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Now that the Weather Bureau issue has been settled to show how hot a person ought to feel, some one could make a fortune by accompanying them with a guarantee of good temper.

The report that American tourists spent \$20,000,000 this year in London alone should go a long way toward making the vulgar American bearable in the eyes of our English cousins.

It is to be hoped that the Defender will sail in and beat the Valkyrie. While the Mammoth Cave would be too small to hold the gall of Col. Willie Brockmire, a very small hall will probably suffice for the dainties that assemble to hear his campaign speeches.

Gov. O'Ferrall has kindly given us his opinion both on Alexandria county lawlessness and the money question. We now know what he did not mean what he said about the lawlessness, and are waiting with patience to learn if he will again change his mind on the money question.

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