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As a graduate of Harvard, Prince Henry should be qualified to paint the town crimson when he gets home.

Omaha's 1902 dog tags are in the form of a four-leaved clover. Lucky will be the dog who has one when the dog-catcher comes around.

King Edward has held another levee, but as no Americans were presented the American yellow journal will miss an opportunity for its habitual howl.

It is now quite plain that Colonel Bryan does not intend to return the call made on him by ex-Senator Hill just before the Kansas City convention.

Prince Henry has about completed his tour, but he should certainly see the Tammany tiger before sailing. The beast is a little disfigured at present, but he is still worth seeing.

Strange how enraptured a popocratic organ is with every "dark picture" that gives inspiration for "gloomy forebodings." It can't get away from its old penchant for perpetual calamity.

The Jacksonians are advertising another "open house," but no word in the announcement about the brand that is to make that "fine old bottle of Bordeaux" taste like Missouri river water.

After the experience of the past few weeks eastern congressmen should be easily convinced of the wisdom of storing the flood waters in reservoirs until they are needed.

The records show that since the passage of the amendment to the national banking act an average of one bank a day has been organized. The record of democratic times was about one bank failure a day.

The republican state committee has been called to arrange for the forthcoming convention that is to name the standard bearer for 1902. The subject of debate will be the same old question, Early or late?

Both of the countries which control the prospective isthmian canal routes show strong indications of raising the amount necessary to play in the game. Uncle Sam is certainly old enough not to play at a game of two pluck one.

The Bee will measure up with any and all of its newspaper competitors in the record of achievements for Omaha and effective support accorded public enterprises. And The Bee always contributes something more than hot air.

Kansas people are struggling over the proposition of which two of its deceased citizens shall have the places in the hall of fame at the St. Louis exposition. Kansas people usually get up squabbles enough over the living without going into the cemetery.

New York bankers profess to be worried for fear the purchase of the San Francisco street railway system by eastern parties might disturb the money market of that city. If New York finds itself short it might draw on the corn belt for a few millions.

Former Attorney General Smyth does not believe in trying lawsuits in the newspapers, but he saw to it just the same that carefully prepared typewritten abstracts of his argument in defense of school fund farming were ready for the reporters in advance of delivery.

The War department is considering the advisability of making Fort Niobrara a post for treatment of invalid soldiers. If the department is looking for some place where the air is pure and all conditions favor building up of health, it can do no better than turn toward Nebraska.

RECIPROcity OR REBATE?

This is the question which divides the republicans of the house of representatives, discussion of which appears to show a tendency favorable to the proposition of a majority of the republicans of the ways and means committee for a tariff reduction of 20 per cent on Cuban products.

In discussing the several plans that have been presented, Mr. Payne declared that the rebate proposition is unconstitutional and will be supported in this by Mr. Dalsell, a member of the ways and means committee.

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Manifestly, however, the republicans ought to soon reach a decision of this question. Three fruitless conferences have been held and to continue this sort of thing will certainly not do the party any good.

Next Thursday the Douglas County Democracy will have something over at its comfortable rooms on South Fifteenth street.

On behalf of the uninitiated The Bee insists that the "doings" of our friends the Douglas County Democracy be itemized on the program.

If there is to be anything christened besides a grand piano, the members ought to know of it in advance so as to make suitable preparations.

If the interesting features include feeding the manager, to say nothing of the kitty, the guests should be warned against partaking of their meals at home before starting.

The announcement, too, that those living in the suburbs will have no excuse for missing the last car is a gratuitous insult that calls for a vigorous remonstrance.

A motion is in order to discharge the committee on entertainment and recalculate its membership.

The note recently addressed by our government to Russia and China, relative to concessions by the latter, has brought from Russia a renewal of the assurance that the commercial rights of other powers will be respected in the territory of China which is under the practical control of Russia.

The Department of State, it is said, regards these pledges as binding, although not made in written form, and undoubtedly they are intended to be by the governments making them.

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A GROWING INDUSTRY.

