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ARMY BILL HEADWINDS The army reorganization bill passed by the house is undergoing much peroration in the senate. Every time there is a reorganization bill before congress it is more or less displeasing to the members of the military staff...

THE REHABILITATION OF GRANDPA. Abram S. Hewitt, the well-known New York politician, now 80 years old, has just undergone medical treatment for old age by means of subcutaneous injections of glycerophosphate of sodium...

United States. This proposition will please the gentlemen who profess to be secret design to utilize the army for the creation of an imperium. Some of them oppose on such grounds the modest proposition to establish a minimum force of 58,924 men and a maximum force of 96,766 men and replace the volunteers and regulars who will be discharged on July 1...

That "imitation is the sincerest flattery" finds illustration in the efforts of some of our contemporaries to imitate The Journal's character sketches of legislators and newspaper men and politicians around the hotels in St. Paul. But such imitations!—just compare them.

CHEAP TRICK The Pioneer Press was caught in a very cheap and transparent piece of political juggling yesterday—a fraud which was thoroughly exposed before night. They attempted to make a great showing in the way of state press comment in favor of Mr. Clapp. Now Mr. Clapp has his friends among the newspaper men, and a great many of them have spoken kindly of him who did not favor his selection to the United States senate...

It always pays to be square, open and honest, even in politics. People who are cute, sly, mysterious and not scrupulous are very apt to be found out just as the Pioneer has been in this performance. With the result that the effect is quite different from what was expected. Naturally, the papers that were misrepresented do not feel kindly about it, and they are likely to take a fall out of that kind of business when the chance comes in the next issue.

Mayor Ames' rank partisanship seems to give satisfaction in just three places—in the mayor's office, among the mayor's appointees and in the Tribune office.

ECONOMY AND POLICE SERVICE The pay roll of the police department for 1900 was approximately \$306,000. Friends of the Ames regime announce that it has effected a saving by dismissing a large number of old men, who are drawing the maximum of \$75 per month, and putting on eighty-six new patrolmen who will draw only \$65 per month for a year. A saving of \$120 annually is made on each man, or a total of \$10,320.

At first sight this looks like economy, but there is another side to it. The reason men are paid less during the first year is that they are worth less. There are a great many things a policeman has to learn by experience, and while the city is paying less for the service, it must expect to get a poorer quality of service.

Moreover, on a closer inspection there does not seem such reason for heralding economy. The Ames administration has 217 on its pay roll, against 210 last year. Provided the council committee on salaries leaves the schedule the same, the pay roll this year will foot up \$157,820, as follows: Superintendent, \$3,000; two secretaries, \$2,800; five captains, \$6,000; 13 lieutenants, \$6,900; thirty-one sergeants, \$31,000; eighty-two old patrolmen at \$90, \$73,800; eighty-six new patrolmen at \$78, \$67,080. These items including jailors and drivers: two janitors at \$720, \$1,440; matron, \$720; janitress, \$240; extra pay for nineteen mounted men at \$260 per year, \$4,940.

Now, unless a new administration turns the department upside down again at the end of two years, the patrolmen will all be drawing maximum salaries at that time, and the pay roll will mount to \$207,940, a higher figure than for several years. In order to keep up the practice of this economy, it will evidently be necessary to have the police force made over every two years.

AMUSEMENTS German-American Comedy at the Metropolitan. The German-American operatic comedy, "Tante Bemmchen in Amerika" (Aunt Bemmchen in America), which is the current hit at the Metropolitan, is a distinct disappointment as compared with "Der New York Brauer," given in German at the same theater last year. The play itself is so mediocre as to be absolutely without originality in its plot and character.

Senator Nelson was complimented by the unanimous caucus vote of the republicans in the legislature last night. Such a result ought to be very gratifying to him and promotive of the best interests of the party. Now let the republicans settle the other senatorship by a caucus at an early date and put the matter out of the way of the regular work of the session. There are 140 republicans to the 42 democrats in this legislature. The democrats have no right to select the republican candidate, but they may do so if bad management on the part of the republican leaders prevents the selection of a senator in a republican caucus.

Mayor Gray makes a good many good suggestions in his well-considered message, but none more deserving of attention and adoption than his advice about the habit police have of always running down the police. The policeman can't get much enthusiasm over his job when he gets no credit for the good work he does. It is constantly made to feel that he is not regarded as of much account. Give the policeman as much as you give the devil, any way. That's the ex-mayor's recommendation in a nutshell.

It is not little humbling, but you have got to stand it when you go to St. Paul for the politicians there are very apt to ask you when the Minneapolis trouble is going to begin. They have got so accustomed to our not settling our differences and rivalries at home and among ourselves and so accustomed to seeing them exhibited down there for the amusement of the people of the state and to our own undoing that it is hard for them to believe that we are not going to do it again in connection with this senatorship contest.

Minneapolis expects every man to do his duty. There is a senatorship at stake, and Minneapolis can have it if her business men and leading citizens take sufficient interest in the matter to ask the legislature for it. Go down and help Evans make the fight for Minneapolis. He is sure to win, if you do.

A Remedy for Ennui. There is a rare remedy for ennui. People who do not collect birds' eggs and soundings or of their work, may always be pleasantly entertained by a "fad." The collector, first of postage stamps, old books, and then of birds' eggs, always has mental pastime and to spare. In cultivating a fad, it is not necessary to get hold of another person who is not interested in it and talk him to death on the matter. The subject so vitally interesting to you may be and probably is the desert of Sahara to the uninitiated.

