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SIGNS OF PROSPERITY. The reports of the national banks of the country to the comptroller of the currency, showing their condition at the beginning of April, furnish evidence of business prosperity that is unimpeachable. They show a large increase in both loans and deposits over the corresponding time in the preceding year...

Table with 3 columns: Year, Amount, and Difference. Rows include years from 1880 to 1898, showing increasing postal receipts and business activity.

Another excellent indication of prosperity is found in the growth of the postal business. It is estimated that the postal receipts for the current fiscal year, ending June 30, will reach \$15,000,000, a gain of \$15,000,000 over three years ago and a considerable increase over last year.

These are not the only signs of prosperity, but they are peculiarly valuable and everybody can understand and appreciate them. In the face of such facts, together with mills and factories in active operation, labor in demand and wages advanced, it is amazing that there should be anybody of ordinary intelligence to deny that there is prosperity and to keep up the calamity cry of three years ago.

THE GRADUAL RETURN OF DISAPPOINTED FORTUNE SEEKERS who swarmed forth to the gold fields of Alaska upon the reports of fabulous finds there should teach the lesson anew that the only royal road to wealth is by persistent and well directed labor.

IN SIGHT OF TIMELY AND REPEATED warnings, thousands of ambitious men left good employments in the hope of growing rich over night through Klondike speculation, but few of them have made strikes and still fewer have come back with as much as they took with them.

THE THIRD NEBRASKA BOYS will not return in a body, and their friends will therefore be prevented from making a demonstration for them on their homcoming. There is nothing, however, to prevent them from having a grand reunion in conjunction with all the other Nebraska volunteers after the First Nebraska gets back.

THE AGREEMENT dispels all apprehension respecting aggressive designs on the part of Russia in China. There will be no further efforts by that power at present to acquire more Chinese territory and no attempt to invade the country there under British control.

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has felt in the Chinese question need trouble us no longer. The agreement conclusively shows that the predominant desire of the Russian government is for commercial development, for building up the industries and trade of the empire.

THE PROSPECT OF AN INVESTIGATION by the committee appointed by the senate sends cold shivers anew over the state house popovers who thought they headed off all unpleasant interrogatories when they prevailed upon Governor Poynter to veto the appropriation for the committee expenses.

ROYAL JEFFERSONIAN SIMPLICITY. Having set the pattern for trouserless and sockless kings, it is hoped that future coronations in this country will set down to the bare necessities and comforts demanded by Jeffersonian simplicity.

PROSPECTIVE SQUEEZE IN BREAD. The Flour trust is said to be practically completed. It has a capital of \$25,000,000 and will issue bonds for \$15,000,000 more. The interest and expected dividends on this large amount which is largely water, must be paid by the people who eat bread.

CABLE TIES THAT BIND. The cable between this country and Germany will be both commercially and sentimentally a new tie of no little strength between the two nations. As such it is cordially to be welcomed.

SETTLING THE RESPONSIBILITY. After all, the board of examiners appointed by the War department has decided that the government must pay for the 300,000 soldiers who were sent to Porto Rico on the transport Maibohm and Company, and must last summer and thrown into the sea after it had spoiled.

NOT WORTH FIGHTING OVER. No one believes that the Samoan islands are worth fighting over. They are 2,000 miles south of the Hawaiian islands and consist of ten inhabited and two uninhabited islands, with an area of 1,700 square miles and an aggregate population of 36,000 people.

DISBURSING OF PUBLIC STREETS BY UNSIGHTLY BILLBOARDS. Something should be done by the city administration to prohibit the disfigurement of the public streets by the erection of billboards for advertising purposes.

TYPICAL MILITARY HEROES. The campaign in the island of Luzon is developing a very conspicuous interest in Colonel Funston of the Twentieth Kansas regiment, whose name has figured prominently in nearly all of the reports of fighting in which his troops were engaged.

THE EUROPEAN PAPERS have been printing a ridiculous paragraph which states that Mrs. Lee, mother of the countess of Walden, who lately died at Berlin, was the widow of General B. E. Lee, As a matter of fact the father of the countess was a rich New York wholesale grocer.

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STATE PRESS ON STATE POLITICS. Papillon Times (dem.): Governor Poynter comes of good democratic stock, but he would never need to display his pedigree in order to gain admission to democratic barbecues.

TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN COLONEL. Fremont Tribune: Colonel Stotsenburg was a brave soldier. He knew the needs of a "raw" regiment and he industriously set about to transform it into the seasoned veterans his surviving men now are.

BEATRICE DEMOCRAT: We notice that some of our populist brethren throughout the state are opposed to further fusion. They profess to fear that they are to be swallowed up by the democrats.

