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Noted net sale... \$22,145.50. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 27th day of February, 1897.

Mr. Mungo's valentine has apparently been unavoidably delayed in the mails.

Doesn't the proposed formation of a Gunpowder trust smother the nature of playing with dynamite?

St. Valentine is no respecter of the Sunday law. He intrudes upon the Sabbath without so much as a by-your-leave.

With Yale and Harvard again at one in athletic matters, harmony may once more perch on the dome of the collegiate world.

When Australia comes to the United States to show the Yankee how to play the game of baseball it is treading on rather dangerous ground.

And now the hosiery and underwear manufacturers are said to have formed a combine for the purpose of controlling the knit goods trade.

For a place of its size Crete need fear comparison with neither Cuba nor Hawaii in the matter of raising disturbances that shake the whole civilized world.

Prizefighter Corbett compliments the governor of Nevada on being a man of courage. He ought to test the governor's courage by asking him to stand up before him for a few rounds.

No state treasurer must be allowed to imagine that it is his duty to distribute state funds with a view to holding up tottering banks.

The cyclone show season is now on with exhibits greater, grander and more beautiful than ever, and the city that does not have a cyclone show on hand or in preparation may as well drop all pretensions to being up-to-date.

The latest official estimate of the population of the United States is 71,263,000. A nation counting that many intelligent citizens may be relied on to compare successfully with the most advanced countries in the world.

One Wilson gives up the presidency of one college to accept a cabinet position while another Wilson gives up a cabinet position to accept the presidency of a college.

The legislature proposes to insist that all original packages sold in Nebraska shall be full weight. It should not stop here, however, it should also require the seals on the corks to be imbrued and the size of the glass to afford full measure.

So far as is known no banquets were given by the populists in honor of the memory of Abraham Lincoln, in spite of the fact that their late candidate for the presidency constantly compared himself to that great statesman during the recent campaign.

How fortunate that the league magnates succeeded in completing the revised hall rules in time for the Bradley-Martin ball! How appropriate too, that they should have strengthened the hands of the umpire and given him greater authority over the players!

A bill pending before the legislature provides that the salaries of all clerks and assistants in the district court clerk's office be \$700 a year.

It must have been an excellent dinner that prompted Dr. Nansen to say that there is only one nation in the world able to finish his work of Arctic exploration and that is the English.

If the coming prize fight were sure to eliminate both or even one of the participants from the theatrical field there might be a silver lining to the hideous cloud. But the fight is sure to make both pugilists more firm in the belief that they were out cut by nature for the stage and to stimulate speculative managers to visions of big profits in showing them from town to town.

POLITICS AND THE UNIVERSITY.

Among the remarkable productions of Nebraska's remarkable legislature the resolution introduced by a populist senator arraigning all the institutions of higher education in the land for subservience to "unholy corporate interests" and committing the legislature to a plan to turn the state university into a school for the dissemination of partisan populist doctrines deserves to stand in the front rank.

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What the university stands for is the truth. It should seek out and teach the truth without regard to the varying fortunes of political parties.

Of course there will be nothing done to put a limit upon debate in the senate at the present session, but when that of the principal parties agree that something ought to be done—that a change is absolutely necessary to the transaction of business—there is warrant for the hope that reform in this matter is at least possible in the not remote future.

No question presented to the convention which framed the constitution of the United States was more perplexing than that relating to the national executive. As to almost everything else there was some precedent for guidance.

FROM THE LAKES TO THE SEA. The senate committee on commerce has recommended an appropriation for a survey of a deep waterway between the great lakes and Atlantic tidewater.

Many times since it has been proposed to amend the constitution so as to extend the presidential term and to establish the principle of ineligibility for a second term.

How great is the concern of those sections of the country in an adequate water outlet between the lakes and the Atlantic seaboard is shown in the report to the president of the deep waterways commission.

As to the practicability of a ship canal from the great lakes to the Atlantic, we believe it is not questioned. There are several feasible routes and there ought to be no very great difficulty in determining which is the most desirable, reference being had to the difficulties to be overcome and the cost.

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SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Pioneer Press: It is true that Sam Jones gets \$2,000 for his month's preaching in Boston. It must be admitted that that business is looking up since Elijah's time.

Philadelphia Record: The New York preacher who in his Sunday sermon divided mankind into the masses and the masses, doubtless got off a hot nut, at least in his own opinion; but he needs to be reminded that the latter class need far more care with some of the sentimentalists who delight to make the pulpit reverbinate with their brayings.

The Root of the Evil. Minneapolis Times. The election of too many "yellow dogs" is "what's the matter" with politics in this country.

A Home Thrust. Somerville Journal. Sometimes a baby gets to be almost three months old before her father realizes that there are other things in the world to talk about.

The Cuban Characteristic. Chicago Tribune. An observant correspondent writes that a Cuban is trained by long years of experience "not to believe anything he sees or hears."

Plague-Stricken Vultures. Cleveland Plain Dealer. Even the birds of prey are dying of the plague in the city of Bombay. Could anything more graphically illustrate the strange difference between the customs of the Oriental and western countries?

How Down or Sent. Kansas City Star. It is an unlucky day for the cannibal-in-chief of Ashantee, or the king of Benin, or the Abigbon of Senegal, or the emir of Nipe when a British board of trade or chamber of commerce or commercial club appears in his neighborhood.

A Lofly Example. Philadelphia Ledger. Bourke Cockran's blunt statement that he neither expects nor would accept a place under the McKinley administration is a reminder of the noble stand he took in the campaign and a definition of it.

Steady Improvement in Business. New York Mail and Express. Business improvement continues in many industries and in many local sections.

Political Drift. The state senate of Delaware consists of nine members only. Three women hold the balance of power in the Colorado house of representatives.

Results of the Investigation Conducted in New York. New York Herald. All the representatives of the Sugar trust, including the great beet president and the treasurer, examined by the Lexow investigating committee have been unwilling, evasive witnesses.

DOMESTIC IDYLS.

Detroit Free Press: "Has Mr. De Broken proposed to you yet, Beatrice?" "No, but she has a lawyer looking into papa's financial affairs."

Indianapolis Journal: "George describes the girl he is engaged to as a perfect virgin." "Yes. And his sister says she is a sight."

Yale Record: "Wonder why Miss Elderly committed suicide?" "Well, she was tired of me, now that she had a better offer for eight years."

Detroit Journal: "How came Jack Higgins to break his engagement with Miss Thill?" "Well, she could not marry a girl with such a past as her."

Boston Transcript: Mrs. Mann (meeting her former servant—) Ah, Mary, I suppose you are getting better wages at your new place? "Yes, ma'am, I'm working for nothing now, I'm married."

Cleveland Leader: Clara—Yes, there isn't any doubt in my mind that George Fowler is simply in love with me. "What?" "Oh, he told me yesterday that he didn't think you looked like a girl over 38."

New York Tribune: Her—I suppose your mother has become reconciled to me, now that she has withdrawn her objection to our nuptial nuptials? "Yes, she is now sure I was sure to be your mother-in-law."

AGREED WITH HIM. "I wish," he said, with flaming eyes and moorish mien, "that I could see your former days had been like that." "That I had been of that sturdy stock that is found in the matted ranks of chivalry some centuries ago." "Yes," she said, and glanced at the mantel clock that tireless ticks away. "The after-midnight minutes that proclaimed the new-born day."

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