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The U. S. Senate needs about forty-  
five Billy Masons.  
The new tariff bill doubles the inter-  
national revenue tax on beer and tobacco.  
The Greek cause is undoubtedly a  
lost one. Turkey made it too hot for  
Greece, and she melted.  
President McKinley is understood to  
have said that Uncle Sam must find a  
way and that soon, to stop the suffering  
in Cuba.

The Nebraska maximum freight  
rate law case is still slumbering with  
the U. S. Supreme Court where it was  
evidently put to sleep by the grand elu-  
quence of the Wm. Jennings Bryan.  
The Greeks have been traveling over  
a terrible slippery road of late and they  
will undoubtedly be compelled to obtain  
a new one. In any event the blamed  
Turk should be made to go.  
The way the wheat crop shoots up  
out of the ground is enough to make  
the average pop shed tears of gall. In  
a few short months his stock of trade  
will have vanished to the air ship.

Nobody cares how much gold flows  
out of the country so long as it flows  
back again and it always does when  
Uncle Sam gets down to business, and  
as soon as President McKinley can get  
the wild horses in the Senate tamed,  
all will be well.  
Editor Rosewater of the Omaha Bee,  
has been selected by Postmaster Gen-  
eral Gary as one of the five delegates  
from the United States to attend the  
World's Postal Congress which com-  
venes in Washington this month. Sixty  
odd countries will take part in the  
Washington meeting.

The people in general are willing  
that Grover and McKinley should  
be called by their names, or any other kind  
of war, for it is known that Grover's  
duck gun is loaded. "Lay on McDuff!"  
etc. In the meantime the McKinley  
administration will be administering a  
healthy dose of medicine which will re-  
lieve Uncle Samuel of that tired feeling.

Apparently the newspaper boys are  
going to fare well under the present  
administration. Editor Mottross of  
the Republican will serve as postmaster  
at Battle Creek during the next four  
years; Mell Sehnied of the Eagle will  
act in like capacity at Dakota City, and  
W. H. McNeal of the Wayne Herald is  
conceded to have the inside track for  
appointment to the office at that place.  
—Wakefield Republican.

When it is well known the world over  
that England tackled Uncle Samuel  
twice in the past with disastrous results  
to John Bull, it seems rather strange  
that Japan would presume to assert  
that we had better not annex Hawaii.  
The Japs will find that they are not  
monkeying with Chinamen when they  
tackle the American people, and in all  
probability if the United States thinks  
it's business to annex the Sandwich Is-  
lands, it will be done without the aid  
or consent of either England or Japan.

If the Dingley tariff bill is such a  
bad thing, why don't the democrats let  
the republicans pass it; in fact, the  
democrats ought to help them pass it,  
because if it is a bad thing for the  
country, the democrats would carry  
everything in sight four years from  
now and they can't do it before then in  
any event. However, democracy knows  
better. They well know that republi-  
can laws and republicans in power at  
the head of the national government  
means prosperity, and that for many  
years the cuckoos and free silver dem-  
pops will be out of a job.

The Norfolk Journal says: "While  
the Governors of other states were in  
New York paying tribute to the memory  
of General Grant, Governor Holcomb  
was in Texas having a good time with  
the railroad magnates and plutocrats."  
Oh! Well, he is a populist you know,  
and anything a populist does is all  
right (?) even if he had to count in two  
Supreme Judges fraudulently, but if  
the railroads extend courtesies to re-  
publicans, why of course, that's all  
wrong. There's a good deal of twaddle-  
dum and twaddle-dee about the whole  
business. No doubt the railroads  
might do better by the farmer in re-  
gard to freight rates and especially at  
times, and no doubt they will be com-  
pelled to, yet there is everlastingly  
much "yapping" about railroads and  
less attention given to saving the earn-  
ings of one's own business. If a man  
makes a success of the latter, he will  
have no occasion to care what some  
one else makes or says.

**Rambling Thoughts**  
BY NEMO.  
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The ground beneath our feet is al-  
ready restless with the thrusting vigor  
of seeds, whose mysteries and resistless  
power is compelling the soil to give up  
its dead to live again. Our every foot-  
step is dogged with the tireless tasks of  
earthworms and insects, tunneling in  
all directions that the soil compacted  
pacted by the winter's storms may be  
in reach of the life-impelling influences  
of air and warmth. Invisible energies  
are crying aloud to the hillsides and to  
the valleys, to the creatures that hiber-  
nate and to the birds that migrate, to  
insects and to grubs. "Let there be  
life!" and there is life, so pervasive that  
though we fly to the uttermost desert,  
it is there; though we bury ourselves in  
the deepest mine, it is there.

