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INSIST ON HAVING THE BEE. The blockade of Greek ports bids fair to become rather a blockade of all European powers.

A great deal of political medicine making can and doubtless will be crowded into a two-weeks' campaign.

What kind of a reform mayor would the reform senator make who stood sponsor for the open gambling bill?

If Senator Howell wants to stand upon his record he will have a hard time in finding anything substantial enough to stand upon.

Prospects for crops everywhere in Nebraska are reported to be most encouraging. Well begun is half done, runs the old saying.

And now the wolf bounty law is in imminent danger of destruction. To a legislature that will repeal the Russian thistle law nothing is impossible.

If the Huntington syndicate lobbyists are getting in their work on the present congress, they are certainly keeping their movements very quiet.

Members of the legislature are again reminded that the constitution disqualifies them from appointment to offices created under laws which they help to pass.

Speaker Reed will appoint those missing committees when he feels so disposed, but he is not likely to feel so disposed until the regular session arrives.

The various elements of opposition to the republican party, having ostensibly fused, will surely be refused by a majority of the voters at the spring election.

The recent notable increase in the already active burglary industry is regarded as evidence of a determination on the part of the criminal element to make hay while the sun shines.

Senator Ransom has begun to explain his record before even the session has closed. Mr. Ransom will also be explaining his record for a good while after the session shall have terminated.

Under the new charter the council will have new and increased responsibilities and the necessity for the election of capable and experienced men as members of that body becomes correspondingly reinforced.

It is hoped that kinestoscope pictures may be made of the scrap between the Methodist church and its recalcitrant member, John J. Ingalls, who attended the recent prize fight and is subject to discipline therefor.

We shall soon see whether or not the new Board of Fire and Police Commissioners is really in earnest in its professed determination to keep the fire and police departments divorced absolutely from politics.

McRedfield is paying his way to join the silverite party. That fusion congressional nomination is a tempting plum, but as Cunningham R. Scott and Frank Ransom jump the track before he, his chances are very slim.

Randall Ransom says he did not back up the proposition for appropriation. He only got cut down from \$250,000 to \$100,000 and tied up for six months. He is undoubtedly entitled to any benefit he may derive from this explanation.

The Bryanites have announced their intention in case the democratic candidate for mayor of Chicago succeeds in his campaign, to claim his success as an achievement of bimetalism. Of course bimetalism has not had any more to do with the city election in Chicago than it has with the choice of officers of any private corporation. The Bryanites were always of the claim-all variety of politicians.

THE MISSISSIPPI FLOODS.

It is impossible to estimate with any degree of accuracy the losses from the Mississippi floods, but they are enormous and the work of devastation is still going on. Thousands of square miles of farm lands have been overflooded, hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property has been swept away and destroyed, there has been loss of life and an army of people have been rendered homeless and destitute.

It is one of the severest calamities this country has ever known already and the end of the destruction and desolation is not in sight. It is quite impossible for any one not a witness of this work of devastation to have any adequate conception of its awful character or to realize the hardships of those who suffer from it, but it is impossible to read the accounts of the disaster wrought by the floods without feeling a profound sympathy for the unfortunate people who are the victims of its resistless fury.

It seems almost a mockery to talk of causes and remedies in the presence of such a calamity and yet it is well to remember that forest destruction is in a very large measure responsible for it. That fact should impress the country with the necessity of preserving the forests and it ought to have an influence upon the determination of the question, now being considered by the president, of revoking or modifying the order of Mr. Cleveland establishing forest reservations.

RANSOM'S SCHOOL TAX BILL.

The most vicious measure affecting the taxpayers of Omaha that has been introduced into the present legislature is the Ransom-Correll school tax bill that passed the senate Saturday. The bill proposes to clothe the Board of Education with absolute power to fix the school tax rate in the city levy. Under the proposed law the school board is empowered to make an estimate of all the money it desires to have raised for the maintenance of the schools, for new furniture, school books, construction and reconstruction of buildings and force the taxpayers to contribute the full amount in taxes without regard to the other burdens they are called on to bear.

A REPUBLICAN LAW.

Those who charge that the republican party has favored the trusts lose sight of the fact that the anti-trust law of 1890, which applies to every combination and contract in restraint of trade, as declared by the supreme court of the United States, is a republican law. As was said by Representative Grosvenor of Ohio in the house during the tariff debate, this act was recommended by a republican president, enacted by a republican congress and approved by a republican president. It encountered the vigorous opposition of the democrats in congress and Mr. Olney as attorney general in the Cleveland administration took the earliest opportunity to discredit the law, his first annual report pronouncing it defective and inadequate. Yet up to that time no effort had been made by that official to enforce the law, although Mr. Cleveland entered upon the presidency with a promise to use all the authority given the executive department to relieve the people from the exactions of the trusts and similar combinations. Attorney General Harmon did no better than his predecessor. He, too, professed to find the law defective and insufficient, and although he had congress in response to a request for information as to what steps had been taken to enforce the anti-trust law, that the Department of Justice had endeavored to investigate complaints regarding trusts and combinations, nothing was really done toward enforcing the law. The only proceedings under the law during the last administration were instituted by its predecessor.

