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NATIONAL REPUBLICAN TICKET

FOR PRESIDENT, WILLIAM MCKINLEY, OF OHIO.

Merchants Know the Value of a good advertising Medium—Read our "Ads."

VALADICTIONARY.

After considering and knowing the great responsibility placed upon an editor and the many perplexed and unpleasant things often said without reflection.

No! We want a press that shall tell the vices of mankind, as well its virtues.

We have been superseded by a young man of integrity, honesty and ability, and by the intelligent co-operation of these associated with him and the hearty support of patrons he can not fail.

CHARLES S. RUFF, THADDEUS S. RUFF.

FOR SECRETARY STATE.

One of the most prominent young republican candidates that will be presented to the state republican convention July 15th is Hon. E. D. Chassell, editor Le-Mars Sentinel.

Mr. Chassell is an honest man, a staunch republican and a good public speaker.

T. E. Barton Explains. Few weeks ago the BYSTANDER company held a meeting at which time the question came up who the paper should support for congress.

We hope that ever republican voter of Polk county will work and vote for our worthy nominee, Captain Hull.

The Midland Chautauqua assembly will be in session in Des Moines from July 10 to 24. It has an excellent program.

The Oskaloosa Gazette is the name of a new Afro-American republican paper started in Oskaloosa, Iowa by John H. Howlett.

One very bad feature in our race leaders is their penchant for howling on every conceivable occasion.

Democratic papers that expect to make capital out of the fact that Negro delegates to the republican national convention were made to suffer indignities.

Hints to Girls. What is the aim of our girls, and to what end are they striving? This is the question which suggests itself to every true thinking woman.

Oh, for our girls to consider these questions: What am I doing to elevate myself? What am I doing to elevate my race? What am I doing to elevate my God?

RACE PROGRESS.

Jasper Prince owns and operates one of the largest dry goods and grocery store in Coin, Iowa.

W. Q. Atwood of East Saginaw, Mich., is one of the largest lumber dealers in the United States.

Dr. R. F. Boyd of Nashville, Tenn., owns a \$14,000 building in the business portion of the city.

The city of Pittsburg gives employment to 233 colored persons. In the court house there are nine clerks, 198 on the public works in the various bureaus and in the department of public safety twenty-three are employed as clerks.

G. Q. Boyd, a prominent colored lawyer of Clarkville, in the Sixth district of Tennessee was recently nominated for congress.

BRIEFLETS.

The colored bicycle riders of Colorado are holding a cycle meeting in Denver at the D. W. C. racing park.

The colored Baptists of the United States will hold a national convention in St. Louis during the month of August.

A street in Indianapolis, Ind., has been named Puryear in honor of the colored councilman of that city.

The corner stone of the Provident hospital and training school

for nurses was laid at Chicago on the 7th of June. Dr. Daniel Williams is the founder.

The first colored man admitted to practice in the courts of Dakota is Madison Jackson.

A mass meeting of the colored delegates to the St. Louis convention declared in favor of a gold standard with only 6 dissenting voices.

Tuskegee enrolled 1002 students in the normal department and 175 in the model school last season. In all departments 78 teachers were employed.

The International league of press clubs held a meeting at Buffalo last week.

The Afro-American State Fair, Agricultural, Educational and Live Stock association will hold first independent, exclusive state fair by the African race in the south at Houston, Texas, August 25th to 29th exclusive.

DEATH OF MRS. STOWE.

Dear readers with sadness and sorrow to the hearts of many thousand people we note the sudden death of Mrs. Stowe. She died Wednesday July 1st, with congestion of the brain and paralysis.

Mrs. Cleveland's Gift. A trait that has added greatly to Mrs. Cleveland's popularity is her wonderful memory for faces and names.

Our grandmothers would be delighted with the dainty muslin frocks shown for our summer wearing. They are quite enough to have been the mode of half a century and more ago.

FOR LADIES ONLY.

The fashionable leg-o'-mutton and Queen Ann sleeves are cut much tighter from elbow to waist than formerly.

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IN WOMAN'S CORNER.

CURRENT READING FOR DAMES AND DAMSELS.

Some Notes of the Modes—Quaint Miss in Frocks for Summer Wear—Outing Gowns and Jackets—Mrs. Cleveland's Gift—Hints for Housewife.



Every woman when she makes her round of calls wears a brilliant costume, with a white vest. Every white vest is flanked each side by a white rosette and topped with a white stock collar of ribbons.

To encourage women in this folly—and a charming folly it is—the shops offer white satin revers, ready to be sewed on.

A charmingly smart outing gown has a skirt made in the most voluminous style, of light-weight cheviot, in pale tan and cadet blue plaid.

It is heresy to say it, but white satin revers are not serviceable. They need to be cleaned every time the wearer dons them or a very slovenly appearance is the result.

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green velvet. The sleeves are huge ones in the bishop mode, made full to the elbow and finished by a twist of velvet.

Another charming gown of snuff-brown tint is sprigged over with tiny lavender posies and green leaves, and trimmed with black satin ribbon and yellow lace edging.

Outing Gowns and Jackets. The hasty woman who ordered her outing gown at the first indication of spring is already repenting.

For instance, it could not be thrown open with good effect, it must be always tightly buttoned up; such a stuffy style for wear in warm weather.

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NEWSY TRIFLES.

It is observed in England that most young men fresh from the universities are abandoning the study of law for medicine.

Life savers are now experimenting with a sheet-iron kite, designed to enable distressed ships to communicate with the shore.

Recent Austrian observations in the Mediterranean sea prove that the deepest spot in that body of water is 2,406 fathoms, or nearly three miles.

The Macpacchochiquahit, or hand flower tree is a Mexican and Guatemalan tree, bearing a red flower, whose stamens resemble in shape a human hand.

"Hard bread," or biscuit, is to be no more an article of diet in the French navy, but fresh bread is to be regularly supplied, and ships not lying in port will make it for themselves.

Two members of a canoe club, whose boat overturned in the Charles river, near Auburndale, Mass., on Saturday, were rescued by a couple of college maidens, who were rowing near the scene of the disaster.

A band of women White Caps broke up a moonshine still near Hindman, Ky., the other night. They came to the scene armed with Winchester, drove away the proprietor and chopped up the whisky and beer barrels with axes.

Indianapolis' co-operative laundry is being enlarged. The stockholders are all women who work in the laundry. Each person is paid so much a week for service and surplus above paying such wages and keeping up current expenses goes into the surplus fund.

