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We all of us appreciate the sensations; but as for caring about the permanence of the possibility, a man's head is generally very bald and his senses very dull before he comes to that.

TODAY'S BIT OF VERSE

PEACE.

Were half the power that fills the world with terror, Were half the wealth bestowed on camps and courts, Given to redeem the human mind from error, There were no need of arsenals and forts.

The warrior's name would be a name abhorred: And every nation that should lift again Its hand against a brother, on its forehead Would wear for evermore the curse of Cain!

Down the dark future for long generations The echoing sounds grow fainter and then cease; And like a bell with solemn, sweet vibrations I hear once more the voice of Christ say, "Peace!" —Longfellow.

Discretion of speech is more than eloquence; and to speak agreeably to him with whom we deal is more than to speak in good words or in good order.—Francis Bacon.

HUMAN ERROR.

The administration of justice according to law is a cold reality. A judge in his courtroom must be a machine, as much a machine as the symbolic scales carried by the blindfolded lady in our ideas of justice personified.

A superior court judge of Illinois who died recently had been haunted for twenty years with the thought of a possible blunder in the conviction of three men in a murder case. He had sentenced the three to life imprisonment, and afterward found reason to doubt their guilt.

HOW WE GROW.

Despite a prevailing belief to the contrary, figures—statistics—are at times as interesting as a novel and as instructive as any lecture on an educational subject. From a volume issued by the bureau of the census of the department of agriculture it is learned that the population of this country in 1790 was 3,929,214.

El Paso, just this side of the Mexican boundary, has had a street car strike and riots. Truly, an impressive object lesson for the Mexicans in Anglo-Saxon civilization.

STAR SYSTEM IN BASEBALL.

The Baltimore American asks "Is interest in baseball on the wane?" In comment the paper notes that interest on the part of new readers and crowds in front of bulletin boards seems as keen as ever but that attendance at games the country over shows a great falling off; people are using their afternoon leisure in playing games themselves, or are driving their cars if they have cars; they are satisfied simply to know the result.

OUR RIGHTS IN GREENLAND.

Rear Admiral Peary is of opinion that the use of our rights to and in Greenland as a "make-sale" is a bad blunder. In a letter to the New York Times he gives much information about Greenland and about the plan of Secretary Seward to purchase it in 1868, a plan thwarted by Charles Sumner.

But naturally the chief concern in acquiring Greenland would be its value as a naval base; here again Admiral Peary is probably right in his claim that its harbors afford fine sites for such a base, as they are of no more northerly latitude than bases proved valuable by England and Russia and that a fleet stationed there by this nation would be strategically placed to hold the Atlantic sea road in time of war.

It is not so much what we voluntarily agree to give up as what we might have got for our money that appeals to casual consideration in Admiral Peary's suggestions. He says we might justly and with some assurance of success have demanded for our \$25,000,000 that Denmark cede her rights to Greenland to us along with the West Indies islands; the purchase price is large enough, he thinks.

A correspondent makes the suggestion that inasmuch as Great Britain is so much in our debt for war purchases, we do that government a kind turn by offering to buy Jamaica, British Honduras, the Bermudas and any other stray islands in the western world waters that Great Britain no longer needs.

Theatrical Producer Brady says the drama is suffering from infantile paralysis, but the stage plots frequently show symptoms of senile debility.

Scientists assert that the climate is not affected by the war. If such be a fact, the climate is about the only thing not affected.

When we've spent all our pride on the British blacklist, we can still spend our money. He's a lucky politician who can flop on all subjects and yet land on his feet.

IOWA PRESS COMMENT.

Marshalltown Times-Republican: Curator Harlan told the Rotary club in Des Moines that one of Iowa's great needs is for a Longfellow to record themes and situations of Iowa.

Burlington Hawk-Eye: Mem. for Iowa voters who rejected woman suffrage: In an election in British Columbia last Thursday woman suffrage carried in every district.

Cedar Rapids Gazette: Those amateurs who discuss the backbones of politicians should take note of the fact that really and truly scientists are not buying the relics, having no present intention to restore one of the species for exhibition in the Smithsonian institution.

Marion Register: It is now said that Meredith as well as Harding is a Methodist. That the republican Methodist is a saloon man and the democratic Methodist a prohibitionist.

Cedar Rapids Republican: Ulster county, Ireland, always does unheard of things. The other day it sent a petition to parliament two and one-half miles long beseeching the government to prohibit the sale of alcoholic liquors during the war and for one year after the war.

Des Moines Register: The September primaries put a quietus on a good many candidates who expected to keep right on talking till next November.

Ottumwa Courier: If private business were run like most government business, there would soon be no private business, because private business cannot levy taxes to make up the deficit.

Davenport Times: Fence building will occupy the attention of candidates for office from now until November.

Sioux City Journal: It will be noted that a country's national aspirations usually run toward the acquisition of land which would come handy in its business.

Council Bluffs Nonpareil: Secretary Daniels is out with an explanation that the democrats really won a victory in Maine. The intentions of the secretary are doubtless good but his explanation will be classified everywhere outside of hades as "refrigerated comfort."

Mystery of the Migration.

Chicago Evening Post: In September the migratory birds go south. Why? The answer is easy. The cold and an instinctive knowledge of a coming lack of food drive them from their homes. They know, also by instinct, that in the south lie warmth and plenty.

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Central stations in America are spending more than \$2,000,000 a year to educate the public on the convenience and safety of electricity.

TOILET & BATH 10¢ JAP ROSE SOAP LATHERS INSTANTLY

RIVER SEASON IS ABOUT OVER

Mississippi Steamers Will be Entering Winter Quarters in Short Time Now—Few Will Run Late.

SIDNEY TO NEW ORLEANS

Large Streckfus Boat Will Cater to Southern Trade—St. Paul and Quincy Have Already Docked.

Indicative of the coming winter, is the closing of the river season within the last few days for most of the big line steamers which have been plying the waters of the Mississippi for the past season.

The steamer St. Paul and Quincy, two of the largest on the river, belonging to the Streckfus line, have already closed their season and are now in St. Louis entering dry dock for repairs and renovation.

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