



It is rumored in Washington that the widow of the late Gen. Sheridan is engaged to one of the leading claim attorneys at the capital.

Victoria is now a great-grandmother. She is also about 72 years of age and has been on the throne almost fifty-four years, or much longer than any other living monarch.

Secretary Tracy says the United States needs either two navies or one Nicaragua canal. The declaration is based upon the recent Itata incident, and seems altogether logical.

There is said to be little difference between the Charleston and Esmeralda, but between the former and the Itata it is some greater—probably twelve to fifteen hundred miles.

A prominent Democratic organ in Cleveland, O., wants its party "to get together." And a leading Republican organ of the same city naively suggests that in such an event Donnybrook fair will be nowhere in comparison.

A Topeka druggist named Lehman, who was wanted for selling liquor, has escaped into Missouri. It would be a good thing if all such Lehmans were squeezed out of the state.—Empire Republican.

Why? Do you think a fresh lot would be more responsive to the touch of the prohibition patrons of the public conventions? We doubt it.

The monuments set up to mark the point of center of population as indicated by each succeeding census, will serve as milestones of civilization in this country, so to speak. The first one set up eighty years ago stands at a point forty miles west of Washington City, the last one is in central-southern Indiana.

The sizzling up of the Cincinnati effort, by John P. S. John, as given in this morning's dispatches is more vigorous than complimentary, and, we might add, more accurate in the main. But what of that? What does St. John's opinion amount to on any political question? There has never been a more conspicuous failure than he.

What do the great majority of farmers who work from sun to sun themselves think of that plank in the Cincinnati platform which declares for eight hours for the farmer's hired man? The city farmers, who got up the platform and who expect to hold the offices, would just as soon have declared for six hours, or for four hours, as for eight.

The chinch bugs are not hurting the Kansas wheat crop any more than the political humbugs are hurting the Alliance. Both bid fair to survive the attacks of either.—Atchison Champion.

Probably correct, as to the genuineness, but can as much be assured to the best interests of the country and all the people from the manipulations of the biggest of all the bugs, the third party bugbear?

A recent cablegram from Rome says: "At the Vatican, and, in fact, throughout the upper circles of the ecclesiastical world, Cardinal Zigliara is regarded as the prelate who is destined to succeed Leo XIII as pope. Cardinal Zigliara is a man of about 60 years of age, though he appears considerably older. This is due in part to his habit of walking about with bowed head and leaning heavily on a stick."

A Pasadena, (Cal.) man has patented an invention for propelling street cars by the explosion of naphtha, which is carried in the caboose of the car. The system has been tried on one of the local lines and works very successfully. Ordinary illuminating gas is used with success in running stationary engines, the principle being the same as in the use of naphtha, and might be used on street cars as well.

The demand for free coinage of silver in the modified form in which it was made by the Denver congress, that is restricting the coinage to American silver—or more explicitly the product of the United States—puts that proposition in such form that it can be endorsed by a great many who do not favor the unlimited, unrestricted coinage of the white metal. If free coinage of silver is ever provided for by congress it will be in this modified form.

The Pennsylvania legislature is now discussing a bill which prevents the exhibition of any "freak of nature." The measure prohibits the exhibition for pecuniary advantage or emolument, of physical deformities and infirmities, and of such eccentricities of magnitude as giants and dwarfs. If the bill passes it will close up every dime museum in that state and the less will be for the better. The bill is understood to have been inspired by the Humane Society.

After wrestling with the subject for nearly about the average of human expectancy, the editor of the Atchison Champion has come to the conclusion that he eats and drinks too much. It is said that an honest confession is good for the soul, and in cases like this it is good for the body as well, if the confessor will only act accordingly. We learn from holy writ that there are some whose bellies are their gods but, while it is surprising how many worship at that shrine, that form of idolatry is not universal, owing to the force of circumstances.

