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This is where March hesitates between his lion makeup and his lamb costume.

A \$20,000,000 city hall is what Mayor Low recommends for Greater New York. After that it will be Greater New York.

Municipal ownership is the cry in Chicago, too, but it is municipal ownership not of water works, but of street railways.

If there is anything more than mere coincidence that the little beef trust was formed during Lent its significance is not yet apparent.

Fencing will hardly be such a popular pastime out in the grazing regions when the government agents start in to enforce the land laws.

For some inscrutable reason the Jacksonian club has not yet invited Grover Cleveland to stop off in Omaha as his guest on his way west.

Now that "John Brown's Body" has gotten into the class of "Poems you ought to know," the author of "A Hot Time" may aspire to literary immortality.

How much did it cost the telephone company to slip that joker into the revenue bill whereby it will be able to evade its just proportion of city taxes? Don't all speak at once.

And now Admiral Dewey may have gotten into trouble by talking too much. These military and naval officers should protect themselves by removing the registers from their photographs.

If John W. Gates really got the best of J. Pierpont Morgan in his Louisville & Nashville deal to the extent that he boasts, he is much smoother goods than he has usually been given credit for.

According to the annual report of the American Telephone company, over 3,150,000 telephones are in use in this country subject to the Bell interests alone. And the telephone has been utilized for commercial purposes only for about twenty-five years.

All the privileged corporations want is to see to it that safe men are nominated for all the offices on both city tickets. If they can restrict the voter's choice between corporation candidates, the railroads and public service companies will feel safe either way.

Our Dave has had another revelation. He would not accept a commission as mayor of Omaha if it was offered him on a silver platter. Silver platters are not as valuable as they used to be. Silver is only 99 cents an ounce now. It used to be \$1.29 an ounce.

Colonel Bryan has been recording his experiences as a juror, which he says convinces him more than ever of the soundness and value of the jury system. What we intimated at the time seems to have been quite correct—in each jury on which he served Mr. Bryan, to all intents and purposes, was the whole jury.

Representative Ten Eyck has scored another victory in getting his bill through the house that will make it a penal offense to trim a horse's tail short so long as it is attached to a living horse. But why should Representative Ten Eyck be so tender about the horse and leave the mule cut without protection?

Omaha's fight for municipal taxation of railroad property on the same basis as other property has only just begun. It must be carried on through the officers to be elected at the coming city election. Is it any wonder the railroads are anxious to dictate the candidates again this spring just as they named the legislative candidates last fall?

DO NOT ENDANGER THE AMENDMENTS.

Now that the legislature has disposed of the revenue bill, it becomes of vital moment that the closing days of the session be devoted to a careful consideration of the proposed amendments to the constitution that are to be submitted for popular ratification at the election of 1904.

When the question of constitutional revision was before the legislature of 1895 it was the consensus of opinion that it would be imprudent to specify in the amendment the salaries, which the supreme judges or the executive state officers should receive, but much wiser to leave them to be fixed by succeeding legislatures, subject to a restriction against raising or lowering except by a two-thirds vote of all the members of each house.

It should also be born in mind that the governor cannot veto any amendment that has received the necessary three-fifths vote of both houses, or even an amendment that has been dovetailed and put through by mere concurrence of the two houses, as was done in 1889 when two conflicting amendments were submitted chained to each other—one to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor and the other to regulate the manufacture and sale of liquor.

Some people in Omaha may want to know why the delegation consented to the insertion of the clause in the new revenue bill by which the telephone company is to be assessed on the one-year gross receipt basis instead of the stocks and bonds as laid down by the supreme court.

Widespread strikes are being threatened in the New England cotton industry. The organized labor employed in the mills has demanded higher wages, on a basis of practical uniformity regardless of differences of circumstances and conditions.

The New England cotton manufacturers are encountering a very strong competition. As the New York Journal of Commerce points out, factories are multiplying in the south, close to the supply of material, nearer to the supply of fuel and where there is an unorganized and cheaper labor force.

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Two years ago, when this feature of the national census was made public, the entire actual capital in land, buildings, machinery, material and cash, for every form of manufacturing institution, trust and independent, was less than \$10,000,000,000. That is, we now have a capitalization of more than ten times as much as we had in 1880.

This statement of facts justifies a conclusion that the trusts as a whole are floating a dollar in stock and bonds for every 50 cents of actual property owned by them. Some are worse than others, but two ways that they are worth even up to the liberal values returned to the census takers.

