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How fortunate for Andrew Jackson that he died a long time ago.

By this time four years ago the public had a pretty fair general outline of what President Cleveland's cabinet was to be.

And now we are told that the people of Hawaii are sure of annexation.

It is not a deficit of cabinet material that confronts Major McKinley, but a surplus which requires a nice discrimination to determine what to reject.

Now that the president has signed the new musical and dramatic copyright bill and it has become a law, the next stage advertising dodge may be expected to take the form of lawsuits for infringement of copyright.

It is noteworthy that the year 1896 produced no single work of fiction that towered far above all others in point of popularity.

Again the abdication of Queen Victoria is rumored. In the United States it is said of officeholders that few die and none resign.

All Governor Holcomb is expected to do is to make a better governor during the next two years than he has during the past two years.

Omaha recorded fewer marriages in 1896 than for several years previous. And the year 1896 was a leap year, too.

The district court stenographers do not intend to submit without a fight to the recent ruling of the attorney general against the constitutionality of the law by which their salaries were increased to the present rate.

According to Governor Holcomb the fate of the constitutional amendments upon which Nebraska voters voted last November is still in doubt.

Disasters that happen always create a deep impression, while impending disasters that have been averted are ignored or soon overlooked.

Steel manufacturers complain that prices have reached the lowest possible point. If this is true it ought to be a forceful argument in favor of fireproof construction of new buildings in all our larger cities.

Another spurious count has succeeded in working the credulous people of the east with bogus checks that will foot up over \$100,000.

Both the outgoing attorney general and the incoming attorney general have expressed the opinion that the law authorizing the substitution of guaranty bonds for personal bonds by public officers is defective and void.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD DEBT.

After nearly a week's discussion of the Pacific railroad funding bill the national house of representatives is about to vote once more on the passage of a measure designed as a final solution of the Pacific railroad debt problem.

While the debate has been pointed and even acrimonious at times, it has developed few new facts and drawn out few new arguments that have not been previously discussed both in congress and in the press.

The Pacific railroad question rests on a condition and not a theory. Circumstances have arisen which compel the government to take some action with reference to the matured and defaulted loans owing from these insolvent railroad companies, and what is demanded is that this action be such as will fully protect the public with the least sacrifice of the government's financial interests.

What the promoters of the funding bill persistently ignore and what congress passes over with mere casual mention is the indisputable fact that the people will have to pay the Pacific railroad debt whether it is extended at a low rate of interest for a long period of years or is taken out of the national treasury at once through the loss of part or all of the government's claim by foreclosure.

Even though the funding bill passes the house, its success in the senate remains questionable, as it is sure to meet with as determined opposition there as in the lower branch of the national legislature.

From the information transmitted to congress by the president it does not appear probable that our government will be able to induce the British government to modify the restrictions against American cattle.

It would seem useless, therefore, to make further appeal and it is quite possible that the question of retaliatory action may be considered by the present or the succeeding congress. There is reason to believe that such a course will be urged, but it is a matter that will call for very careful deliberation.

pected to give its earnest attention to the foreign restrictions upon our cattle and meats and to devise some practicable way, if it be possible, to have them removed or materially modified.

RIGHTING A GREAT WRONG. The state supreme court is entitled to the thanks of the Nebraska press for reversing Judge Scott in the Raker criminal libel case.

While the supreme court has not passed upon all the vital points involved it has clearly affirmed the principle that a person charged with criminal libel is entitled to the same presumption of innocence that is accorded persons charged with any other crime.

There are plenty of signs favorable to a return of prosperity, but its realization depends upon complete relief from all disturbing and unsettling influences.

There has been a rapid growth of popular sentiment recently in favor of postal savings banks and there appears to be no doubt that if the question could be submitted to popular vote the affirmative verdict would be overwhelming.

Unquestionably this voice a very general sentiment among the classes who make small savings. They want a place to deposit these savings which they know would be safe beyond any contingency and postal savings banks would supply this requirement.

Governor Powers of Maine in his inaugural address congratulates the people of his state on the fact that the young men have very generally ceased to go to the far west to carve out fame and fortune for themselves.