The glory of green flung suddenly  
over sober fields and naked trees, the  
flutter of busy birds twittering and  
whistling of love and defiance, the sub-  
odors of flowers and of grasses: all  
unite to thrill the senses, until the  
healthy heart is filled with the same  
universal joy of living. The blind can  
feel the change, and the deaf can see it;  
every living thing answers the sum-  
mons. The heart of the young grows  
light, for is not the time of listening to  
the birds and of gathering flowers at  
hand? The sluggish blood of the aged  
courses more freely again and the de-  
vout heart swells with gratitude for  
one more Spring in the "world beauti-  
ful." Even the room of the invalid be-  
comes the home of unselfish pleasure  
at the thought of the merriment and  
sunshine that fill the world.

But there is a message to the reason  
and an appeal to the soul in spring-  
time, far transcending any gratification  
of the senses. "It exalts at once to  
us the almost delicious joy with which  
the season is greeted. What is it? The  
real recognition—in some cases, in-  
stinctive; but none the less real—that  
for the time being life has triumphed,  
though the earth for months has lain  
in the valley of the Shadow of Death.  
Life out of death; victory out of defeat,  
now energy fed by the things that have  
perished!" This is the joy of Spring.

Viewed in one's room and de-  
ath is over everything  
mundane. It is a sad enough picture,  
yet needful to remember in order to  
gain the full lesson from the full now  
swarming in earth and air and sky. It  
is unsafe to assert that their arethings  
the Almighty cannot do. One thing,  
however, is certain; He has never yet  
made a living creature with a material  
body that lasts forever. As soon as the  
elements of living things are gathered  
together the conflict between life and  
death begins; with ultimate victory  
completely assured for the latter. Ev-  
erything that lives is a battle-ground  
for forces that are doing their best to  
send it back dissolved into its original  
elements. AND THEY SUCCEED.

The Creative Force in the world ap-  
pears to love living things and to hate  
death; if it were not so, why the tricks  
and devices for enabling things that  
live, though themselves perish, yet still  
to retain a place on the earth through  
their descendants? The arch-enemy of  
all created things may triumph over  
the individual of any class, but he is  
not triumphant all along the line, else  
were this globe long ago a lifeless des-  
ert. Victory is wrested from death by  
the various species passing on their  
life into new beings of the same species,  
or, in other words, by reproduction. So  
while the dying perish, the feud with  
death is still maintained by the living  
who step into the breach; they in their  
turn passing on to others the precious  
heritage of life to be guarded at all  
hazards and entrusted in undiminished  
force and beauty to those that follow  
still later. The greatest joy of Spring  
is, therefore, that it is a living picture  
of conquest; a short-lived triumph in-  
deed but yet sweet while it lasts for  
there is prepared from its results the  
next generation of plants and insects  
and animals, so that the world may not  
be lifeless. Spring, now is thy glory!  
Grave, where is thy victory?

This is not the place for a discussion  
as to whether death will be finally driv-  
en from our sphere. That is too remote  
a contingency to be considered. On  
the other hand the present law, the one  
that has control of you and me, is that  
after a certain time life will cease to  
energize us and our conscious share in  
the world's doings comes to an end.  
Because of the agonizing fear of death  
that darkened my childhood days, I am  
not unaware of the fierce longing in  
the strong and energetic heart for life  
everlasting in the world ever beautiful,  
I sympathize with it. But that cannot  
be. Then, what shall be done? Take  
another glance at Nature to emphasize  
what this feeble mind would fain utter  
with compelling force. Like produces  
like, with this limitation that an indi-  
vidual tree or creature, stronger or  
weaker than its fellow, passes on a  
strengthened or weakened heritage to  
those who follow. Outside influences,  
good or bad, and the surrender of the

their power also help to make or mar  
the prospects of that race of trees or  
creatures. There is no imagination in  
this; but sober truth.  
Now our race also has its perpetual  
Spring, in the beauty and charm of  
child-life; where bright smiles and joy-  
ous laughter, overflowing energy and  
eager hopefulness proclaim the same  
truth as the glorified landscape that  
now so laces the eye. Life is not in  
children save by reason of us; life is  
not in us save by reason of those who  
have gone before. Existence is, there-  
fore, no mere toy to be played with and  
thrown away, but a trust-fund from the  
interest of which we gain all the bliss  
and joys of life; but from the principal  
of which we must take nothing by rea-  
son of wrong living, or those who follow  
us may righteously curse us for our  
selfishness.  
Sleep at the end of a weary day is  
fitting and right; the death of the hon-  
orable and brave is part of the order of  
things and part of progress. The old  
giveth place to the new, and the only  
sting of death is Sin!

Over one hundred people were burn-  
ed to death in a charity bazaar in Paris  
yesterday, and 200 more were injured.  
The victims were among the elite of the  
city.  
Jerry Simpson of Kansas, run up  
against Speaker Reed on Monday, and  
the soulless statesman hasn't been able  
to get the wheels in his "bike" to run-  
ning since.

Senator Thurston is meeting with  
pretty good success in taking care of  
his Nebraska friends notwithstanding  
the fact that this state did its worst.  
Altogether Nebraska has more good  
jobs now in the civil service than ever  
before and there are a number of our  
statesmen who are still feeding off hope.  
The appointments are all merited and  
creditable. Mr. Thurston declined a  
seat in the cabinet but he did not lose  
the friendship and respect of the presi-  
dent. —York Times.

