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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of April, A. D. 1901. M. B. FRENCH, Notary Public.

The east has enough surplus water at present to fix up another great railroad consolidation deal.

Every man's castle his own work works does not seem to be a safe proposition in a modern city.

Mount Vesuvius is again in a state of eruption. Vesuvius has about the worst case of indigestion on record.

The queen of Holland now knows how to sympathize with Countess Castellane. Her husband is having trouble with his creditors, who are also asking her to pay his debts.

The railroads leading into San Francisco have agreed upon the rate and the division of government transportation business. All the government will have to say about it is to pay the freight.

It is declared that Russia is firmly resolved not to enter into any negotiations with China regarding Manchuria under the present circumstances.

It would be interesting to have exact statistics as to the number of trees planted on Arbor day, although the success of the institution is not to be measured by the tree-planting in a single day.

St. Louis is to celebrate the progress made in its Louisiana Purchase exposition project by a grand banquet, with a list of toasts to be responded to by distinguished orators.

There seems to be a difference of opinion among business men as to the advisability of accepting a proposition to vote \$250,000 in bonds in aid of the proposed Kansas railroad.

Kansas should start a school of marksmanship. In a recent shooting affray four people who were at a distance and who did not participate in the trouble were shot, while not a man who was mixed up in it received any injury.

The building improvements on Harney street should at least lead to the replacement of the defunct wooden blocks that obstruct traffic there and the substitution of a new and substantial pavement.

Mexico and Austria are about to resume diplomatic relations, which have been suspended ever since the death of Emperor Maximilian. No national tragedy of a century has left a more bitter memory than the unfortunate venture of the Austrian archduke in Mexico.

Sixto Lopez, the Filipino boomer who is in this country, says he believes the Aguinaldo proclamation a forgery. Sixto has not been in the field where he came into contact with the conditions which confronted Aguinaldo, and besides, when the disturbance over there collapses the agent's income ceases.

Cleveland will open the school houses, the public halls and all the vacant buildings in the city to provide the members of the Grand Army of the Republic who attend the national reunion with sleeping accommodations. Too much rheumatism has taken hold of the bones of the old veterans in the last decade to make sleeping in tents with the ground for a bed as attractive as it was at one time in their career.

EUROPEAN HOSTILITY TO AMERICA.

One of the most significant utterances recently regarding European sentiment toward America was that of the former Italian minister of foreign affairs. In concluding an address on the tariff and dual alliances, which he said had given Europe thirty years of peace, Admiral Canevaro remarked: "This fact would, perhaps, lead European nations to consider the possibility and necessity of uniting against America, Africa and Asia, as the future of civilization will require them to do so."

The second reason is that America is sadly in the way in Asia, the whole action of the Washington government in the Chinese trouble pointing to the conclusion, in the view of the London paper, that although the Americans took the Philippines they are not willing to see any native powers in control of the richest countries of Asia.

The third reason is the attitude of the United States in South America. "She will neither take it nor let anybody else," declares the Spectator, and adds: "The total result is a bitter dislike of America, mixed with dread. Our object is only to awaken the Americans from their illusion to induce them to increase their fleet and to persuade them to think steadily out what they are doing."

It is interesting to note that the British Journal in a wholly disinterested spirit and with the best intentions, but what can America do to counteract European dislike and dread? We cannot reasonably be expected to decline to do business with Europe and if by reason of the superior efficiency of our machinery and labor and also our greater enterprise we are able to successfully compete with European countries, even in their own markets, underselling their manufacturers right at home, we are certainly justified in using this advantage and in doing so we are benefiting European consumers.

However much Americans may regret the commercial hostility of continental Europe, there is no remedy and we may expect it to grow stronger as American competition increases, as it inevitably will. We shall go on selling our products wherever buyers for them are to be found and it is more than probable that in the future we shall be better able to successfully compete with our commercial rivals than we are at present.

CIVIL SERVICE FOR SCHOOL JANITORS.

The school board is considering a rule designed to bring the force of school janitors more or less within the protection of civil service regulations by establishing a permanent list of janitors from which removal shall be made only for cause. Only janitors who have been employed for five successive years are to be eligible to places on the permanent list and even then are to secure the position of permanency only on recommendation of the committee having jurisdiction and a roll call vote of at least a majority of the full board.

The Bee has always favored the extension of civil service regulations to school board employees. It was the first to suggest and agitate for a permanent tenure for teachers, and the same arguments in favor of a permanent teachers' list will apply to school janitors, the only difference being that the teachers are necessarily trained experts, while the janitors' force has been made up in the past without particular regard to special qualification for the work.

South Omaha's school district finds itself on Easy street this year owing to the doubling of its revenue from liquor licenses, which have been raised from \$500 to \$1,000 as a result of the new census. If South Omaha wishes to continue in this satisfying state it will avoid following the example of the Omaha school district in the matter of perpetual overlaps and deficits.

Des Moines is lamenting that the army post for which congressional appropriation was made at the last session is being seriously delayed in the work of construction, so that it will be a year or more before a detachment can be stationed there.

As the post at Des Moines was established simply as a compliment to Congressman Hull as chairman of the committee on military affairs, in spite of the fact that other posts in this section are amply able to take care of all the soldiers who are distributed, the military forces will suffer no inconvenience by the delay. Fort Omaha will be glad to accommodate all the regiments that are held in reserve for Des Moines.

Minister Wu has prepared a memorial to the Chinese emperor, in response to a request, setting forth his ideas regarding the needed reforms in his country. He points out the progress Japan has made by adopting modern methods. That Minister Wu has offered valuable suggestions goes without saying, but should his country adopt them and show the same proficiency as has Japan the powers may regret that they woke up the slumbering giant of the Orient.

