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That senate investigating committee appears to be washing hemp instead of linen.

From current reports, our old friend, Pat Crowe, must have been organizing a kidnaping syndicate.

The biggest bar in the world is reported to be dying in Paris. The people who gave him that title doubtless never saw those American yellow journals.

The British commanders have evolved a plan to corner the Boers. But when they lift up their thumb they will probably find the Boers like the Irishman's flea-gone.

The suggestion that the democrats hand over all the school board nominations in Omaha to the populists shows how lightly the interests of the schools are held by the democrats.

Secretary Algor wants all the free advertising for his forthcoming book that he can get, and if he does not get it it will not be because he has not chosen shining marks for his criticism.

The paramount issue in Omaha and Douglas county is the reduction of taxation through the abolition of tax-eaters and enforcement of business methods in the administration of the affairs of city, county and school district.

The enthusiasm of the populist portion of the fusion press over the state ticket is several degrees below zero, with no present indication of rising temperature. The convention frolic was too severe to allow of early recovery.

Sir Thomas Lipton announces that he will make another trial for the America's cup. If he can extract any pleasure out of the contests the people of this country certainly will not begrudge it to him, for no truer sportsman ever sailed the sea.

According to Commissioner Ostrom it has cost the county as high as 75 cents a yard for grading roadways during the past year, when it should not cost exceeding 20 cents a yard. How can anybody justify such reckless waste of the taxpayers' money?

An appropriation of 13,000,000 taels has been made to pay the expenses of the return trip of the Chinese coast to Peking. The Chinese board of transportation should exert itself to secure a pass for the emperor and his friends when regular fare is so high.

Consistency is not one of the jewels in the diadem of the local popocratic organ. While it appeals for support for Power and Ellasser on the ground that they are entitled to re-election because they have served only one term, it does not want to apply the same rule to the republican candidates who have served only one term.

One of the most notable victories of American trade was the awarding by a Spanish company of a large contract for railway equipment to American manufacturers against British competitors.

It is certain that had other conditions been equal the order would not have come to this country. All American machinery needs to demonstrate its superiority is the case.

State Treasurer Stuefer is supplying the common enemy with a good deal of ammunition. The state treasurer ought to know that the people of Nebraska are more sensitive about the school fund than about any other thing, and that is why the republican state convention made a flat-footed declaration in favor of periodic publicity of the whereabouts of all the money in the custody of the state treasurer.

The refusal of Mr. Stuefer to comply with this demand places the party in a false light.

NOT INCONSISTENT WITH PROTECTION.

The republicans of Massachusetts in their platform declare in favor of maintaining the protective policy and say: "Reciprocity of trade with foreign countries is not inconsistent with an adequate measure of protection to American industries. We declare in favor of wise discrimination and businesslike executive and legislative reciprocity and urge action to that end."

It is in accord with the republican national platform of 1896, which declared that "protection and reciprocity are twin measures of republican policy and go hand in hand," and that "reciprocity builds up foreign trade and finds an outlet for our surplus."

No doubt in these conventions has any republican that reciprocity is consistent with an adequate measure of protection to American industries. Mr. McKinley, whose earnest devotion to the protective policy will not be questioned, did not regard reciprocity as inconsistent with that policy.

Mr. Dingley, one of the ablest and staunchest supporters of protection, and the man associated with him in framing the existing tariff, had no thought of reciprocity being inconsistent with protection to American industries.

The Massachusetts republicans, therefore, are entirely in accord with the position of the party on this question during the past eleven years, or since the principle of reciprocity was made a part of republican policy in the McKinley tariff of 1890.

The latest advices regarding the trouble between Venezuela and Colombia indicate that both are playing a waiting game. Venezuela has addressed a note to Colombia in awaiting an answer before taking action and Colombia, it would seem, is in no hurry to reply.

Congressman Shafroth of Colorado, who has just returned from the Philippines, declares in favor of relinquishing the islands. He admits that this country of the islands, but he urges that they will not be of financial benefit to the United States during the present generation.

