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Here's to our old new judge—Judge Duffy.

The war in South Africa has increased to such proportions that the war in the Philippines is being lost sight of.

The great Chicago drainage canal which connects Lake Michigan with the Mississippi river was opened Thursday and the waters of the great lakes are now flowing toward the gulf of Mexico.

Congressman Roberts of Utah has been excused from further duties in the house of representatives. His colleagues evidently came to the conclusion that a man who had three wives on his hands had enough to look after without trying to look after the interests of Uncle Sam.

It is about time for the people of Red Cloud to awaken from the lethargic condition which has prevailed over the town for some years and see if some of the enterprises which are best adapted to a farming community could not be located here.

Our army losses covering the entire period back to the beginning of the war with Spain are killed, 364; died of disease, 783; wounded, 1892. The total is 3242, or about one third of British losses in South Africa.

The Boer women are accustomed to tilling the soil and joining with the men in all kinds of domestic work. When the men are called away to fight with the army the women go right along with the work on the farms, and thus insure an abundance of supplies.

Every intelligent American who has visited the Philippines since our occupation of them gives the same testimony concerning the character of the people. They are totally unfit at present to conduct an independent government. They must be ruled helpfully but firmly, for their political capacity at this time is small.

Pettigrew's remarks in the senate have been the cause of his receiving many very uncomplimentary remarks from his colleagues. It is the opinion of senators that Mr. Pettigrew's indecent language constitutes an offense for which his expulsion would be justifiable, as he was guilty of treasonable utterances clearly within the meaning of the law.

Bryan says the United States is at the parting of the ways. That was true in 1896. In that year the people of the United States was at the parting of the ways, one of which lead to prosperity and the other to adversity. Happily the nation chose the one leading to prosperity, and has no desire at present to switch off on a new way Mr. Bryan may point out.

The county commissioners at their meeting last Tuesday approved the hold-over bond of Jas. Duffy as per the orders of the court and at present things on the surface are peaceful, but so telling just how soon the other side is going to break out in a fresh spot. About the only thing left for the opposition of Mr. Duffy to do is to get a writ of ouster, and as the law vindicates the action of Mr. Duffy there appears to be some hesitancy about making an attempt to get it.

The house interstate and foreign commerce committee doesn't intend to wait for the report of the Isthmian canal commission. It has ordered a favorable report of the Hepburn bill for the construction of a canal over the Nicaragua route. The bill authorizes the president to acquire such territory as may be needed for the construction of the canal from Costa Rica and Nicaragua, and directs him as soon as that has been done to order the secretary of war to go ahead with the construction of the canal. The bill carries an appropriation of \$140,000,000.

Congress has nothing to brag of in the shape of work accomplished during the past week, and if it continues to confine its work to the offering of scores of resolutions, and the adoption of an occasional one, the Fifty sixth congress will deserve the nickname of "the resolvers." The house made no pretense at working, as no business had been reported from its committees; it met several days, only to adjourn. The fact is, the great game of politics, which always starts in congress in presidential years, is now on, and the men who play it are more intent upon scoring a point for their side than upon dispatching business, and the expansion question seems to be in greater favor with the players of both sides than the financial question. The debate on the senate financial bill has been decidedly draggy thus far.

There are some people who would probably kick if they were going to be hung because the proper authorities had not painted and varnished the scaffold before conducting them to it, and these are some people who would probably kick or make derogatory remarks about anything they read or hear or which may meet their eyes as they promenade the busy thoroughfares with a swing of all-importance and a self-made conviction that nothing can be made a success without a liberal application of their sordid advice. They can, as a rule be found in every town and every community, but what good they are to the town or community no one has as yet been able to comprehend. Whenever a new enterprise is mentioned it is the height of their ambition to tell everyone they meet that they know a thing or two about whatever it may be and it cannot be made a success, or else that it is all talk. This class should be weeded out and left in some small, isolated spot to enjoy their own misery. The world contains nothing they cannot make a success of in their own estimation, and nothing anyone can make a success of without their management and supervision of it. We often wonder if these gentlemen were around when the earth was made and offered any suggestions. We are hardly able to understand how its construction was accomplished without their consent and advice. They appear to think at least that when they shuffle off this mortal coil the world will stop forever more in its onward move.

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PUNTING PARAGRAPHS.

He—"These weddings are a bore! Don't you think so?" She—"I don't know. I've never wiled one."—Town Topics.

Lawyer—"Do you swear the collision raised the entire car?" Witness—"Well, it raised everything but the windows."—Judge.

Mrs. Oatcake (reading newspaper)—"There are 15,000 Poles in Philadelphia." Farmer Oatcake—"Gosh! what a place to raise beans!"—Philadelphia Record.

Dismal Dawson—"Oh, well, the pore man can't choose his lot, as the feller says." Everett West—"No; but he has to take a lot he don't choose."—Indianapolis Journal.

