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It turns out that Philadelphia is not so slow after all. To use a card-table phrase, honors are easy among the British generals in South Africa.

Om Paul Kruger will probably eat English plum pudding for his Christmas dinner this year.

The Sunday school tract officer finds himself out of employment as the time for Christmas trees approaches.

The Boers do not seem to need the sympathy of any other people, expressed in resolutions or otherwise, just now.

Up to the present time the Boers do not appear to have lost much in the shell game being played over in South Africa.

America extends greeting to Walthier Hauer, the newly-elected president of the Swiss republic, the freest government in the Old World.

The next republican national convention will properly be held in the City of Brotherly Love, because the convention itself will be a love feast.

The local popocratic organ is much more interested at present in seeing Allen occupy an unobstructed seat in the senate than it was a few days ago.

General Buller appears to have been tackled for a loss when he tried an end run. It is still his ball, but he is likely to be forced to kick to keep away a safety.

It turns out that Colonel Bryan's telegram of congratulation to Colonel Goebel was premature. The only way for Goebel to get even is to congratulate Bryan now on his election as president in 1900.

The war in South Africa has interrupted the shipment of South African wool to the European markets.

The senate has put a damper on the aspirations of several Montana people who hoped to visit the capital at the expense of the government in the Clark senatorial investigation.

The senate will take up the Samoan treaty first. Of all the documents before it of international importance it is meet and proper this should have right of way.

If Aguinaldo never took his mother's advice before he should heed it now. She says that he is being misled by self-seekers who fill his head with ideas of the grandeur and glory he will achieve by being an insurgent chief.

The Bee today consists of three sections, making thirty-two pages. With the Illustrated Bee it weighs a little over one-half pound and for mailing purposes will therefore require three cents postage.

A Federal judge in Colorado has decided that the copyright law does not protect photographs of natural scenery or other objects not the product of the artist's originality.

LET HIM COME BACK.

G. M. Hitchcock, who is said to be slated for appointment to the seat in the United States senate vacated by the death of Senator Hayward, has just turned 40. He is a native of this city and it was here he received his early education.

This reads one of the self-laudatory telegrams sent out from Omaha to eastern papers during the recent canvass for the senatorial vacancy. In it is contained a suggestion upon which The Bee hastens to act, especially in view of the candid confession of Mr. Hitchcock in his paper declaiming his deep disappointment and the keen pang left by the sting of democratic ingratitude.

The republican party has its doors all open for sincere converts, no matter what may have been the cause of their dissatisfaction with former party affiliations. There are some who say that Mr. Hitchcock was never more than half a democrat, and if this is so it should be all the more easy for him to break the ties that bind him to that party and take a place again in the ranks of the political organization under whose protecting influence he was born and raised.

Such a return to the republican party would have precedents that ought to weigh well with Mr. Hitchcock. His father was elected to the United States senate by the votes of democratic members of the legislature, but had no scrupulous compunctions against cancelling the obligations incurred for his democratic support and allying himself with the republican majority in order to share the leaves and fishes of presidential patronage.

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It is doubtful if the suggestion made in this report will meet with a hearty response either from the taxpayers of Nebraska or the patrons of the university. While it will be readily conceded that the university will require a constantly increasing plant to meet the demand of increased attendance and more exacting work it is questionable whether such a radical departure is warranted even in contemplation.

England Seeking Gold. The financial demands of the South African war, already very heavy and promising to be enormously increased, for it is now apparent that the conflict will be protracted, are compelling England to replenish its gold resources and it hopes to do this largely if not wholly from the United States.

A considerable amount was shipped from New York yesterday, but it would seem that American bankers are in no hurry to satisfy the English demand, perhaps from the belief that better terms will be offered. Of course their first consideration is profit, sentiment playing no part in the business. There is an abundance of gold in the New York banks, but there is no anxiety to part with it except at a profit and the opportunity for its profitable employment is presented in the English demand. How much gold can be sent abroad without unfavorably affecting the home money market is a question, the answer to which perhaps depends somewhat upon the policy of the treasury.

