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The charge has been made that the sugar trust is backing the Cuban insurgents. This great monopoly was never engaged in a better work, if this is true.

Mr. Corbett and Mr. Fitzsimmons step forward again to inform the public that they may fight after all. The reason for doubting this assertion is that if they fight they would have to stop talking.

Some of the papers are discussing the question of how much, or how little, General Harrison had to do with the framing of the McKinley bill. It doesn't matter in the least. It bears his presidential signature, and it was not affixed under compulsion. And no republican has occasion to apologize for the measure which gave the country the greatest degree of industrial prosperity it has ever known.—Aurora Beacon.

The several sidewalk ordinances passed at the last meeting of the board of trustees provide for a number of badly needed walks. Residents in the different portions of the village where these improvements are to be made are congratulating themselves on the fact that this winter rubber boots will not be a necessity every time it thaws; and that in the case of the old delapidated walks that are to be replaced, an accident policy will no longer be needed.

In sending out its generous invitation to the people of the north and northwest to visit the Atlanta exposition in force next month the south is making an effort in which the north-erners should be glad to meet it more than half way. The invitation has taken form in the cordial announcement sent out by the members of the Chicago Southern States association that all are cordially wanted to take part in the excursion, which will leave Chicago about Nov. 8th.

Downers Grove has been singularly fortunate in not having, as yet, to contend with the gang or gangs of housebreakers and thieves that have been infesting other suburban towns. LaGrange so far, has born the brunt of more than her share of those midnight prowlers. It is reasonable to suppose that we will sooner or later come in for a like visitation unless the rascals are run to earth. In the meantime a little watchful care and preparation may result in warding off possible dangers that menace us all.

At a banquet table in Madison Square the other evening sat twelve men—Matthew S. Quay, Thomas C. Platt, James S. Clarkson, Thomas H. Carter, Garrett A. Hobart, Samuel L. Fessenden, Chauncey I. Filley, Jacob H. Gallinger, Russell A. Alger, Colonel Lamb of Virginia, John R. Tanner of Illinois and J. C. Shortridge, of the San Francisco Call—who will have more, perhaps, to do with choosing the next president than the people of the country themselves. Under our system of caucuses, primaries, delegations and conventions these men, yeilded the "bosses," virtually select the candidate of one great political party for the highest office in the gift of the American people—the most splendid position, short of absolute monarchy, in the world. The twelve—not in apostolic simplicity, but so many Warwicks at wassail—wined and dined, possibly compared notes, certainly measured each other's strength, and separated to lay plans accordingly.

There is an element of fascination to the public mind in such a gathering. We study the meetings of foreign diplomats, for we know that at them the complexion of foreign affairs is tinted and the course of events directed. But are not Quay, Platt, Alger, Clarkson and Tanner, who are seated with powers of far-reaching influence, vitally affecting the course of the republic and its future?

If it happens that we do not regard our own Warwicks with the respect which should be paid to their functions, it is because they, and not their functions, are not always worthy of respect.—Chicago Post.

W.C.T.U. Column.

We are glad to notice the directors of the Atlanta exposition have adopted resolutions instructing the president to order the Mexican village concessionaries to do away with the proposed bull fights, which have brought such unfavorable criticism upon the management, from the more refined and civilized portion of the general public. It is possible this decree of the board may be fought by the Mexicans who have been making every arrangement for this show, but we hope the management will have enough firmness to live up to their present declaration.

Police Commissioner Roosevelt in New York city continues to enforce the law against liquor selling on Sunday. Good newspapers, in the main, support him in his brave fight against lawlessness, but lately the saloon keepers have in many places opened their shops to give away ice water and soda water. Doubtless they feel it will take a special policeman at every saloon to prevent the sale of liquor, when the grog-shop door has once been opened. Mr. Roosevelt's forcible utterances should find an echo throughout the country. He says: "The American people will not ultimately sanction the systematic violation of law. I would rather see this administration turned out for enforcing law, than see it succeed by violating law." Words like those are a veritable tonic.

