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THE GROWTH OF BANKING.

Since the passage of the gold standard law, March 14, 1900, there has been a net increase of 561 in the number of national banks, an increase of authorized capital by more than \$31,000,000...

THE FILIPINOS ARE NOW WELL SATISFIED WITH AMERICAN RULE...

The Filipinos are now well satisfied with American rule and that within a short time there will be none among them—except, perhaps, a few men who were ambitious to secure power—that will not, as was said by Governor Taft, be grateful for the American Philippine victories.

APPROPRIATIONS ALIYED.

The people who were fearing two or three months ago that they might not have any more warm weather this summer have had their apprehensions allayed. All things come to those who wait, and by the same token the remark applies to those who are praying for a "cool spell."

REPUBLICAN FINANCING.

A democratic paper says that but for the Philippines this country might be entirely free from debt. The striking point in this remark is the compliment to republican financing. Nothing but war has prevented the democratic administration from paying off the entire public debt!

ON THE COURT OF THE STAGE.

With no acceptable substitute yet in sight the democratic managers who are dreaming of reorganization should be very chary about proclaiming a vacancy in party leadership. Certainly the sign "Leader Wanted" will not be hung out so long as the Nebraska orator has a voice to protest against the "expediency" of his own election.

NOT DIFFICULT TO PLEASE.

Congressman Hull does not have much faith in the provincial government established in the Philippines. Yet the Iowa statesman is not so difficult to please as might be supposed. For instance, if he were given all the franchises and land grants that he hoped to lay his hands on when he went to the Philippines, he might have a great deal more confidence in the general order of things.

A CREDIT TO THE ADMINISTRATION.

After four years of admirable service Commissioner Evans is well prepared to withstand the attacks of the professional soldiers and the claim attorneys behind them. He is well respected in the confidence and esteem of the public generally. He has been and is a credit to the present administration and it is likely that he was never appreciated more highly than now by the secretary of the interior and the president.

CHECKING PACE OF LAND GRABBERS.

The warning of the interior department against those who have expressed an intention to defy the provisions of the president's proclamation for the opening of the island lands would have a cooling effect upon the hot-headed objectors. The department may not be able to satisfy the wishes of all who are interested in the settlement of these reservations, but the government is abundantly able to carry out its plans whatever they may be.

WOLF ACCUSES THE LAMB.

An "invasion by neighbors actuated by greed of territory" is Lord Salisbury's latest description of the Boer war and he has the magnificent nerve to call upon Englishmen to repel the invader and "defend the sanctity of their frontier." British hypocrisy has achieved some notable feats in efforts to justify British piracy and aoid brutality, but all previous exploits in that line are commonplace in comparison with Salisbury's masterpiece of solemn humbug.

THE MYSTERY OF A BARREL.

Guam seems to have a hoodoo. Commander Seaton Schroeder, who now leads away in Guam's metropolis, where Leary once ruled, has stirred up a decided rumour among the natives by the island by issuing a severe order because of the theft of one barrel of whisky from the naval hospital on the island. Men are kept in the barracks and are not allowed out after taps. There is general fear expressed in the foreign offices of Europe that the rum has been drunk.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.

The Treasury department statistics show that whereas agricultural and manufacturing exports during the year 1900 furnished respectively 55.11 per cent and 36.38 per cent of our total exports, the percentage figures for 1901 are respectively 61.59 per cent and 31.09 per cent. The decline in manufactured exports, it should be observed, is largely to copper ingots and a special machinery—such as bicycles—no longer in vogue in foreign lands. In the particular lines of mechanical production which American manufacturers affect there has been, indeed, a slight increase rather than a decrease of exports.

DEMAND FOR COLLEGE MEN.

Services of Graduates Secured by Business Men. "Graduated, but not present" was the suggestive announcement made concerning the class of 1901 at a well known institution of higher learning. A majority of the class did not appear at commencement, though their names were called and their degrees were conferred. The case was extraordinary, but the explanation was simple and satisfactory. The services of the young men had been sought and engaged by business men so urgently that the president of the college had given the students permission to leave school and go to work in advance of actual graduation. Their courses of study were satisfactorily completed and their examinations passed, and it was thought to be not worth while to keep them away from the industries which needed them for so long as the few days yet remaining before the formal close of the academic year.

A SURPLUS OF \$75,000,000.

