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WEATHER FOR TODAY.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday: Minnesota and Dakota—Generally fair Friday and Saturday; northern winds. Wisconsin—Rain Friday; probably fair Saturday. Iowa—Threatening and cooler Friday; showers in southeastern portion; fair Saturday, variable winds, becoming stormy.

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

RIVER AT S. A. M. Danger Gauge Change in Station. Line Reading, 24 hours.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES. High 70 Low 60 Chicago High 76 Low 60.

IN THE DAYS THAT ARE.

"In the days that are," quoth the Dispatch, as its mind reverts to the columns of official advertising displayed in the pages of a hated rival, "there was great mone in it; there was great corruption in St. Paul, and disorderly houses all paid fines into the city treasury."

This, as an argument in mitigation of the infamous local conditions now existing, represents the best our contemporary can do. And, if there was wrong doing in the days that were, brother, there were also Democrats to remedy the same by their votes, while sleek and oily Republican rascals of the general type that now dominate our local public life stood around while the wrong doing was supposed to be going on, and lined their pouches with its proceeds, in those ancient and historic days.

The recollection which prevails of events which happened when the majority of the voting population were yet in short clothes must necessarily assume the character of tradition. And so the tradition prevails that the authors of all the legislation by which wrong doing was in those far distant days made possible were Republican statesmen, all of them still living and enjoying great distinction in party councils, but who in those days were content to cool their heels in the ante-room while Democrats decided for them whether they should consent to run for legislative honors within this community.

Corrupt legislation, designed to advance private interests, was the curse of this community in those ancient times to which the Dispatch refers, just as it is today, and it has been at every period in the interval, and such legislation, always and invariably, had local Republican origin, today, yesterday and forever. What sins of omission or commission might have been committed in the early history of St. Paul, with Republican connivance and approval, have had the moral as well as the legal statute of limitations operate against them time and again in the wide expanse of years that has since been bridged.

We are living in St. Paul, today, and in St. Paul today there is in control of our local government, as the Dispatch, when suffering from the pangs of despised love (for city printing), has frequently assured us, so measurably a set of petty larceny thieves that their like could not be found elsewhere, however diligently sought after. It is with these we have to deal, friend. The instinct of every decent man enables him to point them out when he visits the court house, as they display themselves in every corridor and at official desks on every floor from the focal precincts of the police court, in the basement, to the upholstered interior of the board of public works, up near the attic. And the trail of them and their confederates may be discovered any day extending from the court house in one direction toward Newspaper Row and in another toward a sink of individual and official iniquity which exists on West Third street.

"When thieves fall out honest men get their due." These petty larceny thieves have fallen out. The dispensation of the city printing has had no little share in the falling out, and has led to a disposition on the part of certain of them to "peach" on certain others of them. The Democracy of St. Paul may consent to accept the testimony of known confederates when the time comes, as the Dispatch will please note. But it reserves to itself the right to refuse such testimony, and to confine itself strictly to the shameless record when the biennial indictment comes to be tried next spring.

A great question has arisen in Kansas City—whether any of the National League balls have red stitches. Mr. Tebeau declared that they don't, and lost a game 9 to 0 because of his emphasis. But the question is really still undecided. The Globe's experience on the "end of the century" proposition leads it, however, to request its readers not to discuss "red stitches" in its columns.

THE RUSSIA OF TODAY.

There has been in operation steadily for many years past an effort to lessen or, if possible, put an end to the relations of positive friendship and good will which have bound the United States and Russia since their almost concurrent appearance among the great nations of the world. It has assumed various forms, but it has been ceaseless in its operations. It has colored our periodical literature, and the Atlantic cable presents its contributions to the same spirit with commendable regularity.

The most successful of all these efforts may be said to have been the story so generally circulated in war times, and so universally accepted as true, that even Russia was about to unite with other European nations against us in behalf of Spain were it not for the threatened purpose of England to take up arms against the threatened war coalition. Following on the complete explosion of this political falsehood, by the authoritative denial of the Russian authorities, has come a perfect avalanche of abuse directed against the Russian empire in connection with the alleged deprivation by the Russian czar of the people of Finland of the ancient political rights guaranteed them when they became a part of the Russian empire.

