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WEATHER FOR TODAY.

Minnesota—Showers and cooler Saturday; Sunday fair; light to fresh southerly, shifting to westerly, winds.

Iowa—Increasing cloudiness, with showers and cooler in western portion Saturday; Sunday showers; southerly winds.

North Dakota—Showers and cooler in eastern; fair in western portion Saturday; Sunday fair, northerly winds.

South Dakota—Showers and cooler Saturday; Sunday fair; northerly winds.

Montana—Generally fair Saturday and Sunday; warmer in western portion Saturday; Sunday warmer; north to west winds.

Wisconsin—Showers and cooler in northern; fair in southern portion Saturday; Sunday showers; fresh to brisk southeasterly winds.

ST. PAUL.

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

Highest temperature	89
Lowest temperature	65
Average temperature	77
Daily range	24
Barometer	29.93
Humidity	66
Precipitation	0
7 p. m., temperature	86

7 p. m., weather, partly cloudy; wind, south.

RIVER BULLETIN.

Station.	Danger Line.	Gauge Reading.	Chaage in 24 hours.
St. Paul	14	1.1	—0.4
Davenport	15	4.6	*0.2
La Crosse	10	4.8	—0.2
St. Louis	30	12.8	—0.8

—Fall. *Rise.

River forecast till 8 p. m. Saturday: The Mississippi will remain stationary or fall slightly in the vicinity of St. Paul.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

	*8pm	High		*8pm	High
Bismarck	..86	90	Galveston	80	84
Duluth	..70	80	Jacksonville	.72	88
Havre	66	70	Montgomery	.72	84
Helena	..72	74	Nashville	..80	84
Huron	88	90	New Orleans	78	88
Williston	72	82	New York	..78	82
Winnipeg	86	88	Philadelphia	.70	82
Cheyenne	70	86	'Frisco	58	58
Chicago	70	72	Salt Lake	84	86
Cincinnati	...76	80	Pittsburg	70	82
Cleveland	.. .68	70	St. Louis	78	80

*Washington time (7 p. m. St. Paul).

OCEAN LINERS.

NEW YORK—Arrived: Kaiser Friedrich, from Hamburg; Island, from Copenhagen; Patricia, from Hamburg; Grosser Kurfurst, from Bremen; Cimric, from Liverpool.
LIVERPOOL—Sailed: Tauric, New York.
CHERBOURG—Sailed: Columbia, Hamburg and Southampton, for New York.
SYDNEY—Arrived previously: Warimo, San Francisco.

TODAY IN ST. PAUL.

GRAND—Valentine Stock company in "A Scrap of Paper," 8:15.
Concert by Minnesota State band, Como park, 8:15.
Exhibitions by Meier's Water Wonders, Wildwood, afternoon and evening.

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 1900.

A WILD WEST CANDIDATE.

Theodore Roosevelt, the Republican candidate for vice president, was in St. Paul on July 17. He came in a whirlwind and departed in a storm. He came here, told a few stale "cow-punching" stories, made a few unsupported statements regarding matters political, gave the Republicans some very unpalatable and unasked advice about the necessity for their being honest, and departed.

The Honorable Theodore came here to "shoot up" the town, and he shot it up accordingly. And, though the jingle of his spurs, the smoke of his mustang and the dust of his much too strenuous entry have all died away, the Republican portion of this community remains all shot up. The gallant rough riders of the various precincts and wards are still strenuously prancing about in their fire sale khaki suits, many of said suits being "a world too wide for their shrunk shanks." An eminent local divine, even, indulged in a mild prance last Sabbath over the gentleman who the inimitable Dooley has said is the author of a book which ought to be entitled "Alone in Cuba."

It would not be very surprising if the entire Republican party of Minnesota is found before election cavorting around on piebald, white-eyed mustangs and emulating the distinguished cowboy from New York, for he is more contagious than Buffalo Bill. The effect on the small boy will no doubt prove just as disastrous as that produced by the visit of the Wild West show a year or two ago.

Unless William McKinley comes quickly to the rescue of the presidential ticket with a cargo of his dull and weighty ballast, there will certainly be a spill. Roosevelt may be good on a cow farm or chasing up and down the hills of Cuba, but, as the chief figure of a presidential campaign, he lacks dignity, solid force and balance. No substantial citizen can view his gambols without mixed feelings of amusement and trepidation—amusement at the incongruous figure he presents as candidate for the solemn situation of vice president and ex-officio presiding officer of the United States senate, and trepidation lest perchance he might be elected.

