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manner. It cannot be done by taking grain off a farm year after year without returning anything to the soil. The difference between a large crop and a small one usually represents the profit.

LESSONS FROM DISASTER.

From the crash of the wreck, the moment of horror, the groans of the dying, it is but a day to the sad and solemn hour of home-coming—dead hidden from sight in metal coffers, injured borne on stretchers among weeping throngs and followed by maimed survivors, friends and relatives performing in tender anxiety every office that love's quick senses can suggest.

PENALTY OF PRODIGALITY.

The man who must make his way in the world and is using up more money these days is a pretty poor sort of man. All kinds of business enterprises are prospering, and wages are high. There is employment for every one six days in the week.

times in its preparation for war, but it is doubtful whether it will effect as much in practice as it promises in theory. Each incoming President will be able to select his own Chief of Staff from the whole list of Brigadier and Major-Generals, and any President may make a change during his term of office.

THE RICHEST AMERICAN.

Chicago Record-Herald. Walter Wellman says in a recent letter that Morgan is now considered second to Rockefeller in Wall Street; that if the latter is not in control of the New York Central he is soon to be, and that he is gradually acquiring an interest in the Pennsylvania which will give him a voice in the management of that railroad.

THE CRY OF THE WEAKLING.

The "weakling" caught it again, yesterday, at Oyster Bay. Indeed, the President in addressing the Holy Name Society—a Roman Catholic anti-profanity league—seemed to have castings at his hearers, for he repeatedly assured them that they were not weaklings, and urged them to add strength to their characters as they subtracted it from their oaths.

A NEW SANDWICH.

What the Office Boy Found When He Went Down to Canasie. New York Commercial Advertiser. By the Office Boy—Since the war has compelled Oyster Island and other resorts to serve a Meal with each glass of Beer that is sold, the Properties are serving all sorts of humorous sandwiches these days.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Of course, the kids cannot go alone. Some anarchists are harmless, but no fool. Thurston Daniels may be smashed, but never scooped. A man must be truly hardened if the sound of a church bell does not make him think.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Maximum temperature, 68; minimum temperature, 57; precipitation, .02 of an inch.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

Fair and slightly warmer; northwest winds.

PORTLAND, MONDAY, AUGUST 24.

ON THE GERMAN PLAN.

Whoever shall have chanced upon a crowd of excited Germans, each enunciating his views vociferously and athletically at the same moment, will recall his surprise at discovering that they were all of the same mind, and that whatever rivalry, any, existed, was as to who should be able to express the common opinion of all in the most belligerent and conclusive fashion.

It will be diverting as well as instructive to try the democratic aggregation perform at the crack of the new ringmaster's whip. When Mr. Aldrich introduces his revised currency bill, Senator Bailey will pour forth his most telling periods in its support.

In the history of families there is nothing commoner than to find physical characteristics cropping out every two or three generations in such manner that in most galleries there are portraits of different generations that, were it not for the difference of costume, might easily be taken as those of the same person.

A RECURRING STRAIN.

It is only fair to Senator Gorman, however, to say that this programme may be attributed to him wrongfully. Possibly he has been misquoted. The utterance does not sound like him. Nothing would be like Gorman that purported to reveal with pellucid frankness what was in his mind.

GOOD MANAGEMENT PAYS.

The truth of the saying that "them as has gets" is well illustrated in the price growers must pay for having their hops picked. According to the news dispatches, the growers who have a large yield of clear hops have no difficulty in securing pickers at 40 cents a box, while those who have light yields must pay 50. That is, the man who can well afford to pay 50 cents need not do so, while he who can't afford it must. An advance of 10 cents on the cost of picking a box of hops is not much in amount, but it is 25 per cent, and runs into the hundreds of dollars on a large crop.

THE NEW MILITARY SYSTEM.

With the retirement of General Miles the general staff of the Army began its career. It is an effort to model our military system, or rather lack of system, after the systems in use in Germany and France, nations which maintain the highest standing in the world in peace. Such militaristic nations are obliged to create a vast military machine and carefully maintain it, but neither the United States nor Great Britain can be said to be militaristic nations.

THE TWO CANAL ROUTES.

Fortunately the United States need not consent to being held up by Colombia in order to construct a transisthmian waterway. While the engineering advantages are with the Panama route, the difference in its favor is comparatively small. In a paper prepared for those attending the Club of Kansas City, a year ago Mr. Alfred Noble, a member of the Isthmian Commission, said:

Mr. Folk Passes the Test.

It appears that Mr. Bryan has discredited Circuit Attorney Folk, of St. Louis, and more extrajudicially, actually approves of him. If anybody else in the United States expressed approval of Mr. Folk it would naturally be on the ground of his wonderful campaign for public honesty, by which he would investigate the right kind of corruption throughout the content.

The Handle and the Blade.

Mr. P. Copeland, in Omaha World-Herald. Ah! Well I remember some lessons of wisdom my father and mother impressed on my mind; Among the old adages, proverbs and sayings, I have held of this I right often can find. In handling all tools that have any sharp edges, A knife or a razor, a scythe or a spade, Or axes or hatchets, or chisels or wedges, "Take hold of the handle instead of the blade."

Increased Cost of Living.

Chicago Record-Herald. According to the reports of the corps of experts sent out by the Employers' Association, the cost of living has increased 10 per cent in the last year. The experts found that in comparison with the values of 1898, the prices of fuel, rent, groceries, meats, clothing and milk have increased on the average 12 per cent, while the cost of luxuries, amusements and amusements, has increased 3 per cent.

Shamrock III, '03—Defeat 37.

New York Sun. Sir Thomas Lister and TITTY. What makes the Shamrock team of CCCCC, But Yankee boats, the busy BRIBBE, Have held the cup with GRABBER. Oh, what a trophy of victory! If we win now, oh, bully GGGGG! We shall mind your QQQQQ and PFFFF And wish Sir Thomas' many VVVVV And smother that trinity of 33333.

THE BACHELOR HEART.

The bachelor heart is sometimes sad, And weary, old, and dreary, Oh, And wishes, with Burns, it only had A dearest, oh, and a dearest, oh. But the bachelor care is an easy care, Conjuring the vision of Fals and Fair To kick her out, the quicker out.

Experiment a Success.

There had been a train wreck and the graduate from the Pulitzer College of Journalism had been sent out to cover the story. In the World office all was excitement, as this was regarded as the first test of the system. A messenger boy dashed into Mr. Pulitzer's office. The founder of the first college of journalism then opened the envelope and glanced at the news item. "Washington Star. That you have committed a second—Brooklyn Life."

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THE DEAD FORECUP.

Richly and splendidly, To the human dip, Who—some as you— Learns only from a club.

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