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It's a dull month for the czar when no one tries to kill him.

The case of the Bartley bondsmen bobs up serenely in the courts for the fifth time.

Mr. Bryan more than half wishes Mr. Bennett could have taken everything along with him.

In the presence of the jeweled article, Mr. Bryan has quite forgotten that crown of thorns.

The chair recognizes the senator from Alabama. Let the sergeant-at-arms bring in the cots.

Patrons of the Dodge street car line must find considerable solace in the recent dispatches from Chicago.

Attorney Darrow and Attorney Bliss had opportunity to do a great deal for Chicago in a very short time.

General Bates has been sent to Colorado to ascertain how much of it is real danger and how much of it is red ink.

To the small boy: Honor thy father and thy mother, that both may be willing to get up in the morning before you do.

Russia will inevitably close the door of Manchuria, remarks a returned missionary. And, if possible, from the inside.

Even thus early Kansas City betrays a fear of Omaha's proposed grain market and resorts to threats of boycott.

This winter, as last, the theatrical Board of Douglas County Commissioners will present a comedy every Saturday matinee.

All progressive colleges and universities now teach foot ball and some other sciences the names of which have slipped our memory.

Francis M. Drake's name will live in Iowa long after his bones are dust. A successfully founded university is a very durable monument.

Seventeen of its former officials having been arrested on a charge of accepting boodle, Grand Rapids begins to feel quite on an equality with St. Louis.

His decision on the Biscoe protest indicates that Secretary Moody has about the same impression of one "Fighting Bob" that the general public entertains.

Senator Dietrich is losing no time in getting back to Nebraska to meet the charges that have been trumped up against him by Joe Bartley's side partners.

One of the questions that the federal grand jury should investigate is whether the government building in Omaha is large enough to hold William S. Sumners.

Particularly on a cold day are we mindful of the very large extent to which the street car just missed is responsible for the interperence of the nation.

The Greek government has been paid \$200,000 for the gambling concession at Corfu and one Richard Croker is wondering if he had not best relocate in Athens.

The essence of Senator Hanna's letter to his Kansas admirer is that his enthusiastic friends and despising enemies can please him best by letting well enough alone.

FEDERAL CORPORATION LAW.

Not the least interesting of the measures already introduced in congress is a bill providing for a federal corporation law authorizing the granting of charters to corporations proposing to engage in interstate or foreign commerce.

The proposition is not new. Nearly two years ago one of the best known corporation lawyers in the country, who has been largely concerned in the creation of trusts, advocated a national incorporation act as distinguished from a national control of state-created corporations.

It was argued that corporations now and hereafter organized would avail themselves of a national act for several substantial reasons. First among these would be self-protection, since it has become necessary for the sound corporations to differentiate their position from those otherwise situated.

These are certainly very plausible reasons in support of the proposition for a national corporation law and there does not appear to be any sound objection to such a law on constitutional grounds.

THE PAY OF THE PRIVATE.

General Funston's recommendation for increased pay of the private soldier enlisted in the regular army is still a subject of interesting discussion among army officers, and a discussion in which the sentiment is by no means unalloyed.

The plea for the private made by General Funston is to the effect that compensation at the rate of \$13 a month is altogether inadequate to the service performed, and that as a result the army is made up largely of men whose abilities preclude them from earning more in a private capacity, while there is a constant incentive to the more energetic to leave the service for more attractive pursuits.

These are doubtless the two extreme views, and it is just possible that the fact that General Funston, an officer quite recently raised to the highest military rank from private life over the heads of long-experienced associates, is championing the cause of the private may have something to do with the antagonistic reception his recommendation has received from his fellow officers.

If the senate should vote today on the Cuban treaty bill the totals would stand practically as they will after there has been debate. So why not dispense with the oratory altogether?

LOSING TRADE WITH CHINA.

It is an unpleasant fact that our trade with the Chinese empire has declined during the past year and that the outlook for the immediate future is not so satisfactory as could be desired.

The city council of Savannah has enacted an ordinance prohibiting the future erection of frame houses within the limits of that city. While Omaha is not yet in condition to banish the frame house within the thirty square miles that constitute its area, the gradual extension of the fire limit would be a step in the right direction.

A Wisconsin judge has just rendered a decision that a newspaper has the right to criticize the work of an artist so long as it does not personally attack the artist himself. This will be a hard blow to the brewers who expend so much money for works of art that have made Milwaukee famous.