Calm counsel, moderation and logical argument seem to be unknown to Theodore Roosevelt, if his speech and conduct in St. Paul are anything to go by. Dogmatic assertions, semi-facetious illustrations drawn from the cow farm, and abuse of the other fellows constitute that speech he made in this city, and which was heralded as "the keynote of the campaign." It sounded more like the roarings of a vociferous rancher than the bugle call of a campaign. Sober-minded citizens look for something far different in a vice presidential candidate from that which Theodore Roosevelt had to offer. They look for wisdom, dignity and argument, and not noise, glitter and bluster. Some trite, though much-needed advice to his fellow Republicans as to their short-comings in the line of political honesty are not sufficient compensation for an utter absence of substantial matter in a speech which the Republicans insist is their "keynote."

WELL DONE, BRISTOW.

The report of Assistant Postmaster General Bristow on the postoffice frauds at Havana is a very complete and in every respect a most commendable performance. Its author has evidently yielded to no influence which might induce him to do less than his duty, or to extenuate the offending of any of the rascals who are involved. His exposure of Rathbone is especially worthy of public approval. Whatever doubts may have existed as to the criminal responsibility of Rathbone are removed by the report. He is shown to have been a party to the criminal extravagance and open robbery which were practiced with such utter abandonment of all thought of consequences, and his appointment is the most severe reflection that can be made on the prevailing methods of appointment under the national government to the highest offices.

Rathbone was, pure and simple, the creation of political activity. He is one of the "smart men," without whose aid candidates are taught to believe it is practically impossible to secure sucess. He seems to have looked on the Cuban postal service as the oyster of himself and his subordinates. He, to whom, if at all, the people might look, among all the men chosen to civil position in Cuba, for some understanding of and regard for the national honor, appears to have been no better and no worse than the others. They were all willing to grow rich at the expense of the national good name from the proceeds of their peculations. They had no thought of the peculiar sacredness of the trust with the discharge of which their country was invested for the time being in Cuba. Spoils were their pursuit and they chose the easiest and commonest ways to supply themselves.

There is nothing left for American authority to do but to hunt those fellows until they have been driven into criminals' cells. Until this is done the stain of the transaction will remain on the country. Even that will fail to wipe it out entirely, but it will go a long way in that direction. The facts and conclusions brought out by the report of Mr. Bristow make it plain that, whoever else may escape, it is the duty of the federal authorities to put its former director general of Cuban posts behind the bars for as long a period as the law will allow. In this way the administration at least will be absolved from much of the discredit which attaches to it in connection with the transaction.

DANGEROUS FOR CHINA.

The news reports have not set forth expressly the terms of the proposal from the Chinese authorities which involved the cessation of all operations against Pekin on the condition that the foreign representatives be delivered safely at Tien Tsin. The first knowledge of such a proposal having been made comes with the statement of Secretary Hay that it is inadmissible.

Notwithstanding the lack of direct and immediate information on the subject it may safely be assumed that the proposal has been made. If the proposal is stated with any approach to accuracy the action of the state department is to be commended in presenting a positive refusal to entertain it. It is inconceivable how the Chinese authorities are to be regarded as acting in good faith when such a proposal is offered at this stage in the progress of events in China. It is, however, hard to understand how a diplomat of such rare ability and understanding of the nation to which he is accredited as Minister Wu undoubtedly is could have tendered such a suggestion except as the constrained intermediary between his government and this.

All the actual light which has been thrown on the Pekin situation thus far has come through the Chinese minister at Washington. It has not been at all conclusive, the information which has come from him; but at least it has been sufficient to show his good faith and his strong influence with the home government. It has been stated that Minister Wu has been chosen as the direct agent of the Chinese imperial authorities to conduct negotiations looking to intervention and a peaceable adjustment of present difficulties. It would be easier to believe this were it not announced that the request for intermediation has been made of at least one other power beside the United States. This statement, if true, must be regarded as discrediting all that has been established in this regard thus far.

Either the Chinese government is playing a very maladroit game of diplomacy or else its purposes are resolutely misrepresented. If we are to accept either of the circumstances as well founded, that the intervention of the English government has been asked in concurrence with that of this government, or that the proposed surrender of the foreign representatives has been conditioned on the cessation of all operations for the relief of Pekin, the conclusion is inevitable that China is deceiving the civilized world.