"The most beautiful woman in Boston," says the Boston Journal, "is a mulatto with a dash of Jewish blood. Irreproachably dressed, graceful in bearing, with a suggestion of oriental languor, she is a rare delight to the eye, and her voice is like unto the voice of the viola.

The largest artesian well in New Mexico was completed the other day on the ranch of Captain F. H. Lea. The stream shoots up a column twelve inches high, through a pipe three feet and five inches in diameter. Accurate measurements have shown a flow of 220 gallons per minute.

NOTES OF THE DAY.

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MRS. GOULD'S GRATITUDE.

Her Story of How She Was Restored to Health.

Conditions Before and After the Birth of Her Child.

From every city, town and hamlet on this vast continent, come letters from suffering women; from those whose physicians have been unable to assist them, or from that numberless class whose confidence in Mrs. Pinkham's advice and the curative properties of her Vegetable Compound is unbounded.

Every letter received from women is recorded, and hundreds of volumes of cases treated and in furnishing practical information for the women of to-day. No letters are published without the request of the writer. The strictest confidence is observed. The following letter represents thousands:—

"I always enjoyed good health until six months before the birth of my babe. Then I was very weak; my back ached all the time. My physicians said I would be right after the birth of the child, but I was not, although at that time I had the best of care. The pains in my back were almost unbearable. I had leucorrhoea in its worst form; menstruations were painful.

"Any work or care would entirely unnerve me. When my babe was 11 months old, friends persuaded me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Before I had taken one bottle I felt the effects. My back did not ache so badly, and I felt stronger. After taking four bottles I felt well. My ambition returned, menstruations were painless, leucorrhoea entirely cured, and I could take care of my babe and do my household. I shall always recommend your Vegetable Compound for all women, especially for young mothers."—Mrs. H. L. Gould, Oregon, Wis.

"If Mrs. Gould had been well before the birth of her child, subsequent suffering would have been avoided. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound should always be taken before and after birth, in order that the system may withstand the shock.

LITTLE BITS OF INTEREST.
The watermelon grows wild all over Africa. It was cultivated in Egypt B. C. 2500.
Two volcanoes in Iceland are advertised for sale in a Copenhagen paper. The price asked is about \$500.
An examination of the eyes of white and colored children in the Washington schools shows that the latter are much less liable to shortsightedness and astigmatism.
Maxim has discovered that the heat developed by the combustion of smokeless powder is such as to cause carbonation of the gun steel, converting it into soft iron.
Were it not for the multitude of storks that throng to Egypt every winter there would be no living in the country, for after every inundation frogs appear in most incredible numbers.
The longest Egyptian railroad now extends to Gilgeh, 326 miles from Cairo. It is soon to be extended to the first cataract, 710 miles from the coast. This means, of course, an ultimate railroad connection with the British possessions in South Africa.
A new paving material has been invented made partly of cork. Various ingredients, of which cork forms a considerable part, are pressed into blocks, and the result is a substance which, while cheap to produce, is durable, light, non-absorbent and affords a good foothold for horses.

Several Ways.
"England has made up her mind that we are a portion of the human race that ought to be elevated," remarked one benighted native.
"Well, there are several ways of doing that," replied another.
"Yes, but unfortunately the quickest way is to blow us up."

Soil brought up from a depth of 326 feet in a shaft in one of the Belgian mines is said to have grown weeds unknown to the botanists.

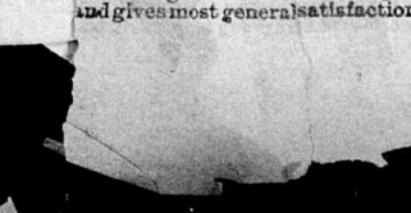
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Gladness Comes
With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact that it is the only remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to use when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best and the only all-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.



WELLIES CAREER.

I shall never forget that June morning when Nell told us.

"I was beating batter puddings—the cooking always fell to my share—and Nell and Deb were fashing the week's broom. The big lilac bush was in full bloom outside the kitchen window, and some of the purple petals drifted in upon the old dainty skirt Nell was ironing. She had to brush them off. I remember, with little, sleeky, sleeky content, that I always tried to save Nell's hands and do the rougher work ourselves. Why not? She was the youngest and our pet always.

Suddenly Nell set down her iron with a clatter and exclaimed: "Girls, the editor of the 'Orb' has accepted another of my stories and I'm going to New York."

"What to stay?" cried Deb, and I dropped on a chair, speechless. "I have it all arranged. I asked father's leave and made him promise not to tell you till everything was settled, because I knew you girls wouldn't like it and wouldn't try to persuade me to give it up. But the editor of the 'Orb' has been very encouraging and you know I have had some work accepted by other papers, and I feel sure I can keep myself, as he says, busy."

"Well, I can learn," she cried gayly, "or you can teach me, Em, in the next fortnight. I am not going till the 10th."

I saw her glance at me anxiously as she mentioned the date and then I broke down and so did Deb, and presently we were all three clinging together and crying into my bowl of batter.

What had father been thinking of, I wondered. But then he never could bear to cross Nell, any more than Deb or I could. And so from the first I felt that it was settled and that nothing I could say or do would alter it. But, oh, my heart was heavy.

By and by Deb said: "Nell, what will Morris say?" The same thought had been in my mind, but I could not put it into words and I was rather wroth with Deb. But we all knew that Morris loved Nell, though she would have nothing to say to him. It hurt me strangely even then that Morris should be slighted—Morris, so good and brave and strong and tender and steady—yes, and clever, too—that any girl might have been proud of his love. Nell only tossed her pretty head and said emphatically: "Oh, Morris! And after awhile she and Deb began ironing again, and I went to the cellar for more eggs and made fresh batter. And that was how Nell told us.

The next fortnight was a busy one, though it passed, as people say, like a dream. Miss Partridge came up from the village to help us put Nell's wardrobe in order, father crated the set of mahogany furniture which had been mother's when she married and which Nell was to take with her, and I got together the best and sweetest of my kitchen tins and saucepans and packed them in a wooden box, which was to serve afterward, with shelves fitted inside it, Nell declared, as her "kitchen."

How anxious I felt about the "big game" that was to be played on the 10th! I was so busy, he told us, with his increasing law practice, which was extending itself through all the neighboring villages. Nell's letters were our only excitement, and though they were cheerful and amusing, with many bright descriptions of New York life "from the piping side," as she called it, it seemed to me that an undercurrent of discouragement ran through them. However, with the autumn, things began to look brighter. Father's health improved and Nell wrote she had been offered a position on the staff of one of the papers she had been writing for. Morris began to be about the house again as he used to be, and with him when he had taken into partnership, and who evidently admired Deb. Morris rarely asked after Nell, but I noticed that when her name was mentioned he never missed a word that we expressed to her, he sent a small parcel. Nell wrote back: "Thank Morris for his pretty gift." After Christmas Morris and Jack came still often together, and I noticed that when they were together I and Morris could be so gay and light-hearted with Nell away.

