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COURT DIRECTORY.

Circuit Court—First Monday in June
and fourth Monday in February and September.
Quarterly Court—Second Monday in
January, April, July and October.
County Court—First Tuesday in April
and October.
County Court—First Monday in every
month.

Gen. Gomez's letter to President Cleve-
land was just made public by the
writer a few days ago. It is another in-
teresting chapter which the Cleveland Ad-
ministration suppressed in the interest
of Spain. Cleveland's course in the
whole Cuban matter was little short of
criminal. All the information given him
and letters written to him came in to
his hands as an officer of the United
States and the people who hired him
to do the job. He was not a man of
the information they desired and it was
his business to give it to them, instead
of suppressing it as he did.

Some of the Republican papers say
that the fact that Hanna is seldom seen
about the White House proves that he
does not control the President as the
Democratic press asserted that he would.
Those Republican papers evidently re-
gard Mr. McKinley as an eye-servant,
who can only be depended upon to work
"when his master is standing over him
with a stuffed club. They, however, do
Mr. McKinley an injustice; all his
boss, Mr. Hanna, has to do is to issue
his orders and his servant in the White
House carries them out just as faithful-
ly and as promptly as if the boss were
present.

The people of the United States would
like very much to know by what au-
thority the Republican members of the
Finance Committee of the Senate re-
fuse to allow the Democratic members
of that Committee to attend the meet-
ings of that Committee while it is recon-
sidering the Dingley tariff bill. Notice
to that effect has already been served on
the Democratic members. They were told
that the meetings of the Republican
majority would be strictly private. The
officers of the Sugar Trust, of the Steel
Trust and other trusts will be admit-
ted, but the Democratic members of the
Committee, who represent millions of
citizens, are to be excluded—because the
trusts do not want them to know what
goes on. That is an exceedingly high-
handed proceeding, but, then, the trusts
have grown desperate, because they re-
alize that this will be their last chance
to rob the great masses of the people.
They paid in advance for their goods
and they do not intend that the delivery
of these goods shall be interfered with
by Democrats trying to protect the people.

Municipal control of light, water supply
and street railway franchises has be-
come a subject of discussion in Eastern
colleges. In fact, it is everywhere being
more and more considered, and the ex-
perience of most cities that have tried
the plan of operating all these conven-
iences for the benefit of the people
would justify other cities in trying it.
When the city owns these three conven-
iences the people usually get better ser-
vice and also get that service cheaper.
In many places not only are the rates of
charges reduced, but it also results in a
reduction of tax rates, because even at
small rates there is nearly always a profit
realized that can be used to sustain
some other department from which
there is no revenue, but which is usually
kept up by taxation, such as the
street-cleaning department, fire de-
partment, police department, etc., etc.
Many valuable franchises were given
away by all our leading cities before
this question was considered, before any
experiments were made. But now such
franchises are not carelessly thrown
away, not even by small towns.

The real cause of the trouble in our
national finances can be given in one
word—extravagance. This is made
clear in the last report of the Secretary
of the Treasury, which shows that the
"average annual excess of expenditures"
during the seven years from 1890 to the
cessation of the report over the average
for the four years previous to and in-
cluding the year 1890 was as follows:
Civil and miscellaneous items, \$18,618,5-
84; for the War Department, \$10,616,8-
86; for the Navy Department, \$11,099,4-
48; for the Indians, \$9,945,515; for pen-
sions, \$58,751,748; making a total average
increase of \$102,982,562. This is
what a succession of billion-dollar Con-
gresses, beginning with the McKinley-
Reed regime in 1890, have done—an
average annual increase in the public
expenditures of over one hundred mil-
lion dollars! Think of it. Is it any
wonder that there is a deficiency? Is it
any wonder that the country has suffered?
The Secretary said in the last re-
port that there had been "no such
necessary extension of substantial im-
provement of our public service as to
justify these enormous increases in ex-
penditures." The first duty of Congress
is to reduce expenses everywhere it can
be done without crippling the service,
and next it should put a stop to erection
of public buildings in towns where
buildings can be repaired for less money
than the interest on the proposed ap-
propriation would amount to.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured
by local applications, as they cannot
reach the diseased portion of the ear.
There is only one way to cure deafness,
and that is by constitutional remedies.
Deafness is caused by an inflamed con-
dition of the mucous lining of the Eus-
tachian Tube. When this tube gets in-
flamed you have a running ear or
imperfect hearing, and when it is en-
tirely closed deafness is the result, and
unless the inflammation can be taken out
and this tube restored to its normal con-
dition, hearing will be destroyed for-
ever. Nine cases out of ten are caused
by catarrh, which is nothing but an in-
flamed condition of the mucous sur-
face.

We will give one hundred dollars for
any case of deafness (caused by catarrh)
that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh
Cure. Send for circulars, free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.
If Nevada were up to snuff she would
call her prize fights "athletic contests,"
as New York does. No one knows about
the "brutality" and "degradation" of
New York, but that town pulls off fine
fights right along. The far West
would cultivate tact.