Whatever the immediate future may show to be true regarding the progress of events at Pekin during the past three or four weeks, it must be admitted that the course of the United States government has been consistently one which is worthy of the national approval. It should be adhered to throughout. It may prove to be true that the treachery of the Chinese authorities is as marked as it has been represented to be. If that should prove to be the case it will be a sore day for China. Nothing short of the danger of a serious clashing of national interests will save the Chinese empire from disruption in such an event. The day for forbearance will have passed, and the United States may be regarded as having exhausted all available means to avoid the consequences which have been impending over China. With the legationers dead, or being held as hostages for any purpose whatever, it will at once become the duty of this nation, either alone or in co-operation with other governments, to enforce the most severe reprisals against the imperial authorities or to secure the release of the foreign representatives by force of arms. Until something definite is established in this regard the true course of our government is to continue as it has from the beginning of the trouble.

"GOING SOMEWHERE."

The report of the interstate commerce commission showing that the American railways carried hundreds of millions of passengers last year recalls the remark of the late G. W. Steevens, the war correspondent, who died in South Africa, who said: "I believe many Americans regard that day wasted in which they do not see the inside of a railway train." The people of this country have a strongly formed habit of always wanting to go some place, and that habit is taking deeper hold by the opportunities afforded nowadays by the electric lines now extended from every city to parks and suburban towns. The crowded cars every night on the lines to Como and Harriet, to the Indian mounds, Fort Snelling and Minnehaha give an admirable chance for everybody to take a trip, more frequently, too, than it would be possible to take on the regular steam lines to more distant points.

AUGUST CONVENTIONS.

It was an Englishman who said the Americans are always holding an election and voting for some one. If they are not holding an election of some kind they are most apt to be holding a convention. Scarcely a day in the year but what some organization or society is holding a state or national meeting. The conventions of a national character for August, as far as the Globe has advices, are as follows:

July 30-Aug. 5.—Universalist national summer meeting, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., E. L. Shinn, 918 Stephen Girard building, Philadelphia, Pa., secretary.

Aug. 1.—National Apple Shippers' association, Cleveland, O. A. Warren Patch, Boston, Mass., secretary.

Aug. 2-12.—National sociological convention, Lake Bluff, Ill. Ida E. Haines, 820 Ashland block, Chicago, Ill., secretary.

Aug. 7-8.—International Association of Distributors, Detroit, Mich. W. H. Steinbrenner, 519 Main street, Cincinnati, O., secretary.

Aug. 8.—American Protestant Association of the United States, Philadelphia, Pa. H. O. Gill, 2153 North Woodstock street, Philadelphia, Pa., secretary.

Aug. 8-10.—National convention C. T. A. U., Philadelphia, Pa. Rev. A. P. Doyle, 415 West Fifty-ninth street, New York city, secretary.

Aug. 8-10.—Brotherhood of the Kingdom, eighth annual national conference, at Marlborough, N. Y. Rev. Leighton Williams, corresponding secretary, 312 West Fifty-fourth street, N. Y.

Aug. 13.—International Typographical union, Milwaukee, Wis. J. W. Bramwood, De Soto block, Indianapolis, Ind., secretary.

Aug. 13.—National reunion of the Army of the Philippines at Denver, Col. Harry W. McCauley, secretary, Denver, Col.

Aug. 14.—Supreme grove, U. A. O. D., at Indianapolis, Ind. J. H. Haught, 21 West Washington street, Indianapolis, Ind., secretary.

Aug. 14-16.—American Association of Opticians, Detroit, Mich. Frederick Boger, 36 Maiden Lane, New York, secretary.

Aug. 14-18.—National convention Knights of the White Cross, Menominee, Mich. L. E. Olson, Chicago, Ill., secretary.

Aug. 14-18.—National Shorthand Reporters' association, Put-in-Bay, O. J. D. Campbell, Spartanburg, S. C., secretary.

Aug. 15.—Supreme Temple Rathbone Sisters, Detroit, Mich. Mrs. M. D. Wood, Kansas City, Mo., secretary.

Aug. 16-18.—National Box Makers, Put-in-Bay, O. E. H. Deffebaugh, Louisville, Ky., secretary.

Aug. 19-22—National German Warriors' association, Akron, O.

Aug. 20—National United Postoffice Clerks' association, Atlantic City, N. J.

Aug. 20-24—National Live Stock Breeders and Exhibitors' association, Mount Gretna, Pa.

Aug. 20-25—United States Florists' Exhibition and National Florists' Board of Trade convention, New York city. S. J. Stewart, 67 Bromfield street, Boston, Mass., secretary.

