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NEWSPAPERS which continually pick flaws in each other are no better than people who do the same thing. A number of towns seem to be possessed of some immaculate critics.

IGNORANCE of the age of a person purchasing liquor is no defense to a minor, though the latter declared he was of age. This is the decision of the State Supreme Court in a decision handed down in the case of the State vs. Gilly, appealed from Linn county.

THE General Land Office has been notified that a protest is to be filed against its order withdrawing from entry 6,000,000 acres of forest lands in Northern California. The purpose of Commissioner Hermann in withdrawing the lands temporarily was to provide for the creation of forest reserves and to prevent wholesale location frauds.

PRESIDENT BAER of the Pennsylvania coal railroads says his company "has no disagreement with any of its employees about the weighing of coal, the quantity being usually determined by measurement." He is a very genuine gentleman. Through a system of measurement introduced by the mine operators the miners have the privilege of digging about three thousand pounds of coal for a ton's pay. Disagreement about weighing? Certainly not!

WHILE politicians may rightly claim that issues determine elections, it is a fact that the party with the greatest newspaper behind it is the one which will succeed. New York city is about the only exception of note. There Tammany cannot be downed, although nearly all the journals are Republican. However, their influence is felt throughout the state, where the Democratic majority given in the city is usually overcome. The newspapers make successful candidates today.

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With these amateur financial princes in control of Wall street, doing desperate deeds to maintain their ascendancy, and others trying to drag them down and gobble their gains, is it any wonder that panics and rumors of panics are not only dreary, but possible?

In such perilous times a wise and conservative management of the United States treasury is needed to protect the interests of the government and the people. We have great reason to be anxious. The politicians may rightly claim that issues determine elections, it is a fact that the party with the greatest newspaper behind it is the one which will succeed. New York city is about the only exception of note. There Tammany cannot be downed, although nearly all the journals are Republican. However, their influence is felt throughout the state, where the Democratic majority given in the city is usually overcome. The newspapers make successful candidates today.

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