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Don't kick on the weather. It is worse in the east than it is here in the west.

Mr. Groundhog presents his regrets that he could not stay, but begs to say he will call again later.

This is the season when hot fires and defective flues make work for the fire department. Look to your stoves and furnaces.

An English actress, now touring this country, is reported to have won \$22,000 at bridge whist since her arrival.

J. Sterling Morton has gone to Mexico. Can it be that the sage of Arbor Lodge also has a covetous eye on the position of minister to Mexico?

Governor Brady of Alaska paints a glowing picture of the agricultural possibilities of Alaska.

Charles A. Towne has opened his brokerage office in New York. He must be operating on the theory that the plain people prefer being worked by their friends rather than by the sordid, selfish money sharks of Wall street.

While the Omaha grand jury was wrestling with fire escapes the St. Louis grand jury was wrestling with the smoke consumer.

The reduction proposed by the tax repeal bill in the house figures up the largest reduction in taxation ever made at one time by any nation.

Mexican newspapers are throwing another fit in the fear that the United States contemplates gobbling up all of Latin America.

The owners of several boxes at the opera house in New York which it was planned to use for Prince Henry and his suite refuse to vacate for that occasion.

South Omaha's democratic machine is talking about putting up its ticket for the forthcoming municipal contest by direct nomination.

The officials at Casper deserve credit for the firm stand taken that prevented the lynching of the man accused of murdering Sheriff Ricker.

An eminent German scientist, after careful investigation, has demonstrated that the human race is not degenerating physically under the influence of advanced civilization.

IS THE COMMISSION AT FAULT?

It is a not uncommon opinion that the Interstate Commerce commission has not at all times been as earnest and zealous in enforcing the law as it should have been.

While it may be granted that there is some ground for this accusation, the assumption that the commission is responsible for rate cutting is manifestly untenable.

That the commission knew there was rate cutting is undoubtedly true, but it is not a fact that it has the widest possible powers of investigation, as shown by the reports of the commission and proposed legislation to extend its powers.

The commission would not have the remotest tendency to prevent rate cutting, it might prove to be correct, but it will be well to put it to a test.

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We have already expressed the opinion that the bill framed by the congressional representatives of the arid-land states is wrong in principle and would have harmful results if it should become law.

The only wonder is that the local Transvaal league should rest content with passing resolutions against sending special representatives of the United States to the coronation of King Edward.

The Philippine Investigation. The senate committee which is investigating the Philippine situation is composed of eight republicans and five democrats and the promise is that the inquiry will be very thorough.

The statements thus far made to the committee by Governor Taft are on the whole reassuring. They show that quite satisfactory progress has been made in the work of pacification and that the situation appears to justify the opinion that within a year a military force in the Philippines of 15,000 will be sufficient.

ests of the islands. It is urged by the business men of Manila that nothing will contribute so much toward pacification and popular contentment as legislation that will advance industries, so as to provide work for the people, and stimulate commerce.

The investigation by the senate committee has for one of its objects the better enlightenment of congress as to what legislation is necessary and expedient for the Philippines and it will doubtless result in action by congress that will be of material benefit to the islands and hasten pacification.

VISIONARY MUNICIPAL REFORMERS. The unexpected often happens, but the expected happens still oftener.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Etchings of Men and Events at the National Capitol. A writer in Scribner's Magazine thus sketches a Washington sunrise viewed through the recessed windows of Washington monument.

To appoint or not to appoint—that is the question that is to be fired at the supreme court in the application for a mandamus against the governor in the Omaha police commission case.

J. Pierpont Morgan is said to have given \$175,000 for a picture purporting to be by one of the old masters, but which experts assert is a fraud.

And now one of the officers of the Louisville & Nashville railroad insists that the Interstate Commerce commission is to blame for secret rate cutting and other lawlessness by the railroad managers.

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PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The Bulgarian brigands are beginning to regard Miss Stone as a valuable asset on which it is difficult to resist.

The critic who declares censorship is impossible in this country, is not a close student of the Congressional Record.

A Kentucky banker has been thrice convicted of embezzlement, but is still at liberty, awaiting a fourth trial.

Two republican members of the present house of representatives were delegates to the republican national convention of 1864 which put in nomination the Lincoln and Johnson ticket.

Lieutenant Governor Woodruff of New York voluntarily shed his glory and snuffs through life with black vests encircling his bay window.

The Pittsburg criminals did not shuffle off according to law, but they shuffled just the same.

Municipal reform is doing a great stunt at Buffalo. The city treasurer and a county sheriff have been bounced, and the court clerk goes to Auburn prison for five years.

Chicago and St. Louis policemen are about to indulge in a pistol shooting contest according to law, but they shuffled just the same.

When Admiral Schley visits Knoxville, Tenn., tomorrow, he will be presented with a gold-headed cane, the wood of which was obtained from a hickory tree which once grew in the yard of Admiral Farragut's home and birthplace.

If the present schedule is adhered to, Prince Henry will have only twenty minutes' stay in Cincinnati.

Mrs. Turebin, widow of General John B. Turebin, now over 80 years of age, and who followed her husband through the civil war and performed many heroic acts, is in such reduced circumstances that she is being sustained by the comrades and friends of her illustrious husband.

A Pennsylvania court is called upon to assess damages for excessive enthusiasm in hugging. The enthusiast, in this instance was a regular bar.

Charles Emory Smith, former postmaster general, is gradually recovering his natural quality of spirit bottled up by the cares and responsibilities of high office.

The task of "licking" 50,000 envelopes is one which confronts the United States post office once every three months.

By means of an electric automatic sealer the envelopes containing the check and order which are sent to the 50,000 pensioners in the western district of Pennsylvania each quarter are "licked" and sealed at the rate of 25,000 a day.

All this is done in the twinkling of an eye, as fast as the operator can drop the envelopes into position to be caught by the flat rolls.

The strained relations between Senator Vest of Missouri and Senator Morgan of Alabama are well understood in Washington.

Ayer's Baking Powder advertisement. Includes text: "Used in Millions of Homes, 40 Years the Standard. A Pure Cream of Tartar Powder. Superior to every other known. Makes finest cake and pastry, light, flaky biscuit, delicious griddle cakes—palatable and wholesome."

Laughing Matter advertisement. Includes text: "The news of the formation of a new Window Glass Trust is calculated to give retail dealers a pang."

Don't Hug the Stove advertisement. Includes text: "If you do, a little draft or a sharp wind will give you a cold or a cough. If you have a cold now, the best advice we can give you is this: Go to your doctor and ask him to name the best medicine in the world for colds and coughs."