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During the spring campaign many of our ultra-pious and goody-goody republicans strutted about declaiming the virtues of UP, independence in local BRETHREN politics. They were not hide-bound in their political convictions. They were not offensively partisan. They believed in voting for men. And they did vote for men, and helped elect a democratic council. Now we are reaping the inevitable reward. The democratic council is at its old game of debt making. It has recently contracted for the construction of an expensive stable on its high-priced corral lot. It forgot to advertise for bids before letting this contract, but one's memory is very apt to go wandering in the warm season, and this was, doubtless, a mere oversight. The worst part of the business lies in the fact that there is no money to pay for the improvement. The city is in debt now, owing to democratic methods of financing. There is, however, no limit to the issuing of warrants—at least, not so long as paper holds out and anyone can be found to assume the risk of accepting them and paying out their good money for them. For he it known that every warrant now issued by the city is illegal. One of these days some good man will get out an injunction.

We want it distinctly understood that we do not blame the democratic council in the least for its course. It is its course was endorsed by a majority of the voters of this city. The Republican hopes it will continue to make "improvements," and issue warrants until our citizens awake to a realization of their danger.

The limitations of the human memory are humiliating. We do not know whether the so-called SHORTNESS "lower animals" remember their things better or HUMAN longer, but we believe MEMORY that in instinct or memory, or in something not yet named, their mental processes are better than ours.

Since about the middle of May, when the hot season began to set in, we have heard surprise expressed at the

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The disfigurement caused by skin disease, even more than the tormenting irritation which is so commonly associated with it. The use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery generally results in a complete cure of eczema, pimples, eruptions and other forms of disease which have their cause in an impure condition of the blood.



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mildness of the weather. The surprise grew with the growth of the heated term and for two weeks men and women have been meeting each other on the street in congratulation. "The pleasantest season I ever experienced in Phoenix." "If we had such weather as this every year people would not have to go to the coast." "I've lived here ten years and never saw anything like it: cool nights and pleasant days."

That corrector of weather memories, the records of the weather bureau, comes in with facts proving that our climatic pleasure is only average, something we may reasonably expect every year. It is some years warmer and some years colder in the middle of June than it is now, but night before last Mr. Burns, of the weather bureau, informs us, it was a half degree warmer at 6 o'clock p. m. than it usually is. Man with all his wisdom is not as weather-wise as the beaver, and his memory is not as long as that of the child who has been burnt in the fire.

We wish to inquire again, what, if anything, has been done to secure an extension of the Guaymas train service to PHOENIX. Knowing as well as we do the energy and alertness of the members of the board of trade in all matters calculated to further the interests of the Salt River valley, we are sure they are not sleeping upon such an important project as this is, the opening of a greater market for the products of the valley. The extension of the service giving the alfalfa, grain, fruit and other products of the land access to the rapidly settling states of Sonora and Sinaloa, would be worth more to the Salt River valley than an advertisement which would bring ten thousand sick tourists to us next winter. We believe the board of trade is acting in this matter, but it ought to make more noise about it. It should call a mass meeting of business men and taxpayers and engage their support, if necessary. No man is wholly without influence. And then it does not appear that any great influence is needed. The Southern Pacific has given assurance that it is ready to run the Guaymas train over its line as far as Maricopa, and we understand that Superintendent Porter of the M. & P. has said privately that his road is ready to co-operate. That is all that is needed. Neither of these roads is likely to take the initiative in this matter. That is for some organization in this city to do. Let it be done as soon as possible.

How many cycles of Cathay would have passed before the Chinese would have cleaned the streets of Pekin? In a few months of occupation the chief city of the Yellow Kingdom the "foreign devils," as the followers of Confucius delight to call them, have cleared away so much disease laden filth that the death rate of that capital has been reduced to a striking extent. And since the American disinfected and purged Havana, the yellow fever in that town, which was constantly choked with refuse in the years of Spanish dominion, has almost disappeared. Give civilization half a chance, and it will purify even the worst of the Augean stables of China and Cuba.

The beautifying of railroad stations and the ground about them is a most commendable thing. Equally commendable would be the abolition of the hideous and gigantic advertising signs which make the outlook from the car windows a chronic nightmare.

Great Britain may fear American commercial competition, but she does not stint her welcome to its representatives and promoters.

SOMETHING THAT IS NEEDED. The world may be far from perfection, but it is better with hell in its religion than it would be without. We decline to believe that it is in the interest of good morals to hold out as punishment a hades that has no more terrors than a round of the golf links.—Atlanta Constitution.

PROMOTION FROM THE RANKS. "In the United States," says the Navy and Army Illustrated, "where equality and the rights of man have been much talked of, and in a large measure practically accepted, the commissioned ranks in the navy and army have been kept closed by insisting on the necessity of a careful education for officers. Through Annapolis and West Point new open to all who can secure a nomination, they have the monopoly of the commissioned ranks." We would respectfully call the attention of our English contemporary to the fact that only nine general officers of our army are graduates of the academy out of a total of thirty-two. Two of these

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General officers entered the military service as enlisted men, as did a very considerable proportion of the field officers of our army. Nearly one-half of our line officers are not graduates of the military academy, and they will smile when they learn that West Point has a monopoly of the commissioned ranks. According to the last Army Register, that for January, 1901, 53 per cent of the officers of the regular army were graduates of the United States military academy, 27 per cent were appointed from civil life, many of them having had experience as volunteers during the civil war, 10 per cent had been promoted from the ranks of the army second lieutenant to major-general, including General Chaffee. If we take volunteer service into the account we find that eighteen per cent of the officers of our army entered the military service with medals on their shoulders. This has been no bar to their promotion to the highest rank. The proportion of civilians and enlisted men in our reorganized military establishment, as appearing in the next Army Register, will probably be still greater.—Army and Navy Journal.

A SLAP AT CHICAGO. A steamship of the new line from Chicago to Europe has reached Hamburg after a voyage of 35 days from the drainage canal. New York is not likely to yield the crown of ocean commerce to Cook county unless the time of vessels steaming from the vicinity of the Auditorium hotel to Germany can be reduced far below the dilatory total of 35 days. The rival travelers who are trying to beat the records of round-the-world journeys would snuff with disdain at the notion of wasting so much time between Lake Michigan and the River Elbe.—New York Tribune.

FOREIGN AND HOME MARKETS. The expansion of our exports of manufactures to fivefold their present amount would not compensate us for the injury which the country would sustain by recurring to the experiment of the Cleveland administration. We must not forget that consumption of iron and other manufactured products in the United States fell off nearly 23 per cent as a result of the effort of a democratic president and congress to add to our export trade.—San Francisco Chronicle.

"How did you get rid of that unsightly bowlder?" asked the tourist, while the change of horses was being made. "Easy enough," responded Amber Pete. "We just started a little yankee about an Injun battle belt" fought around the rock, and the souvenir hunters chipped it all away.—Chicago News.

Towne—Poor Subbubs is laid up. He volunteered to open a car window for a lady and— Brown—Ah! Burst a blood vessel, I suppose. Towne—Worse than that. The thing went up so easy that he pitched heat-ling through the window.—Philadelphia Press.

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