Discussion of the question of opening the world's fair to the public on Sunday as on week days is now on in earnest through the press and from the pulpit of the country. It is purely and simply a moral question and the argument is about equally divided, pro and con. The hardest point for the opposers to get over, to the writer's mind, is the declaration of the Great Teacher that the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. The fourth commandment may be quoted as an offset to this declaration of Christ's but in reply to that it can be truthfully said that to keep the Sabbath, day holy does not imply that man shall shut himself up in a closet and spend the day in gloomy meditation, but to so use it as to abuse it.

AT MIDNIGHT. BY JOHN JAMES INGALLS. I wandered at midnight in the graveyard: The sweet of dawn grass was in my nostrils I heard my heart throbbing in the silence. As a heaving dune, plunging in the ocean, sees dimly glimmering through the green darkness The floating and drifting above him, sees the tiny levels of diligent vessels, With bubbling waters of glossy foam in furrows, And dull lines of white foam, by the sea, Sees hidden eyes monstrosities leering past him, And wrecks and drags men constantly sinking, While the muffled wailing of the sea is heard. So as I heard the sad lapse of the mill stream, Down, down, quickly my spirit descended, To the residence of dead men and women, In an unearthly sepulchral twilight. The grassy monument was visible, Flashed with white clouds of motionless daisies. The craggy roots of the headstones protruded Uncomfortably from the low ceilings of the Tertiary obscure damp cavern. Suddenly from ten thousand invisible sockets, A wild but awful glow of light glowed brightly, Lighting the streets of that benevolent city. A hospitable city, whose gates were always open: A cheap refuge for desolate age in winter. The neighborhood was eerily and quiet. As from each coffin window, a skull was protruding In idle mockery of life's foolish satire. There were men in rags and women in costume Worn by rich ladies and their poor servants, And no hills presented to embarrass the miser, Side by side by the expenditure and the miser. The man and his rejected lover, The girl and her rejected father. Noises there were of feet in sad procession, And plumes of eyes with curious sadness, Peering into the dark they saw or late must tenant. My soul, moved with an irresistible impulse, Like the thistle-down before the east wind, Heard a sound of deep peevish thunder, Like the flood tide throbbing in monstrousness Upon the shore that has no road or harbor. Was it a reality, or was it a vision merely, I saw underneath my spirit descending Into the land of the dead and the gophers?

THE EFFECTS OF AN ODD FAD. "The demand for silver dimes made by this new toy savings bank," said a treasury official, "has already absorbed \$1,000,000 in dimes, and there is no telling how many more will be needed. In one way it is a great service to us, in taking out a portion of the vast mass of silver change which has been lying idle in the vaults. On the other hand, it makes us a great deal of work. Do his best the most expert clerk cannot count over \$3,000 a day in dimes, and that much makes him awful tired. I estimate that there are at least 1,000 of these banks in the departments, and 10,000 more in the city of Washington. It will take 500,000 dimes to fill them, and when they are full they will contain \$35,000 worth of silver. Of course it takes vastly more for great cities like New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati," etc.

TWO VOLUMES IN ONE. The most delightful and thoroughly instructive book of American belles lettres issued by any publishing house is that of G. P. Putnam's "Sons, two volumes in one, 450 pages, English style entitled "American Literature from 1607 to 1887." The first half is devoted to a history of the development of American thought, and the second, to reviews and quotations of American poetry and fiction, by Chas. F. Richardson. American religion and philosophy, essests and critics, together with poets and fictional authors—Longfellow, Emerson and Poe, Hawthorne, Irving, Channing, Edwards and Dwight and hosts of others of all schools and denominations are summoned to the beautifully blended feast of mentality, poesy and imagination. No scholar, especially no youthful writer or orator can afford to be without this new popular edition.

