against it was the almost universal sentiment of the American people.

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HOWE ON THE ELECTION.

The old man had got something on his mind and can't sleep till he has got about it. Since November 5 I have been beside myself with rage. Lord! What foils these mortals be!

Who is Rosewater that you have dined, and whom many of the "leaders" who have followed would ruin? Why, he is the man who has done more for Omaha and Nebraska than any other man in either; the most influential man in Nebraska! He built The Bee—the greatest paper east of Chicago; he built The Bee building, the best building in Omaha, although millionaires who are for "downing Rosewater" and ruining him have done practically nothing.

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FACTS ABOUT THE ORIGIN AND MUSIC OF THE FAMOUS HYMN.

The death of Rev. Dr. Samuel Francis Smith, author of the hymn "America," has revived the error that the hymn was written in imitation of "God Save the Queen." A fiction turned into fact to prejudice the general or enthusiastic adoption of "America" as a national hymn.

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BLASTS FROM HAMPS HORN.

Loafing is not rest. Loafing is a dog that bites before barking. The man who loafs is least satisfied with his pay.

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A Lively Run. Is what we'll have this week on Underwear, Hosiery and Furnishings. We're not doing this to worry the "other fellows," but there's a number of broken lines that we are going to clean out at once. That's the reason for this Price Cutting which is unusual with us, for we always sell close down to factory figures. Here's the story: Underwear-Hosiery-Miscellaneous.