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And the experts in the city treasury are still plugging away to find out how much the shortage was on the 15th day of last June.

The thermometer in the neighborhood of the candidates for the police-commissionership vacancy is rapidly approaching the boiling point.

The city of Chicago has a cash deficit at the present moment of over five millions of dollars.

We may be sure the Venezuelan boundary commission will not have so much trouble in finding available material for the clerks with the gift as the president has had in finding suitable persons for appointment as members of the commission.

If Mr. Bronch had the appointment of his successor on the fire and police board in his control, as he assured the saloon keepers during the recent campaign, why have the candidates been wasting time and postage with Messrs. Churchill and Russell?

It is to be noted that the grip of one Calvin S. Brice on a place on the Pacific railroad committee of the senate has been in no way diminished by the fact that the democrats in that body have passed over to the minority side of the senate chamber.

This is about the time that members of congress are beginning to ask themselves what grounds President Cleveland had for insisting that they should remain in Washington in attendance upon their respective houses throughout the whole holiday season.

The Atlanta exposition closes today, after being 100 days open to visitors. This ought to stimulate the men in charge of the Transmississippi exposition project to extraordinary efforts to perfect the plans and preliminary work of that great undertaking.

Some one has been mean enough to insinuate that the ordinance combining the offices of city veterinarian and meat inspector has been instituted by Mayor-elect Bronch in order to enable him to evade paying his promise of reappointment to Meat Inspector Frank "Suont-rage".

The attempted burglary of the Byron Reed museum of coins, manuscripts and books in the public library building last week proves that the robbers had a distinct appreciation of the value of that rare collection, even if the greater number of the people of Omaha, to whom it belongs, have not.

Local commercial agencies report a larger number of firms having done a fair business during the year than was reported last year. The situation seems to be that the volume of trade has not been so great, but merchants have as a rule done a safer and more conservative business and are in better condition this year than last.

And now comes Theodore Olsen and wants \$25,000 from The Bee Publishing Company to indemnify him for the damage caused to his reputation by the frequent intimation that as controller of the city of Omaha he has proved himself incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial.

Mayor Swift of Chicago insists that the first step in the direction of municipal reform must be a reform of the system of taxation that prevails in that city. The reason the people are given inadequate public service is, he says, because they do not provide sufficient funds and the reason sufficient funds are not provided is because of the evasion and inequality of taxation.

OUR DEMAND ON TURKEY.

The demand for indemnity which our government has made on Turkey in behalf of the American missionaries who suffered loss of property is entirely proper, but the chances of a sum as covering even so moderate a sum as is asked for are extremely small. Not only is the Turkish government bankrupt, which will give it a plausible excuse for putting off indefinitely consideration of the demand, but it is not the habit of that government to pay indemnities, and it is by no means likely to depart from an established custom in order to please the United States.

While our government is doubtless right in making this demand, which is probably reasonable, although no statement has ever been made public of the value of the property destroyed, the question suggests itself whether if this demand be pressed too vigorously it may not have the effect of creating a popular feeling disadvantageous to the American missionaries in Turkey. It would seem that our government, without prejudice to the claims, might judiciously have waited until the condition of affairs in Turkey improved.

A PACIFIC SPEECH.

The speech of Senator Lodge of Massachusetts on the Monroe doctrine is a more moderate and pacific utterance than was expected from him and its effect will doubtless be good. His contention that Venezuela cannot pay the indemnity demanded by Great Britain without acknowledging that the disputed territory is British is undoubtedly sound, but this feature of the speech does not enter into the issue between the latter country and the United States. It is an altogether extraneous matter, in connection with which the Monroe doctrine cannot be even plausibly invoked.

But the point of chief interest in the speech of the Massachusetts senator was his expression of belief that the people of England have no more desire to engage in hostilities than have the people of the United States and that the questions between the two countries would be peacefully settled. This from a public man who has been notably conspicuous in fostering the spirit of jingoism is an encouraging sign that the sober second thought has had its wonted effect.

AS TO FOREIGN MARKETS.

The free traders, boubon-like, refuse to give heed to the hard facts and arguments of experience and go on preaching their fallacious dogma in the face of the most convincing data showing its fallacy. In the debate on the revenue bill in the house Mr. Turner of Georgia declared his belief that American manufacturers of iron and steel would under free trade be able not only to hold this market against the world, but to invade not with the horrors of war, but in the pursuit of peaceful commerce, the mother country, and to take charge of her markets with very many of our iron and steel products.

This utterance calls to mind the memorable speech of Mr. Wilson, the author of the house tariff bill in the last congress, at the dinner given him by the London Board of Trade, in which he told the British manufacturers and merchants that the time had come when they could no longer be assured of their markets, for the American manufacturer with free raw materials would not only challenge British supremacy in neutral markets, but might be expected to invade the British home market.

