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About the Weather.

The promise of the weather bureau for warmer temperature had to be taken in trust up to 2 o'clock this morning, and then there was no perceptible guarantee of good faith.

Yesterday's observations, taken by the United States weather bureau, St. Paul, P. Lyons, observer, for the twenty-four hours ended at 7 o'clock last night.

Other cities. Yesterday's observations taken by the United States weather bureau at Washington, D. C.

Forecast for Today. St. Paul: Fair; Not So Cold.

Minnesota—Fair; not so cold; southerly winds. North Dakota—Fair; not so cold; winds mostly southerly.

Why Not Legalize Trusts as Well as Railroad Pools? The Globe has already pointed out the alarming increase in the number of trusts in this country, their purpose and their power in stifling competition and maintaining and increasing the prices of the necessities of life.

The question is natural, if trusts are inimical to the public, if they are in restraint of trade—and we knew well they are—why not overlook the fact and legalize them at the same time that congress legalizes a railroad pooling bill?

The principles upon which the pool is based are not to detect the close relationship between it and the trust. The one is just as much a violation of the principles and the rights of competition as the other.

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and the friendly relationship existing between them and their patrons.

But whether they oppose or favor a pooling measure is not the question. To exercise its privileges, it must know that its rights will be invaded and its privileges restricted the moment a pooling law is enacted.

Meanwhile the public will carefully watch the development of this scheme to regulate the railroad pool. It will measure the honesty of its representatives in congress by their attitude toward it. It will know whether these representatives are employed by the railroads or are in the service of their home constituencies.

The St. Paul Public Library.

Once again the subject of the extent to which the people of St. Paul may become interested in the improvement of public library facilities is being agitated. There is no community either west or east of the Allegheny mountains which could more creditably take up this work and finish it than that which exists in the city of St. Paul.

There are citizens ready to do justice to this subject provided the representatives of the people, in the council, shall develop sufficient courage and intelligence to warrant advocates following in their footsteps.

The proposition ought to be very simple. The books of the library, to the number of 60,000 volumes, are at present stowed away in the upper rooms of the city hall, inaccessible to many who do not care to visit the building in order to reach the distributing desks.

The plan is now under consideration to improve the old market house site in the form of an exposition building which shall contribute a revenue of say \$18,000, which, added to the library fund of \$15,000, will give to the people of St. Paul at least something temporary removed from political surroundings.

What St. Paul needs is a library building. This it can secure by an initial movement on the part of local legislators whereby some encouragement may be afforded to citizens of great means who, when they see a possibility in sight for the realization of their hopes, stand ready to make their donations.

Nobody contends that the old market house site is a suitable one for the new public library that is proposed for St. Paul. It is foolish to speculate upon the possibility of the United States government transferring the present postoffice building to the municipality for library purposes.

This is a subject which ought to be taken up and disposed of without any further delay. Financial conditions are prosperous; the general business and commercial outlook of the city is favorable; the necessity is recognized. Is the true home-fostering spirit lacking in this community?

Chinese Guilds.

Trades unions are too often thought of as institutions characteristic of the Caucasian race, and yet, if consular reports are to count for anything, the labor guilds of China are more effective and less exposed to danger than any unions ever organized in the paternal races.

Such a measure might be called the "sundry silly bill." When the constituents of the honorable gentleman from Idaho or Arkansas demand a few millions of government money for their private use and benefit, an appropriation could be framed for the building of an airship station or constructing a Keely motor plant.

That is a significant list of officers commissioned in the volunteer service during the Spanish war, which was read by Congressman Berry, of Kentucky, in congress last Tuesday, and which is reprinted, in part, elsewhere in The Globe to-day.

These customs, while irritating and somewhat prejudicial to the American trader in China, should nevertheless be carefully studied in order to gain the commercial patronage, which, on the whole, is highly profitable and fairly reliable.

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best article made is not marketable save under a "favored trademark."

No goods are exempt from this system of "picking" and rejecting on the ground of blemish in wrappers, boxes, cans or variation in chops.

Dr. Parkhurst After Reporters. Dr. Parkhurst, of New York, is paying the price of prominence by serving the metropolitan press as a football.