City Girl (pointing to a wild plant by the wayside)—"What's that?" Country Cousin—"That's milkweed." City Girl—"Oh, yes; that's what you feed the cows on."—Ohio State Journal.

Attorney—"When did your husband first show signs of insanity, madam?" Wife—"The day he married me. I then discovered he was making only ten dollars a week."—Philadelphia North American.

The Real Thing.—Captain of Football Team—"That man Subbs is the best tackler on the team; we discovered him in Lonsomehurst only a week ago." Friend (astounded)—"Why, how did he get his training?" Captain—"Catching trains."—Freshman.

Took One.—Husband (kindly)—"My dear, you have nothing decent to wear, have you?" Wife (with alacrity)—"No, indeed, I haven't; not a thing. I'd be ashamed to be seen anywhere. My very newest party dress has been worn three times already." Husband—"Yes, that's just what I told Biffkins when he offered me two tickets for the opera to-night. I knew that if I took them they'd only be wasted. So I just took one. Well, I must hurry."—St. Andrew's Gazette.

LOSS OF LIFE AT SEA.

List of Fatalities Last Year Considerably Lower Than for Previous Year.

The annual report of the supervising inspector general of steamboats, which has just been made public in the form of an abstract, contains a highly interesting exhibit of the numbers of lives lost at sea from American vessels during the last calendar year, together with other important correlated information. It appears from this document that the total number of persons drowned, or who came to their death in other ways, was 404, which is a considerable increase over the previous year, when the aggregate of fatalities was 123 less. This increase was due to the foundering of the steamer Portland of the Massachusetts coast during the great gale on the night of November 27, 1898. Every one of the 127 persons on board perished.

Of the total of 404 86 fatalities were chargeable to accidental drowning, 213 persons went down with wrecks, 13 succumbed to fires, 31 were killed in collisions, 24 were the victims of explosions or of accidental escape of steam, and in 37 cases miscellaneous causes were reported.

The chapter on destruction of vessel property shows that 48 vessels met with accidents, seven had fires, 13 were in collision, eight experienced a breaking of steam pipes, two had explosions and 18 encountered snags and wrecks or developed leaks. As the duty of the supervising inspector general's office is to ascertain whether steam vessels have complied with all the safety requirements in the matter of live-saving appliances and relative to the condition of boilers the report may be considered a favorable exhibit. The destruction of the Portland was not due to laxness on the part of inspectors, but to the recklessness of her captain, who insisted on putting out to sea in the teeth of a fierce storm.

Except for this disaster, the loss of life would have been comparatively small. Only two vessels were damaged by explosions—an excellent record considering the extent of steam water traffic.—Baltimore Herald.

American Soldiers Praised. The behavior of the American soldiers in the far east has attracted attention in all parts of the world. So recently as just before the outbreak of the Transvaal war the Daily Mail of Grahamstown, Cape Colony, in an appreciative editorial on "The American Troops in Manila," said: "One lesson taught by the struggle in the Phil-

ippine archipelago is the amazing fortitude of the American troops. Practically every man in the volunteer forces has been under fire almost continuously since February 4, and in addition to constant fighting has never had a moment's freedom from anxiety as to possible maneuvers of skulking, wily foes, who know every inch of the country, and know how to take advantage of its potentialities. The lines have been so long that it has been necessary to keep every regiment to the front. The regulars have had almost the same experience, but not quite as much of it. If the campaign has demonstrated nothing else it has shown the marvelous staying powers of Uncle Sam's troops suddenly transferred to the tropics."—N. Y. Sun.

"Pathometer" for Wheelmen.

Of the inventing of long-felt cycling wants there seems to be no end. The latest of these is an instrument by which it is easy to record automatically not only the distance traveled by a bicycle, but also the various directions followed during the journey and the hills ascended and descended. The record of directions is obtained by means of a compass. The needle is suspended at the top of the "pathometer," as the apparatus is called, directly above the tape on which the records are taken.—Chicago Chronicle.

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The doctors are wholly unable to get rid of the disease—the sores and eruptions. This they do by driving the poison into the system, and endeavor to keep it shut in with their constant doses of potash and mercury. The mouth and throat and other delicate parts then break out into sores, and the fight is continued indefinitely, the drugs doing the system more damage than the disease itself.

Mr. H. L. Myers, 100 Mulberry St., Newark, N. J., says: "I had spent a hundred dollars with the doctors, when I realized that they could do me no good. I had large spots all over my body, and these soon broke out into running sores, and I endured all the suffering which this vile disease produces. I decided to try S. S. S. as a last resort, and was soon greatly improved. I followed closely your 'Directions for Self-Treatment,' and the large spots on my chest began to grow paler and smaller, and before long disappeared entirely. I was soon cured perfectly and my skin has been as clear as glass ever since. I cured myself at home, after the doctors had failed completely." It is valuable time thrown away to expect the doctors to cure Contagious Blood Poison, for the disease is beyond their skill. Swifts Specific.



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