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The deputy sheriffs in St. Louis appear to have been impatient to try their new guns.

Even John R. McLean has given Deway up as a bad job and abandoned him to his fate.

The Boers are getting an extensive list of the British nobility on their roster of prisoners.

Wheat is journeying toward the dollar park by long jumps and without the aid of Mr. Joe Letter.

Methuen is again up against a force of Boers. In the case of Methuen it is usually the expected which happens.

Wheat joins up three cents a day and a crop of 80,000,000 bushels being harvested in Kansas. No; there's nothing the matter with Kansas.

Gen. Otis doesn't believe that Aringaldo is dead. The general's doubts, probably are due to a long acquaintance with the manners and habits of the Filipino leader.

The Boers are conducting themselves in a most unaccommodating even out-lash fashion. While the British were still celebrating the close of the war, these Dutchmen jumped in and killed, wounded or captured an entire battalion of Roberts' army and cut him off from communication with his base of supplies.

TWO KINDS OF TRUSTS. In answer to the question: "Is not the labor trust an oppressive as any other trust?" the New York Journal points the difference, from its point of view as follows:

On the plains it sometimes happens that a troop of ravenous wolves surround a herd of buffalo, among which are many calves. The herd bunches closely together for protection, with horns to the foe.

Here we have two trusts—offensive and defensive. On the one hand, a combination of greed, the other a defensive combination of distress. Is it not right to thin out the wolves with a legislative sheath, and let the buffalo go in peace?

There is a vast difference in the money-power of ten men with a million dollars each, and a million men with ten dollars each. Ten millionaires band together to kill competition, corner products, reduce wages and restrict supply. A million men organized by the union to organize for the maintenance of the right of every laboring man to a fair share of the wealth he creates.

The labor trust, not—say, cannot—purchase congressmen, dictate to courts, command nominations to public offices or influence the producers. Labor's time is thoroughly occupied in self-defense.

We have given here a few of the differences between the offensive trust of capital and the defensive trust of labor. They are as far apart in principle and in practice as night and day.

There is no man in the world that has nothing more than muscle and mechanical skill for his foundation. Such trusts should not be confounded with the criminal trust. Neither should they be legislated against.

THE TROUBLE IN CHINA. The beginning of the trouble at present existing in China dates back about two years.

Kwang Su, the emperor, prepared the way for his deposition by a sudden surrender to the influence of liberal ideas. Yielding to the persuasion of a group of intelligent and patriotic Chinamen, who understood that something must be done to preserve the empire from decay, he started the diplomatic work by issuing nine edicts whose enforcement would more or less rapidly have revolutionized the political administration of the Chinese empire.

To abolish the competitive examinations by means of which for more than five hundred years official appointments have been made and which, as the subjects upon which candidates are examined are confined to the Chinese classics constitute the greatest obstacle to the adoption in China of new ideas.

To establish and endow a Pekin university.

To turn the temples into schools.

To provide for the translation into Chinese of western literary and scientific works.

To institute a patent office.

To secure the protection of Christians from persecution.

To convert the reform newspaper into the official organ of the government.

To suppress superfluous offices.

To enable young Manchus to go abroad and study foreign languages.

The reformers, with the characteristic zeal of converts, made the fatal mistake of trying to do too much all at once and their indiscretion furnished the dowager empress with her opportunity. She was able to count with confidence upon the support of the great mandarins, of men like Li Hung Chang, who had attained to wealth and power under the old regime and who had no desire for change, and the vigorous measures which she promptly took to undo the emperor's well meant but hopelessly impractical procedure attracted no effective opposition.

The edicts were revoked, four of the reformers were executed, four of the reformers were only escaped the same fate by flight, and the emperor was constrained

to declare that owing to his physical infirmities he felt himself to be unequal to carry on the task of government unassisted, and that he had accordingly invited the dowager empress to resume her former functions of regent. Then Kwang Su disappeared into the innermost recesses of the Forbidden City and Pei An reigned in his stead.

Last October dispatches from Peking announced that the wretched Kwang Su had discovered that, even with the assistance of a regent who relieved him of all responsibility, the task of being emperor was too great for his strength and that he had accordingly abdicated the throne in favor of Pu Chun, son of Prince Tuan and grandson of the former Emperor Hsien Feng.

The principal recommendation of Pu Chun in the eyes of the dowager seems to have been his extreme youth. He is nine years old, a circumstance which insures a prolonged extension of the regency. In the meanwhile Kwang Su has dropped entirely out of sight and hearing, and it is rather more than likely that were the powers acting in concert to make a serious attempt at accomplishing his restoration it would be found that the thing could not be done because the ex-emperor had been sent to join his more or less illustrious ancestors. Assassination is one of Pei An's strong points.

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CYCLISTS COLLIDE.

Tom Cooper and Frank Kramer New York, June 12.—The one mile match race between Tom Cooper and Frank Kramer at the Valesburg bicycle track Sunday, ended in a mix-up after the men had raced 3/4 of a mile.

When the pacemaker dropped out in the Cooper-Kramer match just before the 3/4 post, Cooper was in front. He started to pull up the bank from the pole and Kramer tried to get through. The space was not large enough, and Kramer's wheel caught Cooper's pedal and the riders were thrown with terrific force. They remounted and although Kramer got a lead of 25 yards, Cooper passed him on the sprint home. Kramer then claimed a foul, but finally the whole affair was compromised by declaring the race off. It will be run over again on June 24.

Of the other races the feature was the team work of McFarland and Stevens in the five mile handicap. Stevens won the race. Summary:

Half mile open, professional—Won by Abe Augustus, whose assessment shows an increase of \$7,000 over that of last year, called on the county commissioners Monday afternoon and stated their respective lines of business and a plan of endeavor to equalize the assessments according to the amount of stock carried.

The members of the board readily agreed that this condition is manifestly unjust to the merchants concerned, and expressed a willingness to do everything possible toward equalizing the assessment. It was finally decided that the board should classify the various merchants of the city according to their respective lines of business and a plan of endeavor to equalize the assessments according to the amount of stock carried.

Warren M. Crosby stated that Mr. Leavitt, the assessor, had held out the idea that the rate of taxation was to be reduced as a result of the increased assessment. The commission stated that if it was possible to reduce the rate the reduction would be made.

TEACHERS' CHANGES. Miss Carrie Goddard Succeeds Mrs. West in Garfield School.

At the June meeting of the board of education, Mrs. Mary C. West resigned her position as principal of Garfield school, and Miss Carrie Goddard, principal of Jackson school was appointed in her stead. Miss Edith Moore of the Lincoln school was appointed to succeed Mrs. West in Garfield school.

Miss E. C. Samson asked to be relieved of the principalship of the Lowman Hill school and assigned to a position as teacher. Her request was granted and Mr. George H. Hayes has been assigned to the vacant principalship.

BRICKLAYERS QUIT. Three Hundred Employees of Chicago Go on a Strike.