The doctor's panacea for these journalistic evils is to have every reportorial and editorial article signed by the true name of the writer.

Half a truth is often equal to a whole lie. It is so in this case. To say that too much blame should be saddled upon the reporters by implication places a great deal upon them, when, as a matter of fact, they are, as a class, not to blame at all.

Dr. Parkhurst wants newspaper articles signed so that he may know whom to shoot at. That would be an unnecessary waste of paper and ink.

The character of the man at the head of a paper is always in evidence from editorials to advertisements, and, if Dr. Parkhurst wants to even accounts with any one on the staff, he should seek out the editor.

Get your gun, doctor, and go down on Park row, any time between 1 and 4 in the afternoon, if you want to wing the editors. Avoid the numerous liquor factories in and about the newspaper offices that bustling center, and under no circumstances level your musket at the reporters.

Sundry Silly Bill.

It is nearly time for some genius in congress to invent a new way of raiding the treasury. The river and harbor bill as a method of legislative burglary is overworked.

When the new divorce law goes into effect, Fargo will be entirely without a "hook."

Times are not so good as they ought to be in Ohio. Ghouls are still robbing graves down there.

Nobody knows but Agonizillo could get action if he would direct his remarks to Mr. Fitzsimmons.

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In order that when war comes the army may be provided with officers capable to command armies and win battles, but, as soon as the war cloud bursts, the officer who has been trained is turned a side and a man utterly inexperienced and incompetent is commissioned.

By reason of his experience in this line he did the purchasing of tea for the family. Last Tuesday Mrs. Gullible informed her husband that in the future she would buy the tea for her household.

The bill of Representative Wheaton, of Minneapolis, prohibiting the dispensing of free lunches, was under discussion by the house committee on temperance one day last week.

One of the members said he understood the bill was supported by the saloon keepers who found it a losing game to set cut free lunches, and wanted the law passed so as to save money.

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A new railroad is to be built from Columbus, O., to Port Royal, S. C. That comes about as near as possible to running from nowhere to nowhere.

Mr. Wanamaker will teach his Sunday school as usual today, but he will not refrain from occasionally thinking of the snug little box into which he has put Matthew Stanley Quay.

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Epistles to St. Paul.

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It looks kinder queer, Malindy, said the new millionaire to his wife after the guest had departed, "the count wouldn't take his coat off at dinner, like the rest of us, don't it?"

NEW TRUSTS ESTABLISHED IN 1898.

Table listing various trusts established in 1898, including American Canned Co., American Fisheries Co., American Hard Rubber Co., etc., with columns for Name of Trust, Common Stock, and Preferred Stock.

WILL END IN MASSACRE.

The Landing of Troops in the Philippines Will Result In. At this time, when the air is full of talk of expansion, colonization, destiny, etc., it may be well for us to pause and ask ourselves in calmness what the probable results to the United States will be, should we have a future on our country, should we enter on such a warfare of civilization or extermination as seems imminent in the Philippine archipelago.

HANNA PAYS HIS WAY.

incident was followed, the next day, when an "expert" was on the stand, and testified that a thing could not happen which Chief Surgeon Daly had solemnly sworn did happen, and another member eagerly exclaimed: "That disposes of that." These men appear to be reckless in exhibiting their partisanship, but it is of little consequence except to themselves. In view of the opinion that the country had formed, there is no real or a languid interest in the shape their whitewashing report shall take.—Boston Herald.

WHEN JOHN'S AWAY.

When I resolve to pursue a life, I ever wiled his eye. Not much, I always pay my fare in going West or coming East. No one can truthfully declare I ever wiled his eye at least.

THE WAR INVESTIGATION.

Most people have ceased to pay attention to the doing of the war investigating mission, but we occasionally hear from it in a manner which certifies that the spirit which attended its work, that was noted when it was a novelty, will preserve its last vestige in Philadelphia.

WHY THE HERO SHRANK.

The hero took on an expression of pain. "I cannot help shuddering. Or unlikingly inflated. Of all the things I'm thinking, chewing gum, restaurants, stores, Polish, lodging houses, dogs, et cetera, that they're going to name after me." —Washington Star.