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Here's luck to the Easter bonnet. Every city cannot boast two police judges, but Omaha is always up to date.

When the mall carriers get their new summer shirts they will be "just too sweet for anything."

When John D. Rockefeller reads the statistics of the small profit in refining and selling petroleum he will probably wink the other eye.

After the railroad consolidators get through with their work the advocates of government ownership will surely jump into the breach.

A few state legislatures are still hanging on. It is worthy of note, however, that their pay does not stop at a fixed limit, as it does in Nebraska.

Now that Mr. Knox has accepted a place in the cabinet the opposition papers can lay the Griggs paragraphs on the shelf and start in on a fresh lot.

What goes up must come down. This time-tried law of nature should not be overlooked by the speculators who are sky-rocketing stocks high up in the air.

THE COMING FINANCIAL PANIC.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Today was one of violent excitement and extreme nervous tension in the stock market. Prices fluctuated in an unprecedentedly wild and erratic manner all day.

More than fifty years ago an eminent student of social science and political economy declared that under existing modern governments, whether the form was monarchial or republican, whether the fiscal policy was protection or free trade, financial panics are sure to follow each other like waves at least once every twenty years.

The generic cause of all financial panics is inflation and over-speculation. The panic of 1837 was due to the inflation of land values and reckless speculation in real estate.

The panic of 1857 was caused by the creation of wildcat banks and the issue of irredeemable bank notes, with which the country was flooded. Incidentally, it was also due to overvaluation of real estate in paper towns on the prairies west of the Mississippi.

The panic of 1873 was due to the issue of a colossal volume of irredeemable greenback currency, the overcapitalization of railroads and the overvaluation of commodities of every description.

The panic of 1893 was the inevitable consequence of overcapitalization and over-speculation in every branch of industry, coupled with extravagance and wastefulness in public and private life.

This era of wild speculation has naturally created an era of heavy borrowing, overproduction, extravagance and wastefulness. Men who can increase their wealth hundreds of thousands by the turning of the wrist are not slow to indulge in reckless and luxurious living, and their example cannot fail, sooner or later, to contaminate the entire country.

Efforts to discredit Funston. The effort to discredit the exploit of General Funston in capturing Aguinaldo will have no weight with fair-minded people. The adjutant general of the army is said to have characterized Funston as merely a "boss scout," but even so the services he has rendered the country as a soldier will bear honorable comparison with that of General Corbin.

Denver citizens have raised a purse of \$10,000 to probe the crookedness of the late popocate government of that city and the county in which it is located.

that was done by Funston is permissible under the laws of war. His plan, while of his own conception, was approved by Generals MacArthur and Whenton, who must be assumed to know what the laws of war permit.

Meanwhile the American people are very well satisfied with the result of Funston's strategy and with very few exceptions heartily approve of the president's action in appointing him a brigadier general in the regular army.

While it is said that our government regards the latest assurances given by Russia as the most salutary event that has occurred for several months in the eastern situation, a quite different view is taken of the matter in England.

In America frequent and ineffectual attempts have been made to destroy intemperance by the suppression of the liquor traffic. This was notably the case in Maine, Iowa and Kansas within recent years.

In marked contrast with the complete failure of prohibition in Kansas stands the more rational attempt of Russia at temperance reform. In Russia the only stimulant in general use among the peasants is whisky.

Six years ago the Russian government assumed the monopoly of the entire liquor traffic in several of the provinces most afflicted by drunkenness, but the final overthrow of the system will take place by 1904, when the manufacture and sale of spirits will be a strictly governmental function.

Senator Beveridge of Indiana makes a strong defense of the legislation of congress in regard to Cuba, saying that to appreciate its moderation and restraint it is necessary to consider the previously defined national policy of the United States respecting Cuba.

Referring to the Teller resolution, pledging the United States to leave the government and control of Cuba to its people when pacification should be accomplished, Senator Beveridge says it means that the United States should utterly withdraw from Cuba the resolution "is destructive of the unanimous conclusion of American statesmanship and public opinion from before the foundation of our government."

One of the largest English entery manufacturers is now in this country with the intention of establishing a factory on this side of the water. This is only following out the policy of foreign manufacturers in other lines.

A Chicago man has secured a verdict against his attorney for the damages sought to be recovered in a personal injury suit which failed because of the attorney's neglect.

strong defense of the American terms. But will a majority of the Cuban people be convinced that these will have the salutary and beneficent results pointed out by Senator Beveridge?

From time immemorial the intemperance of intoxicans has been an affliction and a curse to mankind. How to eradicate the drink habit has been a problem with which rulers, statesmen and revelers have wrestled since the dawn of civilization.

