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Million-dollar rains are becoming too common in Nebraska to mention.

Telegraph reports are silent on the subject, but it is fair to presume that the popular Chinese air as the allies marched out of Pekin was "I Don't Care if You Never Come Back."

Europe, with the exception of Russia, has a poor prospect for a wheat crop.

The average expenditure per day of the visitors to the Buffalo exposition is said to be 17 cents.

Mascagni, the musical composer, is coming to this country in the interest of art and incidentally to earn \$30,000 salary for an eight weeks' engagement.

The modern spirit is against the granting of long-time public franchises to private corporations.

Omaha is enjoying the privilege of affording a stopping place for numerous delegations to the various conventions of national organizations this year.

Now it is rumored that George Gould has worked out a plan for railroad consolidation so gigantic that it will make Hill, Harriman, Morgan and all the other community of interest magnates look like two-spots.

The non-partisan politicians of the Commercial club pretend they want to take the fire department out of politics by transferring control over the police commission to the city council.

This is the week for the county board to begin to equalize the tax valuations returned by the precinct assessors.

Iowa populists have decided to call no state convention this year providing the democrats adopt a platform sufficiently populist to satisfy their qualms of conscience.

The total of killed, wounded and captured Boers during the month of May is officially stated to be 2,640.

The student at Smith college who robbed her fellow students of money, watches and jewelry to the amount of \$5,000 is said to be suffering from mental derangement and to require treatment as a kleptomaniac.

Russia is busy again exiling a large number of noblemen and others of its subjects whose ideas do not correspond with those of the government.

Improvement in the school system does not necessarily mean that the work of instruction must first be made more expensive to the taxpayers.

AN OPENING FOR SILVER.

The acquisition of the Philippine islands and the extension of Asiatic commerce with China and other Asiatic countries promise in the near future to enlarge the market for American silver beyond all expectation.

Thirty years ago congress authorized the coinage of trade dollars for the express purpose of serving as a medium of exchange in Asiatic countries.

While the new silver dollars will readily exchange for Mexican dollars, they will have an exchange value for gold equal only to the current market value of the silver in the coin.

Commenting upon this proposition the Denver Times says: The shrewdest traders in the world are the Chinese merchants of the Orient.

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EXPEDITING THE CENSUS.

It has been almost a byword that the complete results of the successive censuses of the United States, at least in recent years, have not been given to the public until the preparations for the next census have been under way.

For the twelfth census Director Merriam has not only followed up this idea introduced into the eleventh census, but has gone still further by issuing preliminary volumes ahead of the regular census publications.

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TO HAVE AND TO HOLD.

It is understood that the kiss that Governor Allen bestowed upon a Porto Rican girl was entirely official and diplomatic in its character. He was merely sampling one of our new possessions.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Men and Events Observed at the National Capital. The business of the Postoffice department is growing at a rate that taxes the resources of the government to supply the necessary stamps.

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BE FRANK WITH CUBA.

If Explanations Are Wanted, Why Not an Official One. Buffalo Express (rep.). If the government at Washington is not satisfied with the Cuban version of Secretary Root's explanation of the Platt resolutions, why should not the government offer a clear explanation of its own?

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GOOD ENOUGH TO LAST.

Intentions Point to a Continuance of Prosperity. Philadelphia Times. In every season of prosperity there are skeptics and croakers. If the sun shines there is going to be rain after a bit.

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PERSONAL NOTES. Mr. Carnegie's new \$30,000 golfing box near Tarrytown, N. Y., was built at the suggestion of his wife, who selected the location and supervised the plans.

Joseph A. Shirley of Indianapolis has just received from his son, Foster C. Shirley, the pen used by Aguinaldo just before his capture.

Sixteen of the late Sir Arthur Sullivan's violins and violoncellos were sold for \$1,860. The greatest price realized by any one of these instruments was \$50, which was paid for a violoncello by Joseph Guarnerius.

Frau Cosma Wagner has protested against the proposed Russian copyright law limiting an author's rights in musical composition to thirty years after his death.

She wants the copyright of her husband's compositions to be extended to fifty years. Emerson McMittin, the banker of New York City, who formerly lived in Columbus, O., has promised to defray the expenses of a week in the country for 1,000 poor children of Columbus and other towns embraced in the Columbus district of the Epworth league.

A great many persons will be much put out by President McKinley's inability to keep his New England engagements. In Worcester, Mass., for instance, 200 tickets at \$10 each had been sold for the banquet projected in his honor, and the money will be returned to subscribers.

Sir Thomas Lipton, the London tea merchant and yachtsman, offers a reward of \$250 for the best essay in Erse on Brian Boru. A similar prize will be given for the best essay written in English on "The Early Institutions of Ireland." The Irish Literary society of London is to arbitrate.

Advertisement for Browning, King & Co. Summer Shirts. There are more than a hundred styles of summer shirts here for your inspection. White madras is the newest thing and there are fancy stripes in soft and stiff bosoms, with or without cuffs attached. Some special values at \$1.00. Others in madras and oxford cloths, plain or plaited fronts, in the very newest patterns, and all made to fit, at \$1.50, \$2.00 and up to \$4.00.