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A Remarkable Showing.

Two years ago the Intelligencer inaugurated a New Year's feature of great interest and much value—an exhibit of the financial condition of the community through figures furnished by the twelve commercial banks of the city.

While deposits increased \$750,000 from 1897 to 1898, they now increase \$2,166,000 over one year ago. A year ago loans had decreased \$56,000 as compared with the close of '97; now they increase \$1,054,955 over 1898.

There is nothing of an official character connected with the reports, and coming as they do, from a German source, may be said to be tentative movements rather than accomplished facts.

On a Solid Foundation.

The industrial prosperity of this country rests almost entirely on the solidity of the iron and steel business, and the supremacy of the United States in the markets of the world in this respect being assured the outlook for the future is of the most satisfactory character in the history of the country.

Commenting on these facts the Journal of Commerce makes these interesting observations: "The relatively rapid advances of production here may be measured by the fact that in 1890 our proportion of the world's product was only a little over 22 per cent."

than half the quantity of raw materials, thus economizing labor to an enormous extent."

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In one other important respect the iron and steel industry of the United States occupies to-day a much stronger position than it has ever done. Writing of the infancy of the industry, Mr. Hewitt said that an examination of a price diagram covering thirty years would show that the extreme points of depression in price which have always ruined the American ironmasters did not continue more than a year or two years.

From the conditions underlying this, however, the trade has been pretty well emancipated, and when occasion next arises, it will probably be found that the American maker is quite as able as his English rival to hold his product for a more remunerative price.

A Sensational Rumor.

The diplomatic complications arising out of the Transvaal war and the seizure of American flour laden vessels by the British navy, are aggravated by the announcement in the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger that under secret stipulations Germany will take Portugal's Asiatic colonies and the territory north of the Zambezi, and England will come into the long coveted possession of Delagoa bay.

There is nothing of an official character connected with the reports, and coming as they do, from a German source, may be said to be tentative movements rather than accomplished facts. It is true that Great Britain would like to close the back door against the entrance of contraband of war into the Transvaal, but she will have to move with great delicacy if she would not have other nations on her back.

Bearing False Witness.

There is a great deal of imagination and reckless misrepresentation in the attacks made on the administration for the manner of its conduct of affairs in the Philippines. Sometimes there is a willful perversion of the facts. A striking example of careless and unfounded accusation is found in a letter written to the Alton, Illinois, Telegraph, by a high church dignitary, who says: "Think of the desolation wrought in the Philippines, which this Christmas will see, after a year of the hell of war in which more slaughter, destruction, looting, and desecration have been done than in all the centuries of Spain's control."

All of this is scandalously untrue, and the Inter Ocean calls the reverend offender to task by telling him if he will turn to his Bible he will read: "Thou shalt not bear false witness." If then he will turn to history he will learn that after Spanish authority had been established in the Philippines there were between the years 1603 and 1660 four terrible massacres, in each of which nearly 20,000 people were killed.

"Since the Philippines have come into the possession of the United States no prisoners have been shot, none have been tortured, no massacres have taken place, and the dungeons have been emptied."

Americans have gone through Luzon fighting against law breakers, but establishing civil governments. The Spaniards did nothing of the kind. The American soldiers have protected men and women and children and have fed them. The Spaniards assailed them and starved them. When the Spaniards raided a district occupied by the rebels they destroyed everything. When the Americans have occupied a province or a district or a village the natives have returned to their homes in peace.

Next week will be an important one in senatorial affairs. The contest over

the seat claimed by Quay will be taken up, and inquiry will be made into the charges of bribery lodged against Senator Clark, of Montana.

The late Dwight L. Moody hated theology, but loved the Bible. He was somewhat like Sam Jones, who said he would rather cull the flowers of religion than waste time over the botany of theology.

The custom house frauds which have been practiced in Havana for over a century under Spanish rule, are being smoked out by the United States authorities.

The British could get pointers from reading the description of the battle of San Jacinto, fought by General Wheaton's brigade.

The attempts made to get up a Fenian scare are entirely within the scope of the yellow journals.

The Ohio river will be very profane if all the dams promised are erected.

Only three more days to sort out your stock of good resolutions.

