

Items of Interest

Hamburg's shipping trade with Australia doubled in 1901.

Thirty thousand Filipinos have been vaccinated by Americans.

Practically all of the nitrate supply of the world comes from Chile.

Quarantine was first established against infectious diseases in the tenth century.

The soil of the larger part of Manchuria and Mongolia is of a sedimentary formation.

The winters are very cold in Manchuria, the ground being frozen to the depth of several feet.

Two coal mines are now in successful operation in Alaska. They produce good steam coal.

The volume of the world's commerce is two and a half or three times as great as it was 30 years ago.

Two modern flouring mills, with American machinery, have recently been constructed at Harbin, Manchuria.

Seattle's exports to Japan are now about \$5,000,000 per annum, which is eleven times what they were six years ago.

The highest mountains in Cuba reach greater heights than any peaks in the eastern ranges of the United States.

The sanitation of the city of Ahmedabad, India, is so bad that the mortality is 70 per 1,000, with no epidemic to account for it.

Wordsworth would write one or two sonnets every day. When engaged on "The Excursion" he produced from 150 to 200 lines a day.

The territorial board of health of Hawaii is to begin a series of experiments to determine the value of X-rays in the treatment of leprosy.

A project for an electric line from Cornwall to Toronto is being rapidly pushed by American and Canadian promoters, who have a capital of \$5,000,000.

Canada's military establishment, consisting of less than 40,000 men, all told, will be increased to 150,000 if the British idea of colonial defense prevails.

Mr. Chamberlain has informed a correspondent that Canada contributed 7,300 men and Australia and New Zealand 22,000 men for service in South Africa.

Bombast once signified the cotton that was employed to stuff garments, particularly the enormous trunk hose worn in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries.

All that remained of bank notes to the value of \$240 which had been devoured by a goat have been presented to the National Bank of Belgium and duly cashed.

A Roman bowl of Samian make, said to be 2,000 years old, has been brought up from the sea bottom off Beachy Head by a Brighton sea oyster dredger.

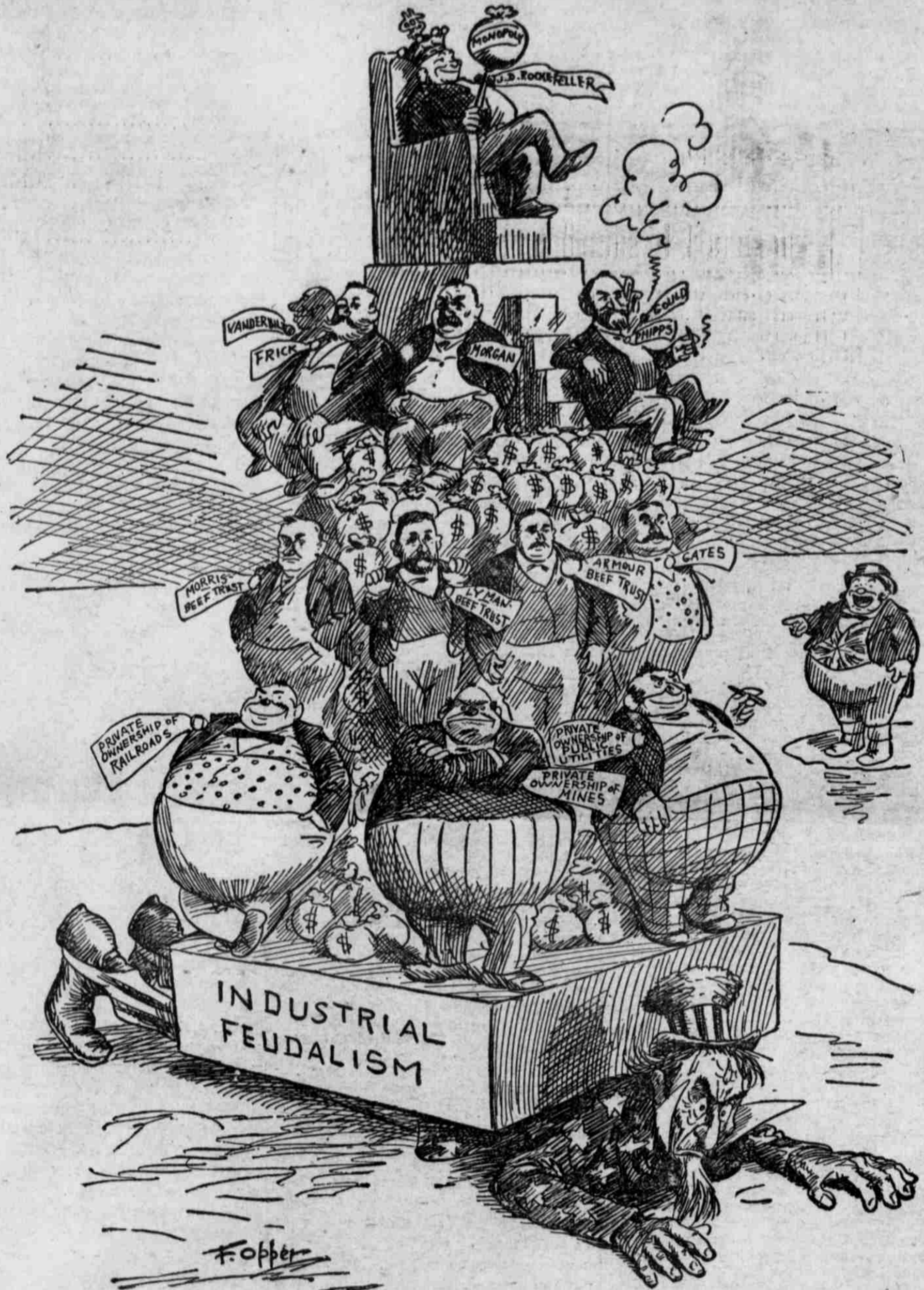
The Rocky mountain locust, or grasshopper, in 1874 destroyed \$100,000,000 of crops of Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa, and the indirect loss was probably as much more.