Aug. 27-Sept. 1—G. A. R. national encampment, Chicago. Thomas J. Stewart, secretary, Fifth and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, Pa. At the same time the national convention of the Woman's Relief corps will meet. Charlotte E. Wright, New Haven, Conn., secretary. At the same time the National Naval Veterans' association will meet. George L. Seavey, 10 North Jefferson street, Chicago, secretary.

Aug. 27—Imperial Palace Knights of Khorassan, international, Detroit, Mich. H. W. Belding, St. Louis, Mo., secretary.

Aug. 27—National Pythian Press association, Detroit, Mich. Will L. Scism, Omaha, Neb., secretary.

Aug. 27—National Fraternal Press association, Boston, Mass. A. E. Stevenson, 6436 Kimbark avenue, Chicago, Ill., secretary.

Aug. 27—Supreme lodge U. R. Knights of Pythias, Detroit, Mich. James R. Carnahan, Indianapolis, Ind., secretary.

Aug. 27-30—Imperial Palace, D. O. K. K., Detroit, Mich.

Aug. 28—National Fraternal congress, Boston, Mass. M. W. Harckett, Meadville, Pa., secretary.

Aug. 28—Supreme lodge Knights of Pythias, Detroit, Mich. R. L. C. White, Nashville, Tenn., secretary.

Aug. 28—Supreme lodge Daughters of St. George, Chicago, Ill. Miss Tillie White, Rochester, N. Y., secretary.

Aug. 28-30—American Philatelic association, Milwaukee, Wis. H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J., secretary.

Aug. 28-31—National convention Beta Theti Pi Fraternity, Put-in-Bay, O. Warren D. Oakes, 133 East Market street, Indianapolis, Ind., secretary.

Aug. 28-31—American Society Municipal Improvement, Milwaukee, Wis. D. L. Fulton, Allegheny, Pa., secretary.

Aug. 29-31—American Bar association, Saratoga Springs, N. Y. John Hinkley, 215 North Charles street, Baltimore, Md., secretary.

Aug. 30-31—National Association Local Fire Insurance Agents, Milwaukee, Wis. Frank F. Holmes, 196 La Salle street, Chicago, Ill., secretary.

August is a warm month, but dates in the other months were all taken, and the above national associations had to crowd in somewhere. For further particulars of the different associations address the secretary.

STORIES OF THE STREET.

County Attorney Bigelow has a rooster that is so noisy about 2:30 o'clock in the morning that he awakens the near neighbors, and yesterday one of them whose slumbers had been disturbed decided that he would stand it no longer, and called on the corporation attorney early yesterday morning to see what could be done with Mr. Bigelow for keeping such a noisy bird. He wanted to have a warrant issued for the owner of the fowl on the charge of maintaining a public nuisance.

Mr. Selb informed the man that it would not appear well to go to the extreme of issuing a warrant for Mr. Bigelow's arrest, but suggested that the cause of the trouble be wiped out by having the rooster killed.

Mr. Bigelow is away on his vacation.

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Every day now Chinamen pass through the city from the West on their return from a visit to China. They usually go back to the flowery kingdom in the spring, and this year their visit was cut short by the Boxer uprising, the recent arrivals having read the signs of trouble and departed from their native land before the Boxers started in to exterminate the foreigners.

Yesterday a party of four celestials sat several hours in the union depot, awaiting their eastward train. Three of them wore Chinese costumes, and the fourth was Li Hung Chang, poorly disguised in a suit of American ready-made. If it wasn't the famous statesman, it was the most striking double one could imagine. The face was that of Li in every lineament, from the broad forehead to the whisker-tufted chin, and he had the same physical proportions in general. He sat impassively apart from his fellow countrymen, contemplating the travelers about him as though his thoughts were with the Boxers who mean to drive out of his country all hated foreigners. He was enveloped in celstial dignity that even big Andy Hall could not break through, and would give up no further information than that he was the proprietor of a laundry in Philadelphia and was not a Boxer—a statement which all of his party were anxious to make.

SOME COUNTY POLITICS.

County Attorney Bigelow's chances are fading away more and more every day, and it is now common talk among the Republican politicians that he won't do. In the meantime Fred Zollman is pulling his wires and feels confident that he will land the nomination.

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Herchmer Johnson, however, looks upon the matter in a different light, and is making a hard fight for the nomination. He says he is in the fight to the finish, even though Oscar Hallam may become a candidate. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Hallam live in the same precinct of the Seventh ward, and there are likely to be some warm primaries held there if Mr. Hallam comes out for the nomination.