Our governor is only common clay,  
after all. The pop papers nearly had a  
spasm when Senator Thurston and wife  
traveled in a special car to the south a  
few days ago, and now our own and on-  
ly Silas, who is supposed to look with  
scorn upon a railroad pass, has pro-  
ceeded on a junket to Texas with  
some of his wife and other hangers  
on of the gubernatorial skirts, as the  
guests of the Missouri Pacific. Of  
course it's all right, and the governor  
would be a chump not to accept the  
courtesies of the railroad company, but  
the reform press brethren shouldn't  
get so mealy-mouthed when republican  
officials do something of the same kind.  
—Madison Chronicle.

The Times-Herald tells it correctly in  
the following: "While the protection-  
ists have conceded for the sake of har-  
mony the right of the democratic mem-  
bers of the senate finance committee to  
consider the Dingley bill before it is  
reported to the Senate, it will be gen-  
erally acknowledged that such a pro-  
ceeding will be purely perfunctory and  
cannot result in any material changes  
in the report. Neither will such con-  
sideration help in any way to expedite  
the progress of the measure through  
the senate. On the contrary, it is al-  
most certain to retard it, for the reason  
that the views of the minority of the  
committee, no matter how carefully  
they may be elaborated for the instruc-  
tion of the democrats and populists,  
will not shorten the general debate in  
the senate by one hour.

While it is argued that the anti-ad-  
ministration members of the commit-  
tee have not been in a position to criti-  
cally examine the schedules and have  
interposed no objection, it must be  
remembered that the committee is  
merely following the precedent estab-  
lished by the democratic committee  
which presented the Wilson-Gorman  
bill, which not only denied the republi-  
can any voice in the construction of  
the schedules but absolutely ignored  
all the vast industrial and commercial  
interests that were certain to be seri-  
ously affected by the law.

The democrats have indicated no de-  
sire to suggest amendments up to this  
time. To attempt to modify the bill  
in committee would be especially use-  
less and dilatory at this time, because  
of the pressing demand of the business  
interests of the country for a speedy  
settlement of the question, to the end  
that industrial activity shall set in as  
soon as possible. In his answer to ex-  
President Cleveland's diatribe before  
the Reform Club, Congressman Dingley  
emphasizes the urgent need of quick  
action by reminding the democrats that  
the longer the bill is kept in the senate  
the longer it will take the country to  
absorb the enormous amounts of foreign  
goods now being forced upon the mar-  
ket, and hence the more remote will be  
the promised advent of prosperity.

The democrats have declared that  
they have no desire to throw any ob-  
stacles in the way of the legislation  
which is to bring about prosperity. If  
this promise is to be kept in good faith  
the democratic members of the com-  
mittee will cut their debate short. The  
general debate in the senate will afford  
ample opportunity for the exploitation  
of the usual free trade theories and the  
submission of the amendments that are  
already anticipated.

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CHAPTER VIII.

The cloud which had fallen on the expression of Miles O'Hara's face as he watched his sister and Eric Llewellyn passing the window hastily and in silence with averted faces, deepens perceptibly as he scans the looks of both as they enter the room.

"And to make the mater's mind happy, by telling her I really am going to marry and settle myself; and to tell Ettie, of course."

"I trust I will not trouble your thoughts again. I have wandered blindly into the fool's paradise, Miss O'Hara, and you have brought me out with rather needless haste and severity, may I say?"

APPEALS FOR INDIA.

TALMAGE IN BEHALF OF A FAMINE-STRIKEN PEOPLE. "Blessed is He that Considereth the Poor; the Lord Will Deliver Him in Time of Trouble."—A Thrilling Story of a "Rostrate People."

towns have died—every man, woman and child; none left to bury the dead. The vultures and the jackals are the only pallbearers. Through some help has been sent, before full relief can reach them I suppose there will be at least 10,000,000 dead.

aries, after feeding the hunger of the body, will be at better advantage to feed the hunger of the soul? When Christ needed the two rail-tracks which united the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, the Central Pacific Railroad was built from California eastward. The Union Pacific Railroad was built westward. They were within arms' reach of meeting, only a more piece of the rail track to put down.

CHAPTER IX.

"By-the-by, Miles," Eric begins, somewhat hesitatingly, "at what time does the second part go out?"

"It's Eric," Miles says, laconically. "That's a nuisance," Eric says, curiously in his turn. "I want to write home to tell them to expect me on Saturday."

He had been bothering me for some time. I guess I had better go see a doctor.

From that continent of perishing folk, from that continent that greets the Christ, from that continent which has been declared by 90 missionary heroes, there comes a groan of 80,000,000 people in hunger.

Christian people of America! I call your attention to the fact that we may now, as never before, by one magnificent stroke open the widest door for the evangelization of Asia.

The wife of a captain of a British vessel is about to apply for a captain's certificate. She has sailed with her husband for eighteen years; and for seven years has carried a second mate's papers.



