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Next Sunday is Easter, but if the present weather continues Easter hats will be as much out of place as birds of Paradise in Iceland.

The Ohio democrats want a candidate for governor who will poll both the liquor and the Methodist vote next fall. Politics is a profession in Ohio where you can't be too particular even in trying to make oil and water mix.

JUSTICE STEPHEN FIELD is said to be quite confident of being the next democratic candidate for president. Mr. Huntington's right bower would be about as easy a man to beat as any nominee that the democratic party could select.

The state supreme court has decided that a railroad company is liable for stock killed upon its track while running at large in the night time at points where the company has failed to fence its track, notwithstanding that stock is prohibited from running at large in the night time.

A PORTION of the bonds which will be voted upon at the coming city election are to be applied to extending the Waring system of sanitary sewerage, which has proved so satisfactory to our citizens. The increase of water main connections makes this extension of the sewerage system a necessity.

Having disposed of the January corn crop, several Chicago firms are now running a corner in May corn, and the market is said to be short from 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 bushels for May delivery. This is the largest short interest in corn for any month in the history of the board of trade.

The caucusing, buttonholing and wire pulling has already begun, but caucus candidates will have no advantage over any others in the coming campaign unless our citizens and tax payers believe them to be able and better men for the positions of trust, which the people will dispose of on April 3d.

COMMISSIONER DUDLEY is hard at work compiling the lists of pensioners for publication. It will require eight volumes of 550 pages each and only 1,000 of the works will be printed. The pension agents are all in a flutter over the matter, and General Dudley thinks they will endeavor to gobble up as many of the copies as they can in order to cover up their rascalities.

Senator Van Wyck's arraignment of the extravagance of the attorney-general's office is still agitating Washington. Official returns just made public show that: since January 1st, 1882, the government has paid \$115,854 as fees to special counsel in the star route cases. Of this sum George Bliss received for fees and personal expenses the handsome allowance of \$69,069. Merrick and Kerr together drew \$44,000 additional. It must be borne in mind that this sum is exclusive of court expenses, pay of jurors, mileage, witnesses and a host of other items. How much Mr. Brewster would require to send an ordinary thief to the penitentiary becomes an interesting question.

THAT juries and courts are not generally inclined to treat seduction as a mere pastime is seen in the verdict of the New York court which confirms the damages of \$75,000 which were given to Miss Livingstone by a New York jury in her suit against Henry Fleming, the Brooklyn millionaire. Fleming broke his promise of marriage and tried to escape the penalty by blackening Miss Livingstone's character. His offensive bravado in court brought the case home to the jury even closer than the testimony against him, and an unprecedentedly heavy fine was the result. The supreme court not only confirmed the verdict, but the judge in addition granted Miss Livingstone's counsel \$2,000 extra allowance, the largest the law permits. Blackening a woman's character is the work of a dastard, and neither American courts or American juries, for the Duke case is most happily a solitary exception, are disposed to protect criminals of this class, whatever their social condition.

**WHAT, NEVER! WELL, HARDLY EVER!**

I have the perfect assurance that by no conscious act of mine; either of omission or commission, have I ever failed to labor for the interest of the whole people of this state and city and for the best good of the democratic party.—George L. Miller (*Open Letter*.)

The amiable founder of the *Herald* has more "perfect assurance" than a book agent or a lightning rod peddler. His conscience is as elastic as his memory is treacherous.

There are still a few people in Omaha on whom he cannot impose as an unselfish benefactor or model partisan. The first monument of affectionate devotion to the people of Omaha erected by Dr. Miller is the old Herndon house, which was converted into Union Pacific headquarters six years ago. Like all truly benevolent enterprises, the Herndon house was built on a subsidy. The ground was donated by the city, and about \$20,000 of scrip issued in payment of labor and materials was in due time redeemed by the benevolent builders at ten cents on the dollar.

Next the eminent benefactor endeavored himself to the whole people of Nebraska by issuing pasteboards at Fort Kearney, good for one drink of whisky, 50 cents. That was pure Bourbon juice and should properly be credited as proof of the doctor's unyielding democracy. But this brief incident in his eventful career is his forsaking expedition as cotton scavenger in Arkansas, which laid the foundation of his "only child," the *Herald*, are no part of his schemes of unselfish benevolence. Those were developed only through the influence of the *Herald*. It was mainly through this influence that Omaha donated nearly her entire river front and hundreds of valuable lots to the Credit Mobilier ring and voted a debt upon the city and county that will, with accrued interest, amount to over \$3,000,000. The U. P. depot bond, to which Omaha owes that magnificent cow-shed, will, with accrued interest, amount to \$544,147.50 when the principal becomes due.

