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STILL HAAGLING AT PERIN.

No agreement has yet been reached regarding a plan for the payment of the Chinese indemnity and according to the latest advices there is little prospect of an early understanding being arrived at.

Meanwhile the Chinese government, through its plenipotentiaries, is urging a settlement. It announces its readiness to comply with any reasonable demand and the evidence of this is in the fact that it agreed without hesitation to pay the indemnity asked.

At all events the situation is not creditable to the powers, which after having shown their greed in the amount of indemnity demanded are now unable to agree upon a plan for its collection.

A COURTSHIP CAMPAIGN.

The Ohio campaign promises to be entirely courteous and amiable, so far as the republican and democratic candidates for governor are concerned.

This is as it should be. Political campaigns in Ohio in recent years have not been characterized by the personalities which were common at an earlier time.

While political zeal is not less ardent now than in former years, there is not so much of asperity and bitterness in our political contests, and there is no question that the change is for the better.

Next to the grave, hot weather is the greatest leveler. The heated term in London has been so severe that the judges have actually discarded their big wigs, much to the disgust of the older people, who are wedded to the ancient custom.

Among the first to push into the new lands in Oklahoma will be the printer with his army press. Like the sound of the going to the old fire horse is the hint of the last office notice to the publisher who has ever had a taste of this "easy money."

Mayor Moores has made no mistake in his veto of the \$15,000 street repaving resolution. All the taxpayers in Omaha except those directly interested are a unit against the methods by which North Sixteenth street is to be repaved at the expense of the whole city.

Preparations on the most extensive scale are being made by the citizens of South Auburn and Nemaha county for the reception of Consul Church Howe, who is expected from Europe with a large invoice of Sicilian whiskeys and Sheffield scissors.

Indian instructors are having a convention at Buffalo. They might start in by teaching the exposition officials a little Indian history and correcting the exposition advertising matter where it classes Gerulino as a Sioux and states Sitting Bull was killed at Wounded Knee.

Much has been said of late on the progress of forestry, but, unfortunately, while there has been some progress in forestry it has by no means kept pace with the destruction of the timber resources of the country.

The committee of the Chicago Board of Trade which has been investigating the recent corn corner has exonerated King Phillips. The committee states the complaints were made by parties who did not understand the operations of the Board of Trade.

with the West Indian possessions of European nations. It is obvious that in order to properly take care of the interests of Porto Rico we cannot be very liberal toward the competing products of other islands.

OMAHA AS A MILITARY STATION.

The army bill passed by congress in its last session empowered the secretary of war to establish four permanent camps of the army at locations best adapted for military maneuvers and most conveniently located for the concentration and redistribution of troops.

For more than thirty years Omaha has been the headquarters of an important military department and every general of the army, including Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Schofield and Miles, has pronounced Omaha the most important strategic point in military operations west of the Mississippi.

The Bee has for years advocated the establishment of a military school at Fort Omaha and with this end in view has urged the rehabilitation of Fort Omaha with modern structures and equipment specially designed for that purpose.

When General Miles visited Omaha two years ago he declared himself in favor of the reoccupation of Fort Omaha at an early day and congress would doubtless have made provision for this purpose had it not been for the great pressure exerted in favor of the establishment of a military post at Des Moines.

The contest for a western army camp will not, however, come between Omaha and Des Moines, but between Omaha and Fort Leavenworth, unless, indeed, Secretary Root should decide to locate two great military camps in the west.

With two military reservations in its vicinity Omaha should be in position to impress upon Secretary Root its superior claims and advantages from every point of view.

Government by injunction has reached a very extraordinary stage in this country. Down in New Jersey orders for commitment in the cases of the Paterson strikers who were adjudged guilty of contempt of court in having violated an injunction restraining them from serenading non-union workers were issued Monday with all the gravity and decorum that pertains to a great judicial tribunal.

The governments interested in Chinese affairs are still at loggerheads regarding the method of payment of the Chinese indemnity, with no prospect of an immediate settlement. The trouble with the powers is they want the Chinese man to do all the hurrying. They can quarrel among themselves, but the minute they come to an agreement without hesitation. Nothing in recent years has so set out the mutual jealousies of the great nations and demonstrated that all talk of amity and good will is simply lip service like the trouble in China.

The Chicago board of equalization, which has been in session for the past ten days, has increased the assessment of the Consolidated Traction Companies by \$3,000,000 and the Chicago City Railway company by \$3,000,000.

Prior to the reciprocity treaty, which was negotiated in 1876, the average production of sugar in the Hawaiian Islands was but 25,000,000 pounds per annum, whereas in 1899 it was over 545,000,000 pounds.

Finally the female found sent a letter to the editor of the paper, in which she set out the manner in which she had been made miserably through the work of a woman who was afterwards placed under restrictions—spent her time in writing communications full of calumnies and innuendoes to innocent persons.

Every day the anonymous letter goes upon its mission of evil. In these times assassination is apt to be dangerous, so the coward who went to stand in reason would rather he than tell the truth and that a letter which had not the honesty of a signature is not worthy of credence.

When the contractors for public works put on their high pressure the members of the city council can see no obstacle to voting an overlap, but when ordinary taxpayers ask for improvements councilmen have a mortal dread of the responsibility that will rest on them by reason of a possible overlap. Now you see it and now you cannot see it.

If the English liberals desire any sympathy from quarters able to appreciate the situation their leaders should write to the democrats in this country. Neither party has a leader who is competent to stand out just what the party believes or stands for. Both parties are rulerless and no material is at hand to fix up even a jury rig.

Chicago News. "Pat" Crowe is really in South Africa the detectives who had him located at points somewhere in the states adjacent to Illinois were not after all so far wrong as they might have been.

Ohio points the way. Democracy and Populism Divorced—New Issues and New Leaders.

"Ohio democrats have set the pace for the democrats of the country. Bryan and the few faithful which still remain true to him from the old democratic guard will have to seek a party of their own. It is sure to be the populist party, with its ranks made up of the old-line farmers' alliance folk, the socialists and an element of dissatisfied laboring people."

This was the way a prominent southern republican, who has just returned to Washington from Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee, sized up the action of the democratic state convention to a correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The gentleman quoted has had much experience in his country and left a large request for the moral in the case is the fact that a few weeks before he died Mr. Rogers had drafted a letter which he offered his fortune to the museum by direct subscription. This fact was made public by William O. McDowell, a New York attorney, but Mr. Rogers delayed signing the letter, so that his neglect defers it if it does not annul his good intentions.

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