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When Judge Parker finds his voice he may make up for lost time.

How long Chinese neutrality will endure the strains which are being put upon it, is another pressing question.

Kentucky republicans and Iowa democrats meet on the same day. Telegrams of mutual condolence will be in order.

The grand jury is now in session and people with ugly rumors in their possession may get ready to unburden themselves.

The next time General Kouropatkin doesn't want to fight he will keep his men and guns out of the reach of the enemy.

From the samples distributed en route there is no question as to the high character of the brand of enthusiasm generated by South Dakota republicans.

General Kouropatkin announces that he will not stop the advance of the Japanese at the present time. The Japanese apparently told him that on Sunday.

As no one was to blame for the accident on the battleship Missouri, the proper thing to do hereafter is to get smokeless powder that will not flare back.

Japan has a chance now to show whether the defeat of the Russians was due to the guns or the gunners simply by proving what the guns can do in other hands.

Admiral Togo should be wise enough to realize that he cannot have the center of the stage all the time, and he got what he deserved at Port Arthur for butting in while General Kuroki was doing his turn.

Ak-Sar-Ben the Great starts out the year of his reign 1904 with nearly a thousand subjects holding prepaid tax receipts. The chances for reaching the 2,800 mark, which is the record set for this dynasty, were never better.

Russians who barred American consuls from the places to which they were accredited may be sorry they spoke if Japan lets the consuls go to work and proves that there is no danger to life of foreigners in those very ports.

The democratic success league made a mistake in offering the official designation to one of the loyal democrats who indignantly spurns the tempting bait. If one side or the other of the democratic line-up only had a little patronage to hold out as rewards of merit there would be more movement between the factions.

South Omaha's new tax commissioner has already buckled down to work on the assessment for the next municipal tax levy. Having been elected on an issue of equal taxation for big corporations and little home owners, it will be interesting to watch how much taxable property hitherto escaping taxation in the Magic City will be dug up.

It is too bad for the railroads that the supreme court does not agree with the tax commissioner of the Union Pacific. He insists the roads should be assessed at what the tangible property of the roads can be replaced for, while the court says that the value of the property—its market price—is an essential in making an assessment.

Nebraska has no reason to be dissatisfied with the work of the last session of congress. On top of the Kin-kaid bill, which will bring into use much public land, comes the report that the Pathfinder reservoir, to cost \$1,000,000, while to be built in Wyoming will pour its water upon Nebraska soil. The short grass country is in luck this year.

PROSECUTION OF COAL TRUST.

It appears to be the determination of the authorities at Washington to begin proceedings under the anti-trust law against the anthracite coal trust and certainly the public will welcome such action.

It is upon the nature of the showing thus to be made that the attorney general will decide whether there is ground for proceedings against the so-called coal combination under the anti-trust law of 1900.

It is therefore probable that the case will run through a year or two before a final decision is reached, but it is possible that in the meantime the public will get some relief from the exactions of the monopoly experienced during the last two years.

GERMANY AND THE WAR. The speech of Emperor William of Germany a few days ago, in which he referred to the attitude of Germany toward the war in the far east, appears to have caused quite a sensation in Europe.

THE DIPLOMATIC RECORD. Not the least of the achievements of which the republican party may justly boast and of which the American people have a right to be proud, is what has been accomplished in the last two administrations in regard to the foreign policy of the nation.

Keep Your Powder Dry. Buffalo Express. People who have investigated the subject agree in the belief that this country's army of grafters is more dangerous to the stability of the republic than the Confederate army was in 1862.

Locking the Doors of Peace. New York Tribune. The double doors of the temple of Janus are wide open, and Cossack and Jap are marching through them, while the doors of the temple of peace at the Hague are now double locked by the czar's circular declaring that Russia 'will not permit the intervention of any power whatsoever.'

Not to Be Taken Seriously. Washington Star. Don't take Mr. Coker so seriously. He has come down here not to correct abuses or scourge inquiry, but to sum up an imaginary situation for campaign purposes.

Energy Wasted After Business Hours. O. S. Marden in Success. A great many people dissipate more energy between the time when they leave their work at night and when they return to it in the morning than they expend all day in their vocations, though they would be shocked and offended if anyone were to tell them so.

THEIR TRUE POLICY.

An impartial observer cannot fail to be impressed with the fact that the attitude of antagonism of the railroads to the development of a grain market at Omaha is a short-sighted policy even when viewed from their own standpoint.

Big Talk for Local Effect. Indianapolis Journal. Russia, according to terms that it will not accept mediation in the war with Japan, but will end the conflict in its own way, and warns the powers to keep their hands off.

