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From now on until after New Year's the bears will have the right-of-way of Wall street.

What effect will the Republic of Panama have on the price of Panama hats next spring?

Nebraska senators have not yet secured a doorkeeper in the House of the Lords. Yea, not even a messenger.

Reasonable weather for planting rice escapes the forecast of the state labor commissioner for Omaha and South Omaha.

It is along about now that the horny-handed tillers of the soil sit down to ponder comfortably on the folly of living in town, where men must hustle all the year through.

Citizen Stickey's thousand-dollar contribution to the Omaha Chamber of Commerce is of small consequence unless President Stickey shall continue to stand up for Omaha.

The people of Nebraska will be delighted to learn through the Omaha fusion reform mouth organ that District Attorney Summers returns from Washington with a pleased and at the same time an aggressive look on his face which disguises his mobile mouth.

The New York Independent inclines to the opinion that the effort to have the Episcopal church pronounce all remarriages after divorce, even of the innocent party, unlawful will meet serious opposition.

That the whirligig of times brings about a great many changes is again given emphasis in the fact that Rev. B. Fay Mills, who ten years ago stigmatized Omaha as "the wickedest city," and more recently left his membership with both the Congregationalists and Presbyterians to join the Unitarians on account of their more moderate views, has turned back to the work of an evangelist and may in the dim and distant future resume the onslaught on Omaha where he left off.

The men who measure the velocity of the winds, the density of the clouds and the intensity of the frosts are not all stationed in the observatories of the weather bureau. Notice, for example, the hindcast and the forecast of the Dun & Co. commercial agency, which tells the country that "continued cold weather has offered a needed stimulant to trade in all seasons lines, but particularly in clothing and wearing apparel, and this reasonable demand has given stronger tone to cotton goods and created a better feeling in woollens."

Frank J. Sadlek is the first republican candidate for state office in 1904 to shy his castor in the ring. Mr. Sadlek aspires to become the next secretary of state, for which position he is eminently qualified by experience in various positions of honor and trust, which he has filled with credit to himself and his party.

A national board of helpful information has just been started in the city of New York that promises to minimize the cost of experience and multiply the fund of human knowledge gathered from practical observation.

If any manufacturer or merchant wishes to know what other employers have done to better conditions for their employes in any direction he can write to the institute and receive descriptions, and often photographic illustrations, of the most successful experiments in that direction.

Here is an opportunity for gathering information that cannot be found in public libraries, academies, colleges or other institutions established for the dissemination of useful knowledge.

It is an open secret that the delay in the construction of the Auditorium is chiefly due to the very material increase in the cost of the structure above the original estimates and the consequent shortage of funds necessary for its completion.

Crediting the executive committee and the directory of the Auditorium with abundant public spirit and energy in the prosecution of their task, it still remains a very serious question whether they will be able to achieve the hoped for results without the co-operation and substantial support of the organization that has made Omaha famous.

The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben are notoriously without a home—not even a den—and the time is propitious for a merging of Ak-Sar-Ben and Auditorium under one general management.

Looking to the future, it must be apparent that the Auditorium building under joint management with the Knights could be made to pay its way, whereas a division of the forces and resources of the separate bodies would tend to weaken both and make both a constant drain upon the community at large.

In the course of the debate in the United States senate on the resolution to invite Cuba to come into the United States on an equal footing with the states of the union, Senator Hale of Maine, speaking in opposition to the resolution, said that he would not invite Great Britain to let Canada join the union and in this connection made the prediction that men listening to him will see the time when Canada will become an integral part of the United States.

Mr. Hale stated that a considerable number of Americans, particularly in the states bordering on the Dominion, believe to be inevitable and a consummation of the not distant future. The opinion that Canada will in time become a part of the United States is not new. It has long obtained and has had the countenance of some of our most prominent statesmen.

A bill has been introduced in the United States senate making the laws for the suppression of lotteries applicable to letters, postal cards, circulars, pamphlets and other publications concerning any business contracts, or life, fire or other insurance policies transmitted into any state or territory by concerns or persons not authorized to transact such business in the state or territory from which the same are transmitted.

ment of Canada, even in the improbable event of a tariff war—which Great Britain would certainly make every possible effort to avert—Canadians would not be any more disposed than now to favor annexation to the United States.

Granting that the ultimate absorption of the Dominion by the United States is inevitable, it is extremely doubtful if it will come within the time suggested by Senator Hale, which does not reach beyond the present generation, or indeed cover more than a couple of decades.

It appears that there is some uneasiness in eastern financial circles in regard to the possible effect upon the money market of the large payment which our government will have to make to the Panama Canal company and to the new republic for canal concessions, the total of which is \$50,000,000.

There is today in the national treasury, in round numbers, \$144,000,000 of actual cash and the government has \$159,000,000 on deposit in banks and subject to demand. This makes \$313,000,000 available at once for the payment of the Panama engagement and the amount can be taken from the treasury without making the least impression upon the money market.

The world is watching with no little interest, if not real concern, the progress of the Chamberlain campaign for the reform of the British fiscal policy.

It is not to be concealed that the advocates of a change in the economic relations of the British empire is making some progress. Those who at the outset of his movement advanced the opinion that he would meet with no encouragement from the English people and that the agitation which he started would be briefly disposed of, have certainly learned to take a different view of the situation.