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Sheriff John Wagener has received a good many offers of support from Washington county if he will go after the nomination for congress, and his friends in St. Paul would undoubtedly stand by him to a man if he wanted the nomination.

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The abstract office goes on a fee basis Jan. 1. It is not much more than paying expenses at the present time. W. A. Washburne, of the Third ward, is after the Republican nomination for the office, as the present incumbent, John H. Schulze, is a candidate for the nomination for register of deeds on the Republican ticket.

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The fight that Peter Van Hovan is making for the Democratic nomination for sheriff makes things look very much in his favor. Anton Miesen, however, thinks the party owes him the nomination, and Ed L. Murphy is also claiming it. N. F. Seger and William Simmons are also candidates for the nomination, and the fight is liable to be anybody's until the delegates are elected.

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William Egan is being talked of as a probable candidate for the nomination of county auditor on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Egan was a deputy in the auditor's office for four years and is well acquainted with the office.

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John Clancey, William A. Constans and Frank Gies are all talked of for the nomination of abstract clerk on the Democratic ticket. None of them, however, have made any special effort for the nomination so far.

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No opposition has sprung up against the candidacy of T. R. Kane for the Democratic nomination for county attorney yet, and it is not likely that there will, as he is generally conceded the nomination.

OPINIONS OF THE EDITORS.

The Paramount Issue.

Chicago Tribune.

Vice Chairman Payne, of the Republican national committee, gave out a statement Tuesday which can be taken as foreshadowing the plan of campaign to be pursued by the committee this year.

"We are all doing a lot of talking about issues," said he, "but the plain fact remains that with everything else brushed aside the main issue is the McKinley administration, and on that the Republican party must stand or fall."

Fruits of McKinleyism.

Chicago Chronicle.

A higher protective tariff than ever, the malign policy of imperialism, foreign wars for aggression and conquest, the expenses of the government increased to nearly $700,000,000 a year, are the fruits of McKinley's election in 1896.

Mr. McKinley's War.

New York World.

The latest official bulletin of Mr. McKinley's war that is "over" in the Philippines states that "last week 200 insurgents were killed and 130 surrendered or were captured. Twelve Americans were killed and eleven wounded."

Inspires Fresh Hope.

Chicago News.

With a Burlington train photographing itself while going sixty-five miles an hour, hoving picture men should not be discouraged over a machine that one day may take "Teddy" Roosevelt in action.

Wonderful and Fearful Logic.

Omaha World-Herald.

Republican logic is something weird and wonderful. It takes out Hoar to be a patriot for going against his convictions, and Davis to be a traitor for standing by his convictions.

As He Did His "Plain Duty."

Boston Herald.

It is noted that McKinley omitted to say anything about trusts in his speech of acceptance. Perhaps he forgot it.

A Sure-Thing Prophet.

Baltimore American.

Li Hung Chang will either get a new yellow jacket or lose his old one some time this year.

AT THE GRAND.

A matinee today at 2:30 and a performance tonight at 8:15 will conclude the presentation at the Grand by the Valentine Stock company of Palgrave Smith's entertaining comedy, "A Scrap of Paper." E. R. Mawson is seen to excellent advantage in the role of Prosper Courament, and Miss Meta Maynard, as Suzanne de Ruseville, finds one of the most congenial roles she has yet appeared in.

Commencing tomorrow night, for the first half of the week will be seen a presentation of d'Ennery's famous play, "The Two Orphans." In the role of Louise, the blind girl, Miss Meta Maynard, the leading lady of the company, is said to appear to excellent advantage, while as Pierre Frouchard, Mr. E. R. Mawson is said to find a role peculiarly suited to his dramatic talent. The balance of the cast, which calls for the full strength of the Valentine company, is promised to be in capable hands, and the stage settings and effects will be of a nature seldom seen in stock productions.

For the last half of the week the Valentine company will present "Lady Windermere's Fan."

MAJORITY TO BE KILLED.

Hampton Gives Sensational Evidence Against Powers and ex-Gov. Taylor.

GEORGETOWN, Ky., July 27.—The prosecution placed their star witness, Wharton Golden, on the stand in the Powers trial this afternoon, and unless their present plans are changed, will rest their case at the conclusion of his testimony tomorrow.