In the temperate zone the consumption of liquors has been almost universal, but beastly drunkenness was much more common during the middle ages and even in the last century than it is in our own times.

While the czar is more interested in a fish trust, Mr. Morgan should not go so fast. He will own the world presently, and then there will be nothing for him to do but to sit down and cry.

What an honest lot of folks we are! In 110 years the United States government has lost through dishonest agents and officials only about \$16,000,000 in the handling of gross receipts of \$2,653,318,548.13.

How unequal are the favors of Fortune! While the czar and the kaiser are robbed of the joys of pomp and power by ungrateful subjects, Poley Kabba, an African chieftain, is relinquished from forty wives by one explosion.

The New Jersey court of appeals has handed down a decision which insists that trusts must not acquire new property, issue stock for an amount in excess of its value. If New Jersey can successfully assume a parental dictation as to what the trusts can or cannot do, it will become a bigger state than either New York or Ohio.

The appointment of a special committee of Cubans to visit Washington and confer with the president relative to the Platt amendment will require final settlement of the question two or three weeks. As the Cuban patriots who compose the constitutional convention draw \$15 a day they will prevent any settlement as long as a pretext can be found for doing so.

It seems to be a recognized duty of society to protect simple-minded investors from the consequences of their own folly and upon this assumption the Ohio supreme court has performed a service by driving out of business a lot of so-called "investment companies" which have been infesting that state.

It is used to be said that Nebraska was board-ridden with so many state boards for various purposes that the different

WHERE MEN LIVE LONGEST.

Strenuous American Life Incompatible with Longevity. Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette. Some recently published statistics prove that America leads the other nations of the world in the record of abbreviated longevity.

The president of Venezuela has gone to the matter of tax collection. The Ontario official is content to let others make the assessment, but the Venezuelan president fixes the levy, on the same basis the old-time country printer charged for the circus advertisement—made the rate high enough to cover his necessities and compelled the victim to pay it.

While the whole world was sending money to India to relieve the distress of the starving millions, the government was collecting in taxes enough to produce a surplus of large proportions in the government treasury.

Put on the Brakes. Indiana News. J. Pierpont Morgan is now interested in a fish trust. Mr. Morgan should not go so fast.

A Moderate Make-Off. Boston Globe. What an honest lot of folks we are! In 110 years the United States government has lost through dishonest agents and officials only about \$16,000,000 in the handling of gross receipts of \$2,653,318,548.13.

Profits of Stamp-Licking. Washington Post. This business of stamp-licking is liable to impart a disagreeable taste to the mouth when we reflect that notwithstanding our extraordinary expense account the government accumulated \$3,000,000 of surplus during the month of March.

Opportunities for Workers. Indianapolis Journal. Mr. Carnegie says there are more chances for the young man today than when he began at \$1.20 a week, because there is more work to do.

More Stringent Laws Needed to Punish the Fakers. San Francisco Chronicle. It seems to be a recognized duty of society to protect simple-minded investors from the consequences of their own folly.

Hot and Cold. We are never quite sure of the weather, and that is what makes a lightweight overcoat such a boon.

Hot and Cold. It may be slipped on or off with the fluctuations of the mercury.

BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN.

The shearer makes a poor shepherd. Faithful acts grow from active faith. Regret cannot bring the arrow back to the bow.

There is no profit in religion where there is no loss. What is morally wrong can never be politically right.

Nashville American: A Boston minister, in exclaiming against adultery, dwelt on the fact that Adam had but one Eve. True, and Eva had but one Adam. The market was limited in those days.

Chicago Chronicle: A Gotham minister says that "Domonational relations heaven always be subsidiary to the kingdom of God, which is greater than all churches."

Before Thy ever-blazing throne We ask nouster of our own. San Francisco Call: A learned philosopher of Edinburgh after mature study has come to the conclusion that Saturn is the dwelling place of Satan.

Philadelphia Times: "And when he proposed did you tell him to see me?" inquired her mother. "I did and he said he had seen you several times, but that he loved me notwithstanding."

Indianapolis Press: Penelope—I've been around so long, tell me, whom did Jack marry? Gladys—He married Maude Jones, her mother's father, a maiden aunt and a Maltese cat.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "You called on her father, of course?" "Eh? Called on her father? Certainly not. He was the man who shot me, my dear."

Chicago Tribune: "If I sh'd die, Mollie, wedd' I wait the morn' as I used to." "Av' course, I wud, Larry. Ye know that."

John G. Whittier. I long for household voices gone. For vanished smiles I long. But God has led my dear ones on. And He can do no wrong.

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