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General Botha has advised the Boers to maintain the peace. Evidently the physical force campaign in Russia is bearing fruit.

Those land farmers made the mistake of their lives in not preparing for immunity when Colonel Mosby first began his investigation.

Between the threat of a coal famine and the threat of an ice famine, it is up to the weather man to help us steer between the shoals.

Irish stock growers complain of the low price of cattle. Wonder if they, too, feel that they are forced to sell to an innumerate combination.

The election of Andrew Hamilton as president of the Albany club is a fitting tribute to the man who brought so much "easy money" to the New York capital.

If Andrew Carnegie desires the English language to more nearly approximate the Doric of Scotland this new spelling idea may be the first attack on the system.

Father O'Brien of Toledo advises Irishmen to stay at home. It is safe to say, however, that he is happy to think at least one man he knows did not act on that advice.

Probably an enforced modification of base ball rules will follow the decision of the Chicago court awarding \$10,000 to a man hit by a batted ball. Home runs may be barred.

Men who, with slander, vilification and abuse, helped to whitened prematurely the hairs of Mayor Moores while alive will proceed to pay tribute to his good qualities now that he is dead.

The alleged Nebraskan who created excitement by riding a horse over seats in a London park will have to prove his place of residence. Such libels on the Antelope state should not go unchallenged.

Perhaps patent medicine men who object to taking their patrons into their confidence want only to be placed on the same footing with physicians whose prescriptions can be read only by the initiated.

The way to get that much needed city workhouse is to keep on agitating for it. It will never come if it is left to the hoboes and suspicious characters who would be candidates for workhouse sentences.

It should not be overlooked that under the direct nomination system the voters get two shots to their bow. If any bad foul birds smuggle themselves into nomination certificates they will have to run the gauntlet again at the election.

The Commercial club is bestirring itself again to bring new industries to Omaha. The field was never more promising than it is today.

The slate-makers are at work and before another week is up slate galore will have been launched on a defenseless community. The slate that tells, however, will be the slate made up by the majority of the individual citizens in the secrecy of the voting booth.

The Greene and Gaynor case is at last nearing the end at Savannah, but already it has lost interest in the light of more important conspiracies against the government, so that what promised to be a hearing of international interest has developed into a commonplace matter.

EFFECT OF THE IMMUNITY DECISION.

The decision of Judge Humphrey in the beef packers' case has involved the government in a dilemma, the seriousness of which may naturally be for the time exaggerated by the executive officials, but which has already caused them to call a halt in investigating the methods of the new Department of Commerce.

No right of a defendant is contravened by granting appeal to the government, because he cannot be twice put in jeopardy. The lower court's decision, though found on appeal to be erroneous, would be conclusive as to the defendant. But appeal might save the public interest.

By virtue of the law of succession embodied in the city charter, the office of mayor has with the death of Mayor Moores passed to Harry B. Zimman, who was elected by the people to serve as councilman from the Third ward and in that capacity was three years ago chosen president of the council by his associates.

Obviously, if compliance with the requirements of the Department of Commerce for information confers immunity in criminal cases involving the same subject matter as Judge Humphrey seems to hold broadly, it will be necessary for the government to proceed with great caution.

The effect of the original procedure of the Department of Commerce has proved fatal in the criminal cases against the packers, to which the Department of Justice devoted so much energy, but fortunately that procedure had not been taken with most of the great trade combinations which are believed to have violated the anti-trust law and other laws to prevent restraint of trade.

While valuable public information may thus be delayed or harrowed for a time, indispensable legal testimony will be saved, but there seems to be for the government no other way out.

The Senate bill as amended by the house provides for more rational dealing with the hazing nuisance in military and naval academies. Not the least cause of the trouble at Annapolis has been the connivance of both the superior officers and the cadet officers, who in many cases, if not habitually, have refused to report even the most flagrant violations of the law.

The existing law tends to aggravate the evils of the hazing system by ignoring the difference between mere boyish pranks of the midshipmen which, though offenses against discipline, do not deserve extreme punishment, and grave violations which justly deserve and require expulsion. Thus the law became practically a dead letter as to all offenses, grave as well as trivial.

The opponents of Henulufs for mayor are resorting daily to lower and more despicable campaign methods. Anonymous attacks of libelous character in politics correspond to gorilla ambushes and poisoned arrows in warfare. People who feel they cannot win except by the use of such weapons must be, indeed, in sore straits.

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discovered one that the members of them had no responsibility, it begins to look as if reform were more on against it in quite the usual way.

Done Quite Well, Thank You. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. All the railroads now operating throughout the country show a fine increase in monthly earnings. They are evidently trying to get all they can out of the business before the way of confiscation.

Ready to Make the Test. Baltimore American. A man of millions in the west says that millinaires can be happy through it. He will find a few millions of his fellow-citizens anxious to test the case practically, so as to decide between the two opposite views as to the happiness conferred by money.

One Too Many for Ohio. Chicago Herald. In Mr. Foraker's humble opinion Taft should take that place on the supreme bench. As the senator looks at it, there is but one Ohio man who can fairly be considered as a presidential candidate, but modestly forbids him from mentioning the gentleman's name.