By Easter Deb and Jack were engaged. "That—well, the five months that followed were—what were they? Ah, how happy I was! And yet how wretched! How I refused to look into the future and tried to live in the present day to day, hoping, fearing, dreading, longing for what I would not, could not plainly face. Morris was growing to love me—a little, not as he could love, but a little—Morris, when I allowed. And Nell? The end came one day in September, when we went to the woods for golden rod. Deb and Jack had wandered off and I had torn my hand—my stabby, work-worn hand, so unlike Nell's—on a strange blackberry vine. Morris had bandaged it for me and as I looked up our eyes met. He slipped his arm around me so tenderly, and "Em, little woman," he began.

I think the terrible aching sense of loneliness which has been with me ever since and always will be came upon me at that moment. For with the sound of his voice the blindness I had willfully encouraged fell from me and I saw quite plainly that this was not to be. But I rested my head for a moment on his shoulder—I could not help it—and let him speak. When he had finished I said quietly: "Morris, dear,

When it can find a door open. As you left the door ajar when you fled, Donnavetter, and the portals of this world.

I think you are mistaken. I always believed that you and Nell— "Em, Em," he cried, "do you think this is base. Can you fancy— "Fush!" said he. And then Deb and Jack came up and we strolled home.

All through the night I lay awake. In the morning came Nell's letter. "Oh, darling Em," she wrote, "I am so terribly unhappy! I cannot keep it to myself any longer! I am a failure, Em!—a failure. And I did so hope for success! Oh, I do not mean that I cannot earn my living. I still hope to do that, but—see it at last, out of the way—I shall never, never rise above mediocrity, never make a name, never be more than a hack writer, scrambling for my bread and butter and thankful if I can make it. And I had such ambitions! I thought myself clever! Clever! I am a fool! I gave up—well! Never mind! It is a relief to tell you, dear."

"There was more, but when I had read so far I walked out into the street. I had money in the bank—enough—that mother had left me, and I went to Morris and told him that I wanted him to take me to New York. I said I was not feeling well, and I wanted to bring her home for awhile to rest. I spoke with quiet frankness, as a sister might. He looked at me strangely.

We started the next night. It was early on a sultry September morning that we reached New York. I can still see the unswept, half-deserted streets and smell the odor of the vegetable market. Morris took me to breakfast somewhere near a cable car, which seemed to me an interminable distance. At last we reached the "Wintermere," a tall, dingy apartment house, near the river. I remembered walking through a dingy hall to a more dingy elevator and were guided on the fifth floor through passages dingier still, to Nell's door. I trembled and pushed Morris in front of me. "Come in," she cried, "Morris, please, a little careworn, but it seemed to me, more beautiful than ever! She did not see me, and Morris—forgot me! "Nell!" he cried, and opened wide his arms.

"Morris," she answered, and, like a tired child, crept close to him. "And so it ended as I—yes, as I hoped it would end.

May See Without Being Seen.
The transparent mirror, which has recently been invented by a German chemist, will doubtless find many patrons among women. It is made by coating glass with a chemical preparation of silver nitrate and other materials, mixed up in a manner that has been patented by the inventor. That part of it isn't interesting. What does appeal to the feminine fancy and to that of the magician is the number of uses to which it can be put. The first firm in England, in various sizes and shapes—big mirrors, and set in frames on the floor, panel-shaped glasses for doors to dark closets, and tiny hand-glasses for the dresser, beside those of intricate and complicated design, for use in the study, as the great Her-mann, who sees in the new invention a world of mystery—traight ledger-boards.

One of these "magic mirrors" placed in the panel of the door opening into the brightly lighted reception room, would furnish endless amusement to a hostess who is inclined to be curious about the impression her home makes upon her visitors.

To quietly observe the actions of a devoted admirer, or his impatiently pacing about the room, and perhaps consulting the very mirror behind which the object of his affections is concealed as he arranges his necktie for the seventh time, would be fun for the watchman, anyway.

If the mirror grows common, as they are likely to do, they will furnish parlor entertainments of many descriptions. For instance, suppose a cabinet to be fitted up with a mirror, which, on a ordinary looking glass in its door. Conceal somebody within the cabinet and ask a lady to look at herself in the mirror, a request which, being a woman, she cannot refuse, then have a person within the cabinet, who, by means of an electric light that has been previously arranged, and watch the effect upon your victim.

Such a mirror would be a great addition to a Halloween party, to be used when the anxious mother, wishing to know her fate, looks into the glass to see who looks over her shoulder, and beholds her sweetheart smiling upon her from behind the glass.

Ingenious minds, however, will devise many devices, which will succeed upon the new magic mirror, and it is not necessary to specify further.

A Typewriting and Adding Machine
A machine has been invented for typewriting and adding figures at the same time. The invention is described as being intended to quickly and accurately add a column or columns of figures and at the same time, and by the same manipulation of the keys to print these figures upon a sheet of paper or a blank book in the order in which they are added, so as to form a proof sheet, which will verify the correctness of the figures, or, by means of a special adjustment, may be made to print at the end of the column the sum total of the figures, and to do this in a vertically descending or vertically ascending or horizontal position. Additions can be made either to the right or to the left. The printing is in full sight. The machine works with the ease of a typewriter, and its speed is only limited by the skill of the operator. It subtracts by a reversing arrangement, the registering disk running one way as readily as the other. Its construction is simple, considering the variety and extent of work done. It is adapted to printing on pass books, which it does as readily as upon ordinary paper and sheet. It can be used to add without printing or to print without adding. If mistakes are made, they can be seen at once.

Drilling Holes in Iron Plates With Rifle Balls.
A novel method of perforating iron plates is reported from Salt Lake City. The city is being supplied with electricity for lighting and power generated fourteen miles away in the Big Cottonwood Canyon. It was found necessary for the purpose of pipe connections, to cut four forty-eight hole openings in the seven-foot postwork. The plates of which were half an inch thick. The workmen began to cut with cape chisels, but the progress made was too expensively slow for the engineer of the works, R. M. Jones, who is known throughout the West as the "coveboy engineer." Mr. Jones took up his rifle, and using steel bullets cased with copper, shot a line of holes through the plates from a distance of about thirty feet. The intervening spaces were cut by a straight cut out, and in a very short time the job was finished.