The change of policy which the tariff reformers predicted would increase the exports of the United States has been in operation sixteen months, and what do we see? A few days ago the secretary of the treasury sent to the senate a statement showing the trade, exports and imports, between this country and Great Britain and its dependencies and colonies for each of the last five years. From that it appears that while in the fiscal year 1892, under the last republican tariff, the exports of the United States to the United Kingdom amounted to \$490,000,000, during the

fiscal year 1895, but two months of which was under the present tariff law, they amounted to only \$387,000,000, a difference in favor of the former period of \$102,000,000.

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Limits of Popularity.

In one end of it B. F. Brewster cut in Omaha, for a mile or two toward Amesbury's Lake in Illinois, and in the immediate family of Colonel Borelli's portrait of the District, in Western Tennessee, there are some folks who take young Mr. Bryan quite seriously.

Peace and Prosperity.

The unparalleled prosperity of the United States has been due to the fact that we are a nation of peace lovers and peace-makers. During the last twenty-nine years seventy-nine great national controversies have been settled by arbitration, more than forty of them by the United States.

The Shadow of War.

Perhaps Mr. Gougar and Mrs. Livermore have consented to arbitrate. The new woman does not get nervous at the prospect of being initiated by Great Britain in the Venezuelan question. In the case of Mrs. Gougar and Mrs. Livermore, however, there is no country under the sun that has given the other a piece of her mind and is perfectly willing to give more.

The Glass Trust.

The combined window glass makers of this country have advanced prices 25 per cent since last year. This is the first report that they are in practical control of the home market, that the importations are falling off, and that large quantities of American glass are being shipped to South America; therefore these manufacturers are tolerably well protected as long as they let their prices remain as they are.

The President as a Poser.

In applying the presidential utterances, the Courier-Journal has been careful to draw the line on the president himself. As a line on the president, the Courier-Journal is an old friend, and those who know him all know him too well to take a great deal of stock in his manifestoes.

Chicago's Saloon License Revenue.

If the Brewers' association of Chicago carries out its threat and reduces the number of saloons in the city there will be temporarily a large loss in the revenue derived from licenses. There are about 7,000 saloons in Chicago, and as the license fee is \$100, the city treasury will have for some years been between \$700,000 and \$800,000.

The Mullet in Iowa.

It will soon be time for the Iowa legislature and the mullet law to come together, face to face, in the gift-hummed state house at Des Moines.

The Quaker City Pats Itself.

Enough people are in it in this town to make it most desirable place to live in, but let that pass. As we have already said, it is the same stale joke, without any excuse for it, which has been repeated for years.

IOWA PRESS COMMENT.

Sioux City Tribune: When it comes to arranging the terms of peace, no doubt Nebraska would want to include something about \$3,000 for the country, but the terms of the McCarty gang in whipping a number of Englishmen.

Des Moines Leader: The dispute between Iowa and Missouri respecting the southern boundary of Iowa has been narrowed down to the ownership of a strip of land four miles long and 167 feet wide.

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The Commercial club has passed resolutions in a measure endorsing the plans of the projectors of a railroad from North Platte to Grand Junction, Wyo., to tap a region of great fertility, rich in natural resources.

Secretary Carlisle expresses himself as opposed to the issue of bonds through popular subscription. But he has not recently expressed himself on the proposition to float a popular loan by the establishment of a postal savings bank system.

For some unaccountable reason the populists seem to be strong on representation on the senate committee on irrigation. Three populist senators having been assigned to work on that committee. This ought to enable the populist party to water its stock in the

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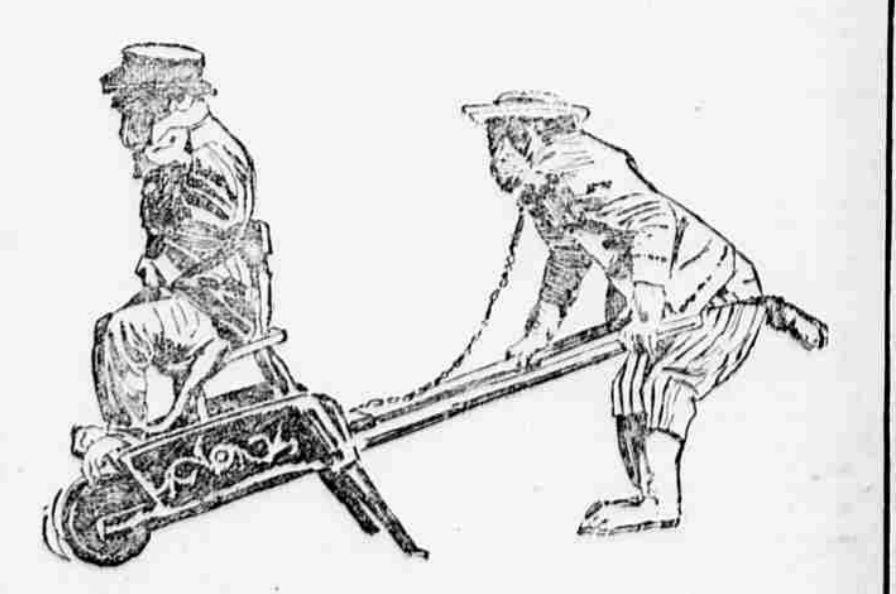
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