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To believe only half we see would be a valuable adage if we were only informed as to which half.

The Woman's Club of Chicago bids fair to give occupation for any government cruisers that can be spared from South American waters.

Those critics who are just now having aesthetic connoption fits over rag-time music are the very same people who call the red-eyed, blue-haired and green-complexioned poster girl *art*.

All efforts of the Weather Bureau to give us an orthodox winter will be futile until the Woman's Club have settled the Larson letter. Scientists are satisfied that it was some such episode that put an end to the glacial period.

The effort to keep the negro in politics in the south and out of the offices in the north calls for the highest grade of wisdom known to Republican leaders. The board of strategy at Washington that so nobly conducted the battle of Santiago, both before and after the fight, might be used to advantage in these piping times of peace in conduct of the race war.

John W. Mackay has asked for permission to lay a Pacific cable. But as he did not ask for a subsidy his request has been promptly pigeon-holed by congress with other freak legislation. An industry that does not need the fostering care of an appropriation is beyond the mental grasp of the average congressman. The "infant industry" is no longer the ward of Congress. To obtain the ear of that body they must produce tangible evidence that they are now *paying*.

Near Pana, Ill., a lot of alleged men engaged in a sparrow hunt. Over 24,000 of these little creatures were killed, nearly three tons. It was said to have been fine "sport." He who watches the sparrow fall found that one of his busy days. Any evidence any one has to offer that there is no hell will be appreciated by the brutes who can find enjoyment in this "sport." When the Romans indulged in a butchery for a holiday they were not cowardly enough to use innocent birds. It is growing more doubtful every day whether there be a feathered enemy of man. But for the very birds that are shot in the cherry trees there would be no cherries to protect. The man who kills a bird or fells a tree except from necessity is an enemy to his race, and the New Testament states clearly that he who calls him by his true name shall be in danger of Hell fire. Matt. V-22.

Towne, who is at the head of the liquid air trust, says that the frigidity will never be equaled, until an attempt is made to introduce the silver question to the public.

The Republican party serve notice, that while our present prosperity is due to their exertions entirely, any disaster that may arise must be shouldered by the Almighty.

The Chinese Court have returned to Peking. As they "view the remains" they must be impressed with the beauties of the Christian religion. How their hearts must go out in love for the missionaries who looted the palaces for the love of God. How intense must be their anguish as they recall that for many years they failed to realize the softening influence of Christ upon his followers. The mission of the missionary is now understood and there can be but one welcome extended to him as he returns to his labors. May the place that he looted be looted no more forever.

The Porto Rican sugar planter is taxed for trading with the United States. He is asked to be consoled for the money taken from his pocket because our eleemosynary government will return it to his government. The great consolation that is his, becomes apparent when we remember that this insular government is a carpet-bag government composed of barnacles who had long been a disgrace to the party. The real popularity of the colonial system among politicians is mainly based upon the islands forming a political Botany Bay for rewarding disreputable heelers who have been useful and would not be tolerated at home. T. M. S.

FOR THE GREAT EXPOSITION.

The following is the first document issued by the commissioners appointed by Governor Savage to represent Nebraska in the St. Louis fair of 1903:

To the Citizens of Nebraska:—The Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, Missouri, in 1903, will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the purchase from France of the Louisiana Territory. By this peaceful transaction the area of the United States was more than doubled. The rapid development of this territory during the past century has no parallel in history. The United States government has recognized the importance of the great exposition which will commemorate the event of the acquisition of this territory, by an appropriation of five million dollars. The city of St. Louis has appropriated an equal amount and the citizens of that city have subscribed ten million dollars more. In all there has been appropriated and subscribed more than

twenty-five million dollars at this date.

Nebraska is one of the most populous and important states in this territory, but no appropriation has been made to defray the expenses of an exhibit of its resources at this exposition. Four years ago the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, which brought great credit to this state, was liberally patronized by every state in the union, and by private subscriptions or public appropriations was assisted by nearly every state in the west. Recognizing the importance of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, the many reasons why Nebraska should be represented and the necessity for immediate preparation, the governor has appointed the undersigned commission, without remuneration to raise the necessary funds by private donations and to prepare and place on exhibit a proper representation of the products and resources of this state. We appeal to all patriotic citizens of Nebraska, to corporations, both public and private, to all interested in the welfare and prosperity of this state, and to all who have pride in its past and hope for its future achievements, to assist in this worthy enterprise. The credit and state pride of our commonwealth appeal to all patriotic citizens to do their duty in this emergency, and we ask for a liberal response, to the end that Nebraska may be properly represented at this great exposition. All contributions or future pledges should be sent to Mr. E. E. Bruce, treasurer, Omaha, Neb.

All papers in Nebraska are requested to publish this appeal.

(Signed.)

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WEATHER AND FINANCE.

This is a merciful winter on the poor man. But we must discriminate even here. It is more merciful on some poor men than on others. The poor man who does all his heating and cooking on the kitchen stove is the one who profits by it. He can cook his breakfast with about three cents worth of coal, and then can let his fire go out and save money till the next time. But the poor man who has a furnace in his cellar is no better off for the weather being mild. It might as well be freezing cold for any good it does him. His furnace eats up the good nine-dollar coal just the same. It must never go out after he once starts it in the fall, and every time he scoops up a shovelfull of coal, bang goes saxpence.