ALMOST PARALYZED.

Intense suffering for years.

The remarkable testimony of a husband and wife to the virtues of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

From the Wave, Odell, Nebraska. A reporter of the Wave having heard of the great faith Mr. and Mrs. W. had in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, he in the curative properties of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, determined to see the parties in person and ascertain the truth of the reports.

"This question elicited the following wonderful story: 'I do not wonder that you are surprised, said Mrs. W., for as every one in this vicinity knows for several years I was nearly crippled and constantly suffering from rheumatism. When I first felt the attack I got medicine from a local physician, but instead of getting better I grew worse, until I suffered intense agony, which no one who has not had the dread disease can understand. In hope I went to a number of physicians in other towns were consulted, and they all agreed in pronouncing it a severe case of muscular rheumatism, and as their remedies failed, I was advised after months without beneficial results, they ceased to give encouragement, and said that I was gradually becoming paralyzed.'

"I had by that time become so crippled that I had to give up all work, and the only way I could get about was to crawl on my hands and knees. Any attempt to lower it caused excruciating pain. Constant suffering had become a habit, and I was unable to get a burden to bear. It is said a drowning man will catch at a straw, and so it was in my case, as I read a testimonial in the paper, which I determined to pick up of a case similar to mine, which had been cured by Pink Pills for Pale People, and I determined to give them a trial.

"I admit my faith was weak, for I had always been prejudiced against so-called patent medicines, but by the time I had taken three boxes the relief was so apparent that I determined to continue their use. In a few weeks my general health improved, and I could move my arm without difficulty, and by the time ten boxes had been used I felt better than I had for years, and I was able to get about on my feet. I am cured. I always keep the pills in the house and take a box of them every spring as a blood purifier, and at any time that I take cold and fear a return of my old trouble."

Continuing, Mrs. W. said: "I give all the honor of my recovery to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and both my husband and I shall always be ready to speak in their praise. Every one who suffers on every occasion of their virtues, and if you think this is sufficient interest we will be glad to have a testimonial made public, hoping that it may be of benefit to those who otherwise would be life-long sufferers."

To confirm her story beyond all doubt, Mrs. W. made affidavit. Subscribed and sworn to before me, F. R. Joy, a notary public, on this 23rd day of March, 1906. (Seal) F. R. JOY, Notary Public. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and strength to the blood and restore shattered nerves. Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of ten cents in advance, or by mail for \$2.50 (they are never sold in bulk or by the 100), by addressing Dr. Williams' Med. Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

It Was Inevitable.
"Old Guxler drew his last breath yesterday." "Was it his own breath?" "Certainly—why?" "No wonder he died."

More Like Hours.
"I wonder," said a member of a woman's association, "why the report of the secretary is referred to as 'minutes'?" "I don't know," replied another. "It always seems a great deal more like hours."

No Witnesses.
Justice—You are charged with stealing Colonel Julep's chickens. Have you any witnesses? "No, your honor." "I don't steal chickens before witnesses."

One Thousand Farmers Wanted
To settle on one thousand choice farms on the line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway in Dakota. These lands are located in twenty different counties, and are to be had now at prices ranging from \$7 to \$15 per acre; a few months hence their value will be doubled.

One Fare to Washington, D. C., and Return.
On July 3, 4, 5 and 6 tickets will be sold from all points north and west of Chicago to Washington and return at rates for one fare, account International Convention Young People's Society Christian Endeavor. Ask for tickets via the Big Four Route and Chesapeake & Ohio R.R.

Low Rate Excursion South.
On the first and third Tuesdays of each month till October, about half rates for the round trip will be made to points in the South by the Louisville & Nashville railroad. Ask your ticket agent about it, and if he cannot sell you excursion tickets write to C. P. Almore, General Passenger Agent, Louisville, Ky., or Geo. B. Horner, D. P. A., St. Louis, Mo.

NINETY MINERS BURIED.

Caught in a Caving Coal Shaft at Pittston, Pa.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., June 29.—Ninety miners are buried in the Red Ash vein of the Twin shaft at Pittston. Not one is expected to come alive out of the mine's mouth, around which 7,000 shrieking, weeping, praying men, women and children are gathered. The roof at the vein caved in while the men were putting in timbers to prevent a collapse, of which they had been warned. Not a single body, living or dead, has been recovered. Superintendent Lathrop, of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, an authority on mine disasters, says the bodies cannot be recovered inside of ten days. Many of the buried miners were Poles and Hungarians. Their families speak no English and their names cannot be ascertained. For several days the men had been at work trying to prevent the cave-in. Several times there had been a bad fall of earth, but each time the men had resumed their labors. Suddenly the roof fell with a tremendous crash. The shock of the collapse was like a convulsion of nature. The earth trembled. In houses near the mine the inhabitants were tumbled from their beds. The dull roar in the earth's bowels was heard for miles around. The foundations of every building in Pittston were shaken. Doors and windows rattled and falling glass cracked as if the town were in a tornado's grip. Thousands rushed into the streets, fearing the roofs and walls would come toppling down. Shortly it dawned upon the people that the trouble was in the mines and then the work of rescue began.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., June 30.—It is now almost a settled fact that of the small army of men which was at work in the ill-fated Twin shaft at Pittston not one survived. Not only is every approach to their dark tomb barricaded by enormous masses of rock and debris, but it is known that in the mine there is a large quantity of water, which is increasing in volume every minute.

GLASSWORKS SHUT DOWN.
Pennsylvania and New Jersey Glass Factories Temporarily Suspended. MILLSVILLE, July 2.—Scores of glass factories in southern New Jersey have shut down for the summer, throwing 5,000 men out of employment. The first part of the season was a failure, but since January all the fires have been in full blast. Trade has fallen off, to a certain extent, the result of foreign competition. Indications are that the men will ask for higher wages on resumption.

TREASURY STATEMENT.
The Deficit for the Fiscal Year Exceeds \$25,000,000. WASHINGTON, July 2.—The treasury official statement shows that receipts from all sources for the fiscal year of 1896 approximate \$325,500,000 and the expenditures for the like period \$352,000,000, making the deficit for the fiscal year \$26,500,000. For 1895 the deficit was \$42,000,000, and for 1894 \$70,000,000, so that the deficit for the past three years aggregates \$137,500,000. For the month of June the receipts were \$25,500,000 and the expenditures \$25,000,000, making an excess of receipts of \$1,150,000. Because of the heavy interest payments in July, the payment of the sugar bounty claims which will be commenced this month and also because of appropriations made available by congress, it is estimated that the deficit for July will foot up nearly \$10,000,000.

