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Cripple Creek has become the seat of war. Life in the Colorado coal mining camps is not all that it is cracked up to be.

The English Winston Churchill thinks of coming over for an American wife. Now who will start the bidding?

John Mitchell did not see the governor of Colorado, because the governor of Colorado saw John Mitchell first.

Are those leakages from the grand jury room conveyed through a cinch-pipe, or are they only a pipe dream?

General Reyes probably thought the blue parlor was a very appropriate place for the performance of his mission in Colombia's behalf.

In its first speed test the new cruiser Des Moines displayed the true Iowa spirit by doing a little better than the contract called for.

Omaha is not one bit afraid of the showing it will make in the present year's resume. Nor does it fear inability to do still better in 1904.

The called session of congress adjourned Saturday. The regular session of congress is now open. The king is dead. Long live the king!

Every year some publications advance their special numbers a little farther. In another decade we shall be receiving New Year editions in time for our mid-winter vacations.

Provost Marshal McClelland at Cripple Creek threatens to censor all strike news and to jail the correspondents, which probably is the greatest favor he could do them.

If the location of the republican national convention is to be knocked down to the highest bidder New Orleans stands the best show. The Louisiana metropolis is ready to put up \$300,000 and guarantee a red hot time in the old town.

Some of the cardinals given financial assistance by the late Pope Leo now find themselves unable to reimburse the Catholic treasury, and likewise in no position to avail themselves of the Wall street refuge, new issues of watered stock.

The English novelist Iltis avers the amusements of the quart set would make the angels weep. Other portions of her criticism, however, save us pain by indicating a judgment that precludes the possibility of the angels ever getting to hear of them.

If never rains but it pours. In addition to the falling out of the two Nebraska senators, we now have the report that Alonzo B. Crazen and Tom Cook, two famous Nebraska politicians, have agreed to disagree and will hereafter not speak as they pass each other in Porto Rico.

This is a world of disappointment and sorrow. When former Governor Drake of Iowa died the other day his wealth was estimated at from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000. It turns out now that his estate will not net \$1,000,000 and that his heirs mourn and weep big tears, such as they had never expected to shed.

A new word has just been added to the mislage of 1903. We are informed by the Associated Press that the effect of the adjournment of the extra session of congress upon parties who were nominated for military positions will be to denote them to the rank held by them previous to their promotion. The most prominent army officers who had been promoted to be denoted is Major General Leonard Wood.

A QUESTION OF DISCRIMINATION.

The action of the railroads east of the Mississippi in reducing rates upon certain steel products intended for export has naturally caused other manufacturers to ask for similar consideration.

There is an association of manufacturers, recently organized, the purpose of which is to develop for themselves a foreign market. At a meeting a few days ago the association had under consideration the action of the railroads in regard to rates on steel products for export and decided to ask that a similar concession be made on their products going to foreign markets.

Here is presented a matter which should certainly enlist the attention of the Interstate Commerce commission and it is gratifying to note that the commission proposes at an early date to obtain the views of representatives of railroads and all interested shippers on the promulgation of railroad tariffs on export and import traffic.

The New York Journal of Commerce remarks that a number of important questions are involved in this matter, the most important, perhaps, being the authority of railroads to regulate commerce, either among the several states or with foreign nations.

As a result of the investigation held last week at Hutchinson, Kan., by Judge Prout of the Interstate Commerce commission it was conclusively shown that the Hutchinson & Arkansas River railroad, which exists on paper merely, has obtained concessions from other roads for shipments of salt that the road did not pretend to haul, to the detriment of the independent salt operators.

Some members of the Commercial club and especially the members of its executive committee are awfully sensitive. They cheerfully take credit for every enterprise and every movement that has promoted the prosperity and growth of Omaha, but they resent any suggestion for improvement and any intimation that would create the impression that the club has in any instance failed to take advantage of opportunities for promoting the commercial or industrial growth of Omaha, oblivious of the fact that no reforms have ever been brought about without agitation.

Senator Millard has introduced a bill empowering and requiring the War department to erect commodious and substantial residence buildings on the site of old Fort Omaha for the commander and staff officers of the military department that has its headquarters in this city.

Eighty witnesses have been cited to appear before the coroner to tell under oath what they know as to the circumstances under which four members of the fire department lost their lives a week ago.

"There Stands Massachusetts" New York Tribune. In at least one state of the Union a supreme court has decided that an elector cannot be sent to prison for an alleged felony in offering his vote for sale to the highest bidder.

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THE PHILIPPINE TARIFF.

The question of legislation regarding the tariff on Philippine products coming to the United States may occupy a prominent place in the attention of congress, the regular session of which begins at noon today.

