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In other words, spare the rod and spoil the ball club.

Good Times Already Here.

Last week's stock sales amounted at New York to 2,835,664 shares, a record without recent precedent. Twenty leading railway stocks have risen in eleven weeks from an average quotable value of \$49 a share to \$62.

The wonder occasioned by the accident to Mr. Kerr is not that he was hurt but that, with scorching and riding on sidewalks so general in Scranton, and so utterly ignored by the authorities, accidents of that kind are so few.

The Peril of Base Ball. In the course of an editorial devoted to the base ball problem as it exists from a Philadelphia standpoint the Public Ledger of that city says: "Base ball is in danger of being dethroned as a favorite national game. It still has a strong hold on popular favor, but the interest is not nearly so intense as it was, and it is clearly and rapidly waning."

We know nothing with reference to the inference as to crookedness contained in the Ledger's opening words; it may be true in the National league, although we doubt it. It certainly is not true in the Eastern league.

It is growing plain that William Jennings Bryan will need to get a new issue and a new set of advisers, or else give up political ambition. The logic of events is going directly against him.

A Populist in the Error. Dr. C. F. Taylor, the Populist nominee for auditor general of Pennsylvania, is circulating a document the purport of which is that if a working man had begun 1900 years ago to accumulate a million dollars, saving one dollar each secular day, and not allowing for interest, and if his life were miraculously prolonged to complete the task, he would today have only \$50,000, or less than sixty per cent. of the desired million.

The Crisis in Spain. The effect which the assassination of Spain's prime minister, Senor Canovas, will have upon the Cuban problem remains a theme of general speculation, not only in this country but throughout Europe.

The man like Senor Sagasta, power at this juncture would mean simply work and worry without the slightest prospect of reward. Had he been called to the premier's office two or three years earlier, his modern ideas of a proper colonial relationship for Cuba might have averted the present revolution and saved the many millions of treasure and the prestige lost by Spain in the ensuing interval.

It is interesting to note in this connection the revival of talk in well-informed circles in Washington that Spain may pick a quarrel with the United States as the one means of getting out of Cuba without precipitating a revolution at home. It is represented

by trustworthy Washington correspondents that this theory as to Spain's ultimate intentions prevails among the leading officials of our government, from the president down. A change in ministries might induce the abandonment or it might effect the culmination of this plan; but if the latter, we concur in the opinion of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, expressed a few days ago, that it would be a long time before Spain would solicit a repetition of the treatment.

Hereafter, under the ballot law as amended by the last legislature, only blank forms of nomination furnished by the secretary of the commonwealth are to be used. Under the new law certificates of nomination must be filed with the secretary of the commonwealth at least 42 days before the day of election and nomination papers at least 35 days before election.

The fact that the British association for the advancement of science is to meet at Toronto soon after the conclusion of the Detroit meeting of the American association, thus enabling the great scientists of both branches of the English speaking race to come together, has suggested the propriety of organizing an international association which in its membership shall embody the world's best scientific scholarship.

Detestable as are the ethics of the assassin, the man who shot Canovas simply gave Spain a taste of the methods of the assassin employed in Cuba. From her own disfigurement she should realize how Cubans feel.

Is Society Really Growing Wicked? From the Philadelphia Record.

A satiric writer, who apparently has more respect for the inventions of the theologian than for those of the literary artist, tells the public, through the rather middle-aged Hon. Mr. Brewster, that novel reading is the source of the flippancy and dishonesty and irresponsibility of modern society.

But Speaker Reed contends, in the Illustrated American, that this plan would be destructive of our representative form of government. It is Mr. Reed's belief that we cannot adopt any feature of the British system without accepting it in its entirety.

But the man's statements are not true, except in that a tolerably good-sized social revolution in progress there is attributable to the progress of science, the emancipation of women, the fertility of invention and the greater humanity of producers as to fiction reading.

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And so he let himself forget The lesson he had learned, Among the "intellectual set" He ceased to be admired. His mind among the distant stars He had no more to ponder; He gave away some cheap cigars And worked a gerrymander— And then he got an office. —Washington Star.

"Make restitution where possible and go to jail." But we should say this as well to the peanut vender as to the speculator in securities.

In other words, if we have made our meaning clear, the import of Dr. Taylor's grievance because there are millionaires is insufficiently qualified. Some millionaires are good men and some are rascals but in either event they are not by nature different from other men who measure their wealth by six figures, by five figures or by two.

ALASKA AS AN INVESTMENT. H. S. Canfield in Times-Herald.

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