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ART ON THE CAPITOL.

The decision of the Platt memorial commission to make the bronze figure of Senator Platt in a round frame will match that of the other figures.

Referring to this decision, The Connecticut says: "The north front of the capital is being so finely embellished with the work of the best sculptors that eventually it will be one of the choice art objects of the country and one reason for the fame of this city and state."

"Different as they were in all respects, mentally and physically, they had no quarrels or rivalries during their quarter-century of public service. Senator Platt was the only man whom the state ever elected to the senate five times and Senator Hawley was the only other man the state ever elected four times. They were great powers at Washington, each supplementing the other. It is altogether fitting that men of such high records and such high characters should be thus memorialized, and, with the leading sculptors of the country engaged upon the work, there is no doubt that we shall have not only likenesses but artistic masterpieces worthy of their inspiring subjects."

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There is no reason for state interference with the hours of unskilled laborers, and regulation of hours for workmen of market conditions does the workman no particular good and wastes the money of taxpayers.

Colonel Bryan is talking of taking another trip around the world. He enjoys those receptions that New York always has for him.

Since Emma Goldman has been prompted to call the students of Yale "snobs and aristocrats," their aggressive virtue has loomed right up.

The fact that the countries of Europe have such a mighty poor opinion of the American protective tariff, is the very best reason why it should be continued.

It does not make any difference if Walter Wellman has made his third start for the North pole, for the world knows by this time that it cannot lose Walter.

Some of the dome-topped spring hats would better become the swiftness of the wind than the fair women who do not really know why they are wearing them.

The woman who ties a string around her husband's finger to make him remember to mail a letter, and then forgets to give it to him, sets the black mark down against him.

The cost of one day's talk on the tariff would build a Dreadnought, or buy and equip a thousand city playgrounds for the children, and the senators go right on talking.

In a breach of promise suit, when it is shown that the defendant had ten thousand million kisses in his own handwriting by mail, there ought to be no doubt of his seriousness.

HAS ITS EYE-TEETH CUT.

The Middletown Sun, just out of its toddling clothes, is standing by the editorial chair and hoping that its first year has concluded satisfactorily and that it feels almost on a level with the oldest and best of its contemporaries.

HE DID RIGHT. Chief of Police Cowles gives two reasons for preventing Emma Goldman, the anarchist, from lecturing in New Haven last week.

The American people will never agree as to the limits of license, and many good and honest citizens regard Chief Cowles' action as a mistake.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY. As our southern contemporaries come in with accounts of the dedication of the monument to Wirt of Andersonville, and editorial comments thereon, we get the impression that they are not altogether comfortable in their minds and consciences about it.

THE BEST THAT CAN BE SAID. If Wirt was to be tried today allowances would be made for his difficult position, which could not be made in 1865. He would not be sent to the gallows, but he would not escape punishment.

EDITORIAL NOTES. Some animals look too pretty for the state ever elected to the senate five times and Senator Hawley was the only other man the state ever elected four times.

REPORTERS' GRATUITIES. The Daily Newspaper Publishers' association of Connecticut, and the Connecticut Editorial association, composed of the weekly newspaper men, and now both on record as protesting against an appropriation by the general assembly for reporters' gratuities.

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THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY

THE WAGER

"Come in!" Reuben Turner rose as his friend Charles entered.

"Reuben," said Charles, "could you lend me \$5 just to tide over—"

"No, old boy, I can't," groaned Reuben, "not until father sends his next remittance. I haven't had a brief for two months. Sit down."

"All here's the home sinner—any news?" inquired Charles, sinking into the proffered chair.

"The same as usual," responded Reuben, with a deprecatory glance at the paper. "The rising attorney, Reuben Turner, formerly of this village, spent Sunday with his parents."

"Did not spend Sunday with his parents, being short of cash," interrupted Charles, with a hearty laugh.

"But how prosperous we look on paper! Can't see us going up—boosted by poor father."

"And boomed by the Gossypille Gleamer," suggested Charles.

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"But I tell you I will do it!" "What will you wager?"

"All that this rising young attorney has to offer—his word. Well, settle on the wager when we rise independent of the Gossypille Gleamer."

"Two weeks late," the friends met again in Reuben's room.

"Why, Reuben," exclaimed Charles, "what makes you limp so?"

"It's answered in the Gossypille Gleamer," replied Reuben, taking up that paper. "But," he added, as the mirth settled over his face, "I'll tell you the story myself. I started in for the wager last week. 'Twas all planned with mother; I was to come, stay concealed, and depart unseen. Just too late for the news."

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CLERGYMEN ARE ADOPTING MANY NEW FORMS OF ACTIVITY THIS SUMMER. Dr. Peyton of Elizabeth, N. J., inaugurated a series of sermons in which men may smoke, Dr. Pierce of the Seventh Avenue Baptist church of New York is preaching from a platform on his church steps and illustrating his remarks with colored crayon pictures, and on the request of Bishop Greer the other day practically all the Protestant clergy in the metropolitan area announced a banquet to be given in the Lenox library for the benefit of Hope farm.

POOR COATS. Rabbi Leon Harrison, a St. Louis Hebrew, made an impassioned appeal Sunday to his fellow Jews in New York against marriage with Christians. He begged the Free synagogue's congregation not to imitate America's "degenerate millionaires," whose grandpapas were "ferocious cut-throat peddlers," by sending cargoes of American hettresses annually to Europe. He added sarcastically that "the millionaires received in exchange hostesses of broken-down English lords who are admitted into the country without duty merely because they are too miserable to be worth putting a duty on."

TWO MANY COMMISSIONERS. Now if we are able to sense the feeling among the common people, entre-preneurial and otherwise, in this city, it is that those little political favors should not possess a life tenure, for they believe that the state is full of right young men who are just as competent to draw those fascinating salaries as are those who are holding down the jobs year after year. It is for these reasons, as we believe, that the plain people want to see less commissions, and if a public utility bill is passed they want to see it displace enough other commissions to make ample room for it, which they believe the present bill does not. We believe that the money feeling is a growing one, and unless republican leaders watch out it will grow into a democratic governor.—Williamantic Journal.

WESTON'S PROGRESS. Weston the walker is in Canaan within 100 miles of his scheduled time. He has covered 3,663 miles of the entire globe.

DISAPPOINTMENT FOR HENRI. Mr. Taft calling for tea after a hot, thirsty ride must be a disappointment.

GENIUS UNRECOGNIZED. Chicago fails to recognize genius. It has sent to prison man who solved the problem of keeping two families on a salary of \$16 a week.—Washington Post.

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