During the last fourteen years the balance of trade in favor of the farm products of the United States was \$4,866,000,000. In other products during the same period the balance of trade against this country was \$85,000,000.

There goes back to congress from the Fourth district of Louisiana, the Hon. Phranor Broxton, whose residence is Natchitoches. We wish he could be made to explain on the floor of congress why it was that he declared, when the colored people wished to erect a high school in that city a few months ago, that it should not be erected, and when a committee consisting of many of the colored people, visited him on the subject, he declared that no such school should be built or operated in the town under any consideration.

Alderman Graft Checked. Chicago Chronicle. In 1790 Franklin bequeathed \$5,000 to Boston. The selection and three clergymen were made trustees. When aldermen succeeded in their attempt to secure the right to dispose of the fund, which has become \$400,000, with Mr. Collins appealed to the supreme court of the state for instructions as to the execution of the will.

Rich Men's Children. New York Times. Mr. Carnegie is not always profound in his generalizations, but he is never dull at the daily interesting. In his speech at Humana, Mo. he was always quick to Bryan's stance on the issue.

PERSONAL NOTES. President Diaz of Mexico announces his impending resignation as regularly as Mrs. Patti appears on her farewell tour.

Senator Bailey declares the presiding officer of the house is indulging in "childish interference with the senate." He evidently thinks Speaker Cannon is not much more than a pistol.

Boy desperados in Chicago, boy burglars and highway robbers in New York, and girl shoplifters in Boston indicates rather alarming twentieth century tendencies in the rising generation.

William Homer Leavitt, William Jennings Bryan's son-in-law, has decided to locate at Humana, Mo. and to run for congress there at the republican next year.

There is not a more athletic figure in all the senate than that of Mr. Aldrich of Massachusetts. He is always trained down to fighting weight; his step is always quick and elastic as a boy's; his bearing that of a muscular man.

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Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I had a breaking out on my body and I tried different remedies without relief. I then tried Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and before I had taken half a bottle I was entirely cured.

WALL STREET AND ITS WOES. Lamentation Greeted with Serene Indifference in the West. William Allen White in Collier's Weekly. Fifteen years ago in the west, a land boom swept men off their feet.

WIFE-BEFORE MARRIAGE. A man is known by the company he keeps. Husband—And after? Wife—By the clothes his wife wears.—Town Topics.

ETHEL—It is too bad that I know only one language. Ethel—Well, Ethel, you talk such an awful lot of that.—Detroit Free Press.

HE HAS THE TRUE ARTISTIC INSTINCT. "How does he show it?" "He always asks more for his pictures than anybody is willing to give."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

FRIEND—Cheer up, old man, you're not dead yet. Invalid—No, and I'm not going to die. Friend—Well, then, the way to talk. Invalid—Yes, I heard the doctors quarrel today as to which of them should perform the autopsy, so I've decided to fool 'em.—Philadelphia Press.

HE'S MEAN, IS HE? "Well, I should say so. He borrowed \$5 from me and then he asked me to buy the same thing."—Chicago Post.

"I suppose you heard that Gabyboy was taken suddenly ill this morning and died this afternoon," said the first suburbanite. "No," replied the other. "Well, Well! I'd rather be ill than die, but I'd rather die than be taken suddenly ill."—Denver Post.

ONE DAY AS SHE SEARCHED THROUGH THE attic Where boxes and bundles were piled She stumbled on many an heirloom And often she pensively smiled. She looked in an ancient picture album And sighed as she put it away. With its pictures of friends she'd forgotten For many a day and many a year. She fondled a ragged old doll That once had been dear to her heart. The tears were in her eyes as she dropped it. To pull a big bundle apart— Then, suddenly, her cheeks were aglow; She was gazing, shame-faced, at the blood. She blushed in ten summers ago. —Chicago Record.

BUTT IN. Judge. Butt in, no matter where you are; Don't wait to be invited. Nobody's waiting for the ship. That has not yet been sighted. Butt in, no matter 'bout the time; The place, or kind of weather; And do not linger for the gang. That waits to get together. Butt in, no matter who's around; Or who is doing the talking; Don't wait for anybody's rig. Or you will do the walking. Butt in, get busy, keep it up; Don't wait, or you'll regret it. The man who lingers for the plum. You bet will never get it. Butt in, no matter what they say; You needn't stop to worry. If you don't butt the other man. Will butt you in a hurry.

BEET-LE LINE RAILROADING. Times Have Changed and Curses Go with Them. Detroit Free Press. In the early days of railroading there was little regard paid to the geometrical proposition that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points.

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