THE RAILROADS.

The railroads could not make the anti-scalping bill into law at the last congress, but they seem to have limitless confidence in their abilities to push the pooling bill through this time. There is no general demand for legalized pooling so far as the public is thus far aware. With Gladstone learning the bicycle and General Schofield, Benjamin Harrison and Andrew Carnegie studiously maintaining the increase in the country's population, the end of the century would seem to be a period of hope for those who are well advanced in years.

EMPLOYEES OF THE LOWER HOUSE.

Employees of the lower house of the legislature will be paid only for the time actually put into the service of the state. Even then, some of them will draw more out of the state treasury for the session than the men elected as senators and representatives.

HOT WEATHER.

Hot weather and an aching desire for a more rapid distribution of patronage are the two incentives that will urge the senate to get through with the new tariff bill just as quickly as possible under the circumstances.

THE MEN RENOMINATED BY THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

The men renominated by the republican party convention have all been elected to terms that have all but expired. The Howell charter that legislature

THE COMBINATIONS DO NOT FORESTALL.

such action by dissolving or putting themselves in a position, if that be possible, where they will not be amenable to the law.

NEW YORK'S TRADE DECLINING.

The commercial supremacy of New York is said to be threatened and the business interests of that metropolis are seriously considering the question of what is necessary to maintain and increase the city's foreign commerce. There is no apprehension of any serious rivalry with an other Atlantic port for European passenger traffic, but it is said that the great grain export business has slowly but surely been diverted to Baltimore and Philadelphia, and to a remarkable extent to New Orleans. It appears to be the opinion of some familiar with the export business that New Orleans, by reason of its natural situation, is going to command more and more of the grain and provision and cotton export trade of the south and southwest. It is a fact that the commerce of New Orleans has been steadily growing and the projects for better facilities of transportation to that port certainly warrant the expectation that it will continue to grow and the increase must of course be at the expense of the Atlantic ports and particularly New York. It may not be a very long time when Texas ports also will command a considerable share of the exports of the southwest.

REPRESENTS HIS PAROLE.

The alleged American, Sangulity, over whom a much trouble occurred and upon whose release by Spain the jingoes so plumed themselves, has proved his gratitude by returning secretly to Cuba. He has, indeed, the dispatch tell us, to stay here for Cuba libre. The next time he finds himself in Merro castle his admirers at Washington may have more difficulty in securing his freedom.

COAL BARONS FITZSIMMONS.

The "combination" of railroads constituting the Hard Coal trust doubtless feels a little shaky since that decision against the Transmissouri Freight association was rendered. The trust is not infrequently and lawfully out of the coal pool. Some trusts have done good for a time, directly or indirectly, but the hard coal trust is not likely to do so. It is not likely that this monopoly at this time would please the country.

SENATOR PLATT'S DIEMENARY.

It will be remembered that some days ago Senator Platt of New York, while passing through the senate chamber, was followed by one of the heavy mahogany doors and had his head badly cut.

MILLIONS TO KEEP THE PEACE.

The French government proposes to expend \$6,000,000 francs for additional war ships. The European "concert" is so harmonious that each nation embraces in it the same frequency and ardor to protect itself from the others. If it were not for friends and allies France and England, the great power would be reduced to its army and navy. Peace costs nearly as much as war, when, in order to maintain it, it is deemed necessary to support enormous armies, and all citizens, regardless of their religious beliefs, are otherwise qualified, eligible to hold office, I have taken the liberty to suggest that the constitution of the United States, as well as that of the state of Nebraska, and that both be amended to provide that if so inclined, vote to reject a competent and reliable person, I do not believe he might be appointed by the president, because of his church connection or his partisan religious beliefs. I am a firm believer in the efficacy of all churches. They are entitled to benefit the human race, and we cannot ignore the fact that the world is made infinitely better by the teachings of the scriptures. I do not feel justified in controverting the precepts laid down by the Apostle Peter in Acts 10, 34 and 35 verses: "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons. But in every nation he that fears him and worketh righteousness is accepted with Him."

GOOD OLD NARRATIVE.

