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THE DEMOCRATIC ISSUE.

So far as can be inferred at present the whole democratic issue in the coming presidential campaign will have reference to the tariff policy of the republican party.

THE MERCERITE AVANGUERS.

The factious who have constituted Thomas W. Blackburn their chief spokesman in the republican primary campaign are endeavoring to rally the rank and file of the party on the plea that Dave Mercer's defeat of last year must be avenged.

INSURANCE LOGIC.

Plan to Squeeze the West for Eastern Fire Losses. During the last year there have been exceptional destructive conflagrations in Baltimore, Toronto and Rochester.

THE MILITARY EXPERTS.

It must be confessed that so far the military experts have been for the most part sadly astray in their conjectures and predictions regarding the course of military operations in the far east.

THE REAL THING.

The yellow peril is certainly menacing Russia. Loyal to Free Silver. Philadelphia Press.

ABUSE NEVER WINS.

Evidently the democratic slogan for 1904 is to be "Down with Roosevelt." A campaign of personal abuse can be welcomed by republicans.

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF IMMIGRANTS.

The statement that the poorest physical specimens to come before the physicians of the immigration commissioners force are the immigrants from England is not true.

HITTING THE INSURANCE SURPLUS.

The Toronto fire loss of \$12,500,000 makes the April record nearly double the usual figure—\$23,000,000 for the United States and Canada compared with something over \$12,000,000 for April in each of the two past years.

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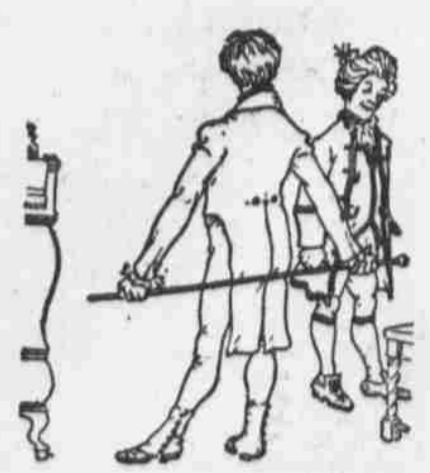
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