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Senator McLaughlin has started the fun with the report that Senator Tillman, so far as the republicans are concerned, it is a case of "Go it, husband; go it, bear."

There is many a slip between cup and lip. It will hardly be safe to count on the consolidation of Omaha's franchised corporations until the amalgamation is really an accomplished fact.

Deputy Labor Commissioner Watson failed to land the national convention of labor bureau officials for Omaha, but the effort is none the less appreciated.

Another thing that has been overlooked in the Porto Rican decision is the fact that our old friend, Magoon, was playing to win whichever way the cat jumped.

Local labor unions should be reminded that too frequent use of their boycott appeals is liable to wear the edge off the weapon.

An East St. Louis coroner's jury is entitled to the prize. The head of a man was found near that city, over 100 yards distant from the remainder of the body.

There is an increase of 2,000,000 acres in the amount planted to cotton in the United States this year. Cotton is no longer king, corn having supplanted it.

It looks as if Omaha would have a surflet instead of a death of rival summer resort attractions this year. Omaha people have acquired the recreation habit from two successive expositions.

The National Association of Woman Suffragists threatens to invade the magazine field with a monthly periodical entitled "Progress."

Colonel Bryan now says his experience as a soldier was of too brief duration to permit him to class himself with those who witnessed the shock of battle.

Omaha has had several changes in its chiefs of police without the Commercial club feeling called on to interpose on either side, although protection of life and property against criminals is just as important to the community as protection against fire.

Whenever symptoms of drowsiness overtake the British public news comes from the Transvaal which disturbs the dream. Within forty miles of Johannesburg has just occurred a battle in which 174 of the King's soldiers were either killed or wounded.

The discussions of the recent decisions of the supreme court on the Porto Rican case are at present necessarily more or less partisan. It is worth while in this connection to look backward to several other important decisions of a political nature.

The battle between the advocates of the two styles of handwriting in the public schools—the vertical and the deferential—is still raging in many American cities, towns and villages.

The director of the census does not hesitate to predict that the population of the United States will be 300,000,000 in the year 2000.

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CUBAN ACTION NOT SATISFACTORY.

The president and cabinet have decided that the adoption by the Cuban constitutional convention of the majority report of its relations committee on the Platt amendment is not a "substantial" acceptance of the American terms. That report presented explanations or interpretations of several clauses of the amendment, which it was said were in effect the construction given these clauses by the president and secretary of war in the conferences with the Cuban commission.

The Cuban situation, therefore, is unchanged, so far as the question of future relations with the United States is concerned, and there must be a revival of the contest in the constitutional convention regarding the Platt amendment.

What will be the effect of this? The decision of the president virtually says to the Cubans, and doubtless will be construed by them as meaning, that nothing short of an unconditional acceptance of the American terms will be satisfactory to this government.

The Platt amendment won in the Cuban convention by a single vote. It would have been rejected, there is no doubt, without the interpretation given to portions of it by the majority of the relations committee.

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AT THE HEIGHT OF PROSPERITY.

The stock sale at South Omaha this week seems to have been significant in more ways than one. Not only is its financial success a straw pointing to the advancement of South Omaha as a market for high-bred animals, but it reflects the prosperity of the live stock industry.

The western stockraiser is no longer content with anything but the best, and what is more to the point, is willing and able to pay good prices. At this sale purchasers had the option of making their settlements at once in cash or paying in paper, due three or six months hence.

When the stockholders of this vicinity can pay down \$100,000 in a single day at one market their bank accounts must be in a healthy condition, and they could not be in a healthy condition unless the stockraising industry were at the height of prosperity.

The railway accountants are having a convention to talk shop and perfect their systems of accounting. Anyone who has had experience with them will cheerfully admit that the railroad accountants are the best in the world.

Drilling for oil in southeastern Texas and southwestern Louisiana has progressed far enough to indicate the existence of enormous underlying reservoirs of the heavy fuel oil characteristic of the Beaumont field.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

One of the many consequences of the Boer war is the growing uneasiness among a considerable number of Englishmen as to the defensive powers of Gibraltar—not of the rock itself, but of the harbor and docks, which from a naval point of view, are of scarcely less importance.

The contention that Porto Rico cannot be foreign and domestic recalls the case of the man who was informed by his lawyer that he could not be imprisoned on a certain charge. "But," said the client, "I am already in jail."

Ex-Senator Tillman is having some difficulty in explaining his resignation to the voters. He rendered it wholly needless, in the event of war breaking out. The government, on the other hand, maintains that shooting is a game that two can play at, and that any gun behind the hills would be within the reach of the other's bullet.

Thomas A. Edison proclaims a new process for making cement which will bring the prices down to such a figure that cement will be one of the most common materials in the building of houses.

Governor Allen of Porto Rico stated a truth which many Americans fail to grasp when he said that the territorial government is not a government, but a trust.

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PORTO RICANS AWAKE.

Under the provisions of the Foraker act levying a tariff duty of 15 per cent, to provide revenue for the island, the inhabitants may annul the law and enter upon a free trade basis whenever sufficient revenue is provided by means of insular taxation.

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OIL AS FUEL ON RAILROADS.

The discovery of oil wells in California and Texas promises to have an important and beneficial influence on the railroad industry in the whole southwestern portion of the United States.

It was popularly expected by the islanders that the court's decision would grant Porto Rico free trade and its citizens full citizenship and constitutional privileges.

Should the Porto Ricans take advantage of the Foraker act to establish a system of local taxation of their own, adequate to meet their governmental needs, the practical effect of the step would be to make trade free between the island and the United States.

Senator Fairbanks of Indiana is the first formal entry for the 1904 race.

Because Senator McLaughlin of South Carolina shed his coat of moss Senator Tillman insinuates that he is a "blatherskite."

The impression in some quarters that the constitution could be amended over the Philippine islands implies that the document is of the rubber-neck brand.

A large tribe of Maryland democrats are off the reservation whetting their hatchets for Arthur Pue Gorman.

The supreme court of Mississippi has decided that the Jones round-bale cotton corporation is a trust—the Jones being the senator of that name who masqueraded as chairman of the Bryan national committee last year.

The Pennsylvania supreme court holds that the legislature may deprive any city of the state of local government. The so-called "ripper laws," abolishing elective offices in Pittsburgh, Scranton and Allegheny and substituting officers appointed by the governor, were pronounced constitutional in the fall.

At the Maryland election this fall the ticket will be a long one. All the counties will vote for comptroller, clerk of the court of appeals, members of the house of delegates, sheriff, county commissioners and county supervisors.

Anti-administration papers are taking it out of D. B. Hill's hide and pouring tons of wrath on his hairless dome.

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Browning, King & Co. Summer Suits. The fashion is for Flannels—and there is no doubt they are cool—in fact, in looks—and there is perfect comfort in them as well—possibly they might prefer a "Serge." They are the thing for real service—or you might like a "Cheviot"—Either will be correct as to style and fashion and they are not expensive.