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Can there be such a thing as too much rain in Nebraska? For some reason or other, the Peter Cooper club has not yet ratified.

Notwithstanding a late tax levy and heavy rains, City Treasurer Hennings has scooped in his golden harvest.

King Edward should try to time his illness hereafter to cause less inconvenience and loss to both himself and subjects.

Perhaps Henry Watterson feels aggrieved, too, because he did not get a registered letter invitation to the Tilden club jubilee.

In the meantime, Cuba may rejoice that it has its independence, which but for American assistance would still be a vision of the future.

The last curtain is down on the Transmississippi exposition, but the picture of the exposition will never fade from the memory of anyone who shared its glories.

Hereafter aspirants for the United States senate will have to pass a civil service examination as pugilists. South Carolina and Texas have set the ball a-rolling.

The loss of congress will not make the fertile-minded Washington correspondent despair. He will continue to build and rebuild cabinets during recess at the same old stand.

Don't underestimate the recuperative power of crops grown out of Nebraska and Iowa soil. With Old Sol's help, it will not take long to make up for time lost by the cool spell.

Porto Rico seems to agree with United States Collector Cruzen so well that he is willing to live there the remainder of his days, always providing his salary of \$4,500 a year is not cut down.

Prize ring contests in the congressional class will be deferred until the series is resumed after the two houses reopen next winter. In the interval, the services of the official trainer promise to be in great and steady demand.

Two sheriffs have just been killed in a battle with horse thieves in Oklahoma. Presumably this is intended as reinforcement of the plea for statehood for Oklahoma, on the ground that its people are fully competent to take care of themselves.

The anthracite coal miners' strike has so far been very profitable to the coal barons, who have managed to unload their surplus of coal at an increase from 20 to 30 per cent on ordinary summer rates.

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While the first session of the Fifty-seventh congress did not do some of the things expected of it, there was enacted legislation of very great importance, a part of which will make the session memorable.

The Philippine civil government bill is also a measure of importance, which there is every reason to believe will have a most beneficial effect upon conditions in the archipelago.

The question of granting tariff concessions to Cuba commanded more attention than any other, and the failure of the reciprocity propositions does not necessarily mean that the question has been finally disposed of.

In the matter of appropriations the session was liberal, as Mr. Cannon, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, pointed out a few days ago.

THE KING CONVALESCING. The latest dispatches appear to fully warrant the conclusion that King Edward is now out of danger and that his convalescence will be uninterrupted.

From the medical point of view the case is regarded as furnishing a valuable object lesson. The medical journal of Philadelphia says that it will teach how little is to be gained by delay and how great a peril is incurred by it.

THE LAW AND THE COAL COMBINE. The federal anti-trust law declares illegal every contract, combination in the form of trust or otherwise, or conspiracy, in restraint of trade or commerce among the several states or with foreign nations.

Our democratic friends are not so inquisitive about events in the Philippines since Admiral Dewey satiated their curiosity by telling them a few things they did not want to know.

No one has yet been able to explain why railroad property is worth less in Nebraska for taxation purposes in the year 1902 than it was one year ago.

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states, as contemplated in the federal statute? This is the question to be determined. In order to make the coal combine amenable to the law it is necessary to show that there is restraint of trade or commerce and as the situation is at present it is somewhat doubtful if this could be demonstrated.

Will the Small Boy Refrain? Chicago Tribune. And it is not without being strengthened by years of observation, that the prolonged string of explosives tends to produce rain.

Around the World by Rail. Chicago Inter Ocean. It seems almost incredible that the shortest mail route from western Europe to the Pacific is by way of Siberia.

Preserving "Spanish Honor." New York World. Admiral Dewey's latest version of the capture of the city of Manila is not exactly heroic.

Why Savage and Stuefer Withdrew. Hastings Tribune. There is no denying the fact that Edward Rosewater was the power behind the throne that caused Mr. Stuefer and Mr. Savage to come out and announce that they were not candidates for re-election upon the republican state ticket.

Clevelandism and Democracy. Boston Transcript. A congressman needs to be very careful in quoting a sentiment expressed by another congressman to use the exact words of the latter.

Feas for the Return of a Once Worthy Fourth of July Feature. Saturday Evening Post. Something ought to be done to rehabilitate the Fourth of July celebration, especially its freecracker department.

Before the Lincoln city council the county surveyor testified that the tangible railroad property represented in the figures certified by the State Board of Equalization for the municipal assessment represents 332.53 acres of right-of-way land, worth not less than \$1,000 an acre.

China is locking horns again with the European powers over the exchange on the payment of the current indemnity installment. China will discover that the powers are relentless, more particularly when, as now, they have the whip hand over a helpless debtor.

