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Senator Thurston's appointments have for the most part been disappointments.

March this year apparently does not care to take the trouble to separate its lamb-like and its lion-like propensities.

The muster roll of the Cuban army is increasing at a wonderful rate since the announcement that a paymaster is in sight.

The hold-up business has become so safe and profitable in Missouri that the bandits have tried to work the scheme on a whole town.

When that straight democratic organization is in working order the triple alliance will have to work out another fusion agreement with four parties to the compact.

That new Sixteenth street viaduct should be completed during the coming season. To do so, however, requires an immediate end to all further dilatory tactics on the part of the railroads.

The government is now said to be preparing to publish a pictorial history of the Spanish war, just as though the magazines had not sufficiently punished the public in that behalf.

It is a reminder of old times to see immigrants coming into Nebraska by the trainload. The state at large is now reaping the lasting benefits of the Transmississippi Exposition.

It looks very much as if the Omaha charter bill were again to become the foot ball of the log-rollers and hoodlums who try to pull through various jobs in the closing days of the legislative session.

The arrival at the Hub of the last return load of telegraphs, bookpicks and other family treasure from the interior country would indicate that the Spanish fleet has permanently withdrawn from Boston bay.

The labored effort of our amiable popoeratic contemporary to reverse the decision of the supreme court in the Broatch-Moore case indicates a painful as well as tired feeling among members of the gang.

The report of the Oklahoma legislative committee would seem to indicate that the government of that territory had been conducted on the profit-sharing plan, with the public getting but a small percentage of the profits.

Nobody in Nebraska is big enough to earn \$25,000 a year from a political office. A salary of \$5,000 a year will give Douglas county just as competent and efficient a clerk of the district court as has ever filled the position.

It is suggested that the bill pending in the legislature providing a penalty for adulterating food products might apply to fusion. There are a large number of people in Nebraska who have had no other means of sustenance for the last two years.

The Ohio man who dreamed of a Montana mountain of gold awaiting him and is going to give up a good job to go after it would do well to delay his departure until the snow has sufficiently melted to make walking good on the return trip.

The story that Admiral Kautz goes to Samoa to restore Malietoa as king is a fine tribute to the enterprise and imagination of the fakir who originated it, but until further details the public must regard it as in the same category with the sea serpent and the airship.

The Omaha postmaster is no longer a lone of contention. It ceased to be a political factor when civil service laws were put in force to protect postal employees from partisan interference. The only thing the office is now doing is to pay off senatorial debts.

It is discovered that the suspicious cartridges were loaded but the war office will check an exhaustive examination might have been discovered a revolution by any methods.

OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD CHINA.

The Chinese minister at Washington has in an interview expressed his gratification at the decision of this government to maintain an attitude of neutrality in respect to China.

This is the wise and safe policy. It is consistent with our traditional policy. It should be strictly adhered to. But the question arises whether, as the result of the expansion policy in the far east, the time may not come when it will be deemed expedient to acquire Chinese territory.

The expansionists urge that we need the Philippines in the interest of trade with China. We require those islands, it is said, in order to develop our commerce in that quarter of the world and especially with China.

where it is already, according to Lord Berosford, growing by leaps and bounds. If the European powers continue to pursue the policy of which the demand of Italy is the latest manifestation it is possible that after a time we shall have to consider whether the protection of our Chinese commerce does not require the acquisition of Chinese territory.

In the opinion of some this is the logical outcome of the expansion policy. A writer in one of the magazines on the dissolution of the Chinese empire says that the American conquest of the Philippines is only the first step; that the possession of the islands will not merely entitle, but will even oblige the Americans to participate actively in the settlement of Chinese affairs.

How long will it be before this view may find acceptance here? A year ago not a score of intelligent American citizens would have given a moment's consideration to a suggestion that the United States should acquire territory in the far east, even to the extent of a cooling station. Why may it not reasonably be apprehended that within a year or two, or when the Philippine problem shall have been disposed of, the spirit of expansion will reach out for Chinese territory, on the ground of commercial necessity?

This is a danger of the situation that has been too little thought of. No one can foresee with certainty where the policy that has been entered upon will end. No one can say what future complications, difficulties and dangers this policy will bring the country.

The present attitude of the government in respect to China is wise. Our immediate duty and interest is to observe strict neutrality. But there is no assurance that in the not remote future, if the spirit of expansion is not checked, we shall not take an active part in the settlement of Chinese affairs.

CUBAN ANNEXATIONISTS.

The sentiment in Cuba favorable to annexation would seem to be growing. Advice from Santiago report that the business men say it is impossible to induce people to invest large sums of money in Cuba until some permanent form of government is established, but that for Cuba to be an independent republic would mean the utter ruin of the island, even supposing that the Cubans were better able to govern themselves than any other people in the world.

If at one blow the sugar industry would be annihilated. It is pointed out that with sugar from Porto Rico and Hawaii coming into the United States free of duty even on the best terms the sugar of Cuba, unless the island were annexed, would have to pay some duty and would be unable to compete with that of the other islands.

The future prosperity of Cuba of course depends very largely upon the restoration of the sugar industry and this cannot be done if that product must pay a duty in the American market. Hence the sugar interest in the island and with it many property owners and business men favor annexation.

