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Mefford seems to have been about during the shooting.
We suspect the defense in the Considine case is loaded for bear.

This may be summer weather, but somehow we do not seem to recognize its familiar touch.
Morbid humanity has been as much in evidence at the Considine trial as it was at the Meredith funeral.

Washington state promises the largest wheat yield this season than for a number of years past, which is saying a good deal.
Gambling is again running in full blast in this city, and this is but another evidence that "Honest Tom Humes" (?) will die by his friends.

The sage who wrote "All men are born free and equal," was probably correct as to man in his virgin state, but they didn't stay that way long after they were born.
It's amusing to hear the little, insignificant two-by-four country semi-patent sheets yelp at the heels of the Post-Intelligencer and to note the inattention that it gives them.

In branding Democrats as political nuisances, certainly no mistake along this line would be made in applying the epithet to the Tacoma Sun-Democrat, for of all nuisances it seems to be the kingpin.
Wealth is nothing in comparison with health, so thinks Andrew Carnegie, and yet the majority of the persons of this world favored with health would willingly exchange places with Mr. Carnegie, giving him their health, if they could, if he would give them his wealth.

It would appear that Seattle is growing so fast that the bears cannot get out of the way of the buildings, as a sportsman killed three bears the other day out at Green Lake in the midst of "corner lots for sale."
After labor unionism has been treated as fairly as it has been by Hon. J. M. Frink and then for it to play the frozen snake act, no wonder he would lose all respect in the world for it as an organization.

An Atchison woman is accused of always counting her silver spoons before she permits her guests to leave the table. Perhaps it is the kind of guests she has that prompts her to be so precise.
Standing on the deck of the political ship of ruin the whiskered Populist makes the following last will and testament: "I bequeath all of my belongings to my life-long friend, William Jennings Bryan. The fight is ended."

An exchange charges women with being slaves to fashion. Perhaps they are, but they are no worse than the average man, who is not only a slave to fashion, but a slave to every other weakness common to the human family.
Men who will editorially malign and vilify the wives of presidents of the United States, will certainly vilify an ex-United States senator. The editors of the Times and the Oregonian may take due notice.

If the members of the rivers and an American banker in order to show his appreciation to the pope of the Catholic church has presented him with a solid silver chair which cost \$90,000. Our banking countryman must think that he is casting bread upon the waters which will return after many days with accrued interest.
Illinois has another ambitious politician, who wishes to be United States senator from that state, in the person of Comptroller Dawes, and to that end he has resigned his position. Now ten to one he will be skinned clean out of his boots for the job.

If Tom Considine fired the first shot at Meredith, why did not Meredith pursue Tom Considine instead of John Considine. It seems to us that a man who was being fired upon would try to kill the man that was trying to kill him and not the man that was showing no signs of doing him bodily harm, but was hurriedly getting out of the way.

Judge George, of slot machine fame, is not receiving very many favorable comments from the state press on account of that decision. It may be all right, but the state press seems to think that it is highly seasoned with buncombe to gain personal popularity among certain classes.
There is no more probability of the McKinley influence running into Caesarism than there is in it running into King Edwardism or any other kind of ism. McKinley is as loyal and as patriotic today as when he was shooting the life out of treason and rebellion in the great civil war. Men looking for spooks always find them sooner or later, and this is the case with those predicting McKinley to assume royal robes at some unexpected moment.

Without giving the supreme court a chance to pass on the new law, some of the anti-Republican papers are already declaring that the Republican legislature was so anxious to do Gov. Rogers that it made it impossible for a murderer to be hanged under the state laws, all of which is nothing more nor less than a political nightmare on the part of the papers advocating such. As many murderers will be hanged under the new law as under the old, which was none.

A Democratic paper grows eloquent as well as satirical over the fact that Ohio, the state of presidents, which has produced Thurman, Wade, Allen, Brough, Corwin, Ewing, Blaine, Sherman and Grant, is today dominated by Marcus A. Hanna. With all due respect to the distinguished names mentioned herein, The Republican is willing to believe that Hanna is a most fitting associate for those dignitaries, and, if he is not, our Democratic friends should give the majority of the voters of Ohio credit for having about as much judgment in choosing leaders as Democratic second-hand statesmen. It is remarkable how much interest Democrats take in Republican leadership.

The conglomerated tow-head, one Giezantner, editor of the News-Record at Pasco, this state, delivers himself of the following editorial billingsgate: "There is some talk of lynching Considine over in Seattle. Hadn't you better lynch the 'nigger'? It is more up-to-date and will give a more appropriate coloring to the burnt-cork farce that usually follows in the wake of a tragedy." You miserable slum of the earth, creeping where man disdains to tread; you would-be journalistic skunk, who have not yet freed yourself from the stearge stench contracted while en route to America, you are a most excellent specimen of the genus homo, to speak thusly of an American citizen! What rights have you in America? He yourself again to your European haunts, and there remain as a wretched serf, such as you were ere you were allowed to exist in the "land of the free and home of the brave."

Ex-Representative Charles L. Catlin will be remembered by a great many of Washington's leading citizens, if for no other reason than because he at one time stood high in the political circles of this state. For some reason unknown to his friends, Mr. Catlin became a believer and worshipper of Christian science to such an extent that he thought it would relieve him from any bodily sufferings that he might be affected with. As a result of the adoption of this strange faith Mr. Catlin is now numbered among those who have crossed the great beyond. Having by some means become badly blood poisoned, he left the state and went to Minneapolis and there put himself under the treatment of a Christian scientist and absolutely refused to be treated by a physician, and under that treatment it was but a very short time before death relieved him of his sufferings. Here is an example of a man strong mentally and physically, and yet permitted himself to be murdered indirectly in order to appease a weakness, and a weakness which does not bear consideration.

June 14—THE FLAG'S BIRTHDAY.
In the shadows of the seepers,
In the gloom of doubts and fears,
In the gray uncertain morning
Of the fateful coming years,
The flag came into being,
Found its stripes of red and white
And the purity of right;
Took its field of blue from heaven,
Gemmed it with the stars that shone
As beacons guiding Freedom
From the terrors of a throne.
Gone today are all the shadows,
Gone are all the doubts and fears,
And the Starry Banner triumphs
At the forefront of the years;
In the vanguard of the nations,
With its gleaming folds unfurled,

Into higher paths of progress
It has led, and leads, the world;
It stands today for something
That no other flag can claim.
And the freedom of the future
Is established in its name;
Going out unto all peoples
With its promise and good cheer,
Old Glory gives new glory
To the far as to the near;
The patriots give their spirit
To the flag that led them through
The wilderness to glory,
And their banner still is true.
Hurrah, then, for the birthday
Of the flag that is not furled,
And may its celebration
Extend around the world;
And may all men and nations
Know the Stars and Stripes to be
The gospel of salvation,
And the emblem of the free.
—William J. Lamping, in New York Sun.

An Author as Well as an Artist.
George Gibbs, whose charming picture on the cover of The Ladies' Home Journal for July has so successfully caught the spirit of summer days at West Point, is one of the growing band of American artists who are also authors. Hitherto his special field has been the naval side of ocean life. He is a young man—a comparative newcomer in the ranks where F. Hopkinson Smith, Howard Pyle and Frederic Remington are veterans. But his early promise as an illustrator, as well as a writer, is already bearing fruit.

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