It is believed by the promoters of the "negro exhibit" at the Atlanta exposition that it will mark the beginning of a new era for the race. Prof. I. Garland Penn, formerly superintendent of colored schools in Petersburg, is chief in control of this department. He is only 28 years of age, but while in charge of the schools showed his correct appreciation of the educational problem confronting the colored race, by insisting that manual training was as necessary a part of the public school system as the merely intellectual development. Prof. Garland is a prolific writer and very popular with his own people. He has aimed to bring into the colored people's exhibit not only what would illustrate their industrial application and their progress in scientific farming, but also specimens of art, paintings, exquisite lace and needlework done by the women, and a most complete exhibit of what has been done in literature, book and newspaper printing, map and chart making.

There was a mother once who had some turbulent boys who fretted if kept indoors a single evening. In summer they had garden and field for their play ground, but on stormy writer night's there was only the store or possibly the saloon. They lived on a hill, and the mother kept the window shades raised, and the bright open fires lighted a great open space in the darkness outside. People would look out of their windows as they closed them for the night and say: "There must be company over at Blake's tonight—they have quite an illumination." But after awhile they learned that the illumination occurred every evening; that it lasted until far into the night that it was in fact the beacon light of home for the Blake boys, who climbing that hill saw through the bright windows—not the angry face of a cross parent, but the cheery firelight, and the lamplight making a dumb show of welcome to the young prodigals. Well, every one of those boys is a good citizen today, and I know not how many other boys were literally saved from the attractions of bad company by the atmosphere of that pleasant, restful home, nor how many invalid souls recovered their health in that climate of the heart which emanated from the cheerful effects of one hopeful mother.—Detroit Free Press.

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

Interesting News Notes Ruthlessly Hacked from Neighboring Contemporaries.

The United States Commissioner in Chicago has issued warrants for the Van-Norwicks of Batavia, charging them with lowering the water in the Wisconsin Fox river, at their mills below the minimum required for navigation.

An Oconto farmer after trying in vain to sell a load of potatoes, drove onto the bridge and dumped them into the river. The police immediately arrested him for committing a misdemeanor, and he was fined \$5 and costs, amounting to about \$12.

An employe of the Aurora Iron Works has a chance to realize what damage can result from an utterly foolish action. He wanted to warm up some paint, Friday, and poured a quantity of naphtha into it. Some even assert that he even threw a red hot iron into the naphtha. Which ever way it was, there was an immediate rush of flame, and as a result the engine and boiler room and some \$5,000 worth of patterns are in ruins.

There was a runaway match, or rather an elopement, from the poor farm last week. The man in question had been there but a few weeks and the woman but a few days, but being struck with each other's charms, concluded to get married. They left the farm and got as far as here, when they were intercepted by the poor master, who took the man back, he being a county charge, and the woman who came from Dixon, was purchased a ticket for that city and sent there. Rather tough on those young and trusting hearts.—Turner Independent.

If we had a department store in Wheaton where liquor was sold, as in most all the large stores of Chicago, our prohibition citizens would hold up their hands in holy horror and do all in their power to deny the "viper," but they will go to Chicago and patronize a store where liquor is sold and never think anything about it, because they imagine they are getting things a little cheaper for cash. We have good stores here in Wheaton which do not sell liquor and as they should exist as well as saloon stores, it might be well for you to change your place of patronage and do something for the merchants of your home city.—Illinoisian.

J. J. Driscoll, engineer of the Lemont water works, was severely beaten and robbed on last Friday night. Mr. Driscoll was returning home about 11 o'clock, and when within a short distance of his house he was struck on the head from behind, with either a stone or a billy, and felled to the ground. Three or four thugs immediately pounced upon him and beat him into insensibility and then robbed him of \$50 and a revolver. Mr. Driscoll lay in a stupor for almost two hours before he recovered strength enough to walk. He finally succeeded in getting to the nearest house in the neighborhood and was assisted home. He received a deep cut on the back of his head, from which flowed a quantity of blood. Mr. Driscoll was unable to recognize any of his assailants. As yet nothing has been heard of the cowardly villains.—Lemont Observer.

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