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REORGANIZE THE COMMISSION.

The State Relief commission as now organized has proved itself incapable of meeting the emergency. There is an utter lack of business method and vigor in the conduct of the affairs that are entrusted to its care and keeping.

The president has been a figurehead, the treasurer has had little or nothing to do with handling the money and the other members of the commission have had no part in the work for which they have been organized.

It will be useless to try to fix the responsibility for the Elbe disaster. Whether the collision might possibly have been avoided is and must remain a matter of pure speculation.

Chief Arthur is said to be polling the locomotive engineers with a view to ordering a general strike. We do not believe it. There will be no great railroad strike in this country prior to May day.

The prohibition municipal ticket is the first in the field in Chicago. But this must not be taken to indicate that it will get very far into the field by the time the election occurs and the ballots are counted.

The vote on the Reilly funding bill in the house today will show how nearly everything has been cocked and primed for its passage by that body by the lobbyists who have been so busily engaged in preparing the way.

ing and all necessities of life were very much higher than they are now. Today there are hundreds of first class accountants and clerks begging and anxious to accept positions at from \$50 to \$100 a month. Why should the city pay \$1,500 to \$1,800 a year for a class of work that does not require expert knowledge and involves no responsibility?

The city treasurer's office now costs \$12,000 a year for clerical salaries exclusive of the treasurer, who gets \$6,000 a year. Four years ago that force was drawing less than half that amount and the work in the office was well performed.

How did these extravagant salaries creep into the pay roll? By political pressure and nepotism. Members of the council foisted their sons and other relatives upon the city pay roll in one capacity or another and in the process of time had the salaries raised for these positions.

Public officials whose duty it is to abolish sinecures and reduce extravagant salaries will not do so long as they believe that it will later interfere with their plans and ambition for higher office. They are told by the friends of employees likely to be affected by the pruning knife that any radical action will result in consigning such officials to political obliquity.

Senator Vest's frankness in publicly stating his opinion that there is not the slightest possibility of the finance committee to submit any measure to report to the senate is refreshing in its reassuring. It at least gives the supporters of the president's position a clear view of the situation and it also serves notice on the president that he will in all probability be left to meet the emergency of a vanishing gold reserve with his present resources.

Those Whisky trust receivers are different this time from the receivers in which the whisky has usually been stored. Will Billy Tumble? It is a serious question whether young Mr. Bryan of Nebraska would notice it if a house should fall upon him. If there was any loss in the Nebraska election, it was the silver and silverites should be sent to the rear.

retirement and cancellation of legal tenders for each month shall not be greater than the increase in the amount of national bank notes under the operation of the plan. The changes in the conditions of national bank note issues suggested in the administration plan would wholly fail, there can be no doubt, to bring out a sufficient amount of bank notes to compensate for the withdrawals of the legal tenders, and while a remedy for this might be found through authorizing issues of bank notes based upon general assets and stockholders' liability, that would not be a popular remedy, and at any rate is a matter for the future.

It is another valid objection to that plan that it proposes to substitute for the non-interest-bearing obligations of the government, amounting, as we have said, to \$500,000,000, interest-bearing obligations, saddling on the people for fifty years an interest charge which, as was stated by Senator Vest, would be a very serious thing, yet this would almost certainly be the result of carrying out the administration financial plan.

Chicago Tribune (rep.): The friends of honest silver complain that the advocates of silver monometallism at home and the national dishonor abroad which could not be avoided if the silver standard were allowed to have their way. The people should make a pressing demand that the president be sustained, and do it speedily, or it may be too late.

Louisville Courier-Journal (dem.) The message of the president is most thoughtful and timely document. It is more than that. It is an able and luminous statement of the whole fiscal situation, carrying with it an appeal to patriotic Americans, the most earnest and pathetic because of the circumstance that it will pass for the most part unheeded by the timid and selfish politicians who comprise the ruling class of the government.

Denver Republican: Municipal ownership of railroads would go far to solve the problem presented by the Brooklyn strike. Then the rights of employer as well as those of the public would receive more consideration and there would be less occasion for strikes. This plan has been adopted in Glasgow, where it has given general satisfaction.

Washington Star: The time cannot be far off when the large cities of the country will begin seriously and earnestly to consider the problem of how best to take possession of the street railway franchises. The great strike in Brooklyn, added to the scandal of the trolley combine in Philadelphia, must have a notable effect in advancing this date for the troubles that come of corporate monopoly will grow faster and faster as the large centers of population increase in size.

Slous City Tribune: The magnitude of the liquidation which the country's money market is illustrated by the report of the receivers of the Lombard Investment company, which has just been filed at St. Louis, is impressive. During the last ninety days \$5,000,000 of the assets of the company have been converted into cash, and like sum paid to creditors.

THE CURRENCY CRISIS.

Indianapolis Journal (rep.): Mr. Cleveland's message is decidedly panicky, and yet there is a general impression that the content which he so humbly begs to heed his words will take no action in the matter.

