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belongs to him in his proper place becomes intolerable arrogance and mischievousness when he is raised above it. It is time we had done with these pious hypocrites about the poor Filipino and the poor negro. Not a mother's son of these hysterical Northern editors would consent, if he was in business in Manila, to have his government turned over to the Tagal bands and blackmailers.

A NEW NUCLEAR TRIUMPH. In Oregon there are very few places where mosquitoes abound. There is little stagnant water in the Pacific States, and our mountain streams and lakes are too cold to permit the eggs to hatch. But still we have a mosquito here and there, and now and then a large one is worth while, therefore, to note what a writer in the Independent has to say about the mosquito.

FUTURE SYMPATHY. For the malfeasance of men there should be pointed and fearless criticism, regardless of party, regardless of wealth and power; but the logic of events and the logic of civilization there is little use in arraigning. Along such lines there is little for the critic to accomplish but the making of himself ridiculous.

SETTLEMENT OF OREGON. The Whitman enthusiasts would have the world believe that their hero of the midwinter journey across the continent organized and directed the great immigration of 1843 which gave the American properance of population in the Oregon Territory, and was an important factor in the settlement of the boundary dispute in favor of the United States.

IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE OREGON QUESTION. As we reach the Rocky Mountains we would be wise if we did not pass the narrow space which separates the mountains from the ocean, to secure advantages from the existing advantages of all the country between the Mississippi and the Pacific Ocean.

STATE RAILROAD OWNERSHIP IS INCREASING IN EUROPE, owing to the example and experience of Prussia in this direction. The German States have followed Prussia and now pretty much all European save England. In Austria 6300 miles are owned and operated by the government; in Hungary, 8150 miles.

AN ABLE SECRETARY OF WAR. St. Paul Pioneer Press. Whether this country has been burdened with too many Secretaries of War who have not understood the needs of the Army, or whether the experience of the past three years has opened the eyes of the public to the necessity for a more thoroughly equipped and more efficient regular Army, the fact is that from the Civil War down to the advent of Secretary Root the standard of the Army was never as high as it ought to have been.

THE RECENT TRIAL OF LORD RUSSELL BY THE HOUSE OF LORDS recalls the fact that Lord Ferrers was tried for the murder of his steward by the House of Lords in 1790, convicted and hanged. Ferrers tried to kill his wife, and when she brought a suit for separation the steward swore in her favor, whereupon Ferrers murdered him. Lord Byron, the wicked ancestor of the great poet, was tried in 1765 for murder by his peers, having killed his brother-in-law, Mr. Chaworth, in a duel, but he was acquitted. The Duchess of Kingston was tried for bigamy in 1776, and Lord Cardigan was tried by the House of Lords in 1820 of the application for divorce of King George IV against his Queen, Caroline of Brunswick, whom he charged with adultery.

IF ONLY THE PEOPLE OF THE MIDDLE WEST could hear the difference between the fierce heat that is scorching their crops in the fields and the balmy air, cool nights and thriving vegetation of the Pacific Northwest, every immigrant car that could be mustered by transcontinental railroads would be on the rails, speeding westward, packed to its full capacity, inside of a month. There never was a more auspicious time than the present for the dissemination of the truth about Oregon's climate and agricultural resources and possibilities.

THE BILL BY WHICH COLORADO RESTORED the death penalty has become a law. Colorado is the second state to return to capital punishment, as Iowa abolished hanging in 1872 and returned to it in 1878. There are now only four states where capital punishment is not resorted to—Rhode Island, Maine, Michigan and Wisconsin.

THE UNEXPLAINABLE PROPENSITY OF DEAF persons to walk on railroad tracks and incur death or maiming has become a fact which is being scarcely less than a called accidental, every year. The latest of these victims in this state was a boy of 8 years who was walking on the track near the summit of the Blue Mountains, in Union County, a few days ago, and, unable to hear the approach of a freight train which swept upon him around a sharp curve, was killed. The incident is peculiar only in that it was a child in the state who took this risk, with the usual result.

THE AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE AT THE Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo has been estimated at 10,000 (than 20,000) a day, week-day, an average of over 30,000. It is suggested that the slim attendance on Sunday is due largely to the fact that the midway features of the exposition are not open on Sundays as they are on other days.

THE PAPER OF THE NATIONAL Convention, issued by the chairman of the National Populist Committee, the Bryan Democrats are to be invited to reconvene for the fusion of the "Pops" in 1898 and 1900. On the principle that "turn about is fair play" something ought to come of the invitation. The Populists did all the work of the Bryan Democracy, and they themselves alienated from the regular organization, turn in and help their former ally.

THE COAL INTERESTS OF THE country within two years have united to advance the price of anthracite and bituminous coal to a height which has seldom been approached since coal came into common use as fuel and at which the price was never before sustained for so long a period. Of the great sum which is thus extorted from the consumer by the coal combine how small a fraction reaches the pockets of the coal workers may be inferred from the wages and hours of the strikers. Twelve hours constitute a day's work and \$1.75 a day's pay.