VENEZUELA BRITISH GRANTS.
They Are Held Good, Knocking Out the American Manoa Company. New York, July 1.—The Herald's Caracas special says: At a special cabinet meeting it was decided that the title of George Trumbull, representing British capitalists, to the valuable iron mines situated near the delta territory, was perfect. This is regarded in official circles as the death blow to the Manoa company.

Rhodes and Belt Resign.
LONDON, June 28.—The directors of the British South Africa company announce that they have, after anxious and continuous consultation with Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, resolved to accept the resignations of Cecil Rhodes and Alfred Beit, as directors of the company.

Li Hung Chang is the son of a village wood-cutter, poor and illiterate. Sun spots were first observed in the year 1611. Li Hung Chang's apartments in Moscow cost him \$28,000 for twenty days' use. There are living at present eleven ex-governors of Vermont, including the venerable war governor, Frederick Holbrook. Brown—Confound it! There's that mosquito again. Smith—Well, don't slap your face like that. He'll take it for an enemy. A vegetable meal of Japan, called 'soyfu,' is said to consist mainly of protein of the soy bean, and to be as nutritious and digestible as meat. It is sold in tablets, is white as snow and tastes like fresh meat. Threads of shredded steel are used in Germany as a substitute for sand-paper. It is said to work more quickly and uniformly than sand-paper, and does not clog. Over 1,000,000 tons of coal were mined in Kansas last year, giving employment at the mines to 9,000 men and 350 boys. Tooth powder is an excellent cleaner of filigree jewelry.

LAWN AND GARDEN.

Keep the hose and the lawn mower going at this season if you want a fine velvet carpet surrounding your flower beds.

Save the weekly wash suds and all dish water to put around your plants; this is especially good for the hardy shrubbery and the bedding plants. During the hot weather water all plants at night, so that they may get the full benefit of the moisture before the sun has an opportunity to evaporate it. To make the annuals and perennials form bushy plants with plenty of blooming branches, the seedlings should be nipped off at the top before much growth is made. Put good serviceable labels on all new shrubs and plants as soon as they are set out; it will be such a satisfaction in the future to be sure of the correct name of each variety.

Remote from Medical Help.
Doubtless it is that you should be provided with some reliable family medicine. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is the best of its class, remedying thoroughly as it does such common ailments as indigestion, constipation and biliousness, and affording safe and speedy help in malarial cases, rheumatism and inactivity of the kidneys.

Remarkable Case of Cancer Cured.
C. E. Brooks, now and for the past fifteen years a resident of Yankton, S. D., his former friends and acquaintances throughout Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin, will be glad to learn that he has been cured, after thirty years of worry and suffering caused by an epithelial cancer which involved both lips, also part of the left cheek, having entirely eaten away the corner of the mouth and extended inside. Mr. Brooks has, in the past ten years, visited several of the eastern cities, having had five different operations performed, without receiving any benefit, expending in professional services and other expenses connected with the case, over four thousand dollars. Dr. J. H. Hayes, the cancer specialist, now connected with the Des Moines Cancer Cure Co., did the work which has resulted in a cure. The Cancer, or excrescence may be seen at the company's office in Des Moines. Des Moines Cancer Cure Company, 308 Observatory Building.

First Clerk—Does your gov'ner ever tell you fellows funny stories? Second Clerk—No; but we have to laugh just the same.

Home Dressmaking Made Easy, a new 72 page book by Miss Emma L. Hooper, of the Ladies Home Journal, giving valuable points, mailed for 25c. S. H. & M. Co., P. O. Box 699, N. Y. City.

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"Mend it or End it," has been the rallying cry of reform, directed against abuses municipal or social. For the man who lets himself be abused by a cough the cry should be modified to: Mend it, or it'll end you. You can mend any cough with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

Duxbak is the name of the S. H. & M. REGISTERED TRADE MARK. BIAS VELVETEEN SKIRT BINDING. It is rainproof and sheds water. It wears like the other S. H. & M.'s and does not turn gray like the cheap kinds. Put it on your traveling and sea-side gowns. If your dealer will not supply you we will. Samples showing labels and material mailed free. "Home Dressmaking Made Easy," a new 72 page book by Miss Emma L. Hooper, of the Ladies Home Journal, giving valuable points, mailed for 25c. S. H. & M. Co., P. O. Box 699, N. Y. City.

"A Scorcher."
BattleAx PLUG
Tobacco Dealers say, that "BATTLE AX" is a "scorcher" because it sells so fast. Tobacco Chewers say, it is a "scorcher" because 5 cents' worth goes so far. It's as good as can be made regardless of cost. The 5 cent piece is almost as large as the other fellows' 10 cent piece.

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FRIDAY, JULY 3, 1896.

Mrs. Louis Austin is indisposed this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson have moved on Center and Oak.

S. L. Mash has gone to Chicago to reside.

Miss Bertha Courtney has been quite sick this week.

Mrs. B. J. Holmes and niece are visiting in Oskaloosa.

Give us some local items each week and oblige.

There seems but little improvement in the condition of Rev. R. D. Turner.

John Washington of Chicago is expected in the city this week.

Mrs. Murray of Lincoln, Neb., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Flether on Crocker street.

Wm. Mash's aunt from Kansas City is visiting him and Mrs. Mash on Sixteenth street.

The Royal Six gave a pavilion dance at Greenwood Park. Music by Clegggett and Green. An excellent time is reported.

Pathfinders will meet Monday evening at Foster and Williamson's law office. Business of importance.

Mr. and Mrs. LaCour and daughter, of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. Peter Hudlin will arrive in the city Sunday.

News was received that Ossie Holmes was accidentally hurt by the cars at Newton Tuesday.

The ladies of North Star lodge will give a picnic Saturday, July 4, at Greenwood Park.

Miss Jerome Taylor has arrived from Fort Dodge and will represent Webster county to the Afro-American Protective association.

Tracy Blagburn, who recently met with an accident while moving a stove, is much improved. He expects to go back Monday.

Jefferson Logan and Rev. T. Reeves are the latest to procure a neat turnout. They will doubtless find much pleasure in riding about the city these warm evenings.

The county republican convention had six colored delegates, one to the congressional, and two will represent us in the state convention. "Bully" for Polk.

Two of our leading young ladies leave this week for extended visits. Miss Edith Birney goes to Chicago and Detroit. Miss Beatrice Hicklin goes to St. Joseph.