The miracles of steam and electricity have become so common that we have ceased to marvel at them and every day we do things as a matter of course which, if they had been done in Old Salem Town, would have caused the fathers to be hanged for witchcraft.

Hardly less strange would the world of fifty years ago seem to the young people of today. If we could reverse the motion of the earth and send it spinning back a little before the middle of the nineteenth century, we should find most homes lighted with tallow candles, for not only had electric lighting gone, but also our kerosene and coal oil lamps with it.

When we think of the progress that we have made in the last fifty years, we are apt to feel that we are living in a golden age. But if we could go back to the time when the world was first created, we should find that we are living in a golden age.

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ROUND ABOUT NEW YORK.

Ripples on the Current of Life in the Metropolis.

There are a thousand or more vacant five or six-room flats in New York City, but so widespread and strong is the opposition of landlords to tenants with children that a woman with seven children and money to pay the rent could not get one of them.

Domestic life in hotels has become so popular in New York City that many fashionable weddings are scheduled to take place in the leading hotels there after Easter.

Following the advent of the new assistant treasurer, Hamilton Fish, the task of certifying \$35,000,000 in gold and silver and certificates in the sub-treasury was begun last week.

The wisdom that trickles from the police benches of New York is not all judicial, but it is always valuable.

After asking a number of questions of the detectives who made the arrests, the magistrate said: "Did you count the cards?"

Certain New York newspapers have lately been printing the personal views of business "Napoleons" with the view to teaching the young American idea how to shoot a million.

Josephine Dodge Daskam, the clever young authoress who achieved some celebrity recently by giving sage advice to women in general, is engaged to be married.

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IMPROVING THE CIRCULATION.

Nothing is more conducive to the circulation of money than the spur and impetus of free institutions.

Gets What He Pays For. Indianapolis Journal.

The demoralizing effects of the "private detective" business was never more clearly shown than in the Stratton will case in Colorado, where a detective confesses to have stolen the money that was ordered to be paid to the contractor.

A Waste of Energy. Philadelphia Record (dem.).

The overzealous people who want to make Mr. Cleveland president for a third term are sadly wasting energies that might be devoted to a better cause.

Rivalry for Big Fleets. Philadelphia Press.

As Kaiser Wilhelm reads the English naval estimates for the year, \$180,000,000—eleven battleships building and six more ordered—and remembers that a fortnight earlier the American navy ordered five battleships and raised its naval estimates to \$70,000,000, he must feel that his laborious plan adopted three years ago to build up a great fleet that should match that of England and exceed that of the United States has met with a signal failure at the very opening of the struggle.

The Clash of Ink Bottles. Detroit Free Press (dem.).

It is a sorry struggle, and the only person who needs to keep his eyes and ears open of the clash of vocabularies is Mr. Cleveland himself.

Cost of Preparedness for War. Edward Everett Hale in "Lend-a-Hand."

The naval armory establishments of Europe in the year 1903 would build the transcontinental railroads which should unite the Baltic with the Pacific and the Mediterranean with the Cape of Good Hope.

Democratic Hopelessness. New York Mail and Express.

The mysterious popularity of Judge Parker of this state as a prospective presidential candidate is the visible emblem of democratic hopelessness and disension.

Limiting Height of Buildings. Philadelphia Record.

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THAT BARTLEY CIGAR BOX.

Clarence Stocum, the new consul to Warsaw, who was appointed by President Roosevelt last week, is a son of the late Major General Stocum.

An army officer in Alaska, reporting on the absence of the canteen, graphically describes the whiffy of that territory as "running sixteen fights to the pint."

More get-rich-quickers, who wanted to benefit their fellow men by giving them farms for the mere cost of drawing up the papers, have been arrested in Chicago.

With J. Pierpont Morgan at the head of the syndicate owning the cup defender, one horrifying thought suggests itself. Suppose he decided to merge the opposing yacht interests and abolish competition!

Governor Bailey, the bachelor executive of Kansas, has decided to grant the wishes of the Woman's Christian Temperance union and use water instead of wine in christening the battleship named after his late wife.

Boston has a street car conductor, John F. Hoar, who is also a member of the common council. He is noted for his politeness to the passengers who ride on his car and they talk of sending him to the legislature in the fall.

