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THE BRITISH IN PRETORIA. The announcement of the British occupation of Pretoria was not unexpected, though the dispatches of the last few days indicated the possibility of considerable resistance.

The Boer envoys in the United States say that while organized resistance is at an end fighting will go on, that there will be guerrilla warfare, such as the Filipinos are carrying on.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA. The condition of affairs in China has reached a most serious stage and it seems inevitable that the powers must either withdraw and leave the government to manage the situation as best it can, or make a concerted and vigorous effort to suppress the "Boxers" and restore order in the disturbed district.

Obviously, however, the United States may be compelled to enter into an understanding with the other powers for the protection of the common interests and while our government might disclaim any intention of interfering with the integrity of China it would perhaps be unable to bind any other power not to do so.

Bryan's recent visit to Oregon does not seem to have been able to stem the tide of republican prosperity. That want asking for a victim willing to take the fusion nomination for congress against Dave Mercer is still unanswered.

When it comes to getting away from punishment the Chinese Boxers appear to be about as expert pugilists as can be found anywhere. Both the appointed and the disappointed among the Omaha teachers' force will have a sigh of relief that the annual agony is over.

The California man who won a Nebraska girl for a bride through correspondence secured a bargain. Any Nebraska girl is worth more than a few postage stamps.

There is no call for a scare over threatened invasion of smallpox in any part of Nebraska. Common sense and the ordinary health precautions are all that are needed.

Over \$200,000 of the permanent school funds, according to the statement of Treasurer Meserve, still remains uninvested. The statement sheds no light on the question where it is deposited, however.

According to the report of the state treasurer, the taxpayers of Nebraska have to their credit in current funds \$819,281, as against \$614,110 a year ago. Not much consolation in these figures for the calamity crowd that persists in denying the advent of republican prosperity.

The statistics of farm mortgages filed and released in the various Nebraska counties continue to show a heavy falling off in the mortgage indebtedness. If this is true at this time of the year what will the condition be when the growing crop is harvested and put on the market?

So soon after the severe experience of the country with a democratic tariff. Another proposition is that of Mr. Bryan, which is a federal license plan requiring that a corporation, organized in any state, shall take out a license from the federal government before doing business outside of that state.

THE AMERICAN SENTIMENT. Senator Hale expresses the feelings of several millions of the American people in his terrible allusion to England in India and in South Africa—expanding millions of money for the bloody crushing of two little republics, while millions of its subjects in Asia are starving to death.

PIOUS REFLECTIONS ON PUGILISM. While the elder Jeffries does not exactly approve of the prize fight, he feels that the man who is in the ring for the winning of his arms to a better life, "I am opposed to prize fighting," he has said, but Jim will keep it up until he gets thrashed, then he'll quit.

HAD ECONOMIST, WORSE PHILIPPO. New York Journal of Commerce. When a man awakens to the idea that popular government, or social order, or any established human institution, is going to the dogs he is suffering indigestion, or his mind is affected, or he is a demagogue trading on the apprehensions of the ill-informed.

LOUD PROFESSORS OF WRATH TEMPERED WITH DIVIDENDS. Philadelphia Times. American politics have from the very foundation of our government furnished many funny features, but nothing more ludicrous has occurred in a century than the position in which the Tammany wing of the democratic party finds itself as the result of the fusion election.

GREAT AMERICAN EYE-OPENER. Coffee the Favorite Stimulant in the United States. Chicago Times-Herald. The acquisition of a considerable area of coffee-growing territory as a result of the Spanish-American war gives more than 100,000,000 pounds of coffee to the consumption in this country.

Does Horace Invite the Roller? Chicago Record. Mr. Boies of Iowa raises his voice against the nomination of Bryan on the Chicago platform. Evidently Uncle Horace has not been run over times enough to thoroughly satisfy him.

Large Field at Home. Baltimore American. If missionaries are driven out of ignorant eastern countries they may still find plenty of practice in this enlightened land. A mob wrecked a free dispensary in Chicago on account of reports of human vivisection.

They Didn't Get a Gun. Chicago Inter Ocean. The fact remains that no matter how much territory the British have acquired in South Africa during the last few weeks they have acquired a greater one to the republicans. This may be a minor consideration, but it has its good side.

Democrats Side with Trusts. Globe-Democrat. Every democratic vote in the house except three was cast against the proposed constitutional amendment aimed against oppressive monopolies. This square test of how the democratic party stands on trusts will be heard from frequently during the campaign.

Pension Office Statistics. Indianapolis Journal. Pension Commissioner Evans estimates that there are about 925,000 survivors of the civil war, of which 742,467 are drawing pensions. During the year 24,787 pensioned veterans died, which is at the rate of 31-3 per cent per annum.

Schemes of Pension Attorneys. Boston Herald. It is apparent that on the eve of the presidential election of this year another effort is being made to remove Commissioner Evans of the pension bureau from his office.

THE VICE PRESIDENCY. Vicissitudes Which the Office Has Undergone in a Century. A writer in the Chicago Times-Herald discusses the vicissitudes which the vice-presidential office has undergone and contends that the term "revolution" does not describe the change properly.

Two Per Cent Bonds. Notable Demonstration of the Financial Strength of the Nation. New York Financialer. The United States is at present furnishing the world with a demonstration of financial strength which is well calculated to give moments' reflection.