The United States treasury closes its fiscal year with a surplus which will reach about \$75,000,000. This surplus is not quite as large as the one a year ago by about \$5,000,000, but it is big enough. It is bigger than the surplus of all the other civilized nations of the world put together. England has no surplus now for obvious reasons. France, which yearly sends \$180,000,000 more than the United States, has run behind the last twenty years an average of about \$100,000,000 a year. Germany has to borrow this year. Russia claims a small surplus, but its accounts are not open to a vigilant scrutiny. Most countries have yearly deficits. The world's debts grew in the last decade about \$7,000,000,000, or at the rate of some \$700,000,000 a year. From 1870 to 1882 they grew about \$200,000,000 annually. England paid off its debt for awhile. It has stopped. The United States, with a surplus of \$75,000,000 this year now closing and more, is again reducing its debt. This is the republican surplus. It is a McKinley surplus, for it fulfills the pledge of the republican party and is the pledge and result of McKinley's prosperity. A surplus is easier to handle than a deficit, which was the Cleveland plan, and pleasanter to have around. It permits the reduction of taxation, already begun, to the amount of \$40,000,000. As the army will be \$6,000,000 smaller in the next fiscal year than it was the last—the last volunteer regiment having been landed to be mustered out—the army will cost \$30,000,000 less next year than in the last fiscal year. With the increase of revenue the surplus there a year hence may still be from \$50,000,000 to \$70,000,000. But whether the surplus be the larger figure or the less, it will be big enough to meet the obligations of the sinking fund, make the legal annual reduction of the debt and prove, once again, what sound republican finance and McKinley's prosperity bring to the finances of the nation.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

Coin Harvey, having settled in Arkansas, proposes to break into congress by the free silver route. The Philadelphia Press figures that it took \$1,000,000 to effectively grease the wheels of the Pennsylvania legislature and those who furnished the lubricant doubled their money. It was a great session for reform.

Last year the markets of New York paid as revenue into the city treasury \$28,000 from rents, exclusive of \$48,000 collected from stalls and privileges in Wallabout market, Brooklyn, and \$3,000 from market carter rents, a total of more than \$80,000. The contest on the democratic side for the nomination for governor in New Jersey is progressing as if a democratic nomination in that republican state was as certain to be followed by success at the polls as at the period when New Jersey was strongly democratic.

Philadelphia is putting up a great outburst of indignation against the rotten municipal machine. In advance of the election, meanwhile the municipal machine lets the other fellows do the talking while improving its plan for counting the votes, which is the most important feature of the contest.

The terms of thirty United States senators expire on March 4, 1903, and of this number eight are democrats. Five are populists or silverites and seventeen are republicans. Vacancies will occur in that year in the senatorial representation of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, California, Indiana and Missouri—the chief states.

The four states in which there was no prohibition vote cast at last year's general election were South Carolina, in which a dispensary system of liquor selling by the state exists; Wyoming, the pioneer American constituency to adopt woman suffrage; Nevada, the only state which is losing in proportion of voters to the population than in any other state.

The Connecticut legislature before its adjournment passed a bill providing for a constitutional convention in that state to revise the present basis of representation, which was established in the early part of the present century, and made provision for representation from a district attorney, sheriff, county clerk, register, six coroners, thirty-five assemblymen and thirty-eight aldermen are to be voted for in New York county this autumn. In Brooklyn there will be elected ten city magistrates, all the county officials, including a surrogate, and twenty-one assemblymen and twenty-three aldermen.

SHIRTSWAISTS FOR MEN.

Baltimore American: The shirtwaist has the courage of its convictions. New York lately had a shirtwaist wedding, all the comfortable garments in a shirtwaist are gathered in the only real objection against it is that it is unconventional, but so, once upon a time, were knives and forks.

New York Tribune: Now, here is the germ of a great thought. "Give us the blouse, a man's garment." A blouse, according to the dictionary, is a loose upper garment worn by men in place of a coat. Certainly give us the blouse, or, in other words, call it a blouse and don't, for the sake, call it a shirtwaist. The garment will be just the same and the resultant coolness will be just as delightful, but the stigma of being the women will be forever removed. Sometimes a man in a blouse is named. By all means give us the blouse.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

Until a comparatively recent date the decline of the birthrate in England was so small as to excite no serious interest even among statisticians. The contrast with France was so marked as to make the falling off appear to be insignificant. Now, however, a comparison with the conditions of a century ago inspires the far-seeing Englishman with melancholy forebodings. In France the birthrate and the deathrate are virtually the same. The number of births barely balances the number of deaths. With this example before them Englishmen form a decline of British importance among the nations. A striking fact is that there has been no falling off of marriages. Indeed, there were more marriages in England last year than ever before, in spite of the sending of a great army into South Africa. The Englishman can't agree that the chief cause of the phenomenon is the growing disposition of the Anglo-Saxon woman in England, America and Australia "to rebel against maternity."

The recent visit of Emperor Francis Joseph to Bohemia was the occasion of a significant declaration, published in a Prague newspaper from the veteran statesman, Dr. Rieger, who, before his election to the upper house, was for many years the leader of the old Czech party in the Reichsrath. He said that the emperor's visit had no significance, except as a demonstration of the fact, which nobody disputed, that Bohemia was a part of the Austrian empire. With regard to the Pan-German movement, he said that he had never had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with the late Prince Bismarck, but the latter, not long before his death, had sent him a message, only recently delivered, through a Russian diplomatist. "Tell Dr. Rieger," he said, "that he has no occasion to be anxious on our account. We have not yet digested the Poles and the assimilation of the Czechs would be still more difficult." Dr. Rieger characterized Pan-Slavism as pure nonsense. It was true, he said, that the Czechs sympathized with the other Slav peoples, but they could never forget that they were western Europeans, penetrated with occidental culture, like the Germans themselves. Their traditions, arts and social order rested upon a Roman basis, while those of the eastern Slavs had a Byzantine foundation entirely foreign to the Czechs. He concluded with a reference to the question of the national colors and to the circumstance that the Hapsburg black and yellow flag decorated his own home. It was precisely because the Czechs were Europeans, he remarked, that they wished to remain Austrian subjects.