It is probable that congress will act favorably upon this suggestion and if so doubtless the German government will accept the invitation. Indeed it could not very well decline to do so, since that would distinctly imply an unwillingness to meet the matter fairly and a disposition to maintain the existing discrimination against American products.

BRITAIN'S BITTER LESSON.

It is a bitter and a humiliating lesson the British are having in South Africa. They went into the war believing that the task of conquering the Boers would be brief and comparatively easy. A few unimportant reverses at the outset were looked for, but it was inconceivable to most Englishmen that the undisciplined Dutchman, commanded by men assumed to have little knowledge of military science and the art of war, could withstand the strategy of British officers, the discipline of British soldiers, the knowledge of the Boers were brave and determined, but they thought little of their ability to plan and prosecute a campaign.

That they have shown themselves in the latter respect at least equal if not superior to the British no one will question who has followed the course of the war. While numerous and most serious mistakes have been made by the British commanders, no important blunder has been made on the part of the Boers. They have not only sustained their character as courageous and persistent fighters, but they have demonstrated that as tacticians they are quite able to cope with their foe.

The reverse suffered by General Buller, thought to be perhaps the ablest military man in England, is a severe blow to British pride and prestige and is not unlikely to result in increasing the difficulties for Great Britain in South Africa. Another such blow would almost certainly result in a revolt of the Dutch in Cape Colony. It has fully aroused England to a comprehension of the formidable character of the work it has in hand and of the necessity of putting forth its best efforts. Its effect upon the Boers must be to intensify their zeal and determination.

STATE UNIVERSITY EXPANSION. In his annual report to the Board of Regents of the Nebraska State University Acting Chancellor Bessey brings in a novel feature in the form of a recommendation that plans be laid now on with a view to removing the university from its present outgrown site to a tract in the suburbs of Lincoln known as the University farm. It is the acting chancellor's idea that, while this change could not be brought about completely in the next few years, it must take place eventually and at least before the institution passes another quarter-century mark of its career.

It is a business question in the south and concerns chiefly the great staple of that section, cotton. It is believed that the retention of the Philippines and the enlargement of our trade in the far east which that is expected to promote would greatly aid to the demand for American cotton and there are very good reasons for this view.

Take a Hint. Those American drummers who claim to have been suspected of being Boer spies were unable to work the press reporters to the extent of securing mentions of their special lines of goods.

Good Christmas News. Philadelphia Ledger. By January 1, 1900, it is estimated, more than 100,000 cotton mill operatives in the United States will be receiving advanced wages. This is good Christmas news; but where is the money to pay them coming from? From Europe and Asia, both of which are sending vast sums to this country, and out of the ground.

Backbone of the Republic. Cincinnati Commercial. It will surprise most people to learn that the bank depositors in this country number more than 15,000,000. This is a doubling in less than ten years, though the increase in population has not been more than 15 or 18 per cent in the same time.

High Price for Pacific Cable. Buffalo Express. But why must a Pacific cable cost over \$8,500,000? The first cable across the Atlantic cost but \$485 a mile, except for the shore ends, which cost \$1,200 a mile.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Cincinnati Commercial. One of the leading Baptist churches in Brooklyn is to have a roof garden, or open-air auditorium, where services can be held during the hot summer months.

Chicago Chronicle. Hence we are inclined to believe that the spiritual labors of Rev. J. J. Astell of Royal Oak, Mich., will be greatly expedited and aided by his physical prowess.

Indianapolis News. In Loganport there seems to be a rivalry among the preachers in three congregations. Each one says that they have adopted means to this end, among them the selection of a series of "catching" topics.

Cablegrams from Manila make clear the fact that the American army is pounding the life out of the Filipino agitators who once were filled with the idea that they could trifle with American troops as they did with the Spanish army.

Having tried with satisfactory results American locomotives and American steel rails Russia now proposes to try to induce Americans to come over and make them in the land of the czar.

General Wood starts in with his assumption of authority in Cuba with everything favorable. Personally popular with the Cubans, he has the added advantage which the president's message gives them that ultimate independence is in store for the island.