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A CHANGED POSITION The stock market in New York yesterday continued to illustrate the great change which has come in the financial position of the country. For several days the foreigners have been unloading stocks on the market but they have been rapidly, eagerly taken up. London, Paris and Berlin no longer have arbitrary control over those stocks which they formerly used for their own purposes so successfully. Americans no longer let foreigners make their markets but make them themselves.

Last week the British had an attack of the merrigins and the Bank of England put up the rate of discount from 4 to 5 per cent chiefly because the ratio of reserve to liability dropped to 29 1/2 per cent and the outgo of gold to Paris had to be stopped and the result is that this country may have to export some gold to London to help out Johnny Bull, who has depended on this country to help him frequently of late. This country is able to loan its gold abroad and concurrently absorb millions of American securities held abroad, so reducing our obligations there. We can let them have \$25,000,000 gold without feeling it. Credits abroad are continually increasing through our large exports of merchandise and produce and American bankers are loaning large amounts of money in the leading European financial centers. The present financial pinch in Europe cannot affect us adversely for we are too strong, but the result is only an extension of foreign credits and new loans. We are able to finance the embarrassments of London itself and lend a helping hand to Berlin and Paris. A year ago the per capita of circulation was \$25.73 and it has now advanced

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Senator Nelson kicked goal from the field without even ruffling his shirt front.

Lord Roberts is back and is trying to look pleasant.

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New York Daily Letter.

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Jan. 8.—Reasons for not wanting to cause financiers to cast aside their long held ideas that New York will not be able to outstrip London as the great financial market of the world in the near future are many.

A Difference

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They were mounting the steps of the Metropolitan elevated at Madison street and watching the slow clump, clump of a cripple as he descended. After he had passed them, Jack said, pitifully, half under his breath: "Poor fellow! His working arm and right leg. I wonder what he can do for?"

"His wife supports him, probably; that is, if he was married before his accident. I suppose his matrimonial prospects dwindled to nothing afterwards; if he wasn't, in which case other relatives stepped in, at course."

"Ethel's voice was calm, even if cold. Jack suddenly wondered if she had a heart. He answered a little bitterly: "Then you think love goes for nothing? Only able-bodied laborers need apply!"

"Ethel laughed. "Well, a one-armed lover wouldn't be of much use in securing one a seat in the elevated at this hour."

How the whole conversation came back to Miss Bray on that day when, held back from tears by a queer, choking horror, she stared at the page before her bearing Jack Archer's name among the wounded, after the battle of San Juan!

"The meeting was over. How had Jack managed it? He had been kind, deferential, everything good breeding and their long acquaintance demanded, but he had made a sharp barrier between them which even she, not at all given to distrust, greatly feared to cross."

Improvements on a gigantic scale are planned for the Metropolitan water front along the North River. Ten enormous fireproof piers for the trans-Atlantic steamship trade are to be built along the river front below West Twenty-third street.

Mr. Hewitt's Ellixir of Life. Former Mayor Abram S. Hewitt, now in his eightieth year, is the subject of a deal of attention at this time because of the published statements that his wonderful vigor and renewed activity in public matters at this late date is due to an elixir of life which a French physician is said to have found for him in a salt of sodium.

Mr. Coogan's Status. New York at present is witnessing the peculiar spectacle of a Tammany official insisting on giving his services to the city without compensation.

North Star Politics

OTHER PEOPLE'S NOTIONS Preserving Our Laks.

Late yesterday afternoon the railroad and warehouse commissioners held a conference with Governor Van Sant—the first one yet held, though the subject has been discussed a month ago. So far as can be learned the commissioners did not make the governor any promises as to what appointments they would make, but talked over the fact of raising the stage of water lowered in Lake Calhoun by the cutting of ice. I do not feel like imposing a loss or unnecessary expense upon the ice companies, and yet, in view of the fact that companies would have twenty days before an injunction could be obtained and in that time have made their harvest, would it not be wise for the city to take the stage now, and have it settled for another year?

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Candidates for the Minneapolis surveyor generally and their friends were numerous in St. Paul yesterday. Robert Stratton, A. B. Robbins and Henry Hancke were among the candidates to be seen in the Windsor Hotel lobby. Mr. Stratton is reported to feel very confident of the appointment. A gentleman very close to Van Sant picks Robbins as the winner, and Hancke is a sort of dark horse candidate, with strong backing among the lumbermen.

Charles S. Mitchell, the Alexandria editor, whom his friends wished to see private secretary to Governor Van Sant, is reported as having been authorized by the governor to call on the governor and to see the position of executive clerk.

The Hennepin and second district delegations also conferred regarding patronage yesterday afternoon. From all accounts Speaker Dowling is having the time of his life making his appointments "go around" the "indorsed" candidates. The disappointed ones are already growing. Several names have been already from the Hennepin delegation, which the delegations of four other districts, on account that it found and made Dowling a speaker.

A CENTURY OF AMERICAN POETRY Oscar Lovell Triggs in the January Forum. One striking fact is the longevity of our poets. The typical American poet—when you think of it and notices the faces that look down from his library walls—is found to be an aged, hoary man. Of the eight poets pictured on the frontispiece, six are gray-bearded and incline to baldness, and of the black-haired heads, Lanier lived to be 39, and Poe to be 46. No American poet has had the advantage of John Keats of dying young with still enough accomplished to be compared with Shakespeare on the ground of his poetry. Many fair hopes centered in Cora Fabri, Anne Aldrich and Winifred Howells, the youngest of the sisterhood to lay down their pens; but their work was too incomplete to give prophecy of their maturity. Joseph Rodman Drake at 26, Stephen Crane at 23, James Berry Hessel at 30, and Francis Brooks at 31 had hardly begun their true poetic career. 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