B. J. Holmes returned from Jackson, Miss., Saturday, where he was called to the bedside of his sick father. His father is convalescent. On his return Mr. Holmes was accompanied by his niece.

The Ladies Afternoon Social club met with Mrs. Ben Holmes. Embroidery work, social converse and luncheon consumed the time. Adjourned to next week with Mrs. Charles Windsor.

Miss Stella Burroughs departed for an extended visit in the northwest Wednesday evening. She will visit her father in St. Paul, and thence to Yellow Park before her return.

Following is the number of delegates the following candidates for constable received in Des Moines township: Morris, 68; Baker, 55; McKelvey, 24; Stewart, 7; Banks, 6; Moss, 6; Robinson, 4.

George I. Holt, while engaged in a game of ball last Saturday fell and unfortunately sustained an injured knee, which for the past week rendered him unable to work as mail carrier. He will resume his duties next week.

The Afro-American Protective association will close their annual meeting by giving its delegates and members a social entertainment at the assembly hall, to which the public is cordially invited. Admission 10 cents.

Mrs. Georgia Capart has just returned from an extended visit in Bloomfield with the parents of her husband. She left Thursday for Spirit Lake to join her husband, thence they will go Colorado to make their future home.

One Fare for the Round Trip to Washington, D. C.

Tickets on sale July 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th, via Wabash Line. For information apply to 220 Fourth street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Those who took advantage of the excursion rates and visited St. Joseph, Mo., last Sunday were Mrs. Georgia Holt, Misses Mattie and Alice Robinson, George Dunn, T. J. Wilson, George Harris, Wm. Roy, John King, George Stanton. All report a good time.

St. Paul's A. M. E. church, corner Second and Center streets, Rev. T. Reeves, pastor. Sunday school at 3 p. m., T. E. Barton superintendent. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. by Rev. Find of the M. E. church; Epworth League at 7:30 p. m.; 8 p. m., regular song service by choir. All invited.

There will be a meeting of the Hull club at the court house Wednesday night, July 3. Each member, together with friends cordially invited to attend. Come out and let us have a pleasant time. E. G. McAfee, president; T. E. Barton, secretary.

Wabash Summer Excursion. June 1st our summer excursions will be on for points east. Good returning until October 1st.

For information apply to Des Moines Commercial Agent, 220 4th street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Silver Convention.

Wabash will sell tickets at half rate on July 19th, 20th, and 21st, to Silver Convention at St. Louis, Mo. For information apply to any agent, or Horace Seelye, Commercial Agent, 220, Fourth street Des Moines, Iowa.

Following is the Athenian literary program at the First African Church of Christ Monday evening: Song, society; essay, Miss Hattie Langford; instrumental solo, Miss Elsie Early; recitation, Miss Ida Lytle; solo, Mrs. Firman Brown; duet, Mrs. Lomack and Ellison; question, box, Miss Mable Morton; journal; critic, Wm. Foster, president; Miss Effie Jackson, secretary.

It was in the Mash Batum cases that a peculiar admission was made by the court. The court said that the reason a larger fine and a longer sentence was because Mash was a man of superior intelligence. This makes one admission at least that a black man has a superior intellect to a white man. In the past men have spent years of study and research to show that the mind of the Negro is inferior to that of the Caucasian.

Following is the song service program to be given at St. Paul's A. M. E. church, Sunday, July 5: Organ voluntary, Mrs. May Ruff-Johnson; hymn, choir; prayer, Rev. Reeves; scriptural reading; anthem, choir; solo, Mrs. W. H. Birney; anthem, choir; solo, J. E. Mosley; quintette, Mesdames Frank Blagburn, W. H. Birney, Wm. Coalson, Messrs. Holt, Mosley; solo, Mrs. J. F. Blagburn; anthem, choir.

Mr. H. S. Sawfoot, one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of Pecay, Iowa paid this office a most appreciable visit while in the city. He represents the interests of that city at the Afro-American Protective association convention. We find in him an able, learned and race-loving man, and Pecay's interests could not have been placed in a more trust-worthy and responsible man.

In Remembrance of Father Higgins.

Uncle Peter Higgins was born in East Tennessee, March 4, 1813. At the age of 32 he was married. At the age of 16 he united with the M. E. church. He was the first colored man locating in Oskaloosa, and was one of the organizers of the Methodist church. His life is a history of great events. When Sabbath day came he did not spend his time lodging around the street, he always found a vacant place in the house of the Lord.

There are a few people who think political opposition a matter of personal dislike. It is the very narrowest view that can be taken of it. A leading republican newspaper in Iowa employed a democratic lawyer to do all of its business, but when a campaign was opened the paper scored him in a political way. It never stopped their business or social relations. In the recent factional contest in the republican party there were men who denounced each other in severe terms from a political standpoint. At the same time their families were visiting one another's houses and going on visits together. The narrow view taken by some of our people should be cast aside and nothing enter the home that does not belong there. Get on broad ground.

The A. M. E. church auxiliaries have been holding a Midway Plaisance in the church. It was largely attended and all were well entertained. At the different bazaars we found both No. 1 managed by Mrs. Smith, under the auspices of the Helping Hand society, No. 2, the Workman's Aid society, conducted by Mrs. Tom Blagburn; No. 3, the Stewardess Board, managed by Mrs. C. S. Stewart; No. 4, by Mrs. Callender, representing the Missionary associations; No. 5, conducted by Mrs. Timothy Reeves; No. 6, by the King's Daughters, under the management of Miss Susie Mash. As the financial report is yet unfinished we are unable to print the result. The contest for the buggy and the bicycle resulted in Wm. Coalson getting the buggy; the bicycle being returned, there not being enough money secured for its purchase.

The Afro-American was in strong evidence at the republican primaries and on the tickets for delegates. They were on either side the contest and brought the fact to the minds of candidates that they are members of the party in a different manner from what they had been in former days. They were passive now they are active. They said many things in a political way, but yet there was no malice in the remarks or the opposition. Their action has done good, no matter which side they were on. T. E. Barton, Jefferson Logan, Jake Robinson, E. G. McAfee and others worked hard for the side they believed to be right. I. E. Williamson, O. A. Rivers, John Allen, George Clegggett, R. N. Hyde and several whose names we do not call to mind now were opposed. They all fought a good fight. The people of the county will abide by the decision of the majority and work for the interest of the party faithfully.

Ben Williams, the Wolf Catcher.

