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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.

It is a matter of surprise, then, to find the oft-recurring complaint that the modern newspaper conveys a false impression of actual life given a place in the Editor's Study of the current Harper's Magazine.

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.

Senator Palmer says he does not expect any legislation to speak of from this congress either for currency or to make up the deficiency.

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.

Ex-Senator Edmunds is right in saying that the American people must remain homogeneous. Upon this largely depends their future peace and progress.

The business men of Omaha will not tell themselves into the belief that the declaration of the Transmississippi congress in favor of a Transmississippi exposition at Omaha in 1898 is all that is necessary to insure the success of that great enterprise.

When The Bee ventured the suggestion of a Transmississippi exposition it adverted 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.

In order to create a Transmississippi exposition that will compare favorably with the Atlanta exposition a systematic campaign must be inaugurated to prepare the actual co-operation of all the states west of the Mississippi.

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.

It is the opinion of the eminent French economist, M. Leroy-Beaulieu, that the chances for an international adoption of bimetallicism are less than they were four or ten or fifteen years ago.

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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.

People, you have howled for years for good government, yet you have voted for bad. You have not voted as you shot; you shot off your mouths for good government, but you voted against it—to down Rosewater!

Who is Rosewater that you have downed, 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!

Rosewater the past twenty years, has pounded into the ground many enemies of good government who were inimical to you and me; these blows he delivered for you and me. And yet you, citizens, have joined these rascals and lifted them up—to down Rosewater!

Rosewater fought Mosher and Dorgan; as a result the state capital ring sought to corrupt his name—and you helped them. When he struck the state capital ring, that ring put through the legislature the Iniquitous police commission bill, and the supreme court strained a point to sustain it; thus putting the fire and police departments into politics, when the very object of the law was to take them out of politics.

What rule should you, as citizens, follow? The rule I adopt for my own government is the best I have been able to evolve, namely: In public affairs do that which is right regardless of friend or enemy.

In the late election the people lost their heads. They lost sight of the issue, which was good government for a term of years; they voted for bad government when good government was a contestant in the field.

I have always had the greatest confidence in the great middle class citizenship of this city and judicial district; but what you did November 5 has shaken it to the center!

Down Rosewater! Not much! He will yet make Thanksgiving '04 the 'fowl' that shall scratch the graves of those political birds whom he has buried once, whom you have resurrected to destroy you, and whom he will bury again to save you!

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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."

Dr. Smith himself has told the story of "America." In 1831 William C. Woodbridge of New York was sent to Germany to inspect public schools and to report upon them for the benefit of education in this country.

The fact that the British, like ourselves, adopted this air from what source neither Dr. Smith nor we know, nor do the Germans know where they got it. It is to be found in ancient folk melodies and is as familiar in the far northern countries and in France as in Germany.

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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.

Good fortune does not always travel in a carriage. Fill man with whiskey and he can give the pig points. If all our wishes were gratified how poor we would all be.

On the day we have done no good we have done much evil. The devil sees it that a grumbler always has something to grumble about. Religion pure and undefiled never has to carry a banner to let the world know its name.

There is no authority in the bible for measuring a man's religion by the length of his face. The man who loves his neighbor as himself will be slow enough to law to get wrong things made right.

Piety is on the decline in any community where nobody is being persecuted for righteousness' sake.

Chicago Post: "You wish the hand of my daughter, huh? Then I pray you speak frankly with me—have you any debts?" "Why, that ought to be self-evident."

Texas Strifings: Changing Her Tune—How is Miss Strongminded coming on? I don't hear of her advocating woman's rights any more. "She has quit woman's rights business and taken up with woman's lefts. She has married a wife."

Detroit Tribune: "No," continued the emancipated woman, "we have no more of those 5 o'clock teas. So many of the ladies these days come drunk and beat their husbands. Yes."

Chicago Record: "She has refused to answer to Dr. Smith when he asked to write translations of the German words, or to write new hymns adapted to the German music. The next year Dr. Smith was attracted by a strong French nationalist and patriotic German words. Seeing that the air was available for a like purpose for Americans he wrote in half an hour the verses inimitable since his death."

The simplicity and dignity of the air rendered its universality inevitable wherever it came to be known. There is no reason, therefore, for the prejudice against "America" as a national hymn. It is a better hymn than music and more fitting words shall be blended to make one, "America" will continue to be the favorite for all occasions demanding a national anthem.

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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. A small lot of black all wool cashmere Half Hose, our regular price 35c, to close for 25c.