It is probable that this feeling will continue to develop as the matter is discussed and it is likely to receive more or less American encouragement, but we shall need to consider our own sugar industry before concerning ourselves about that of Cuba. The beet sugar interest of the United States is growing rapidly and if protected will in a few years become a highly valuable industry.

It would not be good business policy to destroy this industry by admitting Cuban sugar free of duty, which of course would have to be done if the island were annexed. Therefore we do not think the annexationists are at all likely to realize their hope. Cuba will be able to make a good commercial arrangement with the United States, though we shall protect our own interests and especially the sugar industry.

The speech of M. de Freycinet, in which he declared that from a military standpoint France is more than a match for Germany, recalls the confident utterances before the Franco-Prussian war. Such sentiments coming from so high an official as the secretary of war can but impress Germany and the world, for that matter, that France yet cherishes the delusion of regaining Alsace and Lorraine and only bids the time to make the attempt by force of arms.

But whatever may be the belief of the French people, military critics will not endorse M. de Freycinet's views on that point. The disparity between the real military powers of France and Germany is as great today as ever. It does not lie in numerical strength or equipment, but in the moral fibre of the people.

The French now, as always, are the best soldiers in the world so long as they are driving the enemy, but as defeat brings demoralization and no troops are so utterly worthless under those conditions. The reverse is true of Germany. Under defeat the German soldier retires in good order if he can. If he cannot, he holds his ground and suffers extermination.

LEGISLATIVE JUNKETS.

To preserve a legislative fiction, visits to state institutions, have been so universally condemned in the past that members are not manifesting any great desire to engage in them. It is a hopeful sign when legislators evince a knowledge of the fact that they are elected to transact the business of the state and not for the purpose of having a good time.

Li Hung Chang has been recalled from his job in the Yellow river bottoms to aid a messenger express with his counsel and advice. But, from all indications, not even the master of the yellow jacket and one-eyed peacock feather may stay the process of benevolent assimilation now in progress.

How the Situation Improves. Philadelphia Ledger. The situation in the Philippines continues to improve. The reported smallpox turns out to be merely variola.

Star Gazing. Springfield Republican. Admiral Dewey's flag blue with four white stars, but Montijo's fleet saw more stars than that in connection with his ships some time ago.

Upward Trend of Wages. Cleveland Plain Dealer. There is no better reading matter in the daily journals than the announcements that wages are going up in many places. This is the best proof of the good times puddling.

Clogged Wheels of Justice. Indianapolis News. We do not protect life and property, particularly life in this country as we should. Indeed, rather than saving lives, we are actually pulling them toward the axe.

Canada as a Gold Producer. Philadelphia Record. Owing to the development of gold in the Yukon region, Canada will take its place as fifth on the list of the gold producing countries. Its contribution for 1898 was nearly \$1,000,000.

Advance Rippling of the Wave of Land-seekers. St. Paul Pioneer Press. Bounteous crops and a new place for Nebraska in the confidence of the home-making people of the United States guarantee an immediate advance in population and wealth for every part of it.

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Cuba's Lunch Counter. Extent of the Drain on Uncle Sam's Larder. Boston Globe. Few things are more demoralizing than the promiscuous rum lanching of great masses of people. That seems to be what we are largely engaged in in Cuba.

BEE LINES.

One of the most novel cases on record was that of Mrs. Mary Epps, tried at Port Scott, Kan. This week Mrs. Epps is a clairvoyant and she brought suit against a negro to recover a fee of \$100 for driving away a ghost that infested his house.

The clerk of the district court for Douglas county is reported to have an income from the fees of the office aggregating from \$275 to \$30,000 a year. Any public office that yields such an enormous income is sure to become a source of corruption and demoralization to matter which man or which party controls it.

As spring draws nearer the output of poetry in the Nebraska papers gradually increases, but is not yet nearly up to the demand. A noticeable feature about it is the total absence of the soft sentiment that usually clings to the spring pattern.

This is equally as fine as anything Editor Leedom ever wrote and displays the business acumen, which is an excellent thing for a poet to possess when, as in this case, it does not detract from the quality of the poetry turned out.

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OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

Japan is making a bold push for at least a share of the carrying trade of the Pacific. She has built up about 600,000 tons of modern steam tonnage, the significant fact is that this is nearly all new and up to date. The vessels constituting the new steam line under the Japanese flag were mainly built in British and German yards.

As the new victory of India, Lord Curzon, is gaining a good deal of credit for the tact, courage and good sense displayed in his public addresses. He furnished an example of these qualities in the reply which he made to the Central Mohammedan association, which complained of the manner in which Mussulmans had been crowded out of official life and the learned professions.

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FRUITS OF IMPERIALISM.

Baltimore American: The most startling thing in British politics is the discovery of a deficit in the budget of considerable proportions, which must be met by extra taxes. This comes to worry about the institution of taxes of a somewhat exceptional character by the present government.

New York Evening Post: It is an essential part of the imperialist gospel that salvation for subject races comes high for those who do the saving. The English imperialists are destined to carry about this. They find their expenses for the empire growing unacceptably large. This year, for the first time in history, the expenses of the English army on a peace footing exceed \$100,000,000.

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Philadelphia Record: Novice-Say, friend, can you tell me whether Sluggo, the pugilist, is a heavyweight or a lightweight? Novice-Neither, he's a paperweight.

Washington Star: I'm standin' on the Capitol steps A-watchin' the cars go past. An' thinkin' of stories That tell how life's stories Must all go to pieces at last.

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