

Paris' Mont de Piete or People's Pawnshop

It Is a Boon to the Needy and Saves Them from the Shylocks—Washington Will Have a Better One.

The American metropolis is about to follow the fashion of the gay French metropolis in the matter of the care of its poor and destitute citizens. It is well known throughout the country that the Washington Times proposes to furnish relief and remedy to those at the Capital of the nation who have been so unfortunate as to fall into the clutches of unscrupulous holders of money who pile a Pilon of interest on an Ounce of incidental charges, in the way of loans, and make the borrowers chattel slaves on their chattel mortgages.

It goes without saying that the men who make slaves of their debtors are the exception in Washington. But the nation's Capital is a big city, and the "exceptions" result, in the long run, among status. The shillings of the Times has been to the poor and worthy oppressed are to be looked after. As a rule they are a timid and striking class, who have been taught to follow according to the quality definition in Murray's old grammar that life means "to be, to do and to suffer."

It has, however, been sufficiently demonstrated to these people by successful suits against usurers, which were secured by the Times, that there is hope in the proposition that men of means and charitable impulses can relieve the distress of the city so far as it is the result of cruel and inexcusable money-lenders.

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On came they, the loveliest through in the world, Their banners of faith and allegiance unfurled, Bent low every knee, upraised every eye To their star of deliverance far up in the sky.

ROOSEVELT HAS BRAINS

New York's Police Commissioner Is a Man of Energy.

HE LIKES HIS PRESENT JOB

How the Politicians Take the Innovations He Has Introduced—His Political Apprenticeship and His Western Experiences—Ranchman, Nimrod, Historian, Reformer.

It was in the autumn of 1881, just a little more than a year after his graduation from college, that the world began to talk of Theodore Roosevelt, and during the thirteen years and some months that have elapsed since the police tongue has wagged about him pretty steadily.

It is a way, both of the man and his political career by winning representation from a city district in the lower house of the New York legislature as a Republican, and his subsequent career in the Senate, which was characterized by vigor, dash, and a disregard for precedent that fairly took away the breath alike of friend and foe.

I called upon Mr. Roosevelt yesterday at his office in the white building on Mulberry street, which is the headquarters of a commissioner, but where now Roosevelt is the one to be sought. When I went into the outer office the smaller of political and personal inspectors of patrolmen's beats was out, and I was confronted by the first of the innovations to be introduced by that lively official for the citizens of black-gowned young woman secretary.

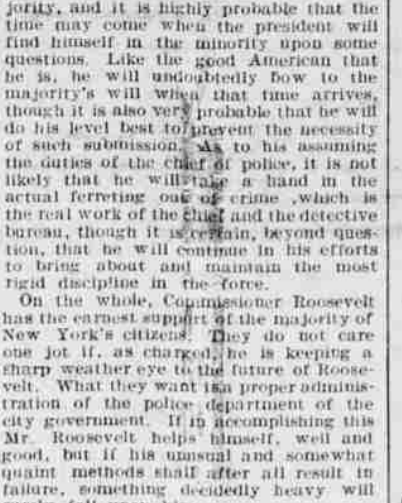
When he came out of college he entered the law office of his uncle, but even then had the desire, so frankly expressed to me the day before, to engage in the study of governing. When, therefore, long before he had been admitted to the bar, he saw a chance to be rehabilitated to the assembly he readily accepted the challenge, winning handsomely at the polls before he had been a voter two years.

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"I like the work immensely," he replied. "In fact, I like it better than anything else I have ever done. For here I am privileged to help perform the actual work of governing, and I hold it to be the duty of every man to take some part in the work of his country. It is important that every citizen should take part in the work of his country."

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