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When space will permit, the Tribune is always glad to print short letters from its friends bearing on current topics but its rule is that these must be signed, for publication, by the writer's real name.

With the National Retail Grocers' organization fighting the sugar trust and John D. Rockefeller of the Standard Oil company fighting the Butchers' trust and a few other great combines making war on each other, the poor man should get his living at a cheaper rate than has prevailed for some time.

A prominent German writer, Hugo Munsterberg, in the September Atlantic gives a clear and clever critique on the present situation between America and Germany, which, if read and accepted by the right people, would have a good effect.

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ARCHBOLD'S POPULARITY

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for superior court judge. The platform will endorse the administration of President McKinley and Governor Stone and pledge the party to a re-division of the expenditures of the departments of the state government.

Anti-Quay Leaders. Senators Wm. Flinn, of Allegheny; David Martin, of Philadelphia, and Wm. Sproul, of Chester, are the most active anti-Quay leaders in the next legislature who are here to watch the making of the preliminaries of the convention.

Senator Quay Arrives. Senator Quay reached here this morning from his Mountville farm and he is staying with Governor Stone at the executive mansion, where many of the visitors called upon him today to pay their respects.

Senator Flinn's Statement. Senator Flinn, chairman of the anti-Quay organization in the last legislature, gave out the following statement tonight: Seventeen of the twenty-two members of the Allegheny delegation agreed to-night to vote for J. Hay Brown for Supreme court judge and Hon. Dimmer Beaber for Superior court judge.

PERSONALITIES. Major Marchand's journey across Africa cost France \$600,000. The Chicago Tribune says that Bourke Cockran was once a porter for A. T. Stewart.

NUBS OF KNOWLEDGE. The Transvaal has seventy-four gold mining companies. There are nearly 2,000 stitches in a pair of hand-sewn boots.

WHAT THE POET'S OFFER. The Flower of Fame. He sought it before the billow of spring on the meadow was seen.

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lan at New York recently, and the edition that had been published for sale in Germany has been confiscated.

French railroad companies have been ordered by the courts to provide their passengers with season tickets without advertisements. The Western railroad had increased the number of advertisements until a season ticket was as thick as a pocketbook, and commuters refused to carry them.

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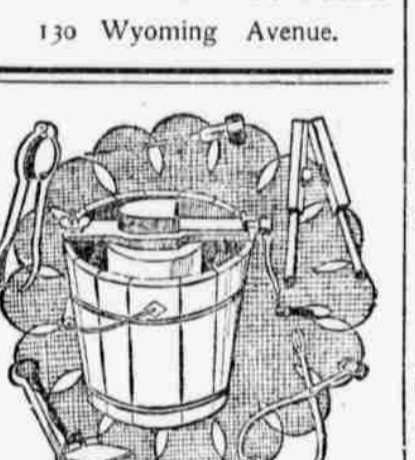
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