In all the negotiations with the old Credit Mobilier crowd and their successors Dr. Miller was a very active and influential party, and through his double dealing, mainly, Omaha was betrayed and sold out to the giant monopoly, upon whose bounty he has lived and thrived from that day to this.

As the abject tool and slave of the Union Pacific Dr. Miller has always championed and defended the most soulless impositions on Omaha and Nebraska.

For ten years the people of Nebraska and Omaha have been subjected to pillage at the robber's toll gate across the Missouri, while their self styled champion has amassed wealth as a silent partner of the highwaymen. Not content with the subsidies given to the *Herald* in job work he has pocketed thousands from railroad eating houses in which he did not invest a dollar (E. B. Chandler), and picked up other crumbs that usually fall under the table of railway magnates.

When the people of Omaha for whom he has shown such unselfish love sought an independent outlet into central Nebraska through the narrow gauge railroad, Dr. Miller after encouraging the scheme went back on Omaha at the beck of Jay Gould. For further reference cite Frank Murphy. More recently Dr. Miller's devotion to the interest of Omaha was illustrated in his collusion with the Holly water ring. Of course the amiable father of the *Herald* has the perfect assurance that by no conscious act of his, either omission or commission, he has ever failed to labor for the interest of Omaha; but his assurance is as hard as adamant and his conscience more elastic than India rubber. We make bold to assert however that Omaha would to day be way ahead of Kansas City in population and wealth had it not been for the treacherous veracity of Dr. Miller in conniving with the Credit Mobilier crowd in the downright robberies, and their reckless violations of the solemn compact made with this city in the matter of depots and transfer grounds.

And now a brief glance at the unselfish labor of The *Herald* and its editor in the cause of the Nebraska democracy. In 1860 the democrats polled 53 per cent. of the vote of the then territory. In 1864 George L. Miller, demo candidate for congress, polled 48 per cent. From that day to this the democracy under the leadership of The *Herald* has steadily lost ground. At the election of 1880 they polled 33 per cent., and at the last state election only 32 per cent. of the whole vote of the state. This decline in the face of republican divisions and the notoriously weak state government with which Nebraska has been blessed for the last twelve years, affords proof positive not only of the lack of ability of Dr. Miller as a leader, but an utter lack of confidence of the democratic masses in The *Herald* as an exponent of their sentiments and principles.

With Dr. Miller as its guide and leader democracy has merely played catpaw to corporate monopoly. Democracy became, so to speak, the left wing of the monopoly armies, while the republicans under similar leader-

**THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.**

The outlook for business and trade is on the whole more encouraging than it has been for a month past. The most unfavorable feature in the east is the stringency of the money markets which is however, to a large extent, due to the demands for money from the west and partly to speculative influences on Wall Street. Exports show a large increase. The movements of breadstuffs and provisions for foreign ports have been satisfactory, and a steady advance in the number of clearances as well as of supplies from interior points indicates that farmers are beginning to realize upon the crops which they have held back so long for higher prices.

Throughout the west the jobbing trade is steadily improving and is being reflected in steady and larger orders from commercial travelers to home houses. In our own state wholesalers profess themselves pleased with the prospect but complain that money is still in limited circulation in the interior. Grain purchasers find great difficulty in procuring the necessary cars for shipment east and on this account are forced in many instances and especially through the Republican valley to decline offerings of corn and grain. Within the next month the movement of the surplus crops may be expected to be at its height and the artificial stringency from which we have suffered since last fall will be to a great extent removed. The prospects of a favorable season and good crops for the coming year, with an enlarged foreign market for our surplus products, is most encouraging and adds to the general happiness.

The general industrial situation east is reported as very favorable. There is an improvement in the demand for goods and the cautious policy of buying, which has prevailed since early in last winter, has diminished all stocks in consumers hands. A large amount of business already in sight is causing increasing demands upon manufacturers. Even the iron and steel proprietors are more cheerful than they have been for months, as the impression is general that the worst is past.