Striking evidence of this has recently been given. Addresses by Mr. Chamberlain at several points, at which working-men were especially conspicuous, were received with the utmost enthusiasm.

Considerably more than 90 per cent of the men who engage in business fail; rarely is there a man of any age who has not been discharged at least once in his life for the reason that he is unable to pay his bills.

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We will not venture to predict what the outcome of the Chamberlain campaign will be. That aggressive and able statesman is undoubtedly making headway and it is certainly among the possibilities that he will carry his policy to victory, though he would be more than ordinarily venturesome who would wager upon such a result.

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The Nebraska state labor bureau is laboring very hard trying to find something to do in order to convince the next legislature that its maintenance at the expense of the taxpayers is justified.

business proposes to turn itself into a farm hand employment agency. As a piece of emotional usefulness a harvest hand labor bureau might commend itself, but from the practical point of view it will not prove very attractive.

Now that Grover Cleveland has publicly announced his unalterable and conclusive determination never again to become a democratic nominee for the presidency, William J. Bryan may be expected to abandon his explorations of Great Britain, France and Switzerland, give up the Caribbea liver cure and return to America with unimpaired lung power and enlarged digestive apparatus.

There is no doubt that the trusts which set out to possess the land and sea got some of the water, but they did not succeed in salting it down.

Could President Roosevelt have foreseen the number of letters he would receive from the proud parents of white herds of children he would have felt neither the necessity nor the inclination to say anything about race suicide.

Another princess has succumbed to royalty's old habit of running away with the coachman. The increasing frequency of such elopements may be viewed as a concession from royalty and as the advancement of democratic institutions.

It has taken three or four decisions of the supreme court of Nebraska to stop the reading of the Bible as a religious ceremony in one school district of the state, and at that it doesn't stay stopped. If Nebraskaans fought as well in other matters of conscience and law what a heavenly commonwealth it would be!

Official figures seem to indicate that Brother Jonathan has been competing vigorously with his roving uncle, John Bull, for profitable trade in South Africa. American exports to that quarter of the globe are by no means insignificant.

Forty years ago the farmers owned 55 per cent of the wealth of the country; now they own only 21 per cent. But possibly this relative decrease is due to the fact that the farmer cannot support his farm on the basis of the value of the land and the profits from last year's crops and the estimated profits from next year's crop.

Philadelphia Record.

Mr. Parry, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, has said a great many foolish things about labor unions, but probably none of the things he has said are as foolish as the things he is doing to protect himself from the assassination and his children from the kidnapping.

A while ago it was Chicago that first discovered that bad cooking was responsible for most of the divorces out that way. And now it is a Chicago woman who proposes that women be admitted to the suffrage wherever they can pass a satisfactory examination in cooking, and she suggests that the qualification would exclude most of her sex as effectually as the present barrier.

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INDIAN DISCOVERY.

In a report made last week to the American Missionary Association attention was called to the handsome material provision made by the national government for the Indians "with \$100,000 to their credit in the government vaults in Washington and with more school houses than they know what to do with, the problem today," said the report, "is really how wisely to do less for the Indian how to give him an appreciation of his possessions, based upon character."

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chain of personal recollections and personal tradition goes back to the war of American independence, and standing in the valley of the shadow he feels that he ought to lift up his voice to say that these days are better than those days and that the days to come will be better than the days that are now here.

BACK TO THE TIN PAIL. Restaurant Keepers Remove Potatoes from the Free List. Chicago Inter Ocean. The exigencies of trade are compelling the keepers of downtown restaurants to lop off gratuities. Music has been omitted already.

YOUTHFUL BUOYANCY AND CHEERFUL SPIRIT OF SENATOR HOAR. Detroit Free Press. To the political pessimist who cheerfully commends these words of the Hon. George Frisbie Hoar, senator from Massachusetts in the congress of the United States:

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J. J. HILL IS GRACIOUS.

Desires No Hard Feeling Between Himself and the United States. Detroit Free Press. President James J. Hill of the Northern Securities company has unben and demonstrated that he is not entirely devoid of the spirit of compromise by concession.

But Mr. Hill desires no hard feelings between himself and the United States. Rather than bring about such a misfortune he would prefer to surrender all the rights granted by New Jersey in the company's charter.

It is such to have so powerful and astute a financier openly acknowledge that he is willing to concede something to the government, just for the sake of peace and good fellowship, but it imposes the unpleasant, if not ungracious, precaution of looking out that the magnanimous gift of a quarter franchise rights is not a rhetorical gold brick.

The main lines involved are just as nearly parallel as they were before Mr. Hill became a co-sponsor of the government. The machinery of management may be retained, as he says it will be, yet there will be but one directing head, and that will be the Northern Securities company. The promises made through its president are merely to the scheme of operation, not to the paramount issue of the right of the people to enjoy the benefits of competition.

After all it looks as though the magnanimous gift of the merger is only seeking to coax the government into helping him whip the head around a stump. His plan is an ingenious one and it is very gracious on Mr. Hill's part to treat the United States government courteously; but in the end it will be found that his company may do just what the federal courts say it may, and do no more. He and New Jersey combined cannot nullify the federal laws or direct their administration.