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LOOKING TO THE MONEY POWER.

The Boston Transcript remarks that whatever may be the action of Wall street, whatever may be its actual sentiment today, "it is one of the oddest of political developments to find the party which twice within eight years made the welkin ring with denunciations of the money power, canvassing the availability of candidates with reference to their ability to open the pursestrings of high finance."

attempt to cut him off the salary list-

not. THE CZAR IS FOR PEACE. That was an important utterance, if correctly reported, of Emperor Nicholas II, in which he said that he desires and intends to do all in his power to maintain peace in the far east. It will be very generally accepted as being sincerely meant, for the czar has hitherto given strong evidence of his aversion to war.

comfort to opponents of the present administration.

Still Holding the Sack. St. Louis Republic. It doesn't follow necessarily that a volume promoter will make a voluble witness for the rule of conservatism. Possibly Schwab's volubility on the witness stand is accounted for by the fact that it makes very little difference now what anybody testifies to, or who wins the suit brought by the bag holders. In any event there's nothing in the bag but wind.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

In a speech in the French chambers recently M. Delcasse was emphatic on the advantage of the amicable relations which had been recently established between France and England. It certainly would not have been to the advantage of either country, he argued, if they had continued to entertain mutual suspicion and to indulge in mutual recrimination. If it were true, as the speaker firmly believed, that in future economic interests would exercise increasing influence on the foreign relations of different nations, surely France and England, owing to the difference of their productions, far from being rivals, ought to supplement and fortify one another.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

Four members of the city council of Milwaukee have been indicted for working the illegal game, St. Louis has better watch its laurels. Senator Thomas C. Platt's "amen corner" has ceased to be an irresistible attraction, and its unctuous amens have diminished to a whisper.

DIDN'T KNOW A THING.

Sample Instance of Building Inspector. The extent to which building inspectors inspect and comprehend their responsibilities under law is illustrated by the following testimony of the building commissioner of Chicago given before the coroner's jury: Q—Does the ordinance require the department to O. K. a building when completed before they can secure a license to run a theater? A—I don't believe it does.

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WHAT DID BRYAN EXPECT?

His Treatment by American Representatives Abroad. Washington Post. Mr. Bryan expresses great surprise, to say nothing of unexpected pleasure, because the diplomatic representatives of this government treated him with courteous consideration. We do not know what kind of treatment Mr. Bryan anticipated. Evidently, however, because he is a democrat and our ambassadors and ministers are of the opposite political faith, he counted on a chilly reception.

WARD AND CENTURIES.

Superstitious Notion Subjected to the Light of History. New York Tribune. The superstitious notion is extant that there must soon be a great war because the opening years of every century have all been marked by wars. In the seventeenth century the latter were true but the latter were not sufficient reason for a war at this time.

AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

Symptoms of Returning Sanity Reported in the Democratic Camp. Chicago Chronicle. When the senior senator from New York, a typical republican, remarked not long ago that the democratic party once more showed indications of returning to a "sane and dangerous condition" it was an observation of much significance, coming as it did from one of the most astute political organizers in the country.

LABY'S RETURN.

To the Editor of The Bee: In searching through some old papers and clippings I found the enclosed poem without anything to indicate the author. I had it struck off and sent a copy to Andrew Anderson of Scotland, who wrote "Cuddle Deon," asking him for information as to the author. If you feel disposed to do so, publish it, and state if you know who wrote it. It seems to be a sequel to "Bairns Cuddle Deon" and "Jeamie's Lament."

POINTED REMARKS.

Visitor (at the zoo)—What's that elephant trumpeting about? Attendant—He always does that when his keeper goes on a fool—Chicago Tribune. "What's the price of eggs?" "Forty-seven cents for strictly fresh."

As a show town Chicago has sustained a severe setback on the theatrical map.

In predicting a dark horse as democratic candidate for president Mr. Bryan evidently means that he has not given up hope for a silver roon. Mr. Bancroft succeeds Mr. Burt as general manager of the Union Pacific, but they both begin their names with the same letter of the alphabet.

THE SCHOOL FUND LEVY.

Some members of the school board are said to be talking of a 4-mill tax levy for the school fund this year. With the grand assessment roll totalling something over a hundred million dollars a 4-mill school levy would mean a tax producing more than \$400,000, which would be almost twice what has been raised for the schools by taxation in any previous year.

General Reyes should have heard enough while visiting us to be able to give his fellow citizens a good idea of what a war with the United States would mean.

Events in the far east go to prove that with the advent of civilization the orientals are learning how to declare war and spar for time simultaneously, according to the most approved modern fashion. It is said that the Boers will form a colony in Montana. If they would like to have real homelike surroundings such as has existed for several years in the Rand, Colorado might furnish a more fitting location.

Japan is to reverse the usual plan of having the government take over the property of a railroad company.

Never Put Off Till Tomorrow. Chicago Inter Ocean. We shall be in a better position today to consider the question of the old-fashioned winter when we learn definitely two months hence whether or not it has returned its old-fashioned habit of lingering in the lap of spring.

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