THEY DO NOT REPRESENT KANSAS. Of all the hundreds who went from Kansas to Cincinnati, in the name of the farmer, there were not a half-dozen working farmers, it is said. By this is meant, probably, that there were not that many who hold their own plows or who otherwise tilled their own soil. This is not astonishing. The Alliance in Kansas, even if organized, has not been controlled by tillers of the soil. The Alliance house last winter was run by a lot of teachers and preachers, a notorious fact which nobody has attempted to deny. Take Peffer, Elder and Sam Wood, and how successfully they worked their jaws. And they not only worked their jaws, but worked the Alliance, too. Did anybody ever hear of either of them working anything else or in any other way? Next, take the Alliance congressmen-elect; one a Greenback newspaper editor, another a city marshal and joint publisher, and another a milk peddler; the others still less—nobodies. All howling against office seeking, all howling against "class legislation," and all landing in big offices with the understanding that they should legislate only for class. Thousands of good Republicans and several Republican newspapers, with vote and influence stood by the farmers' cause, and would have stood by it, who can not and will not have anything in common with the outfit that now owns and controls the Kansas Alliance.

A Chicago woman discovered six weeks after marriage that her husband had served a term in the penitentiary for violating the postal laws and she at once sued for divorce. A divorce was denied, the chancellor, in sustaining the demurrer, quoting this from Bishop: "That contract of marriage which forms the gateway of the status of marriage, the parties take each other for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, to cherish each other in sickness and in health, consequently a mistake, whether resulting from accident or in general from fraudulent practices in respect to character, fortune, health or the like, does not render void what is done. The Chicago Evening Post interprets this to mean that it is imprudent if not positively immoral to marry a man until you are more or less acquainted with him; but if you must marry a stranger you must also take the consequences, at least within the limits of the law. This is good, sound doctrine, but it sounds a trifle odd, emanating, as it does, from Chicago.

Dr. Rhodes, of Cincinnati, has a very exalted opinion of the national game, baseball, as a moral and physical developing exercise and public entertainment. He says "it has within it the best elements of the old Greek and Roman athletic sports." By-the-way, what has become of the game of football that was so much vaunted a year or so ago as a physical developer? We do not see it so much as mentioned any more. But it is well that it has dropped out of the list of sports. There is nothing in it to recommend it to popular favor, being in the nature of an educator in the line of ruffianism, which needs to be curbed rather than encouraged.

Lawrence Journal: "The prosecution in the Botkin case claim that they have proved beyond question that the respon-

ent was drunk when in Texas. The prosecution evidently thought they had a great point in this, and so they had. Every Kansas man should take warning and keep away from Texas, if he has a character to sustain." That depends upon the standpoint from which you view it. It may be asked whether it requires more manhood to resist temptation and say no, or while you are in Rome, do as Rome does.

Chancellor Snow's chinch bug infection hasn't worked very well this season. It seems that even the Kansas bug is too shrewd to be taken in by another's game.—Oxford Mocking Bird. On the contrary all reports, as far as the infection remedy has been used, go to show that it is effective, and that is the professor's observation and statement. The chinch bugs have not been destroyed in every field where they have appeared, perhaps, but it is likewise true that the remedy has not been applied in every such locality. The professor has invited every farmer in the state to send him some of the healthy bugs as soon as their presence is discovered, and agrees to return them inoculated with the disease by which the pests may be destroyed, but there is no compulsion upon any one to do so, and if any fail to avail themselves of the offer they have no right to complain at the professor or to assert that his discovery is a failure.

An item is going the rounds to the effect that Judge Botkin is a brother to Rev. Botkin, the prohibition candidate for governor three years ago, and presiding elder of this conference district. The Lawrence Journal denies the kinship and also denies that the judge is a Methodist. It may be true that he is not a member of the Methodist church, but it cannot be denied that he is full of method, else he would not have beaten the prosecution so ingeniously worked against him.

It is insisted by some of Governor Hill's friends that he is not drawing his salary as senator and therefore is not holding two offices at one and the same time. The Galveston News offers the very correct explanation of the matter: Governor Hill's term as senator began March 4. He is not drawing his salary as senator because it is not ripe and because it might weaken him politically to do so. He is letting it soak while he draws his salary as governor, and so forth.