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main Baptist, who, in a long article in the Figaro, argues that it is the urgent duty of the government to make ready against an attack from their neighbor across the channel. The French fleet, he admits, is much weaker than the British—in spite of the superiority of the French ships as individual units—but he does not think that the English men-of-war could do much mischief by a bombardment of the naval works at Marseilles, Havre or Dunkirk, as the land defenses are too strong, but they could easily, of course, if they chose, destroy such resorts as Nice or Cannes. It is not likely, says M. Bapst, that the English would attempt to land either in France or Algeria, but the South African war had proved that they could transport to and maintain in any part of the world an army of 250,000 men, and this was a threat to all French colonies. Great Britain already has 60,000 colonial troops in the Transvaal, and this force could be augmented indefinitely if necessary. Now Parliament has passed a bill creating three army corps ready for immediate embarkation, and it is France's bounden duty, says M. Bapst, to be prepared for all eventualities. England's weak point is her commerce, and the true French policy, he believes, is to build a large number of swift cruisers to play upon it. It would erase the construction of battleships on the ground that his countrymen have always been worsted by the British in great naval battles.

Washington Star: "When a weak natured man tries to brace up he is firm," said Uncle Eben, "he usually doesn't count on 'em, 'cep'n to git low down on 'em."

Yonkers Statesman: Church—Did you ever ride in one of those electric cabs? Gotham—One. "How'd you like it?" "Got a terrible shock when I got out." "Heavily charged, was it?" "Yes, I was."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "There is one thing that I don't like in this world, and that is a man who puts down at once and for good and all." "What's that?" "His 1820 sherry."

Baltimore American: Visitor—I understand that your lot local millionaire had been given a great many degrees from now that we call him the human thermometer.

Puck: First Gourmand—I suppose we all eat too much. Second Gourmand—No doubt of it. If we'd eat less we'd have better appetites.

Yonkers Statesman: Bill—His automobile seems to have almost human intelligence. "How so?" "Why, it broke down in front of a school."

Detroit Free Press: "Papa," asked Dicky "howdy, what is it now?" "I think," replied Mr. Tredegar, "that the kind that Adam and Eve were the summer months of the fall."

Brooklyn Eagle: O'holahan—Which is the most delicate of the silver or touch or the silver or shell? O'Callahan—Touchfully—O! Oh no, no. Yes, molasses—Killy, who lost his nose in a fight last week on the hot surgeons at the hospital, and the fall of the ind and the first finger as his right hand.

Chicago Tribune: "Hilvers, do you notice that the health authorities advise the people to eat most sparingly during this hot weather?" "Eat it sparingly? I avoid it altogether. This is nothing but a ham sandwich."

Detroit Free Press: "I wonder how so many forest fires catch," said Mrs. McBride. "Perhaps they catch accidentally from the mountain ranges," suggested Mr. McBride.

Smart Set: Old Gentleman—So you think my daughter loves you, sir, and you wish to marry her? Duddleigh—That's what I called to see you for. Is there any insanity in your family? "No, sir; and there's not going to be any."

DISCONTENT.

J. J. Montague in Portland Oregonian. Oh! benign and mellow samboe, you may shine upon the earth. Filling all mankind with gladness and the singing birds with mirth; You may fill the dewy petals of the rare and fragrant rose. And scatter wide its perfume on each passing breeze that blows; You may bring to fair fruition every spreading orchard tree. And fill the blooming flowers with sweet honey for the bee. But there's folk here about us who will view you with disdain. And, withdrawing to their closets, will put up a prayer for rain.

Oh! thou flanking crystal raindrop, falling softly from on high; Bringing earth a special blessing from the gray and kindly sky. You may set the brooks a-purling and may paint the grasses green; You may make your precious treasures in some deep hid reservoir. For the use of summer fountains when the sides are dry no more. But in vain is your enchantment for the sides are dry no more. Who will pray where'er they see you for the sun to shine again.

Summer, with your golden grain fields, winter, with your spotless snow; Spring, with flowers; mellow autumn, with your ruddy sunset glow. You may long your best and brightest, clothe the earth with gold or white. Fill your rooms with softest radiance to emanate from the gleaming rivers, frost with silver-hill and plain. But you'll find that all your efforts have been made, alas! in vain. For the respective forces of the two countries, their earthly powers are unwilling to accept that you'll always find them howling for the things they haven't got.

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