Golden went over the details of the number of mountain men who were brought to Frankfort, and said it was the purpose of these men to kill off enough Democratic legislators to give the Republicans a majority. Golden said that Caleb Powers, in January, asked him to go to the mountains and get a crowd of mountain feudists to bring to Frankfort. Powers accompanied witness part of the way on the trip.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 27.—Col. T. F. Madley, a capitalist and architect of this city, died today of typhoid fever at his apartments in the Milton house. Col. Marley formerly lived in St. Louis and in Nashville. His divorced wife is now in New York. His two daughters are on the stage.

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PART 1—March—"13th Minnesota" ..... Swanson
Overture—"Jolly Robbers" ..... Suppe
Serenade ..... Schubert
Intermezzo—"Salome" ..... Lorraine
Two-Step—"Smoky Mokes" ..... Holtzman

PART 2—March—"Margery" ..... Daniels
Waltz—"Impassioned Dreams" ..... Rosas
a. "Wishing Well," from Jolly Musketeers ..... Edwards
b. "Gypsy Serenade," from Fortune Teller ..... Herbert
Medley of Coon Songs ..... Lacombe

: : : THE : : : Romance of a Ring.

Chicago Tribune.

John Bouroughs got into the habit of taking a dose of literary browsing every afternoon. Indeed, he went as regularly up to the aloof and delightful rooms of the Crerar or public library as other men dropped into their favorite haunts for a glass of Madeira, or a Frenchman stops to sip his 5 o'clock glass of absinthe. To be sure, the reading of good literature was his only intemperance. And love of the arts can never be an objectionable mania, although occasionally it proves an unprofitable one. He was a broker. He was neither young nor old. He was ordinarily good-looking. He was successful in his line, but he continually experienced a sense of deprivation. He fancied the making of a literary luminary was lost in him—obliterated by training and environment. This idea was probably an illusion. Nevertheless, it prevailed. And in reading the poets, in keeping abreast with current thought, and in delving in old books he found much mild and legitimate entertainment. He knew that his pleasure in reading was a vicarious expression of himself—a sort of self-offered atonement for his failure to make his mental imagery vivid to the eyes of less keenly imaginative men.

One blistering summer day he flung off Wabash avenue, passed between wide reddish portals, swung up the few stone steps leading to the hall, entered the elevator at his right, and said, "Sixth!"

One—two! He happened to glance at his hands. He had a feminine detestation of soiled palms and fingers. That rummaging for old receipts in the old desk——

"Six!"

He stepped from the elevator. There, to be sure, at the left, was a row of marble basins. He wheeled around, gave his hat to the attendant, removed his cuffs, and turned the hot water faucet. A sense of gratitude to the founder of this particular library, and to the individual who suggested a public lavatory, came over him. One of these days, when he had made his pile, he would see that his money reverted to those who should be benefited in a manner at once as worthy and artistic as the former, as utilitarian as the latter. He——

Whose ring was that?

It lay on the marble slab before which he stood lathering his shapely hands. A tiny golden circlet, set with one flashing diamond, which was flanked by emeralds, gleaming and translucent as the heart of an ocean wave. A beautiful little trinket! Never had he touched or handled a woman's ring. Then, why should this seem so absurdly familiar? Where—when—how—had he seen it before? Some time—somewhere. That was sure. The peculiar, old-fashioned filagree work at either end of the jewels drew his attention. He had admired that at the time, and——

"Great Scott!" he said to himself, "what kind of a memory have I got, anyway? I haven't been drinking. Might as well have been, though. To get queered over a bauble——" Just here he picked up the bauble in question and furtively slipped it into his pocket. He sent a stealthy glance in the direction of the attendant. While he fastened his cuffs and pulled down his coat sleeves, and walked away into the long, lovely, book-lined room at his right, he experienced all the sensations of an accomplished kleptomaniac.

If he saw the girl to whom the ring belonged he would recollect under what circumstances he had formerly seen the costly trifle. He would explain. He would apologize. He would restore it to its owner. But there were few in the reference library that hot afternoon. Half a dozen spectacled men deep in ponderous tomes, a few precocious youths with deliberately puckered brows, some middle-aged women who were unnecessarily energetic in the matter of turning the leaves of the books before them—no one else.

A great disappointment swept over Bouroughs. He stood still, fingering the ring in his vest pocket. He must hand it over to one of those in charge of the room. It would undoubtedly be missed and called for. But as he moved forward to perform this act of restoration a swift remembrance of the time—the hour—when he had seen the ring recurred to him.

His friend Dick Lyden had shown it to him.

