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The peace of mind which runs against the snag of operative management is lost. Now that the senate has repealed the absurd treaty of office act the house should promptly follow suit.

SEVEN thousand miles of railroad have been built in the United States this year, or more than twice as many as were built in 1885. Almost as many have been built on paper in Omaha.

STEWART'S magnificent art collection in New York is to be sold under the hammer. The merchant who has dismantled the Stewart estate since the death of the merchant prince, is Henry T. Hilton.

MR. MORRILL might combine with Sam Randall in securing a tariff bill. Both seem to hold the same views on the necessity of an increased amount of pap for "struggling" but millionaire industrial monopolists.

FRANCHISES are worth something in New York. The supreme court has denied the right of cable cars to the streets of that city without special charters in each instance granted only after value has been received, Nebraska might well follow the precedent.

CINCINNATI surgeons have performed what is called a "rare" surgical operation. It consisted in taking out a section of a man's backbone and the patient still survives. There is nothing remarkable about this. We have known politicians to live a lifetime without any backbone at all.

MR. NEWCOMER is as fresh as his name would imply. He pronounces himself strongly opposed to Van Wyck and expects to be elected to the speakership by a combination of republican stalwarts with anti-Van Wyck democrats. Mr. Newcomer's map is a pretty one but the roads planned do not lead to the speakership.

The National Opera Company. The troubles of the National Opera company in Chicago are well worth comment. From her arrival in that city Mrs. Thurber, the projector and patroness of the company, has been beset by all the petty devices and subjected to malicious assaults which the ingenuity of jealous rivals, incompetent discharged employees, and a vengeful press could devise.

It is evident that this issue is one of already serious and increasing embarrassment to the Catholic church, and it is not unlikely that the church dignitaries see in it the danger of an alarming crisis. It is comparatively a new difficulty, having its origin in Ireland, but it has given the church a good deal of trouble. Thus far the prelates in Ireland who have espoused the popular side on the land question, in opposition to the policy of the church, have maintained their position. While the church has not acknowledged the propriety of their course it has withheld any repressive or disciplinary measures.

The National Opera is an enterprise which had its origin in the brain of a cultured, intelligent and wealthy lady, anxious to foster and sustain musical art in this country by furnishing not only operatic performances of the highest excellence, but a school in which singers could be trained at home without the dangers and expense of an education abroad. To the enthusiasm of a woman Mrs. Thurber has added the unselfish love of art for art's sake alone in carrying out her far-reaching plans for American opera.

Administrative Evils of the Tariff. In his supplementary report on the collection of duties, sent to congress a few days ago, the secretary of the treasury points out clearly the defects and evils of the present administrative system, and indicates strongly the urgent necessity therefor for its radical change.

The Boom is Here. Omaha still grows. Last year's suit has been outgrown. The city has stretched itself out in all directions and is vigorously calling for more room. Every workman who cannot check the advance of buildings is going up in every direction and the architect is perhaps the busiest of professional men.

A Conference of Catholic Dignitaries. Announcement was made a few days ago that Cardinal Gibbons had summoned Archbishop Elder, of Cincinnati, to Baltimore, and other movements on the part of these dignitaries of the Catholic church led to the conclusion that a conference of unusual importance to the church is to be held.

The Bonnet Question. A good deal has been written, both seriously and by way of ridicule, of the annoyance and inconvenience of the towering bonnet at pieces of amusement, but importunate and unyielding fashion has kept its ground and threatens to continue to occupy it. There can be no question that the tall bonnet has its merits. It is a boon to the short woman, and it adds to the imposing presence of the wearer whose altitude is above that of the average of her sex.

OUR New York correspondent notes that Jay Gould has rented a pew in the Presbyterian church. Having invested in everything else, Mr. Gould is now "taking stock" in religion. But why did he select the Presbyterian denomination? Mr. Gould's natural inclination should have led him to turn towards the Baptists.

MOTTO FOR HIS KIDNAPING. Motto for Santa Claus: "Know all men by these presents."

A Mississippi Library. The average Mississippi library consists of a stone jar, two packs of cards and a volume of Hoyle.

The Presidential Goat. The goat in the president's legs is not the only indication that he will never make another great run.

A Long Time Between Drinks. It is indeed a long time between drinks in the prohibition south, and the stern enforcement of temperance laws of unheard-of severity lends a mournful pathos to that chery observation once made by the great governor of North Carolina to the no less genial governor of North Carolina.

ASA DETECTIVE. The president's civil service reform policy continues to serve a good purpose in the detection of criminals. A man who abandoned from Racine, Wis., five years ago under a charge of theft, has just been found

is going on in front of them, it ceases to be either beautiful or interesting, and becomes an aggravating obstruction, an ever-present and irritating nuisance. In the east the bonnet question has become so serious that theatrical managers have been earnestly studying how to do with it so as to get once more those who do not wear bonnets and not offend those who do, and it need not be said that it is a puzzling problem.

Senator Blair of New Hampshire calls himself the champion crank of his party, and some people think he is about right. Governor Alger, of Michigan, declares that he has absolutely prohibited the use of his name as a candidate for Senator Conner's seat.

Senator Hearst, of California, is proprietor of the San Francisco Examiner, but is said to have nothing to do with the paper except to draw his check each month to make good his losses.

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John Conness, who represented the state of California for six years in the United States senate, was recently unsuccessful in his efforts to become an "Alderman of his native village" of Boston.

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