There should be many reforms made
in the postal service, especially in the
way of paying the railroads for the
transportation of mail. While it costs
the government from \$5,000,000 to \$11-
000,000 more to handle the mail than it
gets in revenue, it is asserted by men
who have been at the head of the Post-
office Department that any expert busi-
ness man would give adequate consid-
eration to the business for the revenues and
would make a big fortune at it. The
government besides paying an extor-
tionate price for the transportation of
the mails is paying the New York Cen-
tral road \$435,000 a year for the rent of
postal cars the total value of which at
an extravagant estimate is less than
\$175,000. In other words, it pays to
rent each year more than twice the
value of the property rented. Again, it
is pointed out that a single railroad is
paid \$50,000 a year for hauling a single
train on its regular route, while it would
be glad to run a big special train for
that compensation. The government is
robbed right and left in the postal ser-
vice, and if the robbery were stopped
it would be able to pay the revenues and
make a big fortune at it. The postal
reforms could be easily made. It only
needs that Congress should pass some
manifestly needed statutes. While the
present Congress has so much spare time
it ought to turn its attention to this
matter, but it is not probable that it will.

There will be no treachery in the party
management in the campaign of 1900.
The last campaign taught the Democ-
racy a lesson, and in the future only men
who are known to be true to the party's
principles will be placed on guard. The
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A PLEA FOR COURAGE.

REV. DR. TALMAGE ON RUIN AND RECONSTRUCTION.

There Must Be Exploration Before Reconstruction—Instances of the True Spirit of Sacrifice—Woe and Hope and Courage for the Discouraged.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—From the weird and midnight experiences of one of our ancient times, Dr. Talmage in his sermon draws lessons startlingly appropriate. His text was Nehemiah 1, 15, "Then went I up in the night by the brook and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned."

A dead city is more suggestive than a living city—past Rome than present Rome—ruins rather than newly founded cathedral. But the best time to visit a ruin is by moonlight. The Coliseum is sunnier than before. You may stand by daylight amid the massive ruins of Melrose abbey, and study shattered ovals and rusted stone and wall, but they show their strongest victory by moonlight. Some of you remember with pleasure of Scotland said in the "Lay of the Last Minstrel":

Wouldst thou view fair Melrose bright? Go thou to the ruins of the castle.

Jerusalem in Ruins. Washington Irving describes the Andalusian moonlight upon the ruins of the city as something of an enchantment. My text presents you Jerusalem in ruins. The tower down. The gate down. The wall down. Everything down. Nehemiah on horseback, by moonlight looking upon the ruins. While he looks, there are some things to be seen, some things to be done, some things to be hoped for, for they do not mean many hours to disturb the slumber of the people. These people do not know the secret of Nehemiah's heart, but they are going as a sort of bodyguard.

I hear the clanking of the horse, the clanking of the armor, the clanking of the sword. It is this way, and that, into this gate and out of that, winding through that gate amid the debris of one great Jerusalem. Now the horse comes to dead halt at the tumbled mass where he cannot pass. Now he looks up at the tower, the tower that has been the tower of the water under the moonlight flashes from the month of the tower, and he hears the clanking of the armor, the clanking of the sword, the clanking of the sword.

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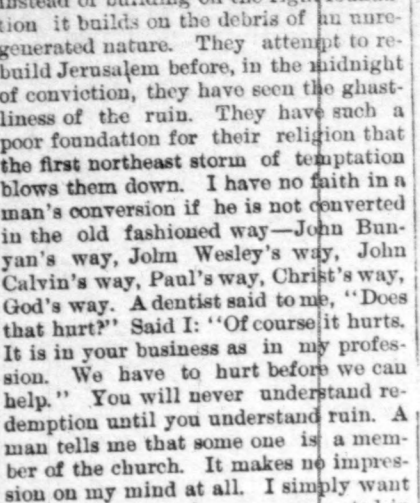
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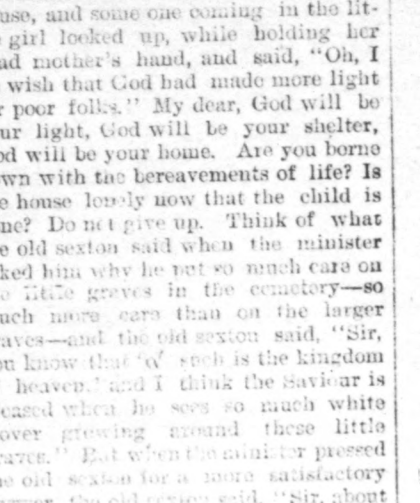
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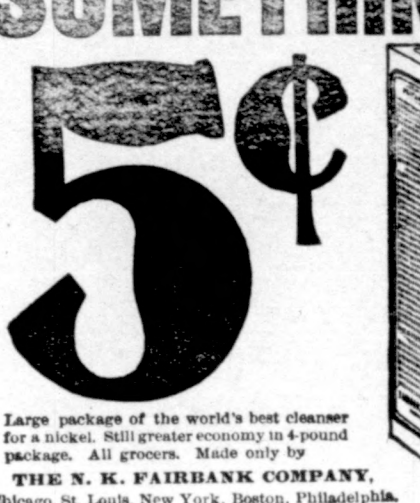
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