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Now that the "Advance Agent of Prosperity" is safely domiciled in the White House...

As was to have been expected the House of Representatives passed the Lodge immigration bill...

Governor Bradley, of Kentucky, declines to submit to the dictation of Mark Hanna...

EXTRA SESSION.—President McKinley in the delivery of his inaugural address...

POSTMASTER FOR FIFTY SIX YEARS.—It is said that Joseph Strode has been postmaster at Strode's Mill...

There is considerable weight in the proposition advanced by President Cleveland...

Of all the trash that finds its way into the columns of the daily press the most disgusting are the reports of the sayings and doings of Corbett and Fitzsimmons...

Now, that Grover Cleveland has retired to private life, we presume the "Jingoes" will let him alone and turn their batteries of vituperation and calumnious detraction upon President McKinley.

An Inaugural Address to Suit the Exigencies of the Political and Financial Situation.

President McKinley's inaugural address is a dexterously constructed document catering to every known caprice of the American people...

He tickled the element in favor of an aggressive foreign policy, by the announcement that the rights of American citizens abroad must and will be respected and protected by his administration.

Taken as a whole, it is an ingenious bid for public favor and no doubt he will temporarily accomplish his object...

While we hope that he has the ability to pilot the national ship in such a manner as to reflect credit upon his administration...

Will Be Paid.

The balance of the bounty of 8-10c per pound on sugar produced in 1894, will probably be paid, as the Senate amendment to the Sunday civil appropriations bill...

LATE.—On account of the dilatory action of Congress and the consumption of unnecessary time in the attempt to plunge this country into a war with Spain...

Yesterday, the 4th of March saw the end of the second Democratic administration the country has had for over thirty-six years.

Confederacy's Last Halting Place.

The early sale is announced of one of the most interesting places in the South, about which many historic recollections of the Confederacy still linger.

For twenty-five years the house was owned by Mrs. S. A. Norwood, and since her death it is to be sold for the purpose of dividing the proceeds of the sale among her heirs.

The big, hearty, healthy man is a continual irritation to his dyspeptic friend. Constipation is the root of nine-tenths of the sickness of men, and a large proportion of the sickness of women.

Rumor says that of the 1800 women who attended the recent session of the Motherhood Congress in Washington City, those who were the most vehement in advocacy of their special views in regard to the rearing of children, were unmarried and therefore, not in a position from actual experience, to know anything of the subject which they sought to impress upon their auditors.

From Cripple Creek.

After the big fire in Cripple Creek, I took a very severe cold and tried many remedies without help, the cold only becoming more settled.

Griffin Boarding House.

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EDUCATIONAL COLUMN

Paper Read Before the Teachers' Association at Boyce.

VALUE OF MUSIC FOR PRIMARY GRADES.

BY MISS EDNA BRIAN.

"The man that hath no music in himself, Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds, Is fit for treasons, stratagems and spoils; The motions of his spirit are as black as night, And his affections dark as Erebus, Let no such man be trusted."

Music, the art par excellence, to express, convey and excite feeling, has always exerted a powerful influence over the minds and hearts of men.

There is not a feeling of which the human heart is capable that may not be intensified and strengthened by music.

Music, the divine art! Mother Earth who cradles us in all her loving embrace, has her own musical expression; all nature speaks to us in tones of sweetest music.

Music, the sweetest of all words, next to mother, home and Heaven! May not our children sing? It has a greater influence over their little lives than the world dreamed of.

A great many nature lessons may be taught in the little songs. We have our winter songs of Jack Frost, Christmas carols, New Year and festival days.

It is as natural for a child to sing as it is to talk, for voice is the language of the inner nature—self. From the cradle the child is familiar with the song of the nursery, and thus before he enters school, he is accustomed to rhyme and song.

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argument for the use of song in our schools, this would be enough. The children are so happy while they sing.

Music has a decided moral influence over the child as he sits pouring out his little heart in the morning a hymn of thanks.

Instead of singing popular "music hall" songs, the child should be placed in the atmosphere of good wholesome music, the words of refined sentiment, music of pure harmony.

In an ideal school there should be a piano to train the pupils in marching, giving a perfect idea of time and rhythm.

Let the children sing! Let them be happy. Childhood comes but once. Train their little voices and souls, so that they may join in the everlasting chorus of the angels, in harmony, spirit with spirit.

Alexis and Ernest Blanc were tried last week at Lafayette for the murder of Martin Bagnaud, found guilty and sentenced to be executed.

The murdered man was a merchant in the vicinity, reputed to have a considerable amount of money. The murderous conspirators were young French peasants, who were employed on a neighboring plantation.

Popular excitement against the perpetrators of the murder was intense at the time and had they been then arrested, no doubt would have been lynched.

The Cabinet.

The following is the complete Cabinet of President McKinley, as sent to the Senate for confirmation: John Sherman, of Ohio, Secretary of State.

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