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—There were two feet of snow in the streets of Cripple Creek, Colorado, on Monday as a result of a blizzard that day. We thought the hail we had had enough, but it might have been worse.

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A statistically inclined contemporary has ascertained the exact amount of the disbursements of the several administrations of the Federal government which have conducted wars since the formation of the government. The first of these was the second administration of President MADISON during which the war of 1812 was fought. The total expenditures for the four years of that administration amounted to \$130,542,794.

The administration of President POLK during which the Mexican war was conducted spent in four years the sum of \$173,299,286. During the first administration of President LINCOLN through which the Civil war ran from start to finish, the expenditures amounted to \$3,347,802,909 in paper money which was equivalent to a little more than 1,500,000,000 in gold. But it is known that the Civil war was the most expensive in the history of the world.

President MCKINLEY's first administration was expensive but there was reason for it. Within two years of his inauguration the Spanish war broke out and with General ALGER in the office of Secretary of War and the necessity of forced operations in preparing for hostilities money "flowed like water," to use a homely but expressive phrase. In addition to buying arms, ammunition and other equipments for troops, purchases for the navy were made in a most reckless manner and hundreds of ships which were absolutely worthless were bought and converted into junk.

Notwithstanding these extraordinary and it might be added needless expenditures, however, the aggregate disbursements of the first four years in which MCKINLEY was in office, during which the Spanish war was fought and the Philippines pacified, amounted to only \$1,906,136,611. That was a trifle more than the cost of the government during the Civil war.

Now comes the administration of President ROOSEVELT. It began in September 1901, and has run just two years and eight months. But in that period of profound peace the expenses of the government have reached the enormous total of \$2,640,000,000. No war has been fought during that time, for we had the official proclamation of the pacification of the Philippines some time before the death of MCKINLEY. Then what excuse is there for making the expenses of the government about double what they were under MCKINLEY, notwithstanding over a year of actual and costly war? It must be found in the recklessness of that bronco buster in the expenditure of the people's money.

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A Crime Against Industry.

State Treasurer WILLIAM L. MATTHUES entered upon the duties of his office on Monday last with a balance in hand amounting to \$16,464,897.77. Of this vast sum \$3,939,887.33 in the sinking fund and \$12,525,010.44 in the general fund. This money is distributed over the State in banks chosen by the State Treasurer on such terms as he is able to make with the custodians, two per cent of the interest going to the State. If there is any profit over and above the amount fixed by law as interest, it probably goes to the campaign fund in the main. It may be assumed that a considerable amount of the money is deposited in banks in which politicians are interested at the rate of interest prescribed by law, the conditions being that they take care of the party interests in the communities in which they live.

During the greater part of Mr. HARRIS' term of office every dollar in his custody could have been placed in safe depositories at three per cent. and over. At the beginning of his term the balance was \$11,502,843.43. At no time during the two years that we can call to mind has there been a less sum than that in the treasury. One per cent. on that sum would amount to \$115,028.45 a year for the full term the aggregate would be \$230,056.90. If the average gain was, say one-half of one per cent. more than that, which is more than likely, the profit to the Treasurer or the campaign fund for the full term would be nearly \$300,000. That is a considerable sum with which to "grease the machine," as one of the participants in another form of loot testified it was used. For a good deal of ballot pollution could be achieved with that amount of money.

If every penny of the proceeds of such vast balances were covered into the Treasury it would still be iniquitous. Just taxation contemplates the collection of only such sums as are absolutely essential to the maintenance of government, economically administered. All taxes come from the earnings of the people, no matter how they are levied and collected. If charged against corporations the corporations consider them in fixing the charges of services to the people so that the people pay in the end. Moreover, the charge ultimately finds its way to the wage-earner who is obliged to pay either in increased expenses for living or decreased wages. He must pay, for there is nobody below that he can shift it upon. That being the case the collection of \$16,464,897.77 from the people in excess of the amount required for profligate government is a crime against the industrial life of the country more atrocious than burglary or even homicide.