Candidate Bryan's home, state of Nebraska, is largely populated in every department of the mercantile. In passing the bill prohibiting corporations from making contributions to the campaign fund of any political party it has rendered a service to the state and the country. It is to be followed by states with a better political record.

UNCLE SAM HOLDS THE SACK.

The statement that the government has taken \$1,500,000 in actual claims by aliens who have suffered from military and naval operations, and that in no case has restitution been made by the state in which the outrage occurred, indicates a weak policy in our foreign relations. As the several states have no official relations with foreign powers, the national government must hear and adjust the claims of its citizens against citizens of this country, and thus it is obliged to pay damages for acts which it could not prevent, and for which it can do nothing. It is a weak policy in our foreign relations, and the states feel no particular obligation to restrain their citizens from attacking foreigners who may be among them. It is a weak policy in our foreign relations, and the states feel no particular obligation to restrain their citizens from attacking foreigners who may be among them.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The late "Oliver Optic" once wrote a play for his son-in-law, Sol Smith Russell, but it did not succeed. The play was "The Sign of Spring" and was a comedy. It was a failure. The Board of Health of a Jersey town has recommended ice cream as a cure for biographies.

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ALL EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW.

Senator Allen Declines Request of American Protective Association.

RELIGION IS NOT A TEST FOR OFFICE.

He Will Not Promise to Vote Against Roman Catholics Who May Be Nominated for Government Positions.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Senator W. V. Allen is in receipt of a resolution passed recently by the American Protective Association, requesting him to vote against the confirmation to public office of Roman Catholics appointed by the president. The resolution has stirred the senator, as the following open letter to the association and recording secretary of the American Protective Association, held on the above date, the following resolution was adopted:

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2, 1897.—George Ellett, President, and O. P. Shrum, Recording Secretary, American Protective Association, Omaha, Neb.: Gentlemen—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your kind and interesting letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the nomination of Roman Catholics to public office. I am glad to hear that you are so interested in the welfare of our country, and I am sure that you will be able to do much good for it.

It is not my duty to promise to vote against any person who may be nominated for public office, and I am sure that you will be able to do much good for it.

I am, gentlemen, very respectfully, your obedient servant, W. V. ALLEN, Senator.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$225,339,839; gold reserve, \$101,782,088.

SOME RECENT APPOINTMENTS.

Indianapolis Journal: Without being asked President McKinley appointed the 17-year-old son of the late General Sheridan as a cadet in the military academy, while Mr. Cleveland refused when requested to do so.

Chicago Chronicle: The appointment of Andrew D. White as ambassador to Germany is credited to the administration. Mr. White is a man of large education, is trained in international law and has had experience as a diplomat.

St. Louis City Journal: Major Conger of the United States army, who was instrumental in having the weather bureau transferred from the War department to the Agriculture department and separating it entirely from the signal service. But he is not responsible for any of the weather the bureau has done out.

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THE RETROACTIVE CLAUSE.

Chicago Record: As no one knows as yet what will be the duties after the senate is through with the bill, the "anticipatory" amendment practically says that duties shall be levied from April 1 at rates heretofore determined by a kind of legislative retroaction in itself, whatever may be claimed for its constitutionality.

Brooklyn Eagle: It is unfortunate in one sense that it is important to hesitate to take advantage of their opportunity to bat the new tariff, but we fail to see how they can be prevented from so doing short of the constitution. It is a kind of legislative retroaction in itself, whatever may be claimed for its constitutionality.

Philadelphia Times: Apologies for the retroactive clause of the Dingley bill do not improve it. The most that can be said is that some lawyers perceive grounds on which to defend it, or at least to maintain it, and that there is a chance that the supreme court might not overturn it. This is very unsatisfactory ground on which to base legislation so intimately affecting the commerce of the country. One would think that even a congressional lawyer would like to feel a little more certain before retroacting.

Chicago Chronicle: Though the congress of the United States may have power to pass a retroactive revenue statute imposing duties upon goods imported into the United States, because retroactive legislation is opposed to the genius of all modern civilization. Practically it is forbidden by the British constitution. If the Grosvenor amendment is in the tariff bill as it shall be perfected some time next summer the government can take no penal action on importations after the 1st of April, if it would retroact, it would have to be retroactive from the date of its passage, and it will have great difficulty in maintaining its case before juries of the people.

Indianapolis Journal: To call it an ex post facto law is a misnomer. That term as used in the constitution applies only to criminal offenses or laws creating and punishing criminal offenses after the acts have been committed. Congress has repeatedly passed retroactive or retrospective laws relating to the duties on other matters. The constitutionality of the provision is beyond question.

