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March seems bound to show some of its lion characteristics just to keep up its reputation.

A few more state and national conventions can be nicely accommodated by Omaha during the summer.

Watch the figures of South Omaha's spring election for mathematical proof of the rapid growth of that lively little burg.

There is an impression abroad that when the Rothschilds invested in Spanish bonds they bought a gold brick that was chiefly brass.

The Austrian Reichsrath is again in session. Mark Twain should hurry if he wants to be on hand when the next installment of fun commences.

If reports from Florida are not exaggerated the people there have not been so much excited since the governor undertook to stop a prize fight and called out the militia to help him.

The Ministerial union is as close as claims on the question of open gambling. The union apparently only tackles the gambling question when it wants to pull somebody's political chestnuts out of the fire.

A University of California professor is making a list of the insects of California, and estimates that there will be between 8,000 and 10,000 of them, without counting the goldbugs, silverbugs and political parasites said to exist everywhere.

The Canadians believe in protection. The Parliament at Ottawa has just passed a law forbidding the importation of nursery stock from the United States.

Western land sales are uncommonly numerous this spring and prices are good. Good farming land is becoming more valuable every year, both because scarcer and because men are learning how to use it to better advantage than ever before.

Omaha will have no trouble about disposing of its city bonds at good prices, because its credit is gilt-edged. But the bond brokers ought to be taught by costly experience that they cannot form a big enough pool to manipulate the finances of this city.

The referendum of Lincoln are to make an attempt to put the law enacted by the last legislature into effect by popular endorsement at the polls. Unless they succeed better than their Omaha imitators the law is likely to remain a dead letter for an indefinite time to come.

Bryan has not yet expressed himself publicly upon the decision of the United States supreme court in the maximum freight rate cases. As he appeared for the defeated party in the reargument it may be safely assumed that his opinion of the court has not improved by reason of its ruling.

At least two governors of big states do not anticipate any international trouble calling for quick action on their part. Governor Hastings of Pennsylvania is touring the Pacific coast and Governor Stephens of Missouri has just started on a three weeks' pleasure trip with friends outside of his state.

THE AUTONOMISTS OF CUBA.

It is well known that the autonomists of Cuba are not unanimous in support of the policy proposed by the Sagasta ministry for that island. Perhaps a majority of them, including the more influential who expect political preferment under it, are favorable to the policy, but there is a considerable number who do not consider it sufficiently liberal and who regard it as reserving too much authority over Cuban affairs to the imperial government.

Another objection to the plan on the part of some of the autonomists is that it does not give the people of Cuba sufficient freedom in the arrangement of their fiscal affairs. They think the Cuban people ought to have as much liberty in this respect as the people of the British colonies enjoy.

It does not appear that the autonomists of Cuba are exerting themselves very earnestly or vigorously in behalf of the policy formulated by the Spanish government. Such of them as have received political recognition or expect to do so may be making some effort to secure the success of the policy, but the probability is that generally they have no hope of its acceptance by a majority of the Cuban people.

ENGLAND AND HAWAII.

Acting under the instructions of his government, the British ambassador to the United States has informed the State department that there is no ground for the allegation in the report of the senate committee on foreign relations, in regard to Hawaiian annexation, respecting the attitude of Great Britain toward Hawaii.

The denial of this allegation is entirely proper, though hardly necessary to assure intelligent people, not ready to believe any sort of annexation bugbear, of its absurdity. It is, however, discreditable to the members of the senate foreign relations committee responsible for the report that they sought to create public sentiment favorable to Hawaiian annexation by such means; that they endeavored to make use of whatever popular feeling there is in this country unfriendly to Great Britain for the promotion of the scheme of annexation.

Great Britain not only does not want the Hawaiian islands, but probably is totally indifferent as to what becomes of them. The British government understands perfectly well, as do all other foreign governments, that it could not assume control of those islands without a conflict with the United States and it would not incur this for territory worth many times as much as Hawaii.

AMERICAN CHARITY.

The response which the American people have made to the call for the relief of the suffering people of Cuba is most creditable to the nation, demonstrating again that no people are more ready or more generous than Americans in answering an appeal for charity.

A San Francisco lawyer has been fined heavily by the court for offering to sell the confession of his client to a newspaper for publication in advance of its presentation in court.

It looks now as if Jim Dahman had reconsidered his resolution to resign his \$2,000-a-year sinecure as do-nothing state railway commissioner to go into business, but has decided to take his commission into the commission business with him.

merian victims of Turkish malice and it will never be sought in vain by any people who merit it.

The generous contributions from this country to the relief of the reconcentrados has done and is doing a most beneficent work—a work that must be appreciated by the civilized world. Tens of thousands of people concentrated in the towns of Cuba under Spanish control have died of privation and disease, but terrible as the record is it would be very much more so but for the succor and relief which the American people have given. And the work of feeding the starving and providing medicines for the sick must go on.

Unless the decision of the supreme court is handed down by April 1 the board will elect Chief Callaghan's proposed plan, which, in a measure, provides for an entire reorganization of the police department, with some radical changes in the detective force.

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A preacher, from his pulpit in Boise, Idaho, last Sunday, denounced the corporations indiscriminately, complained of low wages, and declared that if there is no change "the horrors of the French revolution will be repeated when some leader like Robespierre shall arise."

The new board of control for Iowa state institutions is to be bi-partisan in nature and the leading progressive newspaper of the state serves notice on the

A PATRIOTIC PRESIDENT.

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A Spanish Idea.

The yellow Spanish organs boast that "they will get up a rebellion in the southern states of the union. The fact is that enough patriotic men could be enlisted in the south to send the rebels to the sea."

Indemnity for a Boycott.

The boycott of the Chinese by labor organizations in Montana is to be made the basis for a demand for indemnity by the Chinese minister at Washington.

Blamereck's Prophecy.

Blunt old Blamereck puts into a sentence the devout hope, if not the conviction, of the sober-minded people of Maine, who have felt that the only possible way of averting war, if it could be averted at all, was to make the most complete preparations for it.

Speeding Around the World.

Egypt follows the United States, India, Java, Russia, Finland, and China, indeed, most other countries in ordering fifteen American locomotives, which will be speedily turned into military use.

Control of State Militia.

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Dignified and Heroic Attitude for the Maintenance of Peace.

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INAUGURATION DAY.

Senator Hoar of Massachusetts has been foremost in introducing and advocating in many successive congresses a joint resolution fixing inauguration day and the beginning of the terms of senators and representatives in the latter part of April.

The inauguration of March 4 was chosen to recognize that date as the beginning of Washington's term. A resolution of the Senate in 1800 fixed April 30 as the day of the inauguration.

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worthy of note is the general provision for the prompt and economical expansion of the army into a formidable force.

GENUINE PATRIOTISM.

Democratic Commendation for President McKinley. St. Louis Republic (dem.)

"Rather than be responsible for an unbloody war, we would see our administration wrecked." President McKinley is reported to have declared to a senator.

No more patriotic utterance has been attributed to McKinley in the whole course of his public career. It expresses exactly the feeling that should dominate the chief magistrate of this republic.

The American people are some of the best in the world. They are not afraid of asserting the dignity and honor of manhood have failed. The ruler of a country who involves its people in war assumes an awful responsibility.

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Brooklyn Life: "Golly, golly, golly!" he exclaimed. "No one will swap with him."

Washington Star: "I suppose that there are many problems which polar explorers seek to solve," said the unscientific man.

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Always On Deck

Is to be always prepared for any kind of weather—whether it's a cold wave and a demand for overcoats—or a sudden spell and a run on linen dusters.

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