The report of the special agent of the Agricultural department upon the growth of the beet sugar industry shows a progress that justifies the opinion that in a few years more, with judicious protection, the United States will produce sufficient sugar to supply the home market.

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Iowa woman suffragists have a hard time of it, the two houses of the legislature playing shuttlecock and battling with their bill. One session the house passes it and the senate kills it, and the next the senate tries its hand at jollying the women and depends upon the house to lay the measure to rest.

As champion of Meserve former Attorney General Smyth proclaimed early in the game that he would take advantage of no technicalities of the law to refute the charge of embezzlement.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

Fuller reports of the recent riots in Trieste seem to prove that there was a revolutionary element at work, and that the police and the military did not resort to extreme measures.

South Omaha republicans are in the throes of nominating a city ticket for the impending municipal election.

Health is the best capital, but it has to work in order to earn dividends.

Congress cannot afford to do anything to limit the operations of the rural free delivery system. The people in the country like it.

Some Western Discoveries. Boston Globe.

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Eccentricity and Success. New York Mail and Express.

The dead millionaire who is said to have written on the wall of the debtors' jail twenty-five years ago, "When I leave here I shall become a rich man," achieved his purpose.

Pay of Postal Clerks. New York World.

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Kicking His Way to Fame. Detroit Free Press.

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A Revolutionary Belle. Portland Oregonian.

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HOW TRUSTS ARE MADE. New Jersey Appalled at the Amount of Water Taken In. New York World.

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POLITICAL DRIFT.

Maine has two citizens who voted for Andrew Jackson in 1828—W. H. Chisham of Augusta and Captain Joshua Moulton of Scarborough.

The tax levy of Chicago for 1902 is expected to produce \$29,757,647, if every body hasten to the treasurer's cash box.

Since his speech at the Emmet celebration in New York City, Senator Ben Tillman's title, the "Akhood of Swatam," has given way to the more poetic designation, the "Barney Cuckoo."

Mr. Hogan is a political figure in southern Illinois. He is a meat and drink for him. Having been tendered a federal office on condition of keeping out of the senatorial contest, he spurned the vile tempter and will get into the mixup just as soon as the row begins.

The assertion that Canada conducts elections in a more orderly fashion and envelopes the ballot box with purer atmosphere than like affairs in the United States is not sustained by late gossip from the "Lady of the Snows."

In the course of the reform upheaval which finally landed Seth Low in the mayoralty of New York a committee of the reformers offered \$50,000 in prizes for the best and most original slogan.

The following significant item, supposed to have reference to the suggested candidacy of Hon. T. B. Reed, is going the rounds of New York papers.

An ordinance has been prepared by Captain W. T. Norton, a prominent citizen of Louisville, providing that ministers of all denominations shall pay a license of \$50 a year and that their salaries shall be garnished in the event of nonpayment.

At the annual "blowout" of the Ohio society in New York City a few nights ago both Senator Hanna and Forsaker spoke their little piece.

At the meeting of the Star Benevolent association in Moscow, last month, a noteworthy and suggestive speech was made by the president, Mr. Cherp Spiridovich.

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LAUGHING REMARKS.

Chicago Tribune: Perwilt—is it a correct figure of speech to say the floods have "crippled the railways"?

Pittsburgh Chronicle: "Potatoes are very expensive now," said Mrs. Spiffin. "When I go to market I'm ashamed to look a potato in the eye."

Design: "The Superintendant—I had a grand affair; the Superintendent told me you had a wonderful memory; but you don't seem to remember anything from one day to another."

Chicago Tribune: "My" exclaimed the good-natured housekeeper as she watched Henry Wraggles pour the food. "You certainly do act as if you were hungry."

Chicago Tribune: "And yet," observed the information editor, "stone can't be tumbled all day long."

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They told us how the world was made, and how it should be run, we know no more when they were through. Than when they first began.

But what of that? They said it well, and looked so very wise, it's not for us who sit in rows such wisdom to despise.

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EXPENDITURE OF POWDER AT MANILA AND SANTIAGO.

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Sprucing Up. A new hat—fresh gloves—an extra pair of trousers—or a neck-tie—are items that will tide you over and make you feel well dressed.