Throughout the lesson of the past year seems to have been well learned, and more conservative methods of doing business promise well for the future stability of the markets, for the prospects of continued employment for industry and increasing wages for labor.

One of the worst injustices of our law is that which relieves employers of liability for injuries done to employees of railroad companies through the negligence of other employees. A strong effort was made during the late session of the legislature to remedy this wrong to our workmen and a bill making employers fully liable where the injured party was guilty of no contributory negligence was passed by the senate. It was smothered to death in the house by the railroad attorneys. A measure of the same kind is now before the Massachusetts legislature and the Springfield *Republican* says: Justice demands this modification—justice to the injured party, and to the community which may be called upon to support his pauperized family if they have no redress. The engineer, faithful to death at his post in a collision or other accident for which he is in no way responsible, deserves indemnity, for himself or for his heirs, just as much as the passenger behind him. He deserves indemnity, first, because he is a helpless factor in a great organized machine of labor over which he has no control, and the risks of which he cannot know; second, because, even if he knew the risks, the only way to get compensation for them is to be secured in law the privilege of charging over to the employer his actual damage, since the employer has abundant opportunity (which the employee has not) to make himself good by his charges to the public for transportation. The committee considering this subject have not yet reported, but we trust they will be able to present an effective and acceptable bill. Massachusetts ought at least to be as liberal in this respect to workmen as are England and the European countries.

The contents of "The Popular Monthly" for April, besides being well varied, are all of a character to command attention and stimulate thought. The leading place is given to an essay by Professor Sheldon Amos, on the "Nature and Limits of the Science of Politics." In "The Economical Function of Vice" Mr. John McElroy takes the novel ground that men's vicious propensities play an important part in natural selection and the improvement of mankind, claiming by a self chosen process its worst and most worthless elements, and making room for the play of the better factors of society. The "Progress of the Back-boned Family," by Arabella B. Buckle, is a presentation of the life history of vertebrate animals, by a writer whose success in popularizing her subject without sacrificing scientific accuracy has often been remarked. In "The Census and the Forests," Mr. N. H. Eggleston surveys the devastation of our wooded lands, the exact amount of which is for the first time revealed by the census bulletins and maps. M. C. A. Piorement gives an interesting account of the "Origin of the Donkey." Mr. H. H. Bates follows him with some "Speculations on the Nature of Matter." A portrait and a biographical sketch are given of Increase Allen Lapham, L. L. D., a gentleman who did much good work for science unobtrusively, and who may be regarded as the provoker of the scientific activity for which the state of Wisconsin is distinguished.

**PERSONALITIES.**

Attorney General Brewster is said to be starting up a day of wrath for Van Wyck.

Queen Victoria has a good deal of taste in house furnishing, says Mr. Labouchere, and it is very bad taste.

Rev. Isaac S. Killoch has retired from politics, pulpit and publicity, to a cattle ranch at Santa Cruz, California.

Miss Louise M. Alcott astonishes some of the Boston people by volunteering the statement that she is fifty years old.

It is said that ex-Governor Sprague's new wife was divorced from her first husband only three days before she wedded William.

It isn't every senator, even, who can exhibit twelve night shirts worth \$250 each, as part of his second wedding outfit, Tabor did it.

Lucy Hooper says the Prince of Wales is the only man she ever thought she could marry, and she was several years too late in finding him.

Mr. Edmund Yates describes Gladstone as an old, old man, with scanty grey hair and a pale face, half concealed in enormous shirt collar.

"Now that Gorrings has left the navy he ought to tell just where he left it, so that his successor may not waste the whole summer looking for it."

It seems probable that the remarkable career of Mr. Judah P. Benjamin, the confederate secretary of state, will end in a suit upon the *Errol* baronet.

Miss Estelle Richardson, daughter of the cotton king of New Orleans, was queen of the carnival ball in that city, and over three thousand pearls were required to surround her majesty's point-laced white satin dress.

General Sheridan is said to be already house-hunting in Washington in anticipation of succeeding General Sherman not only as generalissimo of the American army, but also as a partner in one of the social lions of the capital.

The Hon. Charles A. Dana, editor of the *New York Sun*, is very sensitive upon the subject of his age and personal appearance, and some of his enemies say, quite susceptible of flattery. He pays a great deal of attention to his dress, and in department is a combination of Chesterfield and Turvey-top in all matters classified under the head of social etiquette.