Decatur County Journal: On the streets of Leon Tuesday was a familiar figure whose name a few years ago was a household word in Decatur county. "Old Ben," as he is called, for the past twenty-eight years, has been the chief wolf hunter of Decatur and all the adjoining counties of Iowa and Missouri. He came to this county in 1864 from Daviess county, Mo., where he had been a slave nearly thirty years. From 1865 to 1867 he was on the plains of Utah as a cook for a party of gold prospectors. In the 70's Ben was more active in his business. Along about that time an association of the sheep raisers of this section was formed for mutual protection of their herds, and "Old Ben" was given the position of chief wolf catcher. Very often he received \$13 for a single wolf scalp from the association. At two times he received \$30 bounty from S. P. McNeill for a single wolf captured. The number of scalps Ben has had dangling from his belt since he began the

business could hardly be estimated, but it is probably in the hundreds. The amount of fees he has collected and the bounties he has received would certainly foot up quite a sum. Very often he has caught two or three animals a day.

Ben says he is going out of business. He is now 61 years old and not nearly so spry as he used to be on account of rheumatism. In his time there were very few fences to impede his runs, while now the country is a perfect net of wires. He was in town the first of the week with nine hounds preparing for a big hunt, and probably it will be his last one. He intends to sell his dogs and either farm or get a position as cook. In fact, he has no definite plans yet.

Ke editor has known Ben Williams, who is a brother of Dan Roy of this city, for twenty years. It is very interesting to hear him relate stories and exciting scenes. A pen and picture history was printed in the Chicago Times-Herald a few years ago. Ben you have filled your sphere well and may success crown your future avocation.

ALBIA NOTES.

Special Correspondence of the Bystander. A number of Miteman people attended the show Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas returned from their trip to Newton, Indiana and Muechy Saturday.

The Sunday schools of Hiteman and Albia will meet at Babs Crossing July 4.

A number of our people attended the bicycle races at the fair ground Sunday.

Rev. Rhinehart preached at the A. M. E. church Sunday, returning to Garden Grove Monday, where he is building a new church. He is an earnest worker and we wish him success. Albia's Sunday school and church would be more progressive if we could have preaching every Sunday. It takes continuous work to bring success. Think of this officers and members.

CHARITON NOTES.

Special Correspondence of the Bystander. Mrs. Harriet Blanch entertained at her residence on Court avenue Friday afternoon. Miss Stella Davis, Mrs. R. W. Washington, Miss Signora Erwin, and your humble servant, were the guests.

Mrs. Wm. Martin's baby is reported quite ill.

There will be a celebration here the Fourth.

Rev. R. Richmond and Rev. P. S. Ervin filled the pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday night.

James Gordon, who is traveling with Lent Bros.' show, in conversation with P. S. Ervin said the company would visit Burlington, thence east, returning here in about three weeks.

BOONE NOTES.

Special Correspondence of the Bystander. The presiding elder visited here Sunday.

Miss Marie Williams of Des Moines is visiting her parents.

Last week Mr. G. W. Carver passed through the city, gathering specimens for botany.

Rev. Johnson and wife were in the city Sunday. The reverend was sick, but carried on his meetings.

Miss Anna Williams, a school teacher from Lexington, Mo., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Terry.

OSKALOOSA NOTES.

Special Correspondence of the Bystander. James Garnett of Pekay and little Maude Steele of this place won Rev. Smother's merit prize, a certificate at the camp ground Sunday.

A large crowd of Muehakinock people attended the camp meeting Sunday. The meeting closed Monday.

B. J. Holmes was a visitor this week, enroute home to Des Moines from Jackson, Miss.

Mrs. B. J. Holmes and niece were Oskaloosa visitors this week.

Henry Hoekery is on the sick list.

Janison and Douglass grand opening was largely attended last evening, appropriate music was rendered by the choir and mandolin club.

Mrs. Alice McDowell of Muehakinock and Miss Francis Brown of Ottumwa and Miss Georgia Blackburn are attending the normal.

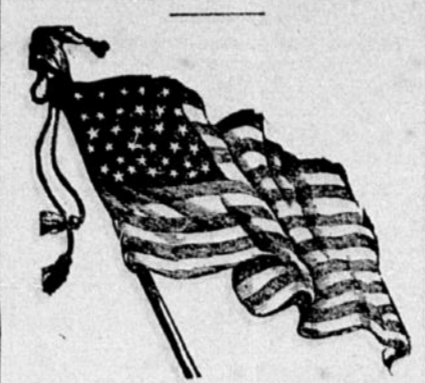
One of most enthusiastic republican county convention that ever assembled in Polk county was held Wednesday. At early morning the delegates began to arrive from different parts of the county.

They met at 11 o'clock in tabernacle. The county chairman, Mr. McKee announced Mr. Alex. Hastie as temporary chairman, who set forth the object of the convention. After the various committees were appointed the convention adjourned to 2 p. m. The committees then reported. Major Conger was chosen chairman. He accepted in a brief address. A resolution was passed allowing Captain Hull to select his own delegates to the congressional, which will meet in Winter, August 4th. The captain remembered his colored friends by naming S. Mash of Lee township, who will represent the 700 colored voters of Polk county. Colored delegates to the county convention are as follows, Des Moines and Lee township: Jeff Logan, I. E. Williamson, Ed. McAfee, Wm. Lowery, S. Maah, C. B. Woods and A. M. River.

THE "PANIC" BLUFF.

NATIONAL BANK MEN QUICKLY BROUGHT TO THEIR SENSES.

Protection Necessary to Successful Bank Management—Losses to Financial Institutions Under Democracy—How New York Banks Have Suffered



We believe that the threat which has been used by certain politicians and free-trade papers to create a financial panic for the purpose of defeating the nomination of Mr. McKinley, has been taken with too much uneasiness. No doubt the threat was made in the heat of anger and disappointment. But when its effect is analyzed it appears ridiculous.

In the first place it must be remembered that all this talk against Mr. McKinley originates, and exists only in the columns of a few free-trade newspapers and in the minds of a handful of disgruntled republicans. The latter will recover, so we need not worry further about them. As to the free-trade papers, it is well known that they are simply trying to divert attention from the ignominious muddle that exists in their own party. Therein they have been successful. It is only necessary to turn back to the files of these papers of 1892 to refresh our memories upon all the wonderful good things which they promised the people in the event of the election of a complete Democratic administration.

Then their fight was for the repeal of the McKinley tariff, concerning which they printed falsehood after falsehood. They promised cheaper goods, more work, higher wages and lower taxes. These alluring baits carried the people. The author of the article was given to the Democratic party. The McKinley tariff was repealed and the Wilson monstrosity has reigned in its stead. But with what results? It is true that the prices of farm products have been lessened, but there has been less work for the people, lower wages and higher taxes. The national revenue has been in sore straits as well as the revenue of the individual.