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detail that characterized the physicians' bulletins during President McKinley's illness, they have the merit of frankness that inspires confidence in their truthful reflection of the patient's actual condition and the progress he is making from day to day.

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HENRY WATTERSON'S DEFENSE.

Explains His Hostility to Former President Cleveland. Louisville Courier-Journal. Mr. Watterson has but two ends in view: To scotch a movement wholly dangerous in character, and to vindicate the truth of history. He has never had the slightest private quarrel with Mr. Cleveland.

Seeing these things, sometimes at long range and sometimes at short range, Mr. Watterson stood aghast and appalled. The shameless turning down of friends; the assiduous cultivation of enemies; the revolting self-assertion sometimes of exclusive virtue and sometimes of exclusive courage; in a word, the perpetual wearing of the self-made halo, the great, noble, confiding democratic party going to destruction.

Mr. Cleveland derives a great advantage from the dignity which doth hedge an ex-president. We should be dejected to a trust if we respected this. His proposed activity now bodes no good to anybody except himself, and best but minister to his mendacity.

Senator Ojeda, who is to be the new Spanish minister to the United States, is said to be a man of splendid character, among his numerous accomplishments being his ability to speak the Spanish language perfectly.

Governor Smith of Maryland has appointed a committee to purchase a new residence for Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley to be placed in the new state capitol at Annapolis, in accordance with an act passed by the state legislature at its last session.

Chicago derives a neat bunch of money annually for rent of ground beneath sidewalks. In the business district, space for business costs \$1 a square foot, and for coal 10 cents. Outside the business district the annual rental is \$5 for each twenty-five-foot lot front.

David McMahon, a wealthy contractor of Philadelphia, has called for Ireland, his intention being, it is said, to buy a historic castle near Limerick, which he will turn into a summer residence, or perhaps a permanent abode. Mr. McMahon in times past has purchased large pieces of real estate in Ireland.

Governor John Walter Smith of Maryland has issued a proclamation declaring Saturday next, July 5, a public holiday in that state. The day is by custom a half holiday in Baltimore and the larger towns and financial and mercantile institutions petitioned the governor to make it a wholly legal holiday throughout the state.

Theophilus H. Porter, for forty-six years a newspaper carrier in Lynn, Mass., retired from business last week, having made enough money to keep him comfortably for the rest of his life. In all that time he has walked about fifteen miles every day but Sunday, when he went to church regularly, as he does not believe in Sunday papers.

OLD MARRIAGE LAWS.

Effective Means of Preventing Clannishness. Portland Oregonian. A hundred years ago there was a statute in full force in a number of the original New England colonies making a wide degree of publicity prerequisite to marriage.

Of course, a marriage made in the most public manner may, and in point of fact does, turn out unhappily. There can be no legal guarantee against diversity of temperament or opinion, or against the social and individual sins that wreck homes and fill charitable institutions with worse than orphaned children.

This being conceded, it is worth while, in the very great majority of instances, to have no legal guarantee against diversity of temperament or opinion, or against the social and individual sins that wreck homes and fill charitable institutions with worse than orphaned children.

Philadelphia Press: "Pa." said the little mosquito, "what does perseverance mean, anyway?" "Perseverance, my child," replied the wise old insect, "means finding a hole in a wire screen."

New York Sun: Knicker—Those bathing girls must be a good deal of fun. "Knicker—How so?" "Knicker—They hate to be caught with the goods on."

Washington Star: "Is that man still a leader of his party?" "Well," answered Senator Sorghum, "he's doing his best to consider himself as such, but as a matter of fact he is simply hanging on, to keep his party from running over him."

Somerville Journal: "She—Do you believe in co-education?" "He—Well, yes; if all the boys and girls belong to the same family."

Chicago Tribune: "It seems to me," objected the shaggy-haired member of the committee on resolutions, "there ain't no need of luggin' in the names of Jefferson and Jackson, 'cause they ain't no more in a democratic platform, haven't we?"

Boston Post: "Why do you spit on your bait?" asked the city angler sarcastically of the boy with the bent pole and knotted line. "High!" replied the urchin. "That's a fool question. I've ketcht four fish since you got here, and you ain't had a bit."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "They say the new king of Saxony is a great musician." "We've got to have something democratic in a democratic platform, haven't we?"

Don't Forget that Friday is July the fourth. The day we celebrate. Our stores will be closed ALL DAY and there may be some articles of dress you will want extra for that day—either at home—at the lakes—or some of the parks. No matter what your vocation that day you will want to be properly dressed for the occasion. We're the very thing you want to do with.

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