There is at least one conscientious congressman living. Representative Flower, of New York, has returned to the treasury \$400 of his salary on the ground that he was not present during the entire session of the house and had no right to all the money. This is a radiant flower, a sweet scented shrub, so to speak. Of course Mr. Flower is a wealthy man and he doesn't need the money, but his example is worth something.

We do not believe that Mrs. Mary Smith lives in Brooklyn. Not because she wore diamond earrings, bracelets and finger rings; not because she had \$150 in her pocket and a pug dog in her arms; but because she was accused of being "drunk and disorderly" and was fined \$10. She no doubt slandered Brooklyn when she claimed that sober, reputable, church-going city as her home, just as much as she slandered New York when she told it to that instead of whisky.—*New York Journal*.

The assistant postmaster at Lawrence, Kansas, Mr. J. J. Eile, claims that St. Jacobs Oil is the best thing known for rheumatism, lameness, sores and pains of every description.

The Church as an Umbrella, Texas Sittings.

During divine services in the Austin Blue Light Tabernacle several colored gentlemen seeking refuge from the rain, entered the sacred edifice, intending to remain there until the rain subsided, but Parson Wainfrododie Baxter raised such a storm that they were glad to get back into the rain again. "We reads," said the good man, pounding on the pulpit with his fist, "we reads in de Good Book ob wicked men makin' de church a cloak to cover up their sins, but you sinners are a heap wusser. You ain't satisfied wid us! g de church as a cloak. You use de church as an umbrella."

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**STOCKS.**

Special Dispatch to This Day.

St. PAUL, March 21.—Advices from various points in the Yellowstone country indicate that the past winter has been favorable for the stockmen, and the loss from exposure and cold weather is estimated to not exceed 5 per cent for the entire territory.

**THE EUROPEAN SPECTRE.**

The proposition of the Russian government that all the powers shall join in organizing an international detective agency against the nihilists and anarchists and social revolutionists shows that at last Europe realizes the danger she faces with which she is brought face to face. Open insurrection and revolution can be crushed out by military force. A combined army of over 700,000 men now patrols the continent in time of peace to suppress the first demonstration against monarchal rule and to defend the frontiers at the flashing of the earliest spark of a foreign invasion.

But it is not from foes without or riotous outbreaks from within that the sovereigns of Europe have most to fear. Silently but sleeplessly an unseen enemy is gathering strength in the very heart of their palaces, menacing the stability of crowns and threatening to shake to its foundations the throne of every continental monarch. The attempt to blow up the government houses in London brings to England the unwelcome certainty that she, too, is no longer sacred ground against the attacks of these sworn enemies to society as at present constituted. The rapid spread of revolutionary socialism is one of the most remarkable phenomena of the century. From a hundred unknown places a spectral army is spreading over all Europe. Its generals issue their decrees from invisible presses, its emissaries post them on the walls of the palaces. The highest as well as the lowest ranks of society seem alike infected, and faithful and fearless soldiers of the corps are found at the king's table, in the military barracks and among the educated and educating classes of the gymnasiums and universities.

With an organization whose perfection is seen in the readiness with which every order is obeyed, and with leaders actuated by all the enthusiasm of fanatics ready to suffer death for their cause, and enduring every torture rather than betray their associates, all the ingenuity of European society finds itself helpless to suppress its powerful but hidden foe. Pickets and patrols can give warning of the approach of an invading army, but what guard can forestall the danger of a secret mine. Fortresses and embankments can protect a monarch from the rifle shots of a domestic insurrection, but both are powerless to ward off the explosion of a dynamite bomb or the fatality of a poisoned dish. No wonder is it that the statesmen of Europe stand aghast before the problem that they are called upon to solve.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR's complaint is now said to be dyspepsia which is rapidly disappearing since the congressional receptions and diplomatic dinners have been brought to an end.

An Essay on Roller Skates. LAFARIS BROOMING.

The roller skate is a wayward little quadruped. It is as frolicsome and more innocent looking than a lamb, but for interfering with one's upright attitude in the community it is perhaps the best machine that has appeared in Salt Lake City.

Wiggins is catching it, but being safe in Canada he would not swap places with Keller for anything.

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