SQUEEZE OF THE SUGAR TRUST. End of Business Hilarity Followed by Advance in Price of Refinery. Philadelphia Ledger. There are intimations that the sugar trust and its leading rivals have come to an understanding, or at least agreed to a truce, in the matter of the price of raw sugar and the organization of the National Sugar Refining Company of New Jersey.

FIGHTING OUR CORNBREAD. Foreign Politicians Alarmed Over the Corn Kitchen at Paris. Philadelphia Record. The representatives of this government in Europe will be called upon to aid in the missionary work that is being carried on at the Paris exposition.

PERSONAL POINTERS. This thing of permitting a defeated pugilist to whip the referee tends to soothe the feelings of the left. The gift of a punch bowl to General Canine suggests the possibility of mixing drinks in St. Helena.

CASTORIA. For Infants and Children. The Kind You've Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

SMILING LINES. Boston Life: "How awfully dull Eve must have been in Eden with no clothes to wear." "Worse still, no other woman's clothes to criticize." Detroit Journal: "Hinks' injury seems to have resulted in a chronic lameness."

Washington, D. C., June 6. "Sometimes," said Uncle Eben, "I wonder you don't get a favor, he never forgits it. He jest laughs at you de rest 'o his life fo' bein' so easy."

Chicago Tribune: "Well, I see," said Uncle Eben, "the Methodist church adheres to the position, that dancing is not the proper career."

Pittsburg Chronicle: Mr. Penn—There are hyperbolic Americans of many sorts—Ireland and America and so on—but no American-Americans. Mr. Pitt—Oh, you are wrong! Many Indians have been killed in severity and have become citizens.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "I see that a Boston man says that General Phil Sheridan arrived at the war when he was a baby. Well, he seems to have reached there in ample time for the poet and the sculptor."

Detroit Journal: They were rapidly drifting apart. "Don't get hot under the collar," she was saying with delicate irony, "or you'll expose the redoubtable character of your nature." "What?" he cried. "The shirt-front that has had laid trustfully upon it a head of hair as red as a poppy? Not in a thousand years!"

He laughed last, but they both laughed equally for from well. Somerville Journal: Collector—Can't you fix a date now when you'll pay this bill? Debtor—Impossible, my dear fellow! I never make engagements more than two years in advance.

Chicago Post: "Do you like 'To Have and to Hold'?" she asked. "Five minutes ago," he was out in the street alone, wondering why the dickens she had said that, and then got mad because he tried to put his arms around her." Philadelphia Press: "So you've got a little baby, now, Mary?" said the lady to her former servant. "It must be a great pleasure to you." "T'would be a greater one, ma'am, if it didn't cry so much. Me husband can't stand the noise." "Too bad! What does your husband do, Ma'am?" "He's a boiler-maker, ma'am."

THE OLD SOLDIER. He's crowded out by younger men. He cannot dig or hoe. He gave his claim to strength and health to the world, and now he is old. For that unselfish service, I have heard the people say, A grateful country grants to him A Decoration day.

Does he ask you for an office? That he may earn his bread? But, too, he may be honest. As you wisely shake your head, There are better politicians, Who more truly work the wires, And much more willing catspaws, And endless better lars.

'Tis true he isn't handsome And he may be bent and old; But, too, he may be honest. With a heart as good as gold, But understanding will pay this little bill. And you wondering shake your head, That he looks for recognition, 'Till he's safely cold and dead.

His children may be hungry, And he may be bent and old; But, too, he may be honest. And let the people stare, It isn't they we care for. When all is done and said— 'Tis true the poor old soldier, When he's safely cold and dead.

Then he starve and freeze in passing, Let him hold his soul in peace. His day of glory soon will come, 'Till he's safely cold and dead. 'Tis he, like ancient Homer, Have not where to lay his head, 'Till he's safely cold and dead. In the city of the dead.

Then call the little children, Sweet flowers let them bring And summon your harmonious choir, The hero's home to sing. And bid your gifted orators, When they are talking, To bid once a year old soldiers, May hear a word of praise.

Then to his little corner, Let him humbly creep away, And hide him in the shade, 'Till next Decoration day. For his claim to recognition, 'Till he's safely cold and dead. Until the grave shall take him in, And cover him with earth.

OMAHA, ILL. FAIRMAN PAULSON. CASTORIA. For Infants and Children. The Kind You've Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Chicago Post: "I trust, William," said the old gentleman in a kindly tone, "that you have not had any engagements with me lately. I have only met the young woman casually, but, I hope you have seen a good deal of her." "Oh, yes, indeed," answered the young man enthusiastically, "I've seen her in the ball room and on the bathing beach."

It is a serious question for the public—that of the concentration of the sugar refinery. Sugar is a necessity of life and must be had at whatever price. By means of economies in manufacture and production on a vast scale the trust is in a position to do the actual work of refining at a minimum of cost, but to earn dividends on inflated stock and to yield profits on capital invested in refineries which do not manufacture one pound of sugar from one end of the year to the other excessive expenditures are placed upon the refinery. The recent cutting of rates is believed to have borne no relation to the cost of production, but to have been resorted to by the trust in an effort to ruin its rivals. It is claimed that none of the sugar refineries have any money during the winter months, that the trust, fortunately, was injured more severely than the independent concern.

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