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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...

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...

LUMBER BARONS IN PERIL. Thomas A. Hudson 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...

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FUEL OIL BY THE TON. 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 district...

NO CHANGE APPARENT. Conservative view of the recent Supreme Court decisions. Some of the anti-imperialists appear to take the view that the court will not hold the president liable for his actions...

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PROMOTING IRRIGATION. The advocates of government aid for the promotion of irrigation are hoping for support from the administration. A Washington dispatch says it is believed that the visit of the president and members of the cabinet to the southwest will have a direct bearing upon the program of certain members of congress for legislation looking to a general extension of aid to irrigation projects...

PORTO RICANS AWAKE. Abolishing the Foraker Law in the manner provided. Under the provisions of the Foraker act levying a tariff duty of 15 per cent. on 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...

MATERIAL FOR SMILES. Washington Star: 'The man who smiles today is the man who will be the laughing stock of his country tomorrow...'

PURSE IN THE CHAIR. S. E. Kiser in the Record-Herald. The dear old hymn is read once more; the young people rise; and with exulting voices sing of manna in the skies...

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

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.

Local labor unions should be reminded that too frequent use of their boycott appeals is liable to wear the edge off the weapon. The public may have sympathy with the strike, but they regard the boycott as outside the pale of legitimate warfare.

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, yet the jury decided the man committed suicide. Great is the coroner's jury and wonderful its verdicts.

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, but it is a good second and doing a large part toward keeping the balance of trade in favor of the United States.

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 and will not be slow to patronize outdoor amusement resorts conducted on the right plan.

The National Association of Woman Suffragists threatens to invade the magazine field with a monthly periodical entitled 'Progress'. When this new magazine is out the woman suffragists can console themselves at any rate with the knowledge that they are making progress all the time.

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. Mr. Bryan evidently does not count 'the first battle,' about which he published a book, or 'the last battle,' which is furnishing the food for his paper.

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. No one expects consistency from the Commercial club, however.

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. Improbable as it appears, it is yet possible for such a people as the Boers to keep the enemy a-jumping almost indefinitely.

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. While they were at the time just as bitterly arraigned and as warmly defended as this one, time has vindicated the wisdom of nearly every one of those great deliverances, even the famous Dred Scott decision being today looked upon as a most masterly exposition of the law of master and servant.

KEEPING THE BRITISH BUSY. There has not been much news from South Africa recently, but what has come shows that the Boers, whose forces probably do not now exceed 10,000, are keeping the British busy. The latest dispatch from Kitchener reports a battle within forty miles of Johannesburg, in which there was fierce fighting. The Boers, it is stated, were driven off with heavy loss, but the number of killed and wounded on the British side shows that the enemy did good execution. Nothing is said as to the number of men on either side, but it is safe to assume that the Boer force was only a few hundred. This was commended by General Delarey, an officer who has shown marked skill in the kind of fighting which the Boers are now doing.

THE GREAT BATTLE OF THE CENTURY. The great battle of the century is now being waged, the combatants being science and civilization against the mosquito. The advantage of force is with the alliance, but, then, the mosquito has the skill and training.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. New York Tribune. The battle between the advocates of the two styles of handwriting in the public schools—the vertical and the defederal—is still raging in many American cities, towns and villages. Champions of the perpendicular line throw out sly hints to the effect that an upright hand indicates uprightness of character, and that a slant in penmanship may be the outward and visible sign of a slant in conscience.

STOCK ON THE TIRES. Chicago Chronicle. Ex-Senator Tillman is having some difficulty in explaining his resignation to the voters. He rendered voluntary notice, 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 guns behind the hills would within the reach of the Federal armory, and would be destroyed readily, or, at all events, rendered absolutely useless, in the event of war breaking out.

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FRANCE HAS BECOME ALARMED. France has become alarmed at the ravages of abstinence, and in December last a socialist deputy from the Department of the Seine moved in the Chamber of Deputies that the government prohibit the manufacture and sale of all alcoholic liquors pronounced dangerous by the Academy of Medicine. The resolution was aimed at abstinence, the consumption of which has nearly doubled since 1874. It was adopted, but the government did not resort to such an extreme measure as prohibition; instead, it increased the tax on alcohol and raised the duty on wine and cider.

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