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vention. It was also charged that it was part of a scheme to send a Democrat to the United States Senate to succeed Marcus A. Hanna.

PRUNE THE TREE TO SAVE IT. The idea that to destroy monopoly is to destroy business is erroneous, and the arguments upon which it rests are specious.

It is admitted that the tariff needs revision; but it is said that to change the wrong schedules will upset business.

WHY PANAMA WAS CHOSEN. That the American people have desired the construction of the isthmian canal at Nicaragua rather than at Panama is unquestionable.

Several days ago The Oregonian printed from an Eastern exchange the following paragraph and verse: A bureau chief in the Navy Department declares that at least two-thirds of his time is spent in the office of the chief clerk.

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other men who use stimulants, do not loaf in the saloon, but go about their business. The proprietor of a saloon does not care for loafers who spend little and stay long, and the saloon habit is an incurable one.

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markets until we can produce and deliver goods at less prices than they. And the tendency in our manufacturing—as it may be traced in the industrial news from day to day—is not just now to steadiness of operation or to reduction of cost.

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Frederick Ward in Chicago Chronicle. From the time we started on this season we have played to audiences that were only limited to the size of the houses and more frequently than otherwise have turned them away for want of space.

It is very true that managers are in the business for business purposes and must cater to the public to be successful, but to self-respecting men and women there are some things that must be sacrificed.

In a word, the modern drama is the integrity of the church, and like many other children of its health and vitality, it grew, thrived and prospered, until it became too great and influential to continue in its parental home.

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NOTE AND COMMENT. Did anybody mention baseball? This seems to be the open season for strikes.

As the waters fall in the Mississippi Valley, the hope rises. The President has reached the Yellowstone. Look out for bear.

The baseball war seems to be of more importance than the fracas in Macedonia just at present. When the President hits some of the Yellowstone stars, he will realize that he is still doing a little rough riding.

The steel trust has only earned \$22,000,000 during the past year. As an infant industry it seems as big as the Cardiff giant. If the submarine torpedo-boats only had to stand tests, they would be all right, but now and then, when real war comes for them, they don't come up to the mark.

The bakers who have been on a strike at The Hague have returned to work. They have probably been living on their wives' cooking and couldn't stand it any longer. The fact that a cousin of the President has married a Count has aroused the ire of Messrs. Hear, Atkinson, Bryan et al. These anti-imperialists are determined not to be caught napping.

Andrew Carnegie has announced that he will pay the doctors' bills of the students who suffered from typhoid fever at Cornell University. At last there seems to be a possibility that his gigantic wealth will be diminished. It is reported that a young man in Boston recently applied for a position in a large firm, and presented a reference from his pastor. The head of the firm examined it, and tossed it back. "No good," he exclaimed. "We don't work on Sunday here."

The laws of Massachusetts provide that a National bank and a savings bank shall not be located in the same building, nor shall the president or cashier of a savings bank hold similar office in a National bank. This law was passed soon after the discovery was made that Lewis Warner had succeeded in wrecking both the National and the savings banks with which he was connected in Northampton, and that he had been able for many years to conceal his thefts by transferring securities from one institution to the other when the bank examiners made their rounds.

J. Luther Pearson, of Westchester County, New York, in March, 1891, had a child less than 2 years old sick with catarrhal pneumonia. Christian science was his method of cure, and no physician was permitted to aid the child, which died. He was arrested, tried and convicted and fined \$500. On appeal the Supreme Court, by a majority vote, in an opinion rendered by Judge Bartlett, has reversed the lower court, deciding that Pearson was not obliged to call a qualified medical doctor. In a minority opinion Judge Goodrich took the contrary view, holding that Pearson's action was "a plain refusal to obey the law."

An old comrade of General Chaffee says that during the Civil War he and Chaffee (then a captain) were stationed at Jackson, Miss., when the latter contracted yellow fever. The young officer did not fear either shot or shell, but was desperately afraid of the fever and made up his mind that he was going to die. He sent for a clergyman, and the preacher was giving him consolation, there was some boisterous talk, including an oath or two, near the door. Chaffee raised himself on his elbow and said indignantly to a sergeant: "Tell those fellows to be quiet, I'll be—d if I'm going to have such language while this clergyman is here." The reverend gentleman finished his efforts somewhat hurriedly, convinced that the soldier had some chance of recovery.

The Rev. Dr. Rainsford, a distinguished clergyman of the Episcopal church, a man who always has the courage of his convictions, said in a recent speech at a banquet in New York City of the social evil: "I'm tired of a much higher percentage of unmarried young people in the city now than there was 20 years ago, and we know that the cause of this increase is high divorce rates. I don't know why we should not acknowledge the fact that we are not doing our duty in this respect. We should be left alone—not licensed—never licensed—but kept in order. (Applause.) Keep the evil off the streets. As to the temptations, you can't drive it out of the temptations."

Morgan Should Not Complain. Indianapolis Sentinel. J. Pierpont Morgan complains that the tariff on works of art is "extremely unjust and burdensome," because he is called upon to pay the duty on the art objects which he has imported. He has a lot of pictures and statuary he is being tariffed. But if it had not been for his tariff, he would not have been able to buy them. He says that the tariff that made possible his promotion of trusts, out of which he has made an enormous fortune.

Pleasantries of Paragraphers. Inquiring Person—What are those peculiar looking things? Dealer—Preserved family skeletons for the closets of dot-brothers.—Judge. "Eh, don't you know? It's a woman's life." "Eh, don't you know? I'd kiss and make up." "Say, you do you think die is a woman's life?"—Life.

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