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By an accident in our press room yesterday morning the delivery of a portion of Monday's edition was somewhat delayed.

A Call for Fair Play.

It is begging the question for any legislator to assume that the cost of good roads can be so apportioned by legislation as to escape the farmer.

There is no reason in equity why the man who propels a bicycle along a road should be mulcted in the sum of one dollar a year special tax while the farmer who drives a wagon over the same road is exempt.

The benefits of good roads will reach every citizen and every class in the community, and for that reason, if for no other, the cost of good roads should be similarly diffused.

Barring accidents, there will be no war in Europe. The Rothschilds are against one, and it is their money that talks.

Is This a Christian Nation?

The Rev. Dr. Henry R. Drann, of New York, a clergyman of the Catholic church, professes to be alarmed at the discovery that of the 70,000,000 inhabitants of the United States, only about 20,000,000 are communicants of a church.

One need not excuse non-attendance at church or isolation from denominational activities in order to point out that the reverend gentleman's assertion is extravagant.

This is perhaps not the place to speak of religion in a personal sense; but we are certainly tempted to claim for many of those who, through one reason or another, remain unidentified with the denominational church a personal approximation to the essential conditions of Christianity such as would be by no means warrant their classification among the heathen.

The experience of Cuba illustrates that nothing is cheaper than kind words and nothing of less utility in making the mare go.

More About Hawaii.

Some additional facts regarding Hawaii deserve to be noted. American interests on the Hawaiian islands are already paramount.

The total national debt of the republic of Hawaii is only about \$4,000,000. One year's exports would pay this debt twice over and leave a working margin beside.

American ingenuity ought to be able to do the rest.

White the bulk of this trade is ours as it is, there is no certainty that it will remain ours if we take no steps to secure it.

The fact is that the opportunity now open to Uncle Sam to annex Hawaii is a tremendous bargain.

The fact that the United States government has run along for almost a fortnight without incurring a kick from George W. Smalley would seem to indicate that there is yet hope.

Retrenchment or Ruin.

There is a good deal of old-fashioned but wholesome common sense in the remarks of Hon. J. Sterling Morton in the April Forum upon the subject of extravagance in public affairs.

The nub of Mr. Morton's contention is that the time has come when in public as well as in private enterprise the American people must lower their expenses to the bed-rock level.

In proof that he is not overdraining the picture, Mr. Morton cites a number of tables which will repay study.

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The Beau Brummell of the present house is James Hamilton Lewis, the new member from Washington.

A local newspaper, in describing Mr. Lewis' induction into office, contained the following rather unique account of the ceremony.

Ambassador Hay has to pay his entire salary for the rent of his house. But no doubt his friends will keep him from starving.

Sed.

We feel inclined to offer our heartfelt sympathy to the afflicted people of whom the Montreal Mining News says: The town of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., is apparently being engulfed by the caving in of the Lookout mine.

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sometimes been made the means of converting rolls of honor into lists of more beneficiaries, regardless of services or disabilities, merely to gain or to perpetuate party power?"

The Pittston Item has become a morning paper, thus complementing rather than antagonizing the important Evening Gazette.

Of course it was all a fiction about Senator Mason being angry at the president.

Since 1876 over 4,000 bicycle patents have been taken out at Washington.

Gossip of the Capital

Washington, April 6.—President McKinley, in order to get a respite from his duties, at the white house, and to avoid the strain incidental to dealing with the office-seekers, has decided to take a vacation.

Among the applicants for office who are here is Major John M. Hittinger, of St. Joseph, Mo.

When Major Hittinger was born near Chambersburg, Franklin county, Pa., and spent his boyhood days there.

When Major Hittinger replaced the flag and stood ready to defend it, a few days later a regiment of United States soldiers from the army post at Leavenworth, Kansas, arrived at St. Joseph, and there was no further effort to tear down the flag.

Among the new Democratic members of the house is John S. Rhea, who succeeds Dr. Hunter, the Republican caucus nominee for senator in Kentucky.

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seems to be for wearing white spats over patent leather shoes, which become rather conspicuous when he leans back in his seat and places his feet on his desk.

OPPOSITION WITHDRAWN.

From the Washington Post. We are now ready to withdraw our opposition to the Olney-Pauncefote compact.

As the proposed treaty now stands, it amounts simply to a declaration that for the future the United States will consent or consent to arbitration with Great Britain whenever it may think best.

SHOULD TAKE LESSONS.

From the Pittston Gazette.

That was an interesting statement which Congressman William Connell, of Lackawanna, showed to the representative of a Washington newspaper.

ORIGIN OF EASTER LILIES.

Within the rich man's garden Full many a dower was seen, With crowns of gold and crimson, On cups of emerald green.

They brought the dead King thither, And every flower in bloom Bow'd down its head in sorrow About the savior's tomb.

But see the white winged angels Have rolled the stone away, And 'mid the flowers, would seem From the financial statement reproduced above, that his first lieutenant in the banking business—William H. Peck, has friends in our community, also knows a thing or two about banking.

Next day they sought to find them, 'Mid rising where they fell, Like the white band of an angel, Waved there—a lily bell.

So pure, so white and spotless It floated in the air, As if to tell new comers That he had risen there.

Born of His white robes fallen, Full many a dower was seen, With crowns of gold and crimson, On cups of emerald green.

They found a scepter gold and small Within each fragrant cup.

And so amid the blossoms Of the rich man's fragrant bowers Was born the Easter Lily— 'Til Halton in Frank Leslie's Monthly.

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