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Europe must have an ordinance against Turkey-raffling.

The sultan is said to have broken faith. We didn't know that he had any to break.

It is evident that Lord Dunraven believes that yacht races should be sailed in printer's ink.

It is a mistake to suppose that people hate to be laughed at. Look at the comedian, for instance.

A young man who lacks in gallantry toward his mother and sister is likely to lack it toward a wife.

A woman in Greensburg, Ind., died of remorse the other day. No fears of an epidemic are entertained.

While not sympathizing greatly with the sultan, we think it may be fairly said that his job is no sinecure.

The candidate discovers that "no cross, no crown," is about the shape of it under the kangaroo dispensation.

High breeding gracefully insists on its own rights. Good breeding gracefully remembers the rights of others.

The nawab of Basoda may not be a very learned personage, but he is splendidly adapted to the purposes of comic opera.

We imagine we can hear Col. Dan Stuart praying for a restoration of the parity between lumber and physical culture.

Ordinary talk doesn't seem to affect the sultan. After a while some of the war ships may come along and give him a blowing up.

The sultan is decorating those who committed the atrocities, not necessarily for publication, but simply as an evidence of bad faith.

Coxy did not go himself, but he sent his son to Cuba to help struggling Cubans to keep Spaniards off the grass. Give Coxey due credit.

A negro who wounded four people in Kansas with a hatchet has been released and the victims have been bound over to keep the peace.

New York, not being able to get either the republican or democratic convention, might try for the populists. They would not be afraid of the Tiger.

From the way oil wells are being discovered in Indiana it might be supposed that the earthquake had shaken part of Russia over to our side of the globe.

Men who feel that the safety of the country and the success of candidates of 1896 will be dependent upon what they do will be very busy from this time on.

It is difficult for a man coming home late at night to realize that the towering female who stands at the head of the stairs is the timid little girl he asked to be his wife.

A Kansas man has been committed for contempt in refusing to taste beer in court. Most of his fellowmen will look upon him as being justly punished for despising an opportunity.

These repeated rumors of Senator David B. Hill intending to marry are very distressing to that young man. Mr. Hill thinks the public should realize by this time that he is wedded to his art.

An inquiring man thrust his fingers into a horse's mouth to see how many teeth he had. The horse closed his mouth to see how many fingers the man had. The curiosity of each was fully satisfied.

A Polish journalist of Chicago has been sent to jail for four months just for saying that another man had been sent to the penitentiary, when, in fact he had not, and there was no occasion for sending him. He apologized and explained that he had been taken in by a joker, who gave him the story, but as he was publishing a humorous paper the jury showed him no mercy.

The "Foreign Notes" editor makes a specialty of European war-clouds and he says it's a mighty clear day in the eastern hemisphere when there are none in sight. His very presence gives us nervous prostration every passing hour. The sporting editor considers him a little leery along these lines, and claims that European war-cries are simply an enlarged and profusely illustrated edition of the lip mills of the American prize ring, all blow and no blows.

How does it happen that the populists always bob up holding the balance of power in every big political contest of late years? During the memorable fight in the Illinois legislature which finally resulted in the election of Senator Palmer, the populist members of that body controlled the issue of the fight, and now, in Kentucky, the recently elected legislature stands 68 democrats to 68 republicans on joint ballot, with the two populists controlling things as usual. The struggle for the Kentucky senatorship promises to be a remarkable one.

The sharpest church advertisement comes from Topeka, where it is announced that "thirty-five young ladies will on Sunday attend the First Baptist church dressed in bloomers." The young men are thus "cordially invited." It would be worth something to have some old-fashioned preacher like Lorenzo Dow preach to them.

A resident of Buttes, Col., claims to have seen Schlatter riding on a white horse. Now let some one find the red-headed girl and the combination will be complete.

We often hear of a man, who began life with nothing, dying worth a million. Poor fellow! and he has got to begin all over again in the next world, just the same as the man who began life here with a million and ended with nothing.

Spain threatens to sell Cuba to England to spite the United States. Perhaps England would want to know whether Cubans want to be bought before purchasing. England can get plenty of fighting without buying a fight.

GROVER'S MESSAGE.

HE DISCUSSES CUBA AND OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS.

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FOREIGN RELATIONS.

The opening of the American markets to Argentine wool by the last tariff act, the settlement of the boundary dispute between Brazil and the Argentine Republic by the President of the United States, as arbitrator, in favor of Brazil, and the progress of American claims against Chili, are all commented upon favorably.

The close of the momentous struggle between China and Japan, while relieving the diplomatic agents of this government from the delicate duty they undertook at the request of both countries of rendering such service to the subjects of [illegible]

OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION.

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REVENUE RECEIPTS.

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(From the Jackson Citizen.)

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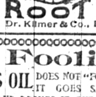

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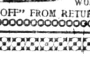

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