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MERCANTILE CONFIDENCE.

Reports from all quarters show that mercantile confidence in the immediate future is general. A New York paper which has made extensive inquiries among prominent business men says that the replies received are conspicuous for their uniformly hopeful and encouraging character.

There are very substantial reasons for confidence in the business outlook. All classes of the people are at present doing well and it is not to be doubted that the general consumption is larger now than ever before.

GERMAN STEEL COMPETITION.

According to reports from Berlin, the United States Steel corporation, fearing the competition caused by German exports of iron and steel to this country, has been making overtures to form a working agreement with the German iron and steel syndicates.

NO REASON FOR APPREHENSION.

The stock market is showing a panicky feeling, due largely if not wholly to a fear created by the merger decision that there may be a general attack upon capital and business consolidations.

THE DEMAND FOR THE VOTING MACHINE.

The demand for the voting machine seems to be growing throughout the country and successful experiments with improved devices show that mechanical vote registers are perfectly practicable and feasible.

THE VETO OF THE JUVENILE COURT BILL.

The veto of the juvenile court bill knocks out the only measure promoted by the women's organizations of the state that got far enough in the recent legislature to be within sight of the statute book.

danger. That is a rational view of the situation expressed by one of the directors of the Northern Securities company: "We shall no doubt for some time find a great unwillingness to embark in new affairs, but that is no misfortune, for promotion has been carried too far and in this respect perhaps the Securities decision may prove a blessing in disguise."

The legitimate business of the country, it is safe to say, will go on without disturbance. There will be nothing done by the government to interfere with it or to imperil the property which all interests are now having.

PLAYING THE BABY ACT.

The explanation promulgated by the "anti-machine" bolters to justify their walkout of the republican convention is a fine example of the baby act.

Whatever contention may be made over the vote of Ferdinand Haarmann of the Second ward, there is no question that Haarmann was elected as a Moore's delegate by the opponents of Mr. Bingham and that if the Bingham men had been in majority in the Second ward Mr. Haarmann would not have been in the convention.

THE IMMIGRATION WAVE.

Phases of the Greatest Race Movement in the World's History. It is clear now that the number of alien arrivals in the United States in the current fiscal year will be ahead of all records.

EARNESTNESS DEMONSTRATED.

The democrats appear to have abandoned the notion that the administration was not in earnest when it went after the trusts.

SAVING THE ROYAL RACE.

The ex-queen princess of Saxony and her former husband have made up and will be married again "for the sake of the dynasty."

BETTERS DOOMED TO FAILURE.

Bribers and hoodlums will soon be forced to adopt the philosophy of ordinary criminals, which is to the effect that crime is a game with the chances largely against the player.

NOT A POPULAR GOSPEL.

President Eliot keeps preaching the gospel of more happiness, more joy and more satisfaction, without reliance on money as the means of getting them.

SUPPOSE THE WORM TURNED?

Is there not a possibility that our nobility and landed gentry may go a trifle too far in their scorn of the rabble? Suppose, for instance, that the newspaper man who was cut at with a whip by Mr. Reginald Vanderbilt because he took a photographic snapshot of that noble young gentleman, had turned in and soundly kicked Mr. Vanderbilt—would not the episode have shaken the very foundations of our institutions?

A CURB ON SPEECH MAKING.

New York Mail and Express. It seems that the time has come when Americans occupying public or quasi-public positions ought to be reined up if not to act wisely on all occasions, at least to refrain from talking foolishly when it is not necessary to talk at all.

KICKING THE DEAD OCTOPI.

Cincinnati Enquirer: The decision in the Northern Securities case is a perilous near infringing upon the national sovereignty of New Jersey, to say nothing about cutting down future revenues.

Washington Star: The curbstone lawyers are now engaged in reviewing the decision in the merger case, but it is believed that nothing further will be done in the matter until it reaches the supreme court.

Chicago Chronicle: Uncle Jim Hill declares the Northern Securities decision to be preposterous and intimates that the financiers in interest will find a way to evade it even if it be affirmed by the supreme court.

PERSONAL NOTES.

The ground upon which J. Pierpont Morgan's new house in New York will stand cost him \$2,500,000.

Of all the natural men in the United States, President Roosevelt believes that Mr. Burroughs is the naturalist.

John K. Cowen, the former president of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, has just returned from Cuba, where he says there are great possibilities for railroads.

"Pop" Anson, the veteran base ball player in charge of Carter Harrison's presidential boom, he should acquaint himself without delay to playing short stop.

THE FINEST OF ALL.

S. W. Gillilan in Baltimore American. God made the streams that gurgle down the purple mountain side; He made the gorgeous coloring with which the sunset's dyed; He made the dewdrops cover them with glory; and He made the sparkle on the dewdrops and the flecks of light and shadow on the ferns.

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HITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. An unusually large number of desirable positions in the government service are about to be offered to bright young men who prove themselves qualified to fill them.

The entrance salaries will range from \$840 to \$1,400 per annum, and will be determined by the requirements of the positions to be filled and the character and apparent extent of the qualifications of eligibles.

The examinations will be on a combination basis. All will be required to take what is called a general clerk's examination, and with it each candidate may pick out other subjects in which he wishes to be examined.

THE NEW STAMPED ENVELOPE.

The new stamped envelope that has been under preparation in the Postoffice department for several months past has been made ready for issue, and is now being distributed to the postoffices throughout the country.

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FIFTY YEARS THE STANDARD.

Advertisement for Baking Powder. Fifty Years the Standard. Baking Powder. Highest Honors World's Fair. Highest tests U.S. Gov't Chemists.

Customer—What kind of porous plaster is the most popular now? Druggist—I can't say that any of them are really popular, but there is one kind that has the most demand for—Chicago Tribune.

LINES TO LAUGH.

"He's a wonderful mathematician." "Yes," answered Mr. Cumrox; "but what's the use. He can think up a string of figures as long as your arm, but he can't put a dollar mark in front of them."—Washington Star.

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