The European representative of Venezuela is credited with saying that the United States is falsely circulating stories of war in South America as a cloak for interference in that part of the world.

THE UNION PACIFIC BRIDGE TAX.

The announcement that an appeal will be taken from the decision of Judge McPherson, that declares that the east half of the Union Pacific bridge, located within the boundaries of Council Bluffs, is exempt from city taxation, will be hailed with satisfaction.

It also follows as a sequence that if the Union Pacific bridge has become an integral part of the main line for taxation the bridge tolls now exacted must be reduced to a mileage rate.

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Deserves His Fate.

Chicago Record-Herald. Chancey M. Dewey is going to marry a lady who speaks four languages fluently. There are plenty of people who will cling to the belief that he richly deserves it.

Right to the Point.

Chicago Tribune. By what right, anyhow, does an anarchist editor, who advocates the abolition of law and government, claim the assistance of the government in disseminating his intellectual output?

Note the Difference.

Kansas City Journal. In some quarters it has been held that President Roosevelt is weakening on the policy of protection.

Hard Worked Angels.

Louisville Courier-Journal. To join the wisdom of the serpent with the cooling of the dove—to keep the head cool and the hand going—to be wide awake and fully sober at all times of the day and the night—these are the adjustments which the angels that shed their light over the cradle of democracy now send down to us from mansions in the skies.

The Cloth Still Lags.

Boston Herald. Mr. Morgan's ninety-six-hour trip across the continent from New York to San Francisco, in company with his brother churchman, has been beaten only once in the history of railroading, and that was by a theatrical company, which made the journey in six hours and ten minutes.

The Old One Good Enough.

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Fort Crook to Manila.

Manila Freedom.

The battalion of the Twenty-second Infantry, formerly commanded by Major Ballance, later General Ballance, and now again Major Ballance, will go garrison duty in Manila. If any regiment in the United States Army deserves this assignment it is the Twenty-second. This regiment saw the hardest service in Cuba, where it lost its colonel and a large percentage of its officers and men.

PUTTING ON THE BRAKES.

Characteristic Haste of Americans Gradually Decreasing. Indianapolis News. That we live in a fast-paced country has long been a fact. Fundamentally, the cause of it is the old mistake of considering the means as the end.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

Scenes and Incidents Observed at the National Capital. A neat little scheme, engineered by promoters of a Washington suburb, has encountered a frost at the White House.

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FLASHES OF FUN.

Somerville Journal: Never mind how a woman's parlor looks. The test of a housekeeper is the condition of her back.

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Journalism the admiral hurried into the retiring room in the rear of the court, balanced the basket on his knee and patiently unwound the narrow blue ribbon. After he finishes his luncheon he as patiently wraps the ribbon around the basket again and puts it carefully on his table. When his work is done for the day he hears his lunch basket in his carriage, tenderly places it on the seat beside him and drives out of the navy yard. The crowd enjoys the heribonad lunch basket almost as much as the admiral appears to enjoy its contents, but so far as can be ascertained no one has had the temerity to chide him about it, although it is well known that the admiral enjoys a joke.

There is a musical sidewalk out in the navy yard. It leads to the gunners' workshop from the wide gate that closes the main entrance. It is formed of iron plates about two feet long and twenty inches wide, and the officers who live in the houses alongside the walk say they never noticed its musical qualities until the throngs began to walk over it on their way to the court of inquiry. Now dozens of men can be found in the navy yard who are willing to swear that a pedestrian if sufficiently acquainted with this peculiar style of walking can play any classic just as effectively as can a skilled musician on a piano. The heels of the walker, when one steps briskly, bring out various notes similar to those of a xylophone. Some claim that they have heard a small well known airs played on the sidewalk, while one highly imaginative man avows that on the day after President McKinley's funeral he heard "Nearer, My God, to Thee," issued from these iron plates as clearly as the dead president's favorite hymn was rendered by the Marine band on the day previous.

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