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CONSULTING THEIR CONSTITUENTS.

The very best use that members of congress can make of the holiday recess will be in ascertaining the views of their constituents on the proposed change in the tariff policy of the country.

PEOPLE OF NOTE.

General John A. Early is an ex-confederate out of the late Civil War. He has returned to Washington. It is presumed he will hold a conference with Champ Clark...

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The settlement of the controversy between Mr. Damrosch and his orchestra, by which the imported soloist is to play only in solos, is said to have satisfied all concerned...

THE TREASURY SECRET.

New York Commercial Secretary Carlisle wants more power and more money. In this distinguished Kentuckian does not differ materially from most persons.

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OMAHA, Dec. 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: Of late there has been considerable talk about the art lights as furnished by the Thomson-Houston Electric Light company...

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OMAHA, Dec. 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: I noticed in Saturday's Evening Post that a pack of Hawaiian driftwood had floated into the Paxton town from those interesting islands...

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When robbers are apparently taking no vacation during the holidays. THE next thing in the order of labor organizations will be an amalgamated association of railway receivers.

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INDIANAPOLIS is going to try the whipping process for the redemption of professional tramps. It is safe to say that the professional tramp will place Indianapolis on the black list.

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IN MEMBERS of the ways and means committee keep the industries of the country in a state of uncertainty much longer while they are wrangling over the proposed federal income tax...

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EX-SECRETARY TRACY is not disconcerted by Gladstone's remark discrediting General Tracy's poor opinion of the British navy. General Tracy says that he has the figures to sustain his statements...

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THE BEE'S suggestion that Nebraska needs nothing else so much as a radical revision of its methods of transacting public business has been heartily seconded. Now let the agitation be taken up by the newspapers all over the state irrespective of party or political creed...

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THE United States is to throw its weight in favor of arbitration in all matters of international dispute. Our country has already taken the lead in submitting to arbitration when its interests have been involved in controversy...

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SENATOR TELLE takes no stock in what he calls Governor Waite's vapors about a Colorado state silver coinage. He acknowledges that even if constitutional, no one state could settle the silver question for itself in any manner.

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NO NEBRASKAN in the manner both can doubt that Secretary Morton is the author of his departmental report recently submitted to the president. The language he employs has lost none of its vintage of '65 flavor and the more recent days, when it was his pleasure to enrich the archives of the State Historical society with his speeches and essays.

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NOT YET A USELESS STATUTE. The fact that the interstate commerce law has not fulfilled the expectations of its originators and supporters has led its opponents to adopt a new form of attack, and instead of demanding its modification by amendment of the particularly obnoxious clauses, they have now for some time been asking for its entire repeal as a piece of mere useless legislation.

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IN THE cases of Swift & Co. against the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, and against four other railroads involving the same issue, pending in the United States circuit court for the northern district of Illinois, Judge Grosscup recently passed upon this point. "There can be no question," he said, "that in the absence of some prohibition or restraint a common carrier can lawfully demand or contract for such compensation for carriage as he may be able to obtain."

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SENATOR PEPPER asserts dogmatically that no man ever earned \$1,000,000. Before President Cleveland vacates the white house he will have drawn from the federal treasury not less than \$100,000, to say nothing of smaller sums which he received out of the state treasury of New York as compensation for his services while holding public office in that state.

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BROOKLYN'S investigation of the expenditures of its Columbian celebration committee is bringing to light a state of corruption and rottenness hardly equalled by the previous disclosures in any city of the country. Not only were bills rendered at extravagantly high prices, but they were also raised without authority from the contractors, and the difference shared by the collectors and officials.

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MURPHY HIN. Globe-Democrat (reps). Congressman Boutelle is a good man who would be worth more to his party if he would take some lessons in the matter of controlling his hair-trigger temper.

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CORPORATIONS IN POLITICS. Washington Post. Corporations are not in the habit of contributing to campaign funds merely for the fun of seeing the political wheels go around. They always expect to get something out of every dollar they put out. It will be recalled that during the recent Virginia campaign the democratic leaders had considerable to say concerning the evils of monopoly and the dangers of corporate power.

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KEEP AWAY FROM THE CITIES. Cleveland Ledger. A very grave mistake is made by persons out of work and in want who go from small towns to large cities in the hope of bettering their condition. As a rule the villages are less expensive and unusual poverty is relieved there from the great centers of population.

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STADIUM STARS. Philadelphia Ledger. The democrats are determined upon admitting Utah, New Mexico and Arizona to statehood, ostensibly on the ground that they would be admitted as free states. They are expected that as states they would send six democratic members to the United States senate.

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INCOME TAXES. Springfield (Mass.) Republican. The proposed legacy and special income taxes raise large questions. That both, in the way suggested, can be equitably, surely and easily collected is the question. For a historical method would appear true. That the people hit by them can better afford to pay more taxes than the poor can afford to pay more under increased rates of consumption, would also appear to be true.

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WHAT OF THE TELEPHONE CASE. St. Louis Republic. We should like to hear from Attorney General Olney on the proceedings instituted by his predecessor in the United States district court at Boston for the amendment of the patent on the Berliner telegraph receiver. The patent on the original Bell telephone has expired, as have also the patents on all the more important devices now used in the telephone service, excepting the Berliner receiver.

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HIGHEST OF ALL IN LEAVENING POWER.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. Baking Powder. ABSOLUTELY PURE.

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SCRAP OF THE FEAST. "Mr. Coddily, will you oblige me by saying grace?" asked the hostess as the party was about to commence the Christmas feast.

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KEEPING THE MEN EMPLOYED. CINCINNATI, Dec. 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: I believe I have an interesting item for you, and the example found therein may be a good one for certain institutions within the territory of your circulation, some not many miles from your building, perhaps.

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WOMAN'S RIGHTS IN COLORADO. Denver Republican. Married women in Colorado enjoy the same rights and privileges of citizenship as their husbands. If the husband is a citizen either by birth or naturalization, the wife is also a citizen.

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