Remember the twentieth century does not begin until 1901.

At last accounts the Boers were still boring.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Some men ride a hobby merely for exercise. A corkscrew is sometimes used in opening a conversation.

The man who is bent on joining the army has to stand straight. You are pretty safe in judging the Christmas book by its cover.

As soon as a man does his best his friends expect him to do better. Oh! he has the latest man on record. He is too lazy to run into debt.

His satirical majesty is probably the Nick of time we hear so much about. The miss-guided youth does everything his sweetheart tells him to do.

The student who takes up medicine finds it far more pleasing than taking it down. Men of mature years have much to be thankful for because of the failure of the majority of their youthful plans.

Give work to the poor who are able and willing to work. It's better than charity, and will be appreciated more.—Chicago News.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

All things come to those who wait—unless they die before they get there. A man's resort from worry is a good laugh; a woman's resort is a good cry.

Solomon wasn't the wisest man because he had three hundred wives, but in spite of it. A woman can take a terrible disappointment a lot better when she has her best dress on.

No matter what fool noises a baby makes, a woman can always tell you exactly what it is trying so hard to say.—New York Press.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

Classified.—He divides tailors into two classes. "What are they?" "Those whom he owes money and those who wouldn't trust him."—"Puck."

"Is she really a society girl?" "Well, she makes and receives a great many calls." "Really?" "Yes; she's a telephone operator."—Philadelphia Record.

"I thought you were going to try to borrow fifty dollars from him, but say you got twenty." "Yes; I happened to remember just in the nick of time that anything worth doing at all is worth doing well."—Chicago Evening Post.

"Do you know that a man is three-eighths of an inch shorter at night than in the morning?" demanded Dismore. "The last time stocks took a tumble," replied Mullins, "it was \$2,000 shorter at night than in the morning."—Life.

His Wondrous Faith.—His—Weeks seems to have a lot of faith in homoeopathy, doesn't he? Dix—Never saw anything to equal it. Why, last summer when he had an attack of hay fever he married a grass widow.—Chicago News.

Point of View.—"This is murder," cried the enemy, as the captain of marines opened with the ship's machine-guns from the top of the hill. "No, only a salt and battery," we shouted back, thus adding insult to injury.—Detroit Journal.

Said Mrs. G., who came to spend the day, to little Edith: "Are you glad to see me again, Edith?" "Yes, m, and mamma's glad, too," replied the child. "Is she?" "Yes, m. She said she hoped you'd come to-day and have it over with."—Ohio State Journal.

Senator Vest, of Missouri, has a grandson he is very proud of. The other night his mother went into the nursery to kiss him good night. "I have come to hear you say your prayers, Harry." "I've done said 'em, mamma." "Why, you cant' say them by yourself." "Yes I can. I said 'God bless grandpa and make him well and fat again; God bless mamma and papa and make 'em give me everything I want. And please, God, bless and take care of yourself, for you are the boss of us all.'"—Brooklyn Life.

Only a Laugh.

Only a laugh, but the joy of the hours in it. Dropping so blithely from out of the Down from the casement that has the red flowers in it. Flooding with sunshine my poor little room.

Only a laugh—but I know well whose choice it is. Oh, I can guess whose lips that can smile at.

Whose is the smiling mouth, whose bubbling voice it is. Putting such perfume in only a laugh!

Only a laugh! My lone life is so shadowy, Tinged with the darkness that solitude grows.

Most of the brightness missed, most of its glad away. Most of its tenderness chilled by the snows.

Only a laugh, but so much of the gay in it! Oh, were there love, 'twould be sweeter by half!

I could forget that my hair has its gray in it? Were it for me more than—only a laugh! —New York Press.

Prosperity for 1900.

Indications everywhere point to great prosperity for the coming year. This is an invariable sign of a healthy nature. The success of a country, as well as the success of an individual, depends upon health. There can be no health if the stomach is weak. If you have any stomach trouble try Hostetter's Stomach Bitters which cures dyspepsia, indigestion and biliousness. It makes strong, vigorous men and women.

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A Thrilling Death Scene.