The American Federation of Labor has re-elected Samuel Gompers president by a very decisive majority. Why the American Federation should go through the form of re-electing Mr. Gompers every twelve months instead of making his position a life office is a mystery no fellow can find out.

The state labor bureau appears to be working overtime in trying its hand in the fabrication of lithographed maps of Nebraska. It is a serious question whether the legislative appropriation for the maintenance of the labor bureau was designed for the propagation of fine art.

Now before we go any farther let's decide whether they are Panamanians, Panamas, Panamanos, Panamanos or something else. The Colombians have several other names for them, of course, but none we would think of adopting for polite use.

A Colombian general suggests that if his country should engage the United States the conflict would resemble the Boer war. Yes, to about the same extent that the Spanish-American war resembled the rebellion of '61-65.

The hilariously bordering on vulgar obscenity at the recent dual wedding in New York City affords another striking proof that the palaces of the American multi-millionaire are dangerously near the tenderloin district.

There was a time when the press agent of the circus was considered a deliriously verbose and amazingly circumlocutionary person. But that was before we had the press agent of the football team.

The Lebaudy balloon isn't the only thing that has ceased to appear so successful when the air was let out of it. For instance, there's Tom Johnson's presidential boom.

The attorneys in the Philo S. Bennett will case cannot agree upon the wording of the formal decree. But rhetoric has ceased to be a matter of concern with Mr. Bryan.

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STILL CHASING A PHANTOM.

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THE GOOD HATER.

It is often said of a man or a woman: "There is good friend and a good hater. Nothing lukewarm about that person." And usually the statement seems to the hearer consistent with his idea of the facts of human nature. But is it?

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True, there are human beings who like as not to hate with equal fervor. But it is not the fact that, as a rule, the good hater is incapable of true friendliness? The good hater is very shrewd at selecting friends who will do for him; but when they stop to think it out they find some difficulty in reconciling anything he has done for them beyond professing friendship. And if the friend fails to do that which the "good hater" wants how speedily he ceases to be a friend!

PARANERIZATION OF HEIRS.

A man lately died leaving about \$7,000,000 to Harvard outright and less than \$2,000,000 to his children. Harvard has no objection, but the children are yet to be heard from. Some people advocate a law forbidding any institutions to receive more than a fixed percentage of any man's fortune and giving his legal heirs a taxable lien on the rest. This is not exactly feasible, but public opinion should suffice to prevent institutions from prospering by the paranerization of heirs.

SCHEME ADMIRABLE IN SPIRIT, BUT HARDLY PRACTICEABLE.

Senator Hoar is a good enough lawyer to know that the conduct of people is not affected by law. It serves to adjust differences, when interests conflict, but it never determines behavior, except in those few instances where it holds its victim in duress. Hence, it is a little surprising to find the venerable statesman favoring a bill to relieve the poor by putting 140,000,000 acres of public land at their disposal. He would put this enormous tract in charge of the Agricultural department, with instructions to prepare the land for cultivation—this not mean an expensive undertaking, for to make some acres yield more than cactus and horned toads you would have to fetch water 800 miles, and hire Chinamen to spread it when it arrived. Still, Mr. Hoar would have the "able-bodied poor" return the cost of the improvements as soon as their land had yielded enough.

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SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Philadelphia Press: The collection plate has not lost its honored place in Methodist worship. A million and a half of dollars for missions last year is a splendid evidence of the zeal and vitality of this great denomination and of its interest in the whole world as well.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Hall, Colombia! Don't monkey with the boss. It is inferred from Congressman Grosvener's lullabye spiel that the republicans have nothing to arbitrate.

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There is no danger that any senator will so far forget the traditions of "the most august assemblage in the world" as to engage in a joint debate with Mrs. Nation.

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An estate in Rushville, Ind., valued at \$80,000 six years ago, caused the heirs to indulge in a legal scrap extending over five years. Last week the balance of the estate, \$500, was distributed to the heirs "for services rendered." Those who indulge in judicial luxuries have no reason to "holier" when the bill comes in.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

No one can justly accuse the editor of the Congressional Record of being a humorist. Occasionally, however, his machine slips a cog and produces the outlandish smile. On the list of senate officers appears the name of "Rev. W. H. Milburn, D. D. Chaplain," with space for the address left blank. As the chaplain has been dead several years, accurate information to all the void is not forthcoming.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Fifteen hundred women, handsomely gownned, attended the "New Thought" convention in Chicago. The first new thought handed to the assemblage was "hats off," which the delegates slowly obeyed. The second was handed in by an exponent of the new gospel from San Francisco. "One day a woman visited me in my office, and I realized at once that she had something on her mind that was troubling her," he said. "I told her to act on her thought and all would be well. The next day she returned and said she had had a grating against the woman who lived next door to her, and that after leaving me she had called on the woman and pulled out most of her hair. She said she felt much better at that moment than she had felt for weeks, and that she was for advising her." While the incident is not a story, it is an interpretation of the new thought, there is no reason to doubt that a handful of hair aspen from an offending head has a soothing effect on some grades of thought. After all, it is action, not thought, that counts.