Boston Globe (dem.): The memorable message sent to congress by President Cleveland is an appeal to patriotism, not partisanship. It is an imperative summons to our senators and representatives to take action for the welfare, not of the north or the south, the east or the west, but of the whole country.

Chicago Herald (dem.): The business men and business organizations of the country should rally at once to the support of the president and give senators especially to understand that they have no use for politicians who subject them to perpetual annoyance and loss by tampering with the standard for party purposes.

Chicago Tribune (rep.): The friends of honest silver outside of congress ought to rally, however they may be treated by the representatives that they do not want a debased silver monometallism at home and the national dishonor abroad which could not be avoided if the silver standard were allowed to have their way.

Buffalo Express (rep.): It is much to be regretted that the president expressed doubts of the ability of the government to float another loan on the same terms that it floated the first. This is a very serious reflection on the government credit, and there are no facts to justify it.

Des Moines Leader (dem.): The advocates of silver complain that the seat of the money power in this country is Wall street. They are undoubtedly correct. But how about their proposed remedy? It is to transfer the seat of the money power to Denver, where they would have a debased currency, which would vitally affect every business industry in the country.

New York Herald (ind.): The failure of these men to sustain the national credit is directly responsible for the distress which is manifested in the "run" on the treasury. That distrust paralyzes industry and trade and throws out of employment a vast amount of money, which increases the redundancy of the currency and tends to force the gold out of the country.

Cincinnati Enquirer (dem.): As before remarked, the message was not intended for congress. Cleveland may pay no heed to it. The next congress will give just as little heed. No gold bonds will be issued. No duties will be made payable in gold. The gold now in the treasury will be exhausted out by the president during the next week or ten days.

Engineering News: The best available remedies within great cities seems to be municipal ownership of the whole street railway system and its lease to operating corporations on terms just to both parties, but leaving the absolute control in the hands of the city authorities.

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An Extra Session Probable: St. Louis (Ind.)-Democrat. An extra session of the fifty-fourth congress will probably have to be held. The great issue of the country ever since the present congress began its final session eight months ago has been the gold standard.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U.S. Gov't Report. The magnitude of the liquidation which the country's money market is illustrated by the report of the receivers of the Lombard Investment company, which has just been filed at St. Louis, is impressive.

MADE FOOLS OF THEMSELVES

The Recent Wake of the Monopoly Organ Grinders.

BUTTING HEADS AGAINST A SOLID WALL

Reflections from a Country Editor Who Sees Things as They Are and Wants to Know Where We Are At.

YORK, Neb., Jan. 31.—To the Editor of The Bee: You make me say in my last letter that the members of the legislature were delegates to the state convention.

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at the same time not one of them could do a thing with the element of the party represented. That element has no confidence in Gere, Jones, Hammond, or any of them. Rosewater could do nothing with the Journal element of the party.

Yale Record: Professor—How long should a man's legs be in proportion to his body? Lowell—Long enough to reach the ground, sir.

Boston Globe: Judge—I will give you an hour and a quarter, leave town, Tramp—Never mind the hour, Judge, just give me the quarter.

Full many a time the Mexican man in wonder great has gazed At tricks the Japanese performed, Which every one admires.

And now these tricksters of Japan To war their juggling take, For while smashing china right along They never make a break.

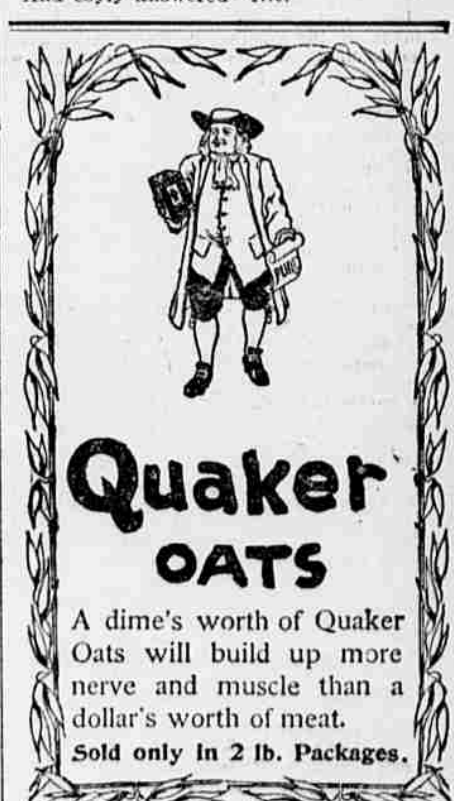
THE POETIC MODERN GIRL. Chicago Record. She was a lovely Modern Girl, Dressed in the best of taste, Who spoke with manner unaltered And language pure and chaste.

"Will you?" the young man boldly cried, "Say, will you be my wife?" "The lady made no reply, "Not on your natural life."

"What's this?" he cried, "this cruel blow— This speech so crisp and tart?" "It's this," she said, in accents low, "You got the marble heart."

"Your words," he said, "outraged my knee— But must I bust, she smiled again, "Accept the double-cross."

"Oh, what an answer!" was his cry: "Is there no changing it?" But the maiden winked her other eye And coyly answered "NIT!"



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