A Texan supplied the paint for the Cincinnati convention. His name was Davis, and when he turned his voice loose the brass bands in the music hall couldn't hear themselves play and the shouts of the multitudes inside and outside the building sounded like whippers in a boiler shop when all hands are at work. The Galveston News recommends that the city of Chicago hire Mr. Davis' wonderful mouth to call out arrivals at the world's fair.

The general rains of the past week have probably established the status of the wheat crop for this season and there is no doubt that it will be the largest the state has ever produced. Saline county affords a fair estimate for the state. The Saline Republican says: "The wheat crop in Saline county has probably been damaged 5 per cent. The yield will be from 15 to 20 per cent better than last year."

THE SOLDIER'S FRIEND. Of the one hundred and thirty-nine impromptu speeches made by President Harrison while on his recent trip across the continent and return, not one was delivered but was most happy in its appropriateness to the occasion. But of all the fitting responses not one compares with his little talk to the G. A. R. boys at Denver in grandeur of thought and eloquence of sentiment. Here is what he said: "Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, survivors of the great war, whose success preserved all that our fathers had devised and established; whose success brought back this flag in honor and established it again, the undisputed emblem of an indissoluble union: [Cheers.] God hath bountifully lengthened out your days, that you might have some glimpse of the glory that has come from the achievements in which you bore an honorable part. But only the vision of the prophet reaching out over centuries to come, can catch the full glory of what your deeds have wrought. I give you today a most affectionate greeting, [Cries of "God bless you."] I give you a regretful good-bye. May you hold in the community where you live that respect and honor to which you are entitled. Let no Grand Army man ever dishonor in civil life that noble record he made in the war. [Cheers.] May every blessing follow you; and, if it shall not be in God's dispensation to give you riches, at least comrades, you shall die with the glorious satisfaction of having contributed to the greatest work that man ever wrought for humanity and God; and wrap in the flag you followed, your comrades will one by one see that in honored graves your bodies rest until resurrection, and that on each returning day of decoration flowers are strewn upon your graves."

CHURCH UNITY. There is something radically wrong in the formation of new church or political organizations instead of reforming the old. It must come from the selfishness of the leaders. It is one of the deplorable blunders of history, detracting and hindering the progress of mankind in the upward scale of advancement as man gradually progresses in the knowledge of religion or civil government the old divisions, if they be any, ought to be blended and united instead of being again divided. The same force exerted in harmony with and for the old church or party that is subsequently used against it through selfishness, rivalry and jealousy of both divisions would advance it, whereas in division both are weakened. There is but one true religion and one true principle in the government of man and every time you divide the church or state you weaken it.

If the church or state were one it would be as much stronger as there are now divisions. "United we stand, divided we fall" applies with as much force to the church or government as it does to anything else in existence, not even excepting the family. H. E. BULLWELL.

Got the Racers Mixed. From the St. Joe News. The Charleston returned to coal and has again put out after the Itata. This is the theory upon which the hare lost the race.