London Times: Our Paris correspondent telegraphs: Mme. Sarah Bernhardt has been interviewed by a Matin reporter on her return to Paris after a five or six months' tour through countries never perhaps visited by a French tragedian. This prolonged absence was necessitated by the renovation of the theatre in the Place du Chatelet bearing her name. It will be temporarily opened with a revival of Hamlet, but the real opening will be with M. Edmond Rostand's new piece, L'Algon. The hero is the Duc de Reichstadt, and Mme. Bernhardt will take that part. The piece, according to those who have heard portions of it, is worthy of the young dramatist who has already achieved the greatest dramatic success of the age. I have spoken of the interview, because Mme. Bernhardt gives a thrilling description of the heroic death of Dr. Festina, at Lisbon. It shows how up to the last moment he noted the symptoms of the plague, and with a countenance already lit up by immortality he calmly consummated his sublime self-sacrifice for the good of mankind. Such a scene is an encouragement, amid the constant meanness of the world; it reconciles us to life, and Mme. Bernhardt's narrative is stamped with simplicity and emotion. "Queen Amelie was present till his death, and related to me his last moments. The unfortunate man was admirable. From hour to hour he indicated the symptoms of the contagion which was carrying him off. 'I have still twenty minutes to live,' he said, 'note these symptoms. This is how I feel.' The fearful suffering experienced by him did not affect his coolness. 'Still ten minutes. This symptom seems to have been ill-defined. Note it accurately,' said he to the weeping surgeon. Five minutes before his end he felt that death was there. Without moving a muscle of his face, turning to the sobbing queen, 'Adieu, madame,' he said, 'I am very grateful to your majesty for coming to my bedside. Adieu.' 'Have you noted everything?' he said, to the house surgeon. 'Describe minutely the convulsions which you will presently see.' Five minutes afterward the hero was no more. He was thirty-five years of age. Portual will long mourn him."

Bachelors' New Year Gifts.

It is quite a fad this year among fashionable folks to give the oddest presents that one can procure; and the demand for novelty has revived that most domestic of occupations, rag-knitting. One of the best methods of using up old scraps or rags, is to knit them into a many-striped rug or carpet. But it must be remembered that only scraps of the most elegant materials are used, so that the effect will be that of a Persian or oriental rug. By this process you get, almost for nothing, what is always brilliant in color, as well as heavy and thick. Every handsome thing that can be torn into shreds can be used; cloth, faded ribbons, velvet, serges, and even discarded table-cloths. Discard even linings and abandoned sofa covers are treasures to the rag-knitter. Nor is rag-knitting difficult, for the stitch is that of plain knitting, and the needles should be of wood, measuring one inch in circumference. As a mat for a smoker or even for the bedside rug of a bachelor, we can imagine an appropriation of rag-knitting to be the very thing. So, ladies, knit up your old scraps, and employ your leisure time in making a rug or carpet for your brother, father, lover or other masculine friend. Four days steady work will result in a handsome article twenty-seven by fifty inches; but should you not get it ready for New Year's, remember the birthday souvenirs of home-made goods are an argument to the room and prove a pleasant reminder of the given whenever looked upon.—Chicago News.

A Father of the Republican Party.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 28.—Charles E. Pike died last night at his residence in this city.

Charles E. Pike was a lawyer and practiced in Maine, Massachusetts and Wisconsin for many years. In early life he was one of the first free soilers and one of the founders of the Republican party in Massachusetts. In 1847, while a member of the Maine legislature, he wrote the resolutions which, according to the custom of that time, brought before the people the name of Taylor for the presidency. Later he was one of the group of the first Republicans in the Massachusetts legislature. In 1859 he removed to Wisconsin and founded the Oshkosh Northwestern, which during the war was a radical supporter of Lincoln. In 1865 he was appointed solicitor of the internal revenue department and assistant attorney general of the United States.

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Wheeling will be held at the banking house on Thursday, January 11, 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may come before them. J. A. JEFFERSON, Cashier. de25

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Intelligencer Publishing Company will be held at the office of the company, No. 27 Fourteenth street, Tuesday, January 23, 1900, between the hours of 1 and 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors and the transaction of any other business that may come before them. JOHN P. GLASS, Secretary. de25

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