THE OPPOSITION IN CUBA.

The editor of the New York Times, who is investigating the situation in Cuba, writes that the leaders there resent the guaranty of a stable government offered by the United States as an affront and ask to be allowed to face alone the perils of which it is plain they have but a light opinion. "Their own countrymen," he says, "who know them best and understand what tests their untried powers will be put to, are most emphatic in their approval of the policy declared by congress, to which they hope our government will firmly adhere."

It is pretty well understood that the opposition in Cuba to the American conditions comes chiefly from the radical politicians, who constitute a majority of the constitutional convention. It is highly probable that if the question of accepting the conditions were submitted to a vote of the people and the matter properly explained to them a majority would be found in favor of acceptance. All the substantial interests of the island, the men of property and business, are satisfied with the American terms, realizing that they mean good government and security alike against domestic disturbance and foreign interference and aggression.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Etchings of Men and Events at the National Capital. The manner in which the Congressional Record is loaded with political ammunition is shown by the following story of Tom Johnson's career in the lower house, related by the New York Evening Post.

Tom L. Johnson, who has just been elected mayor of Cleveland, was in congress for four years while the tariff question was agitating the country. Mr. Johnson was known then as a millionaire street railway owner and trust promoter. He would rally and trust promoter. He would rally and trust promoter.

He used to do many things which were regarded as erratic, but his eccentricity usually turned out as well as that of the man who reaped a fortune by shipping warm-pans to the West Indies. One of his most notable performances was getting the government to print the whole of Henry George's "Progress and Poverty" as part of the Congressional Record, and then sending it out, post free, to farmers and workmen in all parts of the country.

He enlisted the help of his fellow democrats and some populists in this scheme. At his instigation one of them would say, in the course of his speech: "I have some printed matter here, which, instead of sending to the clerk's desk to be read, I will ask to have inserted in the Record as a part of my remarks." The printed matter was a few chapters of George's work. A little later some member would wrap them up in a few more chapters into a speech. Then Johnson exercised his right under the rules to take such parts as he desired from each speech, and collect and print them in pamphlet form.

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Senator Depew was riding homeward in a street car the other day, relates the Washington Post. At the Baltimore and Ohio depot two women boarded the car. One was evidently a stranger—she had a new dress on, and the other was an old resident and an old inhabitant at that, for in a very loud tone of voice she named the various public buildings. She was not quite sure whether or not the city hall was the White House, or whether the post office building was the Treasury department, but when the car reached Lafayette square she was apparently quite at home. She knew the Arlington hotel by sight and recognized the White House across the park. A moment later the car was opposite Senator Depew's home and it stopped for the senator to alight.

"That large building," said the voluble woman to her companion, pointing to Depew's home, "is the government fish hatchery."

Senator Depew caught the words as he passed out upon the platform of the car and for a minute stood on the corner laughing. Then his face became serious. He started as if to run after the car, but it was now almost out of sight.

"By George," he said, "I have just thought of something I ought to have told that lady. Ha! ha! ha!"

But what the clever retort should have been no one will ever know, for still laughing softly to himself, Senator Depew disappeared under the portals of his home.

The public printer, with the notion of securing greater economy in the running of his vast establishment, says the New York Times correspondent, made experiments recently with automatic press feeders, that adopted in the establishment would dispense with a large number of press feeders. The feeders, most of whom are women, were up in arms at once, but it seems they lacked that sympathetic assistance from the pressmen upon which they had depended. The probability is that whatever the merits of the automatic feeder the women or either intelligent feeders will win the day.

The government is at admitted disadvantage, not only in the office of public printer, but in the bureau of printing and the printing press. It has been prevented by organized labor from adopting labor-saving devices. All typesetting in the printing office is done by hand, although it is known that much of the composition, and particularly that upon the Congressional Record and the reports and documents of congress, could be done more economically by typesetting machines. There is not a machine in the building.

The effort to exclude rapid machines from the bureau of engraving and printing did not succeed, because if it had the government could not have afforded to produce the postage stamps, the private establishments that bid for the work and got it formerly employing the machines that the government was forbidden to use. The government printing office is an example of economy in production. The tendency is to make it expensive, as well as to increase from year to year the volume of work it turns out at prices higher than would be paid for like work done by outside printers. Between politicians who are suspicious and exacting labor organizations there is little prospect that strictly economical consideration will soon prevail in the conduct of the public printing office.

ONE OF THE TRUST EVILS. Communities Menaced by the Power of Industrial Combinations. Ex-Mayor Abram S. Hewitt has by a recent act painted out one of the worst effects of large trust companies. He is at the head of a steel mill at Trenton, N. J., and was solicited to permit his plant to be included in the Morgan steel trust. This, however, he declined, giving as one of his principal reasons that he had in his employ 500 men who owned houses in the vicinity of the mill, and did not wish to place them at the mercy of a real-estate corporation, which might at will shut down the works and bring ruin upon them. This indicated not only just and benevolent consideration for the welfare of his employes, but the wisdom of a practical student of the workings of trusts.

The proper definition of a trust is the union under one management of a number of concerns engaged in the production of the same material for the purpose, if possible, of controlling its output and price at which it is sold. As incident to such combination comes the decrease in the cost of management by one central body instead of by a number. But when the trust represents a large output the chief source of profit is its ability to regulate its price, by raising it when the demand is greater than the supply and lowering it when the opposite condition prevails or to break down the competition of weaker concerns. The most effective device in case of a plethora is to shut down one or more of its mills in order to make a real or affected reduction in supply. In such resort favoritism is shown to particular plants which are kept in operation while others are closed. In this manner innocent millworkers are shut out of employment and are woe when the demand is to maintain prices at their expense. Many instances have, in