The January number of the Engineering Magazine has an article by the labor commissioner of Minnesota, Mr. L. G. Powers, entitled "Evidence of Health Throughout the Industrial World."

Although the mayor of Chicago is paid \$7,000 a year a bill has been introduced into the Illinois legislature to raise his annual salary to \$20,000.

The difference between the courts of England and those of America in the matter of expedition and impartiality is once more shown in the recent prompt conviction in London of a titled woman on a charge of criminal libel.

The canvass of the male population of Nebraska for full citizenship was to act as aides in the inaugural procession has resulted in the selection of two citizens of such conspicuous fitness that no jealousy is likely to be engendered among the unsuccessful aspirants.

The Spanish bureau of publicity in Havana is responsible for the report that the insurgents are ready to lay down their arms on certain conditions, one of which is the immediate recall of Weyler to Spain.

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SECVLAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

SOMERVILLE JOURNAL: Sometimes even a minister has been known to amble when the point was reached in a first-class poker story.

Chicago Times-Herald: Those New York clergymen who are planning to issue "an ideal daily newspaper, devoted exclusively to the good, the true and the beautiful," should understand of this nature that, though the paper may be ideal, its running expenses will be extremely real.

New York Tribune: The Dominion of Canada is not a wonder that its population does not increase with wished-for rapidity, when it is possible for ecclesiastics at one blow to destroy a newspaper for saying that in affairs of state the state is supreme and not subject to the church.

Milwaukee Wisconsin: Once more the Ireland party in the Catholic church appears to be on top. Mr. O'Connell, who is believed to have been only a priest when the rectorship of the American college at Rome, has been created bishop of Wilmington, Del. It is now reported that Archbishop Ireland has received assurances of renewed friendliness from the Vatican.

Kansas City Star: The peculiarity of the Polish nature, as developed in this country, seems to be an unusual hostility toward certain priests, which takes the form of rioting. All the Polish revolutions in this country break out in parishes. When aware, as they must be, of this inherent disposition of the natives of the "fair land of Poland," the ecclesiastical authorities should try the virtues of prevention, and send to Polish churches only priests whom the revolutionary press have voted for, and solemnly promise not to throw rocks at.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican: The Roman Catholic bishops of Quebec are playing with fire in persecuting and destroying newspapers by the use of their ecclesiastical influence, and in threatening Roman Catholic members of Parliament who may support the Manitoba school settlement. They fell inordinately by such means to prevent the triumph of the liberals at the last election, and made a laughing stock of themselves by their own folly.

Kansas City Star: No American writer on economic subjects equalled General Walker in the estimation of the thinkers of Europe. St. Paul Pioneer Press: While professing to go with him in all the details of his convictions, we do not hesitate to say that the nation owes him more than it can possibly estimate. He was a great man and a fearless man, he has given his best to the public service, and we cannot afford to lose such a man in the very prime of his vigor.

Buffalo Express: The specialty which General Walker studied has been called the dialectic, but he has not only mastered it, and no man had a broader sympathy with his fellowmen. He was one of those who believe that people can be helped best by teaching them the truth and by the example of living which will enable them to help themselves.

Chicago Tribune: Aside from the numerous titles of dignity and honor which he has held he has made his influence felt by numerous contributions on his favorite subjects in newspapers and periodicals. Few men in our country have been more useful, few have set a more brilliant example of good citizenship and few there are whose lives have been more symmetrically rounded out.

Philadelphia Inquirer: In his hands the "dialectic science of political economy," as it has been sometimes miscalled, was invested with a bright and vigorous vitality. He illumined all that he wrote, no matter how abstruse, and those who have had the pleasure of hearing him talk in public know full well from what magnetic depths he secured to draw his store of knowledge. Besides all this, he was a patriot and defended the honor of his country on the field as bravely as he fought the financial heresies that sought to weaken the commercial and industrial power from which she has gained so large a measure of greatness.

Boston Globe: General Walker's ability, fairness and rare knowledge as a writer on economic and financial topics won for him, years ago, the reputation of an authority. Alike among those who agreed with his views and those who differed from them, he has long been respected for his sincerity, frankness and power. No man ever had less of the casuistic spirit; no man ever entered upon the consideration of the perplexing monetary problem of our day with a more patriotic and with a stronger desire and purpose to get at "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." The influence of his writings will increase, not diminish, as years go by.