It can only be criticized, if at all, on the ground of impolicy as a disturbing element in the tariff. It cannot be any more disturbing than flooding the country with foreign goods at a low rate of duties and depriving the government of needed revenue. The retroactive clause of the provision is considered as well as those of importers. If the government can realize \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 of revenue by the provision, why not need carry it the importers and speculators are pinched.

BRIGHTLY BEAMING.

Philadelphia Record: "The woman who is a slave to bargains," says the Manayunk "Editor," "must expect to be snafu occasionally."

New York Town Topics: Brown—Do you think you can judge a man by the kind of shoes he wears? The Editor—Always judge a girl's father that way.

Chicago Tribune: "Hivers, how can you always afford to smoke so much better cigars than I do?" "Because they always beg my matches. Give me a match, Brooks."

Boston Transcript: "Trust me, dearest, said he "and my brist." "Because of the fondness of his government," was the chilling reply.

Detroit Journal: The Colonel—Every man carries a gun where I live. The Major—Oh, where? Aren't they all getting—?—the other half shot?

Forest and Stream: Things will have to come to such a pass by and by that a man will have to show a civil service certificate before he can take a story.

Chicago Tribune: Young Husband—You'll write me darling, won't you, very soon. Young Wife—Why, yes, Henry, I'll write you as soon as I have time to spare. I have more than about six days.

Chicago Record: "Hopkins carries a pain less fan winter and summer." "What's that fan?" "The one he starts out in the morning whether he will need it to cool his fevered brow or knock leeches off his chin."

Philadelphia North American: Crane—Simpers seems all broken up. I wonder what's the trouble? Folk—His wife has engaged in double dealing. Crane—Double dealing? Folk—Yes, she presented him with twins this morning.

Detroit Free Press: "How in the world Mr. White's children are so early when they spend the evenings out?" "The last one home has to get breakfast next morning."

Indianapolis Journal: "Oh, yass," said the man.

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THE OLD MAN TO THE YOUNG CRANP DEVOTE who was exhibiting a rabbit's foot, "oh, yes, rabbit foot, oh, yes, rabbit foot, but fish gnuine usefulness he ain't up wid de pig's foot by a mile."

TWO MINDS WITH ONE THOUGHT. The winter's moon rose clear and still above the high and distant hills. "Where's my hat?" with lifted feet Was looking around for a bite to eat.

Over the fence, on the opposite side, Farmer Brown's big bulldog was dead. "Where's my hat?" with lifted feet Was looking around for a bite to eat.

Over the fence poor Will jumped. Then his and the canine's heads were bowed. "Where's my hat?" with lifted feet Was looking around for a bite to eat.

I heard a scurrying, a wild, weird yell. It was really worse than I can tell.

LIKE SIXTY. "New York Home Journal. Sixty? How can I believe it? Sixty years old today? And, saying it over, I wonder About in some humble way. Sixty? Why, that means the summit. The peak, the very tip-top. From here, an old woman? No more of life's hippity-hop?"

I look in the shop window mirror: Is that an old wad? Say true. Spectacles, gray hair, yest, and wrinkles Her "elderly" face is showing. Ah, here comes a friend of my girlhood. Just one year my junior—ah me! Do I look so old and so faded? Oh, no! That never can be.

"Yes, this is your birthday," she prattles; "How young you are looking! Don't say that you're sixty, but not like the Kate! For one you would dream it today." (Sweet fibber, but her face before me— "Those weary and faded-out eyes— That white hair under brown frizzles— O, Kate, you cannot disguise.")

What time has written so plainly All over your face and my own? A woman must never reach sixty; At least, not let it be known. For sixty, you know, means that eighty Is over and ever so near. What! thought we were so old at forty? How young now the fifties appear!

"Once sixty meant aged, but now, dear, Youth keeps up to eighty, you know," And she launches, but not like the Kate, I know in the long years ago. So here comes my friend who is eighty! How erect, and dapper, and trim! Rather stiff, rather slow in his gait, but There's nothing decrepit in him.

"My child, you are still but a youngling; It's all in the heart, getting old. If one is alert at the crossings, And hurries up well from the cold, And keeps clear of croakers and mummies, Rheumatics, high-pressure, why, then, At eight, like a child, is quite easy. To be just the youngest of men."

And gaily we hop off together. What's pretend we are twenty today? For old folks they're really quite gay."

REX! B&K

The King of Beasts

Maintains his supremacy largely by roaring. In the circles in which he moves that goes. Roaring doesn't go with us however. We have an impression that not many persons are impressed by that sort of thing. They want simple assurances that they can rely upon, and straightforward representations as to the exact value of goods, and that is what we try to give them.

The handsomest stock of Spring and Summer clothing that it has ever been our lot or that of anyone else to show is now in our store ready for your inspection. This includes bicycle fixings and furnishings of every kind.

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