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Weather Forecast for Sunday. WASHINGTON, June 10.—For Oklahoma and Indian Territory: Fair; Sunday, breezy with showers in western portion; Monday, easterly wind.

CAUSE FOR A PENSION. Some people lose more or less sleep over the abuses of our pension system, but if they would spend a little time in examining the curiosities of the English civil list they would think better of home affairs.

A NEEDED REFORM. Writing from Montgomery, Ala., Rev. M. G. Murphy considers very dispassionately the condition of the best Southern feeling with reference to mob law.

THE PASSING OF SECTARIANISM. About two years ago Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott published an article in the Forum in which he declared that the most marked progress in the present century had been in the increase of religious tolerance.

LOUBET IS COURAGEOUS. The announcement that President Loubet will attend the Longchamp races to-day in spite of his experiences with the rioters at Auteuil a week ago is a fresh indication of the superior fibre of the man.

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THE BROWNING LETTERS. The consensus of opinion seems to be that the publication of the letters of Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett, at least as they have been published, is a blunder.

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A Municipal Band. Beloit has the best brass band in Kansas outside of Topeka. Last week, in perusing the ordinances passed by the city council, we discovered one which appropriates \$300 to the band leader as his annual salary in that capacity, and it no longer is a puzzle to know why Beloit leads all the country towns in music.

Nervy Nichols. Sergeant George C. Nichols, of the Girard company, in the Twentieth, writes cheerfully about his bad wounds: "Today the surgeons made a discovery, having located a bullet that was supposed to have left this body of mine. It seems, however, that after it came out it was turned back in again by my revolver belt and to-day they cut it out. Say! What a fine watch charm it will make. I am done soldiering, and either will be sent home on a hospital boat or loaf around here until the regiment starts for home. I am afraid this frame of mine is a little leaky now, but the surgeons are doing a good job of patching me up and I think I can stand the trip home all right."

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AT SEA. Worn voyagers, who watch for land across the endless waters of sea. Who will not see the fairest land? Why look ye not to what ye see? The stars by which the sailors steer. Not always rise before the dawn. Though forward naught but clouds appear. Behind, they may be breaking seas. What though we may not turn again to shores of childhood that we leave. Are those old signs we followed true? Can guides so oft found true deceive? Oh, sail we to the south or north. Oh, sail we to the east or west. The port from which we set our feet. Is our heart's home, is our life's beat. —F. W. Bourdillon.

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THE OF CURRENT INTEREST. The separation between Bishop John F. Hurst, of the Methodist church, and his young and rich wife, who was Miss Roubt, of Denver, is providing a choice moral for busy tongues in Washington. Mrs. Hurst is in the habit of writing to her husband Bishop Hurst has decided to his wife the magnificent house bought and furnished by Mrs. Hurst's mother shortly before their marriage, seven years ago. It will be remembered that Mrs. Hurst left Bishop Hurst to help endow the proposed university in Washington in which Bishop Hurst is so much interested, and also bequeathed \$10,000 to him personally. The couple have it that the husband is making a mistake in making the daughter's, and that dissimilarity of tastes has now led to the parting of the bishop and his wife.

Justified in Ringing the Bell. In a Belgian court a delicate point in the ethics of ringing the bell of a train has been decided. A bridal couple were riding in a compartment, when two young men entered and began to make fun of them and to tell vulgar stories. The husband asked them to stop, and on their refusal, pulled the alarm signal and stopped the train. The two rowdies were fined in police court for making a disturbance, but the bridegroom was fined for stopping the train without justification. The court of appeals, however, decided that the use of the alarm signal under the circumstances was justified, though the district attorney made the strange plea that as the bride was married anything might be said in her presence.

Progress in New Orleans. Tuesday was a great day in the history of New Orleans. On that day an election was held there to decide whether the property holders of the city would tax themselves to raise the necessary funds to drain and levee the city. The result was a landslide. New Orleans is the only large city in the country that is unsewered, and the sewage runs through the gutters of the streets, to the great detriment of the health, comfort and general welfare of the inhabitants. All property owners of either sex were allowed to vote on the question, and the result was overwhelmingly in favor of the improvements, the cost of which will be between \$25,000,000 and \$35,000,000.

Could Not Fool Gladstone. The keenness of Gladstone's collecting eye, even in old age, the Athenaeum says, "may be inferred from the fact that by a book he bought from the library of his late visits Mr. Gladstone paid a visit to our informant and took up a nice book in an old French binding. 'What's this?' he said. 'Oh, it is a book of the life of Catherine de Medici.' But there's no fleur-de-lis in the top lozenge," retorted Mr. Gladstone, without a second glance at it."

He's a Good Thing for Uncle Sam. Jacob Field, Wall street's latest plunger, is estimated to have paid the government \$75,000 in revenue stamps. Mr. Field is physically a little man. He weighs about 100 pounds, has a dark complexion and a countenance expressive of great shrewdness. He is a quiet, unassuming man, who is sparing of conversation and not inclined to make speeches.

Worked His Own Way Up. Miles B. McSweeney, who being lieutenant governor of South Carolina, became chief executive on the death of Governor E. Pickens, is a self-made man. He began life as a practical printer, then became a country publisher. He has served in the senate. Mr. McSweeney declares: "If I am not governor of the state it will not be my fault." He commands universal respect.

A Good Deal in a Name. Information comes by way of an Indian paper that Mr. and Mrs. Thambayayampallil are now on a visit to Kovvilkudyruppu. Mr. Thambayayampallil is the son of Judge E. S. Aranyayampallil and son-in-law of Mr. J. Jambulingamudellal. From this it is easy to reach the conclusion that society reporters in India lead a busy and interesting life.

Solution of the Tramp Problem. The possibility of driving the tramps from railroads is shown conclusively by Josiah Flint in his article in the June number of the Journal. He has begun a life as a practical printer, then became a country publisher. He has served in the senate. Mr. McSweeney declares: "If I am not governor of the state it will not be my fault." He commands universal respect.

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