Banquets Costs Money. Philadelphia Record. The free seeds distributed by congress cost \$50,000, but the expense incurred in putting them in packages, mailing and carrying them at postal rates is not less than \$500,000. Banquets is a dear commodity in whatever form it shows itself.

Diplomacy's Small Peace. Chicago Inter Ocean. The trouble seems to have grown out of the fact that the Algerian delegates either were misinformed or they misunderstood the situation.

Rockefeller Can Come Out. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. He will find a few millions of his fellow-citizens anxious to test the case practically, so as to decide between the two opposite views as to the happiness conferred by money.

The Man Who "Rolls" Cigarettes. Kansas City Star. It has been ruled by the supreme court of Nebraska that the law imposing a tax on that state is valid except as it applies to the sort which the smoker "rolls" himself.

Plantation Negroes are better paid than our soldiers. The latter pay is \$13 per month, or \$162 per year. By adding the average allowance of 15 cents per day for clothing and 15 cents for the ration, we have the total of 75 cents per day, which is less than any class of labor quoted. Even the general laborer, without any special skill of any kind, commands an average wage of \$1.36 per day.

The laborers are furnished with houses, gardens and given other privileges, besides being allowed Saturday afternoon, which is three days per month. From this it will be seen that the lowest and most ignorant class of negro labor in the country is better paid than the private soldier in the army. The negro requires little clothing, whereas the soldier must always be decently dressed.

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GRAFTERS DISORGANIZING.

People Who Preyed Upon the Public Rushing for Cover. The beneficent effect of investigation and publicity is not confined to insurance companies in New York. Other states and communities imbued with the right spirit are vigorously applying the probe and achieving results as unexpected as they are gratifying.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. The Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, caught in a trap that menaced its existence, has signed papers disorganizing franchises acquired from the city before the reform wave set in.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

Leigh World: Every Nebraskan feels the loss of a true and tried friend. Blue Springs Sentinel: The state loses a grand old Nebraskan in his death. Stromburg News: He died beloved and honored by his fellow citizens of every party and creed.

York Times: He was an active and honorable career, more than half a century of which was spent in Nebraska. Stanton Pickett: General Thayer was a worthy citizen and statesman and will ever be remembered by many Nebraskans.

Crete Vidette-Herald: One of the best things that can be said of General Thayer is that he died a comparatively poor man. Gibson Reporter: Nebraska has lost another of its most distinguished citizens. His memory will ever be cherished by Nebraska people.

Westchester Times: He was old in years and in that glory which transmits its radiance to those whom he leaves behind and to future generations. Holdrege Progress: The memory of his long, useful life will remain a monument to the growth and development of this state and the citizens of Nebraska.

Clayton Clarion: John M. Thayer occupies a place in the history of Nebraska and in the affections of its people which no other man ever did or ever can claim. Stanton Register: A brave soldier of the civil war and a statesman of force and ability. As a governor, he was above the average. He was one of Nebraska's great men.

Keosauqua Hub: He was just an honest, earnest man, performing each duty conscientiously and righteously. This was enough, and constitutes his most enduring monument. Columbus Journal: No Nebraskan has ever died leaving a richer heritage of all the virtues that tend to inspire better living in private life and higher ideals in public service.

Bloomington Advocate: General Thayer has been a conspicuous character in the growth and development of this state and we believe has been free from corruption of any kind. Nebraska City Tribune: A brave and loyal soldier, a conscientious public official, an upright and honorable citizen, his name will ever hold an assured place in the history of his adopted state.

Hastings Tribune: In many ways General Thayer was Nebraska's most illustrious citizen. His life was almost wholly given to public service, in civil and military affairs, and he died an honored and respected man. Columbus Telegram: When the history of Nebraska shall have been written, and written true, its pages will be illuminated by portrayal of the deeds of valor performed on the sanguinary field of war by John M. Thayer, by recital of his acts of kindness and of mercy toward his fellow-men and by his record of honor in the chair of the state and in the halls of congress.

There are intimations from Washington, New York and Chicago that the heads of the great combines are to take a hand against the republicans in the coming congressional canvass of 1906. It is easy to believe this. Trustism at this moment is fighting for its life. It is being assailed by the whole power and influence of the Roosevelt administration. Behind Roosevelt and Moody stand the 7,000,000 republicans of the United States. Ready also to aid the republicans in the trust-busting campaign are the thousands of voters in congress during the second half of Roosevelt's term, but excite popular distrust against him, and tie his hands in his fight against the lawbreakers. The trusts have no grade against the democratic party. In the part of the second congressional administration in which the democracy had not only the president, but both branches of congress and the entire machinery of the federal government, it did nothing to molest the combines or to make them afraid. Under democratic sway today the republican anti-trust act of 1890, which Roosevelt is enforcing, would be as dead as it was in 1887, when Cleveland was in power. A victory for the democracy this year would be a victory for trustism in the most offensive shape in which it can present itself. Behind every democratic candidate for congress will stand the resources of the republican party in battling for the hills and the Morgans of the Northern Securities company, which Roosevelt overthrew in 1904, and the rest of the aggregations of consolidated capital whose existence will be menaced if the republicans win. Against the banded barons of corporate greed and the power of the packers and the industrial freedom of \$5,000,000 of Americans in the congressional canvass of 1906, and the fight which it is preparing to put up and the principles which will be involved will make the contest memorable.

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