NOTE AND COMMENT. Has it ever occurred to Carnegie to float his barrel over Niagara Falls? King Edward is picking and choosing a title as if he were a new play. Again it is given out that the Boer War is near its end, and again the inquiry arises, which end? If the man who goes around talking about the hot weather worries you, read the news from Kansas City. The weather man at Indianapolis has resigned. Unruly elements and gibing paragraphs made too hard a combination for him. The ghoulish glee with which the yellow journals discuss sensational murder trials has at last been suppressed by a uplift Judge. When the president of Stanford University begins to tell fish stories, muffled sounds are heard from the grave, where reposes all that is mortal of the late Anshaus. Emperor William has made 816 speeches, which does not even put him in the Dewey class, say nothing of enabling him to get a place in the running with the editor of the Commoner. Professor Koch has discovered that the glowing microbes which his abiding place in milk is harmless, but as water is a great disseminator of typhoid, his discovery does not exactly benefit the milkman. The report that an Eastern poet committed suicide because an editor declined his poem is probably exaggerated. If an editor wants to make a poet fall dead, he should accept his contribution, not decline it. Here is a modest little tribute to a British Columbia caravanserai from the pen of the owner, who, as he ingeniously admits, is also the owner. He evidently fears to claim too much for his tavern, but still is unwilling that the traveling public shall escape without having their attention directed to it in a quiet way. This splendid and well-located building is the property of the proprietor, Mr. ——. It represents the present Hotel, the logical outcome of 22 years' careful catering to the public. Ranking as the largest house in Great Britain of British Columbia, the management justly claims to have placed it first on the list of hotels in regard to convenience of design, management, cleanliness and adaptation to the purpose for which it is intended. It pre-eminence in popular favor is largely due to the foregoing facts, and equally to the consistent policy of the management, which is so directed as to deserve, if not command, success. As Labouchere tells the story in Truth, the most servile and abject worshipers of kingship have often shown themselves plus royalistes que le roi. This has happened once again over the question of the King's chaplains in the late committee on the civil list I moved for a reduction in the preposterous number of these functionaries. I did so not solely in the interests of economy, but also because it appeared to me that to assume that 36 chaplains were necessary to the King's spiritual welfare was the reverse of flattery to His Majesty, for it implies that he is, spiritually, a very pious pious. The committee would not listen to any proposal of reduction; but the King himself has now taken my view of the matter, and reduced his 36 chaplains to 12. In this he, and she, if I may respectfully say so, has marked all his domestic reforms since he came to the throne.

TO A MOSQUITO. Thou shall-redeem of the insect chaff, With all a choir (tenor's) quarrelsome; Provoking men to bursts of savage ire, For which thy death affords but scant remorse. Thy evil ways grieve Bryant once did mark, And child thy genus in smooth-flowing verse, But penitence weakens in the morning; And yet in still night watcher mortal haunts To thy dread song, and breathe a fervent curse Upon the water thou dost uncessantly. But yet be warned, O minstrel of the dank, And slily march over the billings dank, And where among the grasses, growing rank, Thou learn'st to whir thy thin, transparent wing. For schemes now has marked these for her own, And in the very swamps where thou dost tread, She lies in wait for thee, to bring about, And compass thy destruction, to take heed, And where thou sniffst the deadly coil of awe, Among thy haunts, look out, thou pest, look out!

PLEASANTIES OF PARAGRAPHERS. Merchant (to new boy)—Has the bookkeeper told you what to do in the afternoon? Youthful Yes, sir, I am to take him up when I see you coming. The Merchant—Thou art.

STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION. Louisville Courier-Journal. The Alabama Constitutional Convention has taken one step in right direction in the common plunder; it allotted to the minority, who are thus silenced as to the practice of the majority, it is not nice. It has calculated me a self-respecting citizen and his money when I think of a member of Congress. But the case is not hopeless when a committee of the House is found willing to make such a report.

OUR TWO OPINIONS. Eugene Field. 'Tis two was boys when we fell out—'Tis to the age of my youngest now! Don't recall that 'twas about, The small difference, I'll allow, Lived next neighbors twenty years, A-havin' each other, me 'nd Jim, We had his opinion me, 'nd Jim, 'nd I havin' my opinion on him. Grew up together, 'd wouldn't speak, 'Tis courted sister, 'nd marr'd 'nd too; 'Tended same meetin'-house once a week, A-havin' each other through 'nd through! But 'tis the Lincoln and the Lincoln, F'r soldiers, we answered—me 'nd Jim—He havin' his opinion on me, 'nd I havin' my opinion on him.

TURN ABOUT IS FAIR PLAY. Kansas City Star. According to the plan of a National Convention, issued by the chairman of the National Populist Committee, the Bryan Democrats are to be invited to reconvene for the fusion of the "Pops" in 1898 and 1900. On the principle that "turn about is fair play" something ought to come of the invitation. The Populists did all the work of the Bryan Democracy, and they themselves alienated from the regular organization, turn in and help their former ally.

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PRAYER AND TREE PLANTING. Philadelphia Record. In the rain, the part of the corn belt disputatious persons are debating whether or not there is scriptural warrant for praying for rain. If they want to put serious pressure on the rain-dispensing powers they should plant trees.

QUESTIONS. From "Loretta." What! Shall the dullest words in dust be blown Back to thee—unremembered and unknown— And this frail thine—this flame of yesterday— Burn on, forever, immortal and alone? Did Nature in the nurseries of the night Tend fit for this—Nature, whose heedless might, Like some poor shipwrecked mariner, takes the waves here, 'tis 'nd yonder's Jim—He havin' his opinion on me, 'nd I havin' my opinion on him.

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