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THE FAR EASTERN SITUATION. However much the interested powers may try to conceal the real situation, it is evident that Japan and Russia are on the verge of war.

Russia will employ almost any means to secure a firm footing on the coast, and after her success in occupying Manchuria feels justified in taking a chance in Korea.

BRYAN AS A CONSERVATIVE. Colonel Bryan is broadening in mind as he travels and accumulates the ideas of other people.

It takes the papers in the small Washington towns to promulgate new political principles. Here we have the Pomeroy Independent declaring that it will not hereafter support for office any man who is not a subscriber.

Four years ago, Mr. Bryan would not have hesitated to tell his hearers just how such a contest would result and would have added information respecting the results to England from the result.

Monte Carlo's "Bumper" Season. While there has been no sensational gambling at Monte Carlo of late, the present year will be the most profitable the tables have ever held.

will be close upon \$7,000,000. Last year the profits were \$5,600,000. Increased facilities for heavy gambling will be given in the new year by the opening of the new sporting club annex to the Casino.

Lamentable as the wholesale slaughter of big game may be, the killing of human beings incidental to the sport should produce a halt on the part of voracious hunters.

The Danish government has proposed a law empowering all Danish citizens to change their names. The reason for this measure is that in Denmark, as in the Transvaal, there are not enough names to go round.

It is reported that Senator Smoot and Mrs. Smoot are in New York for the purpose of placing the children in school. Some, who have read recent reports, will wonder which Mrs. Smoot this is.

New York papers report that holiday business has never been so great as it is this year. The decline in the price of trust securities evidently has left the masses unaffected.

If Colombia really designs to attack Panama, it would be sound policy to defer action until the \$10,000,000 is paid over. She could readily recruit an army to go after that \$10,000,000.

The report that Seuer was y Gll intends to start a revolution in San Domingo, sounds good. It is time

something happened down that way. There has not been a revolution there for a whole week.

It is announced that the Colombian army will not stop until it reaches Colon. A period will be put to its existence long before that.

Senator Ben Tillman recently received a counterfeit \$100 bill in payment for a lecture. Paid in his own coin, as it were.

There is still a few days' time in which to practice writing it 1904.

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