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These are the crucial days in the childhood of the Transmississippi exposition project.

Cripple Creek is still counting mining stocks at the rate of about 16,000 to 1 hole in the ground.

So long as Grover doesn't take the measles himself we may rest assured that the country is safe.

The southern district that can't get up a double-header may as well withdraw all its claims to political prestige.

A new batch of medical graduates means a new batch of fees for the State Board of Health. Every cloud has a silver lining.

If Pericles could but behold the Olympian games of 1896 he would go back to his grave content to rest there another 2,000 years and more.

Senator Hill says he isn't sure whether he will be a presidential aspirant before the democratic national convention.

Senator Nelson has coined a new name for the great department stores of our cities when he called them the devilish of modern society.

The thoughtfulness of Arctic Explorer Nansen in delaying until summer his return with his newly discovered north pole will no doubt be duly appreciated by the ice dealers' patrons.

A prominent Washington correspondent says that whoever may be elected president the next secretary of state will be Robert R. Hitt of the house committee on foreign affairs.

The Iowa legislature just adjourned will be notable both for what it has done and what it has left undone.

The passage of the Cuban resolution by congress does not necessarily exclude Cuba as a subject for future discussion in the senate and house.

The faith healing Messiah craze seems to be decidedly on the wane. The chief trouble with all of the divine healers that have appeared in recent times seems to have been that their alleged miraculous powers fail to stand the test of time successfully.

Word comes from Washington that the Venezuelan boundary commission is nearing the end of its labors.

St. Louis has gained \$10,000,000 in taxable property values during the past year, according to the returns of its assessors.

If the democratic national convention at Chicago should by accident declare for 16 to 1 free silver and put up a silver ticket on a silver platform, it would leave no reason for the Bimetallist league convention that has been called for St. Louis in July unless as a ratification meeting of the other free silver democrats.

Americans are again warned that the pretended Dutch estates which are only waiting for claimants to prove their titles to millions that have been accumulating in the banks are pure figments of the imagination.

DISCRETIONABLE TO THE BENCH.

The American people are law-abiding and law-respecting. They are ever ready to uphold the law and to yield the courts that respect which is due to the tribunals charged with the administration of justice.

Four or five years ago the city council awarded a contract for official city advertising to The Omaha Morning Bee with a proviso that publication in The Evening Bee should be optional with the city authorities when they deemed it best to use both of these papers.

Judge Keyser's position was fully sustained by the supreme court of Nebraska in a decision rendered a year ago. The supreme court laid down the rule that two papers published under different headings, delivered to different sets of subscribers and containing different news matter, although owned by the same persons, cannot be called one paper for purposes of legal advertising.

And now comes Judge Baker and reverses not only the decision of the district court enunciated by Judge Keyser but also the decision of the supreme court. According to Judge Baker, the three elements of a newspaper are: first, a distinct name; second, a separate list of subscribers; third, a material difference in contents.

If this is the correct version of the law, then Judge Keyser and the supreme court are wrong and the Omaha police commission and the Board of City Commissioners are correct. If so, where would it leave the city in its official advertising? The Evening World-Herald is now and for two months past has been the official paper of the city of Omaha.

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The proposal to adopt the metric system of weights and measures, for which a bill is now pending in congress, is not new. It has been made from time to time since the foundation of the government.

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proximity to this country and the desire to have unrestricted trade with it would exert a powerful influence favorable to annexation with the United States, but it is not to be doubted that a very large number of the Cuban people would feel that they would be more at home in a union with Mexico.

It appears that there is considerable sentiment in Mexico in favor of the annexation of Cuba to that country, the reasons for which are that such a union would give Mexico maritime strength and external security, to Cuba liberty and order, and to both the conditions needed to constitute a great nation.

There is now reasonable assurance that congress will, before the close of the present session, pass a Transmississippi exposition bill. Just what shape the measure will finally take will depend very much upon the temper of the members and the concessions that can be induced to make to the demands of the west.

The greatest danger to be feared is that conditions may be attached that would seriously hamper the managers. It is rather unfortunate that the senate and house bills are not framed on the same basis. Originally the senate bill was modeled by Senator Allen upon the Atlanta exposition bill, which simply pledged the government to make an exhibit for which, including the building, not exceeding \$200,000 should be appropriated in the future.

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people to familiar terms. They have a definite idea of what a pound or a yard means, but a very indefinite idea of none at all of what a meter or a kilogram means.

American journalism sustained a great loss in the death of John A. Cockerill. He was in the front rank of practical and successful newspaper men in this country, and had not only a national but an international reputation in the profession.

A bill is in the hands of the senate finance committee which proposes a reform in the matter of national bank reserves that seems desirable. It provides that all national bank associations established under the laws of the United States shall keep their reserves in their own vaults.

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It is suggested that the best way to keep children off the streets at night is a curfew bell that will get them out of bed in the morning. If they were dragged from their doilies at an inspiring hour they would be ready to go to sleep betimes.

A Nebraska man who misled his mother-in-law's funeral through a mistake in translating a telegram brought suit against the company for heavy damages.

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his own substantial if his profits were not greater. While congress is busy protecting the public from imitation cheese and oleomargarine, the purchaser of proprietary medicines must look out for himself and in looking out for himself must rely on the name of the manufacturer and the reputation which a particular brand of the article has gained from years of trial and recommendation.

It is difficult to understand upon what basis the claim for the Galveston cup is made. The Thurston Rifles fairly won it at the national drill in Memphis. The interstate drill in Savannah in May is not a national drill and its managers cannot in fairness demand the trophy be put in competition there.

The rest of a number of prominent Indiana business men for violating the United States laws in issuing to their employees metal time checks that were passed as money discloses another instance of delicate legislation.

While the exposition appropriation passed by the Iowa legislature has a sting to it, the bill indicates that the lawmakers of the Hawkeye state fully appreciate the importance of the enterprise and the benefits that must accrue from it.

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SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Chicago Tribune: The Booth-Tucker and Bunting Booth rivalry has been simplified into the comprehensive expression, the Booths fore and aft.

Brooklyn Eagle: The fool killer should hasten to Boston on the lightning express, for his services are needed. There is a man in that city who wants the Tremont temple church to refuse to allow its pastor, Rev. Dr. Lorimer, to participate in its communion service because he is a Knight Templar.

New York Journal: The American Salvation army commander, Commissioner Frederick St. George de Latour Booth-Tucker, indicates a desire to get right down at the foot of some good American and learn how to be a loyal, patriotic, Christian Yankee.

Twenty thousand Derivishes are waiting in Scotland to welcome the British invaders with bloody hands and flaming graves.

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BLASTS FROM HAN'S HORN.

The smaller the soul the bigger a dollar looks. The man who makes his own god always has a little one.

Chicago Record: "Is Miss Angier an athletic girl?" "Oh, yes; she has thrown herself at the head of his own."

Chicago Record: "What makes you think women all hate one another?" "Because a woman so seldom brings up a son that you are another woman's husband."

Indianapolis Journal: "But, papa," wailed the unhappy maiden in the throes of a first love, "he says his love for me knows no bounds."

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Upon our reputation—our name is too widely known, our business integrity too strongly established to give false impressions through windy advertisements. We want your confidence and patronage only through upright and honest dealings.