Both eyes of a wolf in a menagerie at Lyons have been operated on for cataract. After the operation the animal's eyelids were sewn together to prevent it opening them for several hours.

The bands of elk that wintered in Jackson Hole country, Wyoming, four years ago were estimated to number 60,000. They now number less than 10,000, according to the estimate of the ranchers.

Crossed bugles, a death's head and other marks are stamped on the wings of a pigeon which has just been

THE LAND OF THE FREE.



HIS OLD FRIEND, JOHN—"Excuse me, Sam, but I can't help laughing when I think how 'ard you worked to throw off the yoke of British oppression."—New York Journal.

caught here, writes a correspondent from Llanerfyl, Montgomeryshire, to the London Daily Mail.

Gray ashes or dust sufficient to partly whiten their tunics fell from the sky a few days ago on some constables in the police barrack yard at Kilkenny, writes a sergeant of the Royal Irish Constabulary.

Eighty pigeons had their eyes picked out recently by an owl which entered their loft by night at Nordhansen, Prussia. The same owl the night before picked out the eyes of a whole litter of kittens which were in the same building.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Go, Ye, and Do Likewise.

Denver (Colo.) Democrat: While Cleveland openly stabbed his party in 1896, the wily politician of Wolfort's Roost sulked in his tent, when duty called him in the field. The brazen effrontery of this combination of party wreckers is unparalleled and would remind one of the audacity of Judas, had he asserted himself—as the faithful head of the church after his betrayal of his master. But Judas had the good sense to go and hang himself. We would say in all sincerity to these distinguished and extinguished gentlemen, Go ye, and do likewise.

Roosevelt Doesn't Frighten Them.

Goshen (N. Y.) Independent Republican: President Roosevelt has taken advantage of the silly season in politics to declare his intention of smashing the trusts. It will be noted that he did not give vent to this high resolve until after congress had adjourned, when it was too late to pass any measure designed to regulate these monopolies. The trust magnates are losing no sleep because of Roosevelt. It is more than likely that, two years from now, they will be liberal contributors towards his election. The powers and privileges of the trusts to oppress will not be curtailed by any republican administration.