DESPOTIC GREED OF MONOPOLY.

Short Sermon on Extortion that Profits Are Anarchy. Detroit Press: Taking the country as a whole the giving of thanks will not be any more general or fervent because the Standard Oil company will pay 44 per cent on its stock this year and thus disburse just a fraction less than \$2,000,000 to its stockholders. This gigantic combine is as greedy an organization as ever pretended to exemplify the doctrine of judicial assimilation or to establish prestige and popular endorsement by the most modern process of sapping and mining in a commercial way.

DESPOTIC GREED OF MONOPOLY.

The Standard Oil company has always sought to vindicate itself on the familiar representation that it reduces expenses, minimizes the cost of production in all directions and favors the consumers without impairing its own financial interests. Its content justification was that it would be consistent with reasonable earnings and the lion's share of the profits under compact, owing to economical control of the field, would go to those who bought oil for their own use. Yet this trust which was so solicitous for the welfare of the people by placing millions of money from them in alleged education and charities, bought up a controlling interest in the Steel trust and is reaching out for a monopoly of the most important transportation facilities by land and water.

DESPOTIC GREED OF MONOPOLY.

No monopoly has a right to squeeze 44 per cent dividend per year out of the patrons and consumers whom it was organized to "protect," to say nothing of the millions extorted to grant gifts that make no perceptible lands upon the reserves of the trust. The vast majority of consumers are tainted with neither anarchy nor socialism, but they naturally display some sensitiveness when they encounter a movement by irresponsible stages that tends to absorb many of the chief sources of their wealth, and view the aggrandizement of a corporation whose motives seem to be dictated only by despotic greed.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Nodd—Your baby and your cook are both away, are they? Todd—Yes, nobody but my wife and myself are left to run the house.—Detroit Free Press. "I wouldn't marry the best man on earth." "And I wouldn't marry the best woman on earth." "So they were married; for neither seemed to regard the other as the best.—Chicago Tribune.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

"Now, dear," said the hero of the episode as they boarded the train, "we are safe from pursuit." "And also," said the radiant young girl, safe from starvation. Here a check paper made out to your order.—Philadelphia Press. "Was the bride nervous at the altar?" "Oh, no, she wasn't. She didn't have nerve enough to run her husband's got him that far.—Chicago Post.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

"Miss Kidder—They've only been married six months, but whenever her husband goes away on a business trip she is delighted and prepares to have a good time." "Miss Kidder—Aha! Do you know I suspected something of that kind. I always said—Miss Kidder—Yes, you see, he takes her with him.—Philadelphia Ledger. "Died from eating too much 'possum," was what they told Brother Dickey of a late brother. "De goodness gracious!" he exclaimed, "I don't believe in heaven ahead of him!"—Atlanta Constitution.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Maud—I understand you are about to lose your young pastor that has been preaching for you the last year or two. "Mabel—Yes; he's going to be married next week.—Chicago Tribune. "Young man," said the girl's father, "do you realize what you are undertaking?" "Why—yes," stammered the suitor. "But can you support a family?" "Yes, I can support my pocket watch.—Philadelphia Catholic Standard. "I shall get a divorce," cried the angry wife, her eyes flashing fire. "Henceforth I shall be Mrs. Jones." "Well, I haven't any kiel coming," quietly rejoined her husband. "I'll be right on my feet every morning, I'll tell you those.—Chicago News.

GRACE FOR THANKSGIVING.

Edward W. Barnard in the Criterion. For all Thy care and loving kindness, Lord, Accept our thanks who gather round this board. We see Thy goodness in each perfect thing. The sky, the sea, the bird on happy wing, And every blade that makes the velvet sward. With hearts and lips in worshipful accord We recount the blessings on us poured, And lift our voices hymns of praise to Thee. For all Thy care.

GRACE FOR THANKSGIVING.

Help us to help the needy and ignored; Teach us mere riches not true peace afford; And grant to each that he may often bring. Some consciousness to Thee of laboring To prove O God! a worthy ward, For all Thy care.

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