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The attorney general's "brief" in the Porto Rican case is embodied in a printed document covering 200 pages.

Governor Dietrich declares he can say "no" just as easily as "yes" to a place hunter.

It requires fully as much sparring to get the signatures of the powers to the peace agreement in Pekin as is witnessed in arranging the preliminaries of a prize fight.

We fear the senate is playing sad havoc with that bogey of secret Anglo-American alliance.

The acquiescence of China in that international agreement recalls the stage coach passenger who made a present of his watch and pocketbook to the persuasive highwayman.

The Chicago authorities have followed the lead of Omaha in calling a halt on prize fighting under the guise of "glove contests."

In the case of the deputy attorney generalship which was headed for Omaha, we have another example where too much home competition has changed the direction of the shaft.

Reliability in a newspaper is one of the chief elements of its value. That is why The Bee is worth full price while its cut-rate competitors are expensive because of their cheapness.

Mr. Bryan promises to illumine the future of democracy at the annual Jacksonian feast in this city next month.

Governor Dietrich has invested two knights of the pen with sword and capulet as members of his military staff.

Ex-President Cleveland has at last spoken on politics and recommends that the party get back to its old moorings.

Senator Tillman has promised to bring his pitchfork out to Omaha and give a one-night exhibition for the benefit of the Jacksonians.

When General Lee runs the gauntlet of all the receptions and banquets that are tendered him he should be thoroughly impressed with the conviction that his assignment to the command of the Department of the Missouri is the most popular with the people of this section that could have been made.

There is no good reason why unchecked pilfering should be so common in the High school. The pupils there are entitled to protection for their wraps and property and would have it if an example or two were made of the offenders.

Some of the labor leaders and others attending the arbitration conference and making speeches advocating that method of settling difficulties between employer and employe should lay a printed copy of their speeches away where they will come handy.

If read at the proper time it might prevent the hasty calling of a strike or sound strange to the employe who declares "There is nothing to arbitrate."

OBSTRUCTING NEGOTIATIONS.

The British government continues to obstruct negotiations at Pekin. According to the correspondent of a London paper, the British representative at Pekin has been instructed to insist upon the retention in the joint note of the word "irrevocable," which the representatives of the other powers had agreed should be eliminated.

CURRENCY IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The Taft commission is engaged in framing a tariff for the Philippines, which, it is announced, will be essential for revenue, though some of the established industries will be given protection. No less important is the question of a currency for the islands, which is receiving consideration at Washington.

THE GLASS TRUST PINCHES.

The extortions of the glass trust have become so unbearable under the cover of the high duties imposed by the tariff upon glass that the popular interest at the present time is in the Chicago Chronicle, which has been driven into open revolt.

EXHIBITIONS OF BAD TASTE.

If Mr. James J. Jeffries should turn in and administer a tariff beating to an underdoged newsboy he wouldn't be likely to go around boasting of his valor and prowess.

CHEERING OPTIMISM.

The address of Prof. E. Benjamin Andrews, president of the University of Nebraska, before the Kaitie and Fork club Saturday night revealed a spirit of optimism which was decidedly good for the cause.

SHIPBUILDING COMBINE.

The Cramps have at last admitted that there is some foundation of truth in the stories which have been afloat about a great consolidation of English and American shipbuilders.

SIGNIFICANCE OF A CLINCH.

The Chinese emperor will agree to the proposed terms of the agreement "and if we win, tails you lose."

TERMS AND TO THE POINT.

Four years ago the Nebraskans owed \$7,000,000 in back taxes and now the amount is reduced to \$2,000,000.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE PACT.

The statement that the British people are not giving much attention to the modification of the treaty affecting the Clayton-Bulwer compact is probably true.

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decided upon, as seems likely, it is by no means improbable that Nicaragua and Costa Rica will decline to dispose of territory and make the concessions required.

A ROTTEN BOROUGH.

Politically, South Omaha is rotten to the core. It has been the rotten borough of this county ever since it was incorporated into a town.

THE PORTO RICAN CASE.

The Porto Rican case was one in point, but it was scarcely referred to by democratic speakers during the campaign.

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A PROPOSED INJUSTICE.

Right of Equal Representation North and South. Indianapolis Journal. The apportionment of representatives in congress to the states for the next decade is a very important matter.

What Might Have Been

An esteemed correspondent asks the Chronicle to state what it views in regard to the Philippines would have been if Mr. Bryan had been elected.

The Chronicle's views with reference to the Philippines have been expressed many times without special reference to Mr. Bryan's party.

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Replied specifically to its correspondent, therefore, the Chronicle takes pleasure in saying that if Mr. Bryan had been elected its attitude in regard to the Philippines would have been exactly the same as it was during the campaign of 1896.

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COLONIES OR TERRITORIES?

New York Sun (rep.): The Ann Arbor address gives one the impression that General Harrison took the first convenient opportunity to vent his feelings about the Philippine question, giving to them the dignified outlet of an apparent argument as to the law.

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Chicago Chronicle (dem.): He holds that treaties, like laws, must be in harmony with the constitution; that they are void in so far as they are not in harmony with that instrument; that no treaty can confer on congress or any branch of the government any power not granted by the constitution.

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KNOWS WHAT NEBRASKA NEEDS

Chadron Journal. Mr. Rosewater has done as much to bring Nebraska to its present high standard of citizenship as any other man.

LAUGHING GAS.

Chicago Record: "Why do you go back to the tailor who cheated you?" "I don't think he'd have the nerve to cheat me again."

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