THE OLD-TIMERS. Dr. Isaiah R. Sexton of Sparta, Mich., is one of the thirty-three survivors of the war of 1812.

Commodore Richard Peck of the New York and New Haven steamboat line, after whom the South River Richard Peck was named, has completed sixty-eight years of service in steamboating. He is believed to be the oldest steamboat man in the country. Commodore Peck is a very old man. His first experience in steamboating was in 1828, when he was 13.

name, is a negro, and was born in Virginia, where he was slave to a man who was captain in the army of the revolution. His wife is living, but she is thirty-four years younger. Keith does not use tobacco and seldom drinks intoxicants.

DOMESTIC IDYLS. Boston Transcript: Freezing—There's Charley over there. He's going to be married next week. "What's he making all that noise for?" "Why, that's his inaugural ball!"

Chicago Post: Mabel—Your husband has a great opinion of you. He calls you his right hand. Mabel—Yes, that's because he never lets his right hand know what his left hand is doing.

Washington Star: "Has your husband the habit of collecting fads?" inquired the caller. "Well," replied young Mrs. Torkins, "usually he usually helps me take up the contribution in our church."

Buffalo Times: Della Ware—Do you believe in the biblical appointment of giving a kiss for a blow, Mr. Westside? "Westside—Well—er—that depends. Miss Ware, how hard are you going to strike me?" "Judge, Mr. Snares (savagely)—I've given you a kick in the behind, and you've given me a kiss on the cheek. (Sarcasically) I've given you a kiss on the cheek, and you've given me a kick in the behind."

WHY THE FLEDD. He asked the homely maid, to sing; To make she started to do it. But the song she sang was just the thing To annoy the gentleman rue it. "For she raised her voice to a screech and cried: "Oh, me! me! the old, old story! Then he grabbed his hat and hence he fled, And left her alone in her glory."

AN OLD WEDDING RING. W. D. Ethwanger in New York Sun. What a symbol of love is that circle of gold. By the token of which our devotion was told. How our youthful affection shines out, as it gleams. In the light of the romance around it that it seems. And it knows no beginning or ending, or end. Its continuing course should not run till we die.

And a sign and a seal of our reverence, too, Had a part in our creed, when that old ring was new. When a slender, light hand was upraised to our lips. And our kisses were pressed on its slim fingers. For that circle of gold seemed a hallowing pledge. Of a love more profound than words dared to allege.

But the metal that's purest wears quickest away. And that old wedding ring has grown thin; Yet the hand which it graced graces it in its turn. With a sweet charity the alchemist vainly would seek. For a magic which would make gold so filled it with gold. That that hand never lacked to the hungry and cold.

And the summers may come, and the summers may go. And the winters may waken the hair with their snow. Still the hand which a lover delighted to kiss. Wears the signet of half of a century's bliss. And no earnest of joy in the heavens above is more sure than that ring and its cycle of love.

No Amount of Blowing WILL SELL GOODS. OUR CLOTHING IS ITS OWN BEST ADVERTISEMENT, AND IF WE CAN BUT PERSUADE YOU TO VISIT OUR STORE AND SEE FOR YOURSELF HOW HANDSOMELY TAILORED OUR SUITS AND OVERCOATS ARE, WE HAVE NO CONCERN AS TO WHERE YOU'LL BUY. PRICES JUST NOW ARE AT THEIR LOWEST—AND THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE IF YOU ARE A JUDGE OF CLOTHES AND VALUES, IN BOTH OF WHICH RESPECTS WE OFFER YOU OUR BEST JUDGMENT AND ADVICE. BUT WHAT IS MORE, WE BACK UP OUR PROPOSITIONS WITH AN ABSOLUTE AND UNEQUIVOCAL GUARANTEE THAT EVERYTHING SHALL BE PRECISELY AS REPRESENTED, AND THE VERY BEST TO BE HAD ANYWHERE FOR THE MONEY. SEE OUR DOUGLAS STREET WINDOW IF YOU CARE TO LEARN HOW REALLY GOOD SUITS AND OVERCOATS LOOK AT A REALLY LOW FIGURE.