"This is for the dearest girl in the world," he had explained. "It's my engagement ring for Phyllis Lane. We will be married in the fall, and you'll be best man, God willing!"

Whereat John had shaken his hand heartily and wished him joy, and from that hour experienced a loneliness at once morbid and perplexing. He did not feel like looking up any of his kindred acquaintances today. Those kindly people between covers would be here when he came again. He swung around on his heel. Something caught his eye. What? A lot of tulle fluted into the shape of sweet peas? Braided dark hair over a shapely neck? The glimpse of a young, eager, rose-lipped face bent over a book of old English engravings?

Three seconds—six! He was beside her, was looking down at the pretty pink, ringless hands.

"I beg your pardon,' he said, standing bareheaded before her. "Your name is Miss Lane?"

She rose, coloring deeply, drawing back a little, looking up at him.

"You are mistaken, sir. My name is Faith Ferris."

Bouroughs drew the ring from his pocket. "This——" he began.

She started—glanced down at her unadorned fingers. "Have I lost—did I leave that in the lavatory? How good you are to seek me out! It is the engagement ring of my cousin, Phyllis. I begged her to let me wear it to town, that I might remember a certain commission. I took it off when I washed my hands before coming in here. I do a good deal of magazine work, you know, and occasionally there are references to be secured. How shall I thank you?"

"By letting me offer you the use of the library I have been accumulating. I adore literary work, but have only the desire, lacking ability. And—as I'm to be best man for Dick Lyden this fall—perhaps you will allow me to see you home."

He did not browse in the library that day. He did see Miss Ferris home. And it seems that there is to be another romance of a ring—or the romance of another ring——

But this is anticipating.

One Thing We Escape.

Baltimore American.

Towson—There's no use trying to be up-to-date in slang.

Yorkrode—Why?

Towson—There is no Chinese equivalent for "trek."

IN THE BUSINESS WORLD

NO IMPORTANT FLUCTUATIONS WERE RECORDED BY BRADSTREET'S LAST WEEK

GOOD CORN CROP ASSURED

Iron Trade, However, More Depressed Than for Several Years Past—Wool and Cotton Looking Up.

NEW YORK, July 27.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

"Important changes in trade and speculation are notably lacking this week, but counter currents of demand in various industries and sections lend rather more than an irregular appearance to the general situation. Among the notable features calling for notice are the practical assurance of an immense corn crop in the West; the cheerful reports from the sections which have gathered and are now marketing large winter wheat crop, advices of continued improvement in the tone in the Northwest, with reports of renewal of earlier canceled orders for fall goods, fairly satisfactory gains in gross railway earnings, less weakness in prices of the country's leading cereal products, based apparently on renewed buying for export, and rather more inquiry for raw wool by manufacturers.

"Unfavorable elements in trade find their chief and greatest exposition in the iron and steel business. That industry is, if possible, more depressed than at any time for three years past, and expectations that price declines will be checked by the arrival of finished material at the cost basis have been disappointed, because this week's steel bars have been sold in some instances at 1c per pound, which is unquestionably below the basis of cost of raw materials and manufacture. It is still a buyer's market, with everything that is important. Business would undoubtedly expand if ship room was available. Among other metals tin is the only one of the free arrivals, after touching the highest point in twenty-seven years.

"Trade in dry goods, at the East particularly, seems backward pending a clearer realization of the cotton goods situation. Bleached goods have been reduced, but brown goods and cottons are steady. Some selling of their raw cotton by Eastern mills for exports is reported. Satisfaction is expressed as to exports. Rather more inquiry for wool at Eastern markets is a sign of manufacturers getting ready for the light-weight season.

"Wheat, including flour shipments, for the week aggregate 2,613,670 bushels, against 2,197,000 bushels last week, 3,366,432 bushels in the corresponding week of 1899, 2,197,000 bushels in 1898, 3,820,000 bushels in 1897, and 2,648,748 bushels in 1896. From July 1 to date the season wheat exports are 11,141,860 bushels, against 13,797,120 bushels last season, and 1,381,810 bushels in 1898-99. Corn exports for the week aggregated 3,243,745 bushels, against 4,182,159 bushels last week, 3,700,320 bushels a year ago, 3,861,100 bushels in 1898, 3,182,715 bushels in 1897, and 1,595,820 bushels in 1896. From July 1 to date, this season, corn exports aggregated 15,083,266 bushels, against 6,017,106 bushels last season, and 9,170,000 bushels in 1896-97.