Moderating Commercial Reaction. Springfield Republican. The South African gold mines, still dependent upon native labor, continue to increase their output—that for March being 3,212 ounces, or 2,556,116, compared with 20,359 ounces in February and 21,445 ounces in March of last year.

DON'T VULGARIZE THE WORD. Some Pertinent Objections to Carnegie's "Hero Fund." Baltimore News. A word that has noble or stirring associations is a precious possession.

PERSONAL NOTES. The cable report of the sale of an old snuffbox for \$2,000 in London dispenses of the notion that all the fools with money to burn live in America.

Shipment of coffee received in New York city recently seem to justify a suspicion long held that the supply of Mocha and Java coffee that reaches this country is infinitesimal.

Cracking Heads Within Reach. Boston Transcript. And now it is Mr. Olney whom William J. Bryan objects to. It looks as though Mr. Bryan thought himself at Donnybrook fair, and that it was therefore incumbent upon him to hit every head that came in his way.

ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Hipples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis. Former Speaker David R. Henderson has grown weary of New York. He is tired and is going to his home in Iowa for rest and recreation.

Another gigantic department store was opened to the public recently. It is on the corner of Sixth avenue and Fourteenth street, and contains innovations which show that department store enterprise may yet be in its infancy.

Seashore hotels are springing up like mushrooms all along the coast near New York. There are twenty of them, not even thought of a month ago, which are guaranteed to be finished by June 15.

The city budget of New York amounts to \$106,000,000 a year. The entire cost of maintaining the federal government for the year 1903-04 was only \$464,000,000.

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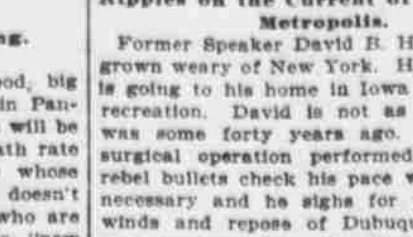
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HAS THE PULPIT DECLINED? Evidence of Waning Influence Growing with the Years. Chicago Chronicle.

The opinion is widely entertained among observant people that the ability and influence of the pulpit have greatly declined in the last ten or twenty years.

Ons has only to consult the reports of the United States commission of education to learn that in the last ten years there has been a large and increasing decline in the number of students in the theological seminaries.

As might be expected, when religious people become indifferent other people become skeptical. With the people outside the churches at the present day it is an open question whether there is any religion in relation or not.

Because the world has become indifferent to religion the pulpit has to a great extent abandoned religious preaching and is now preaching on history, science, philosophy, sociology, politics and current news.

Irreligious people go and church, when they return to their own province, when they return to their own province, when they return to their own province.

Even when the pulpit preaches religion it does not take sufficient cognizance of the prevailing state of mind on religious subjects. It attempts to stem the rushing tide of inquiry by ignoring it.

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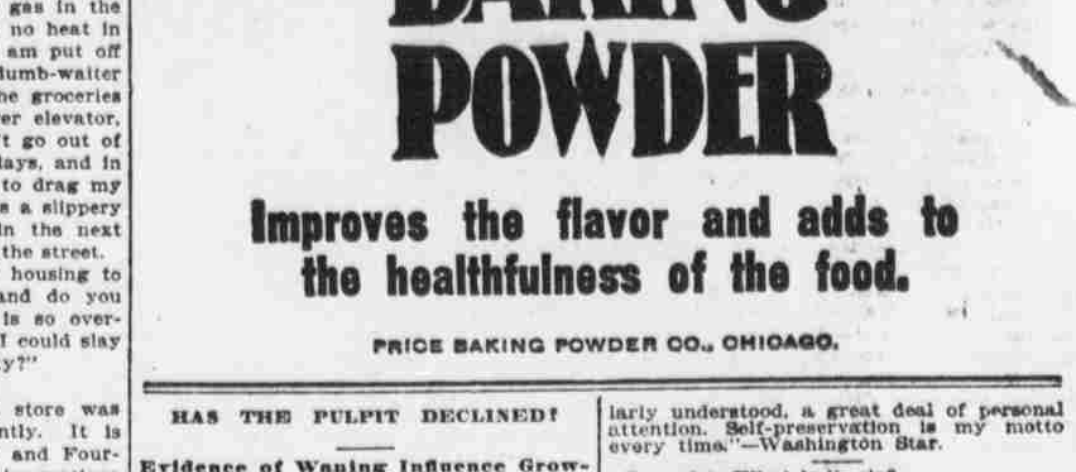
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