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That blizzard is a trifle late, but still up to the old standard.

Now that The Hague peace treaty has been ratified by the senate, the administration is in a position to offer mediation in Kentucky.

Nature always balances its extremes. While Nebraska is blizzard-swept people are dying of heat and sunstroke in Buenos Ayres every day.

While the movement is on in favor of patrolling home industries we might suggest that a part of the effort be devoted to the patronage of home newspapers.

From the recesses of his burrow the laugh of the groundhog can be heard as he snuggles up to his baseliner.

The levy ordinance in the hands of councilmen looking for re-election or further political preferment seems to have been much like a hot poker with the hot end foremost.

Silver republicans are encountering difficulty in finding enough members of their party to constitute the delegates to their city convention.

Iowa's legislature will try to adjourn by March 1. If it succeeds in the attempt it will set a new record.

To elucidate the theory of the council by which it increases the fire fund levy, but refuses to increase the police fund levy, would require a diagram showing the mutations of the councilman's mind.

The investigation of the election of Senator Clark of Montana has developed enough political rottenness without going back to the election of 1893.

Some Omaha people have always been noted for public spirit, but the man who took the school seat-cleaning contract at a losing figure to prevent the city from being cluttered by the other fellow is certainly entitled to the medal.

Bryan as a lecturer does not draw any better in New York than he did as a candidate. A few such incidents should convince him that the great Empire state has not changed its mind regarding his financial fallacies.

Now that the school levy is fixed the only hope of the school board to increase its resources lies in going after sources of revenue hitherto neglected.

With six months for organization and work, the republicans of Nebraska should be able to get the political situation in Nebraska so thoroughly before the voters that success will be assured.

The layer of disinfectant over the mass of peevish pettiness is not thick enough to stand any great amount of excavating.

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A GENERAL ADVANCE

The indications are that the British army in South Africa has begun a general forward movement and if such shall prove to be the case some exceedingly interesting events are in the near future.

It appears that while the task of relieving Ladysmith is not to be abandoned, as it was thought after the Spionkop reverse might be done, the plan of campaign now contemplates a movement in force probably toward the Orange Free State, the effect of which would perhaps be to draw a part of the Boer forces investing Ladysmith away and thus lessen the difficulty of relieving the garrison.

The renewal of the attempt to relieve Ladysmith is likely to be pushed with even greater vigor than the previous efforts and will probably be more costly in life.

Meantime interest in the South African situation is intensified by the latest news, meager as that is, and there will be worldwide concern in the progress of the new campaign which has been entered upon and the results of which may determine the outcome of the war.

Opposition to the Hay-Pauncefote agreement amendatory of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty was expected, but we do not think it is likely to prove formidable and for the reason that it is of a character that if successful would place the United States in a wrong position before the world.

A returned Omaha man who has been traveling in Cuba gives the warning that prospective investors should steer clear of the American colonization companies which have sprung up since the war with Spain.

By switching issues on the livestock rate question the State Board of Transportation may be able to stave off action until after election next fall.

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marks and in has no one but any mineral rights there. The standard movement is making way in Alaska, but it is a serious question whether or not a state could develop more efficiently with the problems of Alaska at present.

A bill was recently introduced in congress the purpose of which is to authorize the removal of the charge of treason from all soldiers of the civil war who failed to secure an honorable discharge.

While the organ of the reformers was belching forth fire and smoke and the diplomatic attorney general was riding his charger headed straight for the corporation citadel, the white flag was hoisted and the masquerade culminated by rescinding the order issued two years ago directing the railroads to restore and continue the railroad rate on live stock.

Improves on Accountability. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Congressman Sibley of Pennsylvania, who has just formally come over to the republicans, was one of the ablest and most ardent of the Bryanite chiefs in 1896.

Position to President McKinley requesting him to mediate between the Boers and the British do more credit to the hearts of the petitioners than to their heads.

Twenty years ago the United States imported \$3,500,000 worth of iron and steel, one-fourth of that amount—or, to be exact, \$1,542,874 worth.

The chief revolution has taken place in the last half of the twenty-year period. In the calendar year 1890 our exports of iron and steel were \$27,000,000, while the imports were \$4,644,000.

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LIGHTS AND SHADOWS OF WAR.

Glimpses of the South African Front. The country in and around Ladysmith is a theater of human sacrifice.

A correspondent of the London Chronicle takes this pen picture of a retreat: "Soon after 1 o'clock we entered the volcano—Imperial Light Horse and Border Mounted Infantry—and they were sent forward, dismounted, to take the main position in front camp a short way on our left."

At their approach the rocks were so persistently shelled cracked and hammered from end to end with rifle fire.

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A TRIUMPH FOR HAV.

Springfield Republican: Secretary Hay has achieved a decided diplomatic triumph in securing from Great Britain a recognition of the rights under the Clayton-Bulwer treaty of joint control of an isthmian canal by way of Lake Nicaragua.

Philadelphia Ledger: The revision of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, signed yesterday at Washington, adds another and crowning triumph to the series of diplomatic achievements with which Secretary Hay has dignified and rendered notable the annals of President McKinley's administration.

Cleveland Leader: Congress was apparently prepared to go ahead with the enactment of the legislation necessary to inaugurate the work of building the canal, regardless of what Great Britain might do, but it was more satisfactory to know that no international complications are likely to arise because of such action.

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WOMEN JOURNALISTS TO ORDER.

Ambitious Girls Taking Practical Lessons in an Eastern Seminary. Some of the girls in Mount Holyoke college are taking a course in journalism.

It took at least three weeks to teach the pretty reporters how to correctly "write up" a fire. They were told first of all to describe the destruction of the building itself, the slaughter of its occupants and the work of the fire department.

They were then instructed in the delicate task of getting the chief of the fire department's estimate of himself, together with his criticism of the meanness of the aldermen in not providing him with sufficient apparatus.

After the fire class the pupils pass into the course of instruction in the art of the weather prophecy basins—that is, seeming to say a lot, while in reality saying nothing.

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