"Business failures are smaller, numbering 183 in the United States, as compared with 202 last week, 170 in this week a year ago, 189 in 1898, 259 in 1897, and 221 in 1896.

"Canadian failures number 13, against 26 last week, 16 in this week last year."

DUN'S TRADE REVIEW.

A Rather Optimistic View of the Situation as It Now Stands.

NEW YORK, July 27.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:

"Speculative active is not present to discourage business. Producers and consumers are getting together in more than one direction, although mid-summer inactivity is emphasized by disturbed foreign relations and the hesitation always attending a political campaign. False starts are to be feared, but the dangerous optimism of last autumn is lacking, and new business is at lower prices. A stop in the decline in wool brought many manufactures into the market. Good sales of California territorial wools were made to mills, and the trade expects larger purchases to follow the opening of spring. Holders who have had difficulty in storing were the chief sellers. Sales of wool at the three chief markets were only 4,377,800 pounds, against 10,773,500 last year.

"Jobbers in boots and shoes are demanding prompt delivery on old orders, but new business is scarce. Further delay in fall and winter orders will entail reduction of forces at factories. Many manufacturers are taking leather only for immediate needs, but sole is more active, and a large sale for Berlin at moderate concession is reported. Parker hides sell freely at Chicago at the recently reduced price."

BUSINESS IS DULL.

Bradstreet's Review of Situation—Gold Shipments to London.

NEW YORK, July 27.—Bradstreets' review of the New York stock market tomorrow will say:

"Intense dullness has been the rule this week in connection with the stock market. Speculative activity has shrunk to the narrowest proportions, and a heavy tone is shown, due to the increased attention the public and the market here are giving to the Chinese situation. Unsettled securities' markets and the hardening in money abroad have resulted in moderate, but fairly steady settling of American stocks by foreigners. At the same time the advance in open market discount rates at London to above 4 per cent, and the hardening of exchange here created a feeling that heavy gold shipments from New York to London may be anticipated.

"The movement of the markets abroad this week was favorable to London and adverse to Paris, the result of sterling rates at the latter city in particular making the triangular arrangements through which gold had been shipped from New York to Paris no longer profitable. No gold was therefore sent out on the French steamers sailing on Thursday, but, as demand sterling has been advancing to nearly $4.88, it was appreciated that only the direction of the gold outflow had been changed, and that London would from now on be the probable destination of these shipments. The investment demand for dividend paying stocks noted early in the present month has subsided, and the public is not inclined to take part in speculation at present.

"Floating supplies of most stocks are, however, small, and there is still no disposition on the part of the actual holders of securities to sell them."

Weekly Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, July 27.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ended July 26, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

		Inc.	Dec.
New York	$769,886,194	.....	13.7
Boston	98,838,629	.....	30.2
Chicago	119,848,448	10.1	.....
Philadelphia	83,658,098	.....	5.0
St. Louis	28,540,937	2.9	.....
Pittsburg	32,799,408	.....	20.0
Baltimore	17,678,623	.....	9.4
San Francisco	17,116,810	.....	9.8
Cincinnati	14,299,500	5.9	.....
Kansas City	13,365,532	26.1	.....
New Orleans	7,655,951	21.2	.....
Minneapolis	9,586,729	19.3	.....
Detroit	8,256,567	0.9	.....
Cleveland	10,917,427	15.7	.....
Louisville	7,099,333	1.9	.....
Providence	5,419,300	.....	8.9
Milwaukee	5,154,803	24.2	.....
St. Paul	5,035,584	15.4	.....
Buffalo	4,533,615	.....	.....
Omaha	6,319,452	.....	3.4
Indianapolis	6,064,207	7.4	.....
Columbus, O	4,822,600	.....	2.4
Washington	1,944,831	.....	7.1
Portland, Or	1,588,169	12.9	.....
Des Moines	1,203,756	.....	13.5
Seattle	4,549,886	140.1	.....
Tacoma	957,182	.....	15.9
Spokane	816,101	5.9	.....
Sioux City	211,622	.....	.....
Fargo, N. D	135,295	.....	8.7
Sioux Falls, S. D.	718,008	23.1	.....
Helena			
Totals, U. S.	$1,337,153,230	.....	9.7
Totals outside N.Y.	567,267,036	.....	3.4
DOMINION OF CANADA.			
Montreal	$14,034,439	.....	8.8
Toronto	9,377,453	14.4	.....
Winnipeg	2,145,359	11.5	.....
Halifax	1,507,763	20.1	.....
Hamilton	680,281	.....	.....
St. John, N. B.