Senator Dewey's fine old residence in Washington is to be torn down and supplanted with a new apartment house erected by a New York syndicate. One may sincerely hope, however, that they will spare the venerable chestnut tree which was planted by the senator's father.

Two sons of Eugene Field have arrived in New York with a comic opera from the pen of their father. It will be produced in the fall under the title of "The Buccaneers." The music is being written by a well-known composer of light opera.

Champ Clark, the picturesque Missourian, has signed a contract to lecture in a number of towns in the east and central west, concluding the tour at Shenandoah, Va., in May. He agrees with Congressman Benton, who said in a recent interview that it is difficult for a member of congress to take himself on the \$5,000 a year salary paid.

The remark of Thomas J. Hughes, mayor of Seattle, when the grand jury indicted him for malfeasance in office was an interesting political observation. "If the grand jury has indicted me," he is quoted as saying, "it may as well indict every man who voted for me. I told them how I would run the town and I have done just as I promised."

Stern disciplinarian as he is, General Francis V. Greene, New York's commissioner of police, has soft spots in him. The other night he happened in at a police station just as a punishment man was being led away to a cell. "He'll be looked up all night, won't he?" asked the general. "Yes, sir." "And he won't get anything to eat?" "No, sir." "That's a shame." Then the general walked out. Five minutes later a district messenger came with a hot beef sandwich of two for the punishment man.

SMILING LINES. Ethel—Yes, I won Charley at a euchre party. Ethel—Indeed! I heard that you were awarded the booby prize.—Chicago News.

"Do you remember George, what a beautiful day our wedding day was?" "Oh, come, let's talk of something pleasant."—Cleveland Plaindealer.

"It is always ready to lift up his voice in defense of his ideas," said the admiring speaker. "Yes," answered Senator Borah, "but what is the use of his lifting up his voice if he doesn't put up any money?"—Washington Star.

Mr. Flerty (tauntingly)—I saw Mrs. Berryman on the street today. She looked charming in her mourning gown. Mrs. Flerty (sneeringly)—No, but you must remember that color photography is not in general use, and besides, she had a very hard color to reproduce.—Philadelphia Press.

Mr. Gayman—This may be a pretty fair photograph of me, but surely my nose doesn't look like that. Mr. Gayman (sneeringly)—No, but you must remember that color photography is not in general use, and besides, she had a very hard color to reproduce.—Philadelphia Press.

"Of all the cranks, my husband's the worst," exclaimed Mrs. Gadabout. "That so?" "Yes. This morning, for instance, he said he wished I'd occasionally prepare something to tempt his appetite, and he hasn't any appetite to tempt."—Chicago Tribune.

"Are you not glad to see the warm weather approaching?" "I don't know," answered Mr. Strub. "I don't know, but I'm sure we will quit worrying about the coal bin and start in to study the refrigerator."—Washington Star.

"Well, when your wife gets started on an embarrasing subject, tell the man who thought himself out, 'why don't you change the subject?'" "You don't know my wife," replied Herr Heppel. "She'd simply exhaust the new subject and then she'd ask me the old one where she left off."—Philadelphia Catholic Standard.

"What is a man's ideal?" "That depends." "How do you mean?" "Why, before marriage it's the woman he's going to marry, and after marriage it's some woman that he didn't marry."—Chicago Post.

THE PRICE OF A GOWN. The doctor was discouraged, for the neighborhood was well supplied with the little one, and also the big one. The doctor had no troubles that demanded a doctor's skill. No one in that vicinity was even slightly ill.

The doctor's wife was worried, for she longed to have a gown. The doctor, who she mentioned it, could only dully frown.

"There is," he said, "no chance at all of getting a gown. While every person hereabout is from all illness freed."

"Oh, wow is me! alas! alack!" then cried the doctor's wife. "It's terrible indeed that I should have so longed for a gown."

I must, I think, have patience just because you patients lack! I must, to go ahead in style, put some one else to lack.

This one she pondered deeply, but ere long was seen to smile. "I have a plan," she said at last. "That really seems worth while. I'll start at once a cooking school. He'll straightway cease to frown."

"My dear, I think that's just what you surely get that gown."

And so the people suffered, while the doctor's wife in pride Paraded in the handsome gown that once had been denied. It cost—ah, well—she gained it by this means, but she was never again to be seen with any one who could see that indignation was the price.

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