It now appears that even this ground of criticism of the czar and his government is unfounded, and that the imperialist, pro-English press have wasted a great deal of valuable printers' ink and rivers of crocodile tears in expressing their abhorrence of such medieval tyranny. The czar has not deprived the Finns of any of their ancient rights or privileges. On the contrary, within a few days past, he expressly ratifies and confirms those rights in the full breadth and scope of their original concession.

Whatever may be the motive power behind the attacks which are being made from time to time upon the Russian nation through our periodical press and otherwise, the result will continue the same. They will remain unavailable to affect American public sentiment. Russia is the last of the European nations to emerge from barbarism. Yet she is in the vanguard of the world's progress. Who can gain the majesty of her position as the great national advocate of peace, the initiative power in calling together the conference now holding its sessions at The Hague. We Americans can, on close examination, see little of essential difference, in principle at least, between the government of Russia and that of any other despotic European power. There is the same evil genius of autocracy animating them all in the last event. Little beyond dread of popular clamor or the protests of other nations restrains the free expression of absolutism in many of the European countries which profess to possess an approach to a responsible governmental system. The mailed arm of militarism is raised above them all, to fall with such force as may be necessary in any grave popular crisis.

Russia bears honorable comparison with the most advanced of the nations of Europe today, in the tendencies and political activities of its rulers. When we were in grave national peril we had a staunch friend in the Russian czar. There never was even a moment's interruption of the happy relations between the two young national giants. We grasp hands across Bering sea, and the vast possessions of Russia are open to us, West and East, on terms the most liberal extended to any nation in the world, for they involve the hearty welcome ever extended by one friend to another, among nations as among men.

We can hardly conceive, vast as have been our own undertakings in that same direction, the marvelous advances which civilization and peace are making across the waste places of Siberia and China under the active auspices of Russia. She does not longer stand in the way of liberty, neither in Finland nor any other land. Her avowed absolutism must inevitably disappear in the glorious light of Christian progress, which she is shedding on the continent of Asia at the present moment. She is following, in Siberia and China, the example which we set her years ago in our development of what was then known as the Great American Wilderness. And millions of sorely oppressed members of the human family will soon feel the beneficent influence of the great work which she is pushing forward with the strength of a veritable national giant from St. Petersburg to the shores of the Yellow and Japan seas.

Americans will do well to scrutinize all movements which are evidently designed to influence American public opinion unfavorably toward Russia, ever and always our closest national ally.

THE LATE BISHOP NEWMAN.

Few men possessing the splendid gifts and attainments and having accomplished so much for his church, as well as for the welfare of society, have passed from life attracting so little attention as the late Bishop John Philip Newman. Dr. Newman was universally recognized as a zealous, devoted minister of the gospel, whose great intellectual powers and lovable personality brought him into a public prominence in matters outside the influence of the church which was not always in accordance with either his tastes or wishes. His great life work, however, was done in connection with the advancement of the interests of the Methodist Episcopal church.

In the establishment of new churches and of church papers, as well as of annual conferences, Dr. Newman was eminently successful. His splendid powers in the pulpit made his services much sought after, but the broadened sphere of his influence necessitated that he should not limit his exertions to any one charge permanently. He was a many-sided man, and the records of his travels as published in the several books of which he was the author show him to be as eloquent a writer as he was an orator.

During many years of his lifetime Dr. Newman enjoyed the privilege of the closest relationship with Gen. Grant. The great soldier discovered in his friend qualities which attracted and held him in the bonds of the closest personal love and admiration all his life. And when the virtues of his great soldier came to be recorded at his open grave, Bishop Newman was chosen to discharge the great task. And it is now acknowledged that the grandest and truest tribute which came to the dead warrior was bestowed by the minister of God whom he numbered among his few really close personal friends.

BLEAK BY A GIRL.

I have a friend whose friendship I count among the best. She has a heart as true as steel, and she has a head as clear as crystal. She is a girl, and she is a bleaker. She is a girl, and she is a bleaker. She is a girl, and she is a bleaker.

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