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That fearful battle at Liao Yang is still imminent.

The break demand for political straw has sent the price of wheat over the dollar mark.

There was a good deal more truth than poetry in Tom Watson's arraignment of Wall street.

Mr. Gasaway Davis is already denying charges, and the national campaign only three days old.

Omaha may be sadly in need of a juvenile court, but it will have to get along without one at least until next summer.

Venezuela is just now finding out that if Uncle Samuel is to play the guardian uncle, he will insist on decent behavior from his turbulent wards.

General Miles' little slice of eloquence about the "how of promise and the star of hope" is his only contribution to the Parker campaign that has been reported to us.

The Chicago-Omaha trunk lines are about to engage in a sugar rate war with an immediate reduction of 5 cents per hundred from Chicago to the Missouri river.

St. Louis has managed to monopolize most of the conventions this year, but there is one national gathering that gave Chicago the preference.

The Wisconsin Postmaster's association has endorsed the Hubbard stamp certificate system of postal currency and recommended its adoption by the Postoffice department.

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YIELDING TO COMPETITION.

The Steel trust has been forced by competition to change its policy. Since its organization the corporation has fought for stability of prices at a relatively high level.

A few days ago the management of the United States Steel corporation, after mature deliberation, decided to meet the existing conditions, which require a reversal of the sales policy it has until now sought to maintain.

That such is the case is significant evidence that not only has competition still a place in our industrial system, but is a force which even so powerful a combination as the Steel trust has found to be irresistible.

ANTI-IMPERIALISTS SILENCED. It would seem that the anti-imperialists, so-called, had concluded that their cause is not an issue in this year's campaign and therefore had decided to observe silence.

The democratic platform says: "We insist that we ought to do for the Philippines what we have already done for the Cubans and it is our duty to make that promise now."

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THE BALTIC FLEET.

It is stated that the Russian fleet in the Baltic is ready to sail for the far east, but there appears to be a difference of opinion among naval officials at St. Petersburg as to the time when its departure should be made.

This, it appears, is the view of naval experts at Washington. They point out that with the fall of Port Arthur, which is regarded as certain to come soon, Russia will have no base but Vladivostok and that place must be reached by sailing through the Korean straits and the Japan sea, or by going around to the east of Japan and entering through the Tsugaru strait.

The city of Omaha shall have the right at any time after the expiration of twenty years to purchase the city waterworks at an appraised valuation, which shall be ascertained by the estimate of three engineers—two to be selected by the city council, one by the waterworks company, and these two to select a third—providing that nothing shall be paid for the unexpired franchise of said company.

Although this ordinance was approved June 11, 1880, the official acceptance of the works did not take place until September 4, 1883. Consequently, the right to purchase the works under the arbitration clause did not accrue until September 4, 1903.

It is reported that American consuls in the wine-producing districts of Europe are getting themselves into all sorts of trouble through their obedience to the orders of the State department to make minute reports regarding the wine shipped to this country.

A message from Washington states that despite the protest of the Christian Endeavor societies of Connecticut the traditional bottle of wine will be broken across the bow of the battleship Connecticut when it is launched next month.

"One of the largest, most interesting and exciting 'town meetings' in Omaha for many years was held in the council chamber yesterday afternoon. From 120 until 6 o'clock the resolution passed by the city council accepting the proposition from the Omaha Water company for the placing of 30 additional fire hydrants by it at a nominal cost, and the extending of the time, on the part of the city, at which the city may purchase the waterworks plant from the Omaha Water company, was being discussed."

Mr. Darling is utterly devoid of even the suspicion that perhaps it is the waste of the wine which is threatening all the distress.

Handy Article in Stock. Chicago Chronicle. "Someone should explain why the ports are called 'sublime,' says a contemporary. That's easy. Because of its effrontery."

AN EX-ORDER ON THE WATER WORKS

When R. B. Howell presented himself to the people of Omaha as a candidate for state senator two years ago I was dazed at his sublime audacity, because I did not believe it possible that the citizens of Omaha had forgotten his discreditable performances in connection with the water works deal only six years previously.

The incident to which I allude has already been pointed out editorially and I would not have again referred to it were it not for the attempt of R. B. Howell to once more impose upon the credulity of a large section of this community that seems to be oblivious of his unenviable record.

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The right of the city to purchase the water works in 1890 should not be postponed at all—not even as long as it took to wit, sixteen minutes. If Omaha never does another thing, it should own these works. It should lay the foundation for it at once.

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Continuing, Mr. Rosewater said, in substance, that he had it from a reliable source that the city engineer had gone to an employee of the waterworks company and made the proposition that if the company paid Mr. Solon L. Wiley \$100 per month there would be no trouble about its proposition going through.

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The original lease for the quarters occupied by the water company was made while the building was in course of construction. Mr. Underwood, then its president, insisted upon a ten-year lease, though I only wanted to give a five-year lease.

"We believe from the testimony that Mr. Howell, city engineer, is entitled to the benefit of the doubt as to the suggestion being a friendly one to Mr. Wiley, and that his action, although under the circumstances indiscreet, was prompted by the desire to do a friendly thing for Mr. Wiley."

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Prayer is the parent of perseverance.

No man is so rich he can afford to lose a friend. It is easy to mistake gas works for good works. Sacrifice determines the value of any service.

Only those who face their sins find their forgiveness. The religion that makes good will make people good. The pessimist always bites the spots on the apple first.

We are all willing to admit the depravity of our neighbors. The man who tries to cash stateries always finds it a forgery. It is hard to be popular with pigs and to keep out of the trough.

The man who puts his head into a barrel does not scold the gun, but never enough birds to pay for the shot—Chicago Tribune.

"A husband and wife never really know each other," mused Uncle Jerry Peabody, "until he has been in court papers and she's seen him shavin' himself at the kitchen window."—Chicago Tribune.

"Jones and his wife are forever at odds with each other, aren't they?" "Yes, they are. Always trying to get even with each other."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Wiggs—Never make love to a married woman. Wiggs—Why not? Wiggs—Because I think you are serious.—Town Topics.

"Old man Dowling has found a great scheme for doing away with any necessity for doing right." "What is it?" "He has just married a woman who isn't kind of his age."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Let's wife was leaving the doomed city. "Oh my gracious!" she exclaimed, "did you notice the outlandish dress on that woman, we just passed?" "Then she took her life."—Cleveland Leader.

"Do you think your daughter and that young Mr. Singleton will ever be married?" "I can't say. If they don't he's going to miss a fine chance to work his way up in my husband's bank."—Washington Star.

Towns—You never get tired telling about that exploit of yours the other night, do you? Browns—Oh, I haven't told the half. Towns—Well, I wouldn't advise you to tell the Better Half.—Philadelphia Press.

Young Borrelot—Then you utterly cast me down. Miss Emmerald (with great gentleness)—Why are you so angry? You are not to be silly for a girl to say you the first time. If—if you are of the same mind you might ask me again some day, you know.—Chicago Tribune.

THE APOLOGY. Ralph Waldo Emerson. Think me not unkind and rude. That I walk alone in grove and glade; I go to the God of the woods To fetch his word to me.

Tax not my sloth that I Fold my arms beside the brook; Each cloud will tell to the sky Writes a letter in my book. Chide me not, inebriated band, For the idle flowers I brought; Every aster in my hand Grows home loaded with a thought.

There was never mystery But 'tis figured in the flowers; Was never secret history, But birds tell it to the bowers. One harvest from thy field One bird brought the good news; A second crop thine acres yield Which I gather in a song.

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