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We have REED SMOOT, Mormon apostle, in the United States Senate for another year, thanks to the Republican party. This promoter of polygamy, this criminal under the laws of Congress and of God, acquired a seat in the Senate of Congress originally through a bargain between the Republican national committee and the officials of the Mormon church in 1900. The late Senator HANNA, then chairman of the Republican national committee, had an idea that the vote of Utah would be necessary to elect the presidential ticket that year and he dispatched PERRY S. HEATH, secretary of the committee, to make the bargain. HEATH agreed to give the church a seat in the Senate and SMOOT'S presence there is the result.

When SMOOT was elected the decent public sentiment of the country was outraged and protested with great vehemence and earnestness. But HANNA was a man of his word and he kept faith with the polygamists as long as he could. Finally, however, he was obliged to yield to an investigation. That could have been completed in thirty days and within a day after the report was submitted the agent of the polygamists might have been thrown out. But FORAKER, of Ohio, Mr. ROOSEVELT'S present champion in the Senate, came to the conclusion that the help of the Mormon church may be needed to carry the election this year and he interposed for delay until after the adjournment of Congress. This accomplishes his purpose.

The result is that SMOOT is made secure in his seat for another year and by that time public sentiment will probably become reconciled to the outrage and the bargain between the polygamists and the Republican party can be made permanent. In some respects the contract has been put on an enduring basis. That is to say the silencing of the Salt Lake Tribune, the inveterate and tireless opponent of polygamy and Mormonism, has been effected forever, or at least so long as the property remains in the hands of Mr. HEATH and that was a long stride in the direction of quieting the opposition to polygamy. But the settling of SMOOT in his seat is necessary to fulfill the bargain and it looks now as if that will be done.

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The Main Buildings of the St. Louis Exposition Brilliantly Illuminated Monday Night.

The Pennsylvania Building at the Big Fair was Dedicated at Noon Monday. A Number of Speeches Made.

ST. LOUIS, May 2.—When the first regular day of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition had drawn to a close a flood of light from thousands of electric bulbs that line the tops of the main buildings illuminated the grounds so that day almost continued. Throngs of visitors began pouring into the grounds early in the evening, in anticipation of the illumination feature. Music of bands and falling water lent attraction to evening visitors. The plaza became the central point of interest, as the main exhibition buildings close at dark. The illuminated grounds are open, however, until 11 o'clock, so that visitors may enjoy the "Pike," the waters and the music.

White lights will be used in the illumination for several nights and then 20,000 colored electric bulbs will be used. It has not been decided which color will be used. The "intramural railroad" started running today with a limited number of cars.

An inviting exhibit is the palace of horticulture, where there are five thousand plates of apples, pears, oranges and other fruits, embracing every known variety of fruit raised in America.

Official announcement of the total number of persons who attended the opening of the exposition on Saturday will not be made known until the count has been verified beyond question, according to President Francis. President Francis said that owing to the great interest manifested throughout the country because of guessing contests, every precaution would be taken to avoid a mistake. The count will probably be announced soon.

The Pennsylvania building at the world's fair was dedicated at noon.

The dedicatory ceremonies were opened by a selection from the Filipino band. James H. Lambert, a member of the executive board of the state commission, then introduced Lieut. Governor W. M. Brown, the chairman of the day. Henry F. Walton, speaker of the House of Representatives, followed with an address in which he spoke of the great resources of Pennsylvania's welcome to her sister States, to the exposition and to the world at large. President Francis responded in behalf of the exposition, Congressman Jas. Tawney, of Minnesota, but a native of Pennsylvania, followed with an address in which he eulogized his native State and bespoke her wide extended hospitality.