CHADRON JOURNAL (rep.): Judge W. H. Westover of Rushville is out with a letter declining to permit his name to be used as a candidate for congress to succeed Hon. W. L. Greene, deceased.

BEAVER CITY TIMES: The death of Colonel Stotsenburg at Manila revives what was known as the Stotsenburg resolution, introduced in the last legislature, the object of which was to have Colonel Stotsenburg removed from the command of the First Nebraska.

NORFOLK NEWS: Colonel Stotsenburg is dead! This man, who has been only a short time ago the subject of much criticism, was beginning to be understood better by the people of the state.

PLATSMOUTH POST: The news of the death of Colonel Stotsenburg of the First Nebraska regiment, while leading his men in a charge in the battle so lately fought in the Philippines, brings again vividly to mind the fact that war is the everyday companion of these fellow citizens from Nebraska.

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LIGHT AND BRIGHT. Atlanta Constitution: "Pop, what's a 'first-come' speaker?" "He's a man, my son, that's too contrary to stand up 'n' too full to know when to get down."

CHICAGO RECORD: "My friend, buy this system renovator; do you know that you are galloping to the grave?" "Do you worry as long as I am able to gallop I can keep out of the grave!"

WASHINGTON STAR: "What's the use of keeping an asking all these questions, when the witness insists on saying 'I don't know'?"

CHICAGO TRIBUNE: "Well, old man," said the sporting reporter, "anything exciting to be pulled off?" "Nothing that I know of, except my porous plaster, which I've just applied to my sporting authority, austere!"

DEWEY AND MANILA BAY. S. E. Kiser in Cleveland Leader. Why do we put Dewey Above all the rest? Of all the war's heroes Why is he the best? We hear Dewey's name, And our breasts are aflame. Why is Dewey enshrined In the heart and the mind? As Lincoln and Washington are— Why do we put Dewey Above all the rest? Of all the war's heroes Why is he the best?

When the tocsin was sounded And the war god woke, When the bonds had held us As men of peace broke, When others rushed, hither And thither, When other men argued With a calmness infernal, And a course that was plain, Weighed anchor and started Across the blue main; He stayed to for parole, Nor waited for the foe; For conditions to favor The project in hand. As a crow flies, his mark he set out, Unhindered by foe and a stranger to doubt.

Is there fear in the lion That has scented his prey? Does he linger for hours Concealed by the way? Does he hunt for clear pathways To lead him to the foe? The rocks that before him Incumber the ground? Does he crouch at some corner And warily wait, Intruding his chances At the lions' den? Nay, the lion has none of the cunning that brings The fawn's death the limb where the sleek tiger swings.

Even as the lion the grim he went To the spot where Spain's weapons lie Blackened and bent, He stayed not for danger, nor favoring tide; Nor thought of the snares perhaps hidden inside. He entered and struck down the foe in his lair. And set up the standard of liberty there! And when it was done—when the world stood in awe, Still grasping the sword, he pronounced the law. He invited no cheers, nor indulged in high boasts, But silently sat as a new lord of hosts. With a simplicity such as God gives but to those Too big to be swayed by the world's petty woes. He marked out his lines, and men saw Where they lay. Nor sought to cross over, nor questioned his sway; Each word that he spoke was the word that was met; Each act he assayed when he stayed was complete. The mazes that lay all around him he knew As only he may who is led by his God.

And so we put Dewey Above all the rest. Of all the war's heroes, Proclaiming him best. We hear Dewey's name, And our breasts are aflame. With love for the grizzled old tar; We have got him enshrined In each heart and each mind. As Lincoln and Washington are— Straightforward and simple above all the rest. With a grandeur that touches the lowliest breast.

"A Special Sale" "For the Small Boys" Our early trade has become so much heavier than usual that we find a large assortment of broken sizes in blouse and vestee suits this early in the season—and instead of until July to close them, we are going to give you a chance to buy them at greatly reduced prices—commencing at once—

You need wool suits "NOW" not July 1st. We want to sell them "NOW" not July 1st. For this reason we are going to give you the greatest values ever offered at this time of the season.

\$5.00 and \$5.50 suits will be \$4.00 6.00 and 6.50 suits will be 5.00 7.00 and 7.50 suits will be 6.00 8.50 and 9.00 suits will be 7.50 This sale will commence Monday, May 1st, '99.

Don't boggle Boggle—to hesitate, as from doubt or uncertainty to hold back, etc. (Standard Dictionary.) Boggling doesn't pay, in the matter of Pearlina. Don't do your washing in a harder way that costs more, when Pearlina is an easier way that's more economical. The longer you do without Pearlina, the more loss to you. You can't have any good reason for not using it. If you think you have, let some woman talk to you who knows all about Pearlina.

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