Defective informations are becoming altogether too common in the criminal courts. Men charged with crime should be brought to trial on the merits of the case and if our popocratic county attorney does not know enough to draw up an information which will hold water an assistant should be provided for him who can. It would save the taxpayers money.

WOMEN AS WAGE EARNERS. The periodical crusade against women wage-earners has commenced. The crusader, led by the brilliant but erratic John J. Ingalls, says many mean things, but admit that the "new woman is here to stay."

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The prospective mother should use every precaution to preserve and foster her little one. Not alone for the sake of the little one to come but for her own sake. A perfectly healthy woman is in no danger and in very little pain at her time of trial.

It is the invention of Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., a regularly graduated physician and skilled specialist in the cure of all diseases of woman.

BLASTS FROM RAIN'S HORN.

Toll is the toll at the gate to success. Poverty and piety are not synonymous. The love of the law gives true liberty in life.

The most contagious diseases are those of the heart. No man is so weak you can afford to expose him. Ambition jumps high, but does not always land right.

No man is strong enough to do wrong with impunity. The man who starts to go nowhere will usually get there. He who boasts of a good deed shows that he is not used to them.

Richmond Dispatch: Mrs. Peppers—Don't you fret so about burglars, John. Any man that thinks he can steal into this house and walk away with any of my belongings don't know what he's got to deal with.

Chicago Post: "What is a coquette, papa?" she asked as she looked up from her book. "A coquette," replied the old gentleman, "is a girl who gets lots of admiration and marry a husband."

Chicago Post: "My love for you," he said to the homely beauty, "is like this ring." "How sweet," she exclaimed. "You mean it has no end." "Precisely," he said, and then he added under his breath, "I mean to marry myself with his consent, and no beginning."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "See here, my child, what do you know about this young man?" "And what's that?" "That he is unmarried."

Detroit Free Press: "I couldn't stand her father," he was exclaiming talking shop. "Telling you about his prosperity in business?" "No; talking to me about the business he thought I ought to get into."

Indianapolis Journal: "My wife seldom eats breakfast with me." "Why is that?" "By the time she has succeeded in making me get up she is so worn out she has to go back to bed."

Still sits the schoolhouse by the road. A ragged beggar sunning himself. Around it still the cornucopia grow. And blackberry vines are running.

The charcoal frescoes on its walls; Its doors worn still, betraying the feet that, creeping slow to school, Went storming out to play.

Pushing with restless feet the snow To right and left he lingered. As restlessly her tiny hands flew. The blue-checked apron flattered.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

"He as has, git." There is Senator Dewey, who has just gathered in a legacy of \$200,000.

Whiskey is said to be worth \$5 a bottle in LadySmith. Harris Smith should go to the relief of his girl.

One thing may be said to the credit of General Gateaer. He did not get it when White did—in the Nek.

"What shall we eat?" is a question seriously discussed in Boston. Oh, sacred codfish, Oh, mirifical bean, how have the mighty fallen!

The Jersey disciple of Syndicate Miller bears the expressive name of Roper. His victims did not tumble until his supply of gold bricks was exhausted.

Boston's genius who worked the neighborhood with a scheme to extract gold from sea water has done a similar job in Greenland, and his harvest is equally profitable.

Somebody has discovered that General Joubert of the Boer army served under Stonewall Jackson in the Civil war. Very likely. Joubert can fight as eloquently as he prays.

Six five-grain capsules of sand after every meal prescribed for Chicagoans who have troubles of their own. This is the first intimation the country has had of Chicago being short on sand.

The Philadelphia Record handsomely scoops its contemporaries by putting on the market the first book of the season. It is chock full of useful information, quite valuable for reference.

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LOVE'S TRUTHFULNESS.

And have you never loved before? she asked. While with a wistful look she closely scanned his face.

Why will girls ask such questions when they are themselves so questioning like that is out of place?

His memory ran swiftly back for years. Recalling all the wistful glances that he had met.

Then, looking down into the wistful eyes. "Never, dear."

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