Philip H. Johnson, architect of the Pennsylvania building, came on for the dedicatory exercises. In an interview with him at the hotel Jefferson he gave the design of the structure. He said:

"Buildings of historical interest in Pennsylvania to be reproduced could not be adapted to exposition uses. Therefore I decided that this house should agree in a general way with the style of architecture of the exposition. At the same time the colonnade of classical effect of the entrance follows closely the simple style of the old capitol building at Harrisburg, which burned some years ago. The lines of this building are purely classical. It is 226 feet long and 105 feet deep. The entrance is imposing, with its grand approach, forty-two feet in width. The house is certainly laid out for convenience of visitors. On the first floor is the rotunda with large reception apartments and immense shaded verandas on either side. In the rear is a postoffice and express department. Visitors may have their mail from now sent in care of the Pennsylvania building, if they choose. Up stairs are the art galleries of the hospital room, where a nurse will be in regular attendance. The furniture and furnishings are in perfect harmony and give a suggestion of the state colors in blue and gold. The gardens outside the building are adorned with trees and shrubs native to Pennsylvania. The gynaeceum is in the form of keystones and give a most harmonious touch of color to the splendid garden."

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Spawls from the Keystone.

—A large freight locomotive on the New York Central broke all records Monday afternoon by pulling a train of 121 empty cars from Cammat to Jersey Shore.

—W. J. Maxwell, who sued the Pennsylvania railroad company for \$10,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by a fall in the Logan house at Altoona, Pa., was awarded \$188 by a Blair county jury.

—Cresson will have a new passenger station in the near future. Plans to that effect have been completed. The facilities for the transplanting of passengers from the main line to the Cambria and Clearfield division are unsatisfactory and provisions for the change have been made.

—Thursday night the postoffice at Burnside, Clearfield county, was burglarized, the safe blown open with nitro-glycerine and stamps, money orders and registered letters to the value of \$100 taken, besides a small sum of money that belonged to postmaster John Conners.

—City treasurer Frederick Sheffield, of Altoona, dreamed Saturday night that he was undergoing initiation into the fraternal order of Eagles and had been commanded to fly. He obeyed by jumping from the third story window and fractured a leg. The Eagles' initiation ceremony must be a bird.

—Having been falsely accused of a crime, and being of a sensitive nature, Harry L. Stewart, of Eden Hill, near Birmingham, who graduated with first honors from the Spruce Creek High school last week, committed suicide Sunday morning by placing the muzzle of his Winchester rifle against his face, the charge killing him instantly.

—A Philadelphia and Reading railroad detective was immersed in a pond at Williamsport Sunday by two boys, whom he was endeavoring to arrest for stealing a ride. The young fellows were determined to evade capture, and had a tussle with the detective on the top of a steep embankment, rolling him into the pond. By the time he had emerged from the water they had made their escape.

—When the fleet of rafts from Lock Haven were taken down the river some weeks ago, one of the largest of the number stuck on the bar below the Shadokin dam and remained there until Friday, when Benjamin Costly and several men dislodged it, and started to take it to its destination. A short distance on this side of Selingsgrove Costly, who was standing at the guiding car, alone was seen to suddenly reel and then fall. When the men reached him he was dead.

—In burning an old bed tick a Slav woman at Leckrone, Fayette county, Wednesday destroyed \$900 in United States paper currency which her husband had saved. In the haste of house cleaning she forgot that the money was secreted in the old bed tick and set fire to the straw. After it was burned she remembered the money, but could find no vestige of it, except some silver dollars that had been wrapped in the paper money.

—Tuesday afternoon about 4 o'clock while Mrs. Margaret Matthews, an aged widow lady, was engaged in burning brush in the garden of her home at No. west Twelfth street, Tyrone, her dress caught in the flames and before assistance could be rendered she was so seriously burned that death was almost instantaneous. She was aged about 70 years and is survived by three sons and three daughters, viz.: William, of Rockville, Pa.; James, of Pottdown; Stewart, residence unknown; Mrs. Fred Weston, of Tyrone, and Anna and Catharine at home. Her son Stewart formerly drove for the Adams Express company at Tyrone.

—Edward Dively, an Altoona machinist, has brought suit against five young men of that city for \$1,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been inflicted while they were hazing him at Patton, on November 11th last. Dively accompanied the Altoona football team to Patton, and