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A MISTAKE IF TRUE. If it be true, as stated, that the 31 cornmen required to guard the crossings of the traction lines only five are paid by the companies, there is something which requires explanation.

After the collision at Forbes and Atwood streets last year, the need for increased precautions at these crossings was conceded beyond all dispute. There was a practical agreement on behalf of both the traction companies and the public that two things were necessary.

It was supposed that the matter was settled in that way. If it was not, there is a very decided call for explanation.

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A FAVORABLE SPECIMEN. The tendency to prophesy smooth things and regard the existing order, even where it is different from that which we profess ourselves, is illustrated by an editorial remark of the Philadelphia Ledger on the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of King Christian of Denmark.

AN Allegheny somnambulist walked from the third-story window and fell to the sidewalk without receiving any serious injury. But the safest plan is to slumber quietly in bed.

an object of admiration in a republican country. Add to this feature of Christian's reign the practice of furnishing his daughters' religious convictions in order to suit the court into which each is to marry, and it might be recognized in this country that an extremely favorable specimen of the monarchial class is likely to do in his line of business some things which are even worse than the practices of our professional politicians.

BLAINE'S DESTINY. The desire for Blaine's nomination at Minneapolis is growing in strength day by day simultaneously with the increase of probability that it will be granted.

It is stated that Harlem women who take their babies on shopping expeditions get their babes at the stores visited and transact their business in comfort.

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LASH BETTER THAN HALTER.

Rev. George Hodges Believes the Gallows Should Be Superseded by the Whipping Post - Hanging a Relic of Barbarism With but Little Effect Upon Crime. The whipping post should supersede the gallows as a corporal punishment inflicted upon criminals instead of capital punishment.

THE strength of various Presidential aspirants may be well estimated by the amount of noise they make on their own account. The strongest man are the silent ones.

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The Civil Service Commissioner After Some Information He Cannot Get. WASHINGTON, May 25 - Civil Service Commissioner Roosevelt this morning appeared before the House Committee on Reform in Service, and had something to say with reference to the resignation of Postmaster General Wanamaker.

MR. Roosevelt said he had received no answer from Wanamaker, who had declined to assume that the Postmaster General made these statements his own.

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FLOWERS AND FAVORS.

Introducing a Young Bride at a Luncheon - Celebrating a Birthday With a Lavender Reception - Decorating the Graves of Their Dead - Gossip of Society. Mrs. CHARLES E. SPEER, of Craft avenue, gave a luncheon yesterday afternoon for Mrs. David Speer and her daughter.

ON Decoration Day everybody that has a grave will decorate it - and who is there to be a grave-walker? - who is there to be a grave-walker? - who is there to be a grave-walker?

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CURIOS CONDENSATIONS.

Massachusetts has a justice of the peace who is deaf and dumb. - Fifty-eight thousand women belong to the trades unions of England.

While the West is suffering from floods the State of Maine is suffering from drought. Lake Sebago is 8 feet 9 inches below its normal level at this season.

There are 80,000 barmaids in England whose hours average 11 daily for wage of 10 shillings per week.

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