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It is no use talking through your hat nowadays. Talk through a telephone.

To adjourn or not to adjourn, that is the momentous legislative question.

It is fortunate for Germany that Bismarck's birthday comes only once a year.

Li Hung Chang may be a trifle disfigured, but he still retains the peacock feather.

Thus far none of Governor Holcomb's vetoes have been overridden. That is something.

If the anthracite coal barons don't form an effective pooling monopoly it won't be because they don't want to.

If there are any more actual or possible heirs of the Fair estate they will relieve an anxious public by speaking out at once and without delay.

There are still quite a few statesmen out of a job who think President Cleveland would provide for them if he gave free rein to his sense of gratitude.

It is evident that Li Hung Chang's yellow jacket won't compare with Herr Dow's bullet proof coat when it comes to the question of protection against would-be assassins.

If Japan profits from the experience of the United States with its Pacific railroad investment she won't take second mortgage bonds as security for the debt China owes her.

Local trade reviews breathe a spirit of hopefulness which every resident of Omaha expects to see realized.

We commend the interviews of large property holders on the subject of the Churchill-Russell police commission bill to the careful consideration of every member of the Douglas delegation.

That was an awful day at Evanston, where the bodies of sixty mine disaster victims were buried at one time.

John L. Sullivan gives promise of complete recovery from his recent illness.

Judging from the vigor with which the portrait of President Cleveland was hissed in a local theater the other evening, there is considerable doubt as to his popularity in these parts just at present.

The pay of the members of the house and senate ceases after the sixtieth day of session, but the pay of the house and senate employees goes right along.

A little more enthusiasm for Mr. Sibley from the members of the Bimetallie league would be appropriate now that they have suggested his name as their choice for presidential candidate at next year's election.

After the state gets through with the boys who have been stealing specimens belonging to the university it might turn its attention to the men who have been getting away with state property more valuable than stuffed birds.

The charter thinkers want to give the meat inspector an assistant. The present meat inspector ought to resent this imputation upon his official career.

It seems as if the whole force of the equinoctial storms were concentrated in Great Britain to the exclusion of every other section of the earth.

Ex-Congressman Sibley of Pennsylvania, the man suggested as a presidential candidate by the Bimetallie league, is said to have given his entire salary as representative in congress to the local agricultural societies in his district.

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THE SHOOTING OF LI HUNG CHANG.

The significance of the attempt of a young Japanese to assassinate Li Hung Chang, the Chinese peace envoy, is made much greater in the dispatches than the incident deserves, greatly as it is to be regretted.

It is, of course, no part of the policy of this government to interfere in the political affairs of independent states, but in view of the fact that there is a strong sentiment in the Central American republics favorable to union, there could be no violation of our established policy in encouraging that sentiment.

CHECKING UP COUNTY OFFICERS.

The Bee has always been in favor of the broadest publicity of the conduct of public officers and the custodians of public funds. It has commended the course of the county commissioners in their endeavor to compel every county officer who has public funds in his keeping to have an audit of his accounts.

There is, however, one feature of the Ruan letter that merits notice in passing and that is the officious and apparently malicious comment embodied in what purports to be an impartial report of existing conditions.

AN ASSAULT UPON OMAHA.

It has long been the settled policy of larger cities to divorce the fire and police department from party politics. While there are a few exceptions to the rule, they but serve to emphasize the public demand for such reform.

UNION FOR MUTUAL PROTECTION.

It is said that some of the South American states are considering the proposition of an agreement for united action against any attempt on the part of European powers to coerce any of such states into compliance with the demands of these powers.

PROTECTION FOR PENITENTIARIES.

The supreme court of the United States has decided that the law forbidding the payment of more than \$10 for presenting a claim for a pension is constitutional and valid.

FORECLOSE THE LIEN.

The government's lien on the Union Pacific should be foreclosed and the property sold. In the event that no one offered to pay enough for the property with discharge of the debt of the government the road should be bought in and operated by government officials.

A CRUEL JOKE ON LI.

It was a cruel joke that some one played on Mrs. Lydia Dominis, better known as the ex-queen of Hawaii, when a gorgeously covered volume of the report of the Board of Public Works of Chicago was sent to her with the early of Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Gresham attached.

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THE LEANOR TEMPEST.

Kansas City Times: The good people of Massachusetts are in a state of ferment over the treatment of a colored member of the legislature of that state during a recent visit to a committee of which he was a member.

SHORTAGE OF TWO MILLIONS.

Old Management Did Not Run the Whisky Trust for Fun. Experts Make Charges of Juggling of Accounts and Doctoring of Books and Stealing of Stock and Other Figures for Profit.

CHICAGO, March 25.—A most sensational report was submitted to Receiver McNulta of the Whisky trust today by the experts who for a month have been examining the books of the Greenbush management of the concern.

THE MERRY LAYOUT.

Philadelphia Record: The wheelwright is usually of a retiring disposition. Detroit Free Press: Mrs. Biller—I expect your baby will be much larger when I see her again.

THE RETURNING PRODIGALS.

Atlanta Constitution: They've broke up the house in congress—left Washington for good; and some will go to 'plowin', an' some to 'spittin' wool'.

ONE ENJOYS.

Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels.

CITY EDITOR SHOT BY A FOOTPAD.

Walter L. Blake Strikes a Robber with a Gun and Gets a Bullet in Return. SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—Walter L. Blake, city editor of the Stockton Independent and one of the best known newspaper men on the Pacific coast, was shot and dangerously wounded by a footpad soon after midnight.

CHARLES CARSON FOUND NOT GUILTY.

HUTCHINSON, Kan., March 25.—The jury in the murder case of the state against Charles Carson returned a verdict this morning exonerating the accused.

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