The very character of the tariff bill passed by the Democrats differed so widely from the kind of measure that had been promised that it was stigmatized as "party perjury and party dishonor" by the Democratic president and as a "rag-bag production" by the Democratic senator, Mr. Hill, of New York state. The Democratic free-trade press dare not face a discussion of the tariff question, so it is now occupied in reviling the most prominent candidate for the Republican presidential nomination because it knows that his election will eradicate every free-trade idea from the country during the present generation.

The Democratic threat to create a financial panic is a deliberate act of cowardice. That it was ever seriously sustained by one solitary bank president, be he Republican or Democrat, we can hardly credit. Who would be the greatest sufferers by a financial panic? The bankers themselves. Bank presidents are merely salaried officers appointed to manage a bank's finances. These finances consist of the money of the stockholders and depositors. An attempt to create a panic would be a deliberate mismanagement of the trust reposed in a president and it would very speedily result in his dismissal. No bank president would ever be permitted, by a majority of his board of directors, to play ducks and drakes with their money or with that of the depositors. It would be a criminal act, meriting the severest punishment, and any Democratic paper that lends itself thereto is particeps criminis, and morally, if not legally, guilty.

If bank presidents, bank directors and bank stockholders will carefully consider the condition of their banks when the McKinley tariff was in force, and compare it with their business today, we have no hesitation in saying that the unanimous verdict will be that a restoration of the McKinley era of prosperity is very much to be desired. The financial situation calls upon bankers to support the nomination of Mr. McKinley, not to allow spleen and bad judgment to control their more mature business judgment. Bankers have large sums of money to lend, not to keep idle, and they know that they will have a plethora of idle money for which there is no demand. In 1892, on September 30, the national banks of the United States had \$2,133,498,829 of money out on loan and discount that was earning interest. This year, on February 28, their loans and discounts amounted only to \$1,951,344,782, or \$200,000,000 less than in the McKinley tariff year. With so much less money at their disposal the national banks have not the opportunity for earning or transacting such a profitable business as they possessed in 1892. Then money was in demand. Why? Because our industries were in active operation on account of the McKinley tariff. During the first four months of 1892 the volume of business transacted throughout the United States, as represented by bank clearings, amounted to \$20,923,879,840. During the first four months of the present year it aggregated only \$17,059,514,662, a loss of \$3,874,365,178 of business in only one-third of the year. This is a most serious matter. And why does this condition exist? Because of the free-trade tariff, which has lessened our industrial production, has de-

creased the earnings of our people and, consequently, has diminished our power of consumption.

In 1892, on March 1, the net earnings of all the national banks in the United States amounted to \$34,363,000. On September 1 of 1895 the half year's earnings had been only \$23,498,871, almost \$11,000,000 less than in 1892. Does this look as if McKinleyism had been a bad thing for the bankers? In 1892 the ratio of earnings to capital and surplus was 3.78 per cent. Last year it was only 2.57 per cent, a drop of 1.21 per cent under Wilsonism. Now let us put these figures briefly together for the sober reflection of those who were reported as threatening to create a financial panic. Let them decide whether McKinleyism was such a bad thing for the stockholders whose money they use and care for, and whose servants they are:

BUSINESS OF THE COUNTRY. January to April. Amount.

1892.....\$20,923,879,840
1896.....17,059,514,662

Decrease, 1896.....\$ 3,874,365,178

BUSINESS OF THE NATIONAL BANKS. Loans and Discounts.

Sept. 30, 1892.....\$ 2,133,498,829
Feb. 28, 1896.....1,951,344,782

Loss in 1896.....\$ 202,154,047

Sept. 30, 1892.....\$ 2,022,500,000
Feb. 28, 1896.....1,648,092,369

Loss in 1896.....\$ 374,407,131

Net Ratio to capital earnings, and surplus.

March 1, '92.....\$34,363,000 3.78 per cent.
Sept. 1, '95.....23,498,871 2.57 per cent.

Decrease, 1896.....\$10,864,129 1.21 per cent.

It seems idle to give a moment's consideration to the idea that any reputable financiers contemplate the creation of a financial panic for the purpose of "downing" Mr. McKinley when they know that their best business interests, desire, and need, his election and a restoration of McKinleyism.

In the foregoing review we have made no reference to the amount of losses of national banks through the unprecedented number of large manufacturing failures that have lately occurred because of the operation of the Democratic tariff. It is an open secret that the banks of New York, during the last three years, have written off to profit and loss no less a sum than \$2,000,000 of loans to concerns that have failed, and from which they never expect to realize one solitary cent.

More McKinleyism is needed by the banks of the country, not less.

Mr. J. Edward Simmons, president of the Fourth National Bank of New York, one of the strongest Democrats in the Empire City, has stated the case concisely in the Herald, May 30:

"Panic? We have been so deep in a hole for three years that things can't get any lower!"

The "panic" scare has simply been a big Democratic bluff to defeat the nomination of the strongest protection candidate for the presidency, and the bluff has failed.



The Sooner the Better. Let Canadians keep on fooling with their spruce logs and other things. Uncle Sam will one of these days wake them with a reciprocity that will stand them on their heads. They have the run of American markets this year, and they had better make the most of it. It will end suddenly next year.—Inter Ocean, Chicago, Ill.

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Section 3. The capital stock shall be \$25,000, preferred, and \$100,000, common stock, which shall be divided into 3,000 shares of \$10 each, and when issued shall be fully paid and non-assessable.

The preferred stock shall be entitled to a first lien upon the assets of this corporation in any distribution thereof, and also to a preference in dividends, provided, however, that when the net profits are divided, each share of the preferred stock shall receive 6 per cent per annum on all stock issued, then all the capital stock (preferred and common) shall share equally and at the discretion of the following named persons.

Section 4. The common stock may be increased, but the preferred stock can not be increased.

Section 5. This corporation may commence business on the 30th day of February, 1896 and continue for twenty years unless sooner dissolved by the vote of three-fourths of the stock holders, and it shall have the power of renewal as provided by statute.

Section 6. The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a board of directors, who shall be elected by the stock holders at the annual meeting of the corporation, which is to be held at the office of the corporation in Des Moines, Iowa, on the 1st day of January of the first Monday of June, each year, at 10 o'clock a. m., and they shall hold their office until their successors are elected and qualified. Each share of stock issued shall be entitled to a vote, and the directors shall elect from their number a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, who shall perform the duties required of them by the board of directors, and at the annual meeting of the directors, until the first meeting