SUNFLOWER SILHOUETTES. The Alliance idea seems to be to avoid rows—corn rows. The cryptogram and the "Way Out" are third party classics. Eugene Ware's latest poem is called "Tobacco Stemming." There is no trouble in getting Botkin to acknowledge his guilt. The Republican papers have quit reading people out of the party. There is some interest attached to the Alliance principal—one per cent. The lecture platform is throbbing convulsively to receive Judge Botkin. The scarcity of an article is said to make it high—but, then, look at our cornstalks. Kansas gave Harrison 83,000 majority two years ago, but it may elect Cleveland '92. Congressman Davis meets the trains at his place with a note book for persons for his paper. There is an unusually large number of ill-footed children being born in Kansas this spring, and it is still raining. Botkin is said to look awfully hard at the ceiling when he has to address some of the citizens of his district as "gentlemen" of the jury. Botkin believed that the Republican party needed bracing up, but he took much of the remedy upon himself undoubtedly. There is something irretrievably intolerable in the association of an idea of the White House with a party to which Sam Wood belongs. The Caldwell papers are doubling up Mr. Doubleday, the representative, who is trying to make capital out of the fact that he did not use his railroad pass. Senator J. H. Mechem, of Mankato, will remove to Pueblo, Col., as soon as the Botkin impeachment trial is over. Sam Wood is said to have personally congratulated him. Kansas' allotment for the world's fair will take just a ticked from every man woman and child. But people are not going to let go their change until they have identified the slot. The Alliance believes in covering follies with follies and follies with faults. The Botkin trial crowded out the Coffeyville dynamite fare, and then to get rid of the trial they started a third party. The announcement that "a man was found to be a member of the Alliance" and the population of a Cowley county town last week two miles to set a trap "skinning the cat" on a moderately low limb. Gen. Rice couldn't find an Alliance doctor in New York City, and he took a Republican one. He was in favor of a third party and wanted to go to Connecticut, but the doctor forbade him to leave the city.

Ingalls, at a dinner party, called Frank Hatcher "a scribbler." The author laughed without a dictionary. Stockton is one man who knows infinitely more about the intricacies of English language than Ingalls. Congressman Baker, who is claimed to be so bright by his friends, but who has never said or done anything to prove it, has signified his intention of moving into Washington in the fall to escape the sharpers who are catching for new members. Such ingenious weariness.

CLASS PREJUDICE. From the Kansas City Gazette. The Alliance members of the Coffeyville dynamite investigation make a report holding the Republicans guilty of that attempted murder. Not a particle of evidence was produced in the investigation to bear out the Alliance theory. In brief review of the investigation the Topeka Capital says that Governor Humphrey's sworn testimony as to his own entire innocence was not refuted in a single point, nor was there any evidence throwing doubt upon it. Hon. Hatcher's "Hatchet" testimony was equally positive and direct as to their ignorance of any plot. Mrs. Leass contradicted under oath what she had asserted on the stump, and the Alliance evidence so bravely promised did not materialize. As against the Alliance members' finding that Henrie "in Hatcher" delivered the supposed package of dynamite, is the testimony of employes of the Capital and others that Henrie was in Topeka at the time. Henrie's alibi was complete, and no evidence was produced to conflict with it.

PRESIDENT HARRISON'S SPEECHES. The president's admirable speeches will be a powerful addition to the forces which are working to disintegrate the rock-bound fortress of prejudice, sectionalism, and old fogys in which the southerners have so long ensconced themselves. The National Tribune says: "To the portion which allow themselves to reason, the president's fly-spoken words were seeds falling in fertile ground, to germinate and bear fruit. There was no jargonism in what he said. It was everywhere an expression of the best and highest Americanism—a genuine desire for the greatest good of the whole country, and the enunciation of a policy which must appeal to their patriotism and common sense as the best and most practical way of securing the ends which they, in common with all Americans, must desire. So long accustomed to have their mental vision obscured by appeals to their passions and prejudices, it must have been a startling revelation to very many of them to have the converse of their life-long belief laid down before them in a mastery way, and the inexorable logic of common sense to those who have any disposition to reason clearly must be doing a great deal of it since they listened to the president's words."

THE WIZARD'S LATEST. Edison will exhibit several Astonishing Inventions at the World's Fair. Thomas A. Edison, the famous electrician and inventor, is preparing to astonish the world by the exhibit he will make at the world's fair in 1893. "I shall have two or three things to show," he said recently, "which I think will both surprise and please the visitors to the electrical department of the exposition, which, by the way, I am fully convinced will be a great success. Two of these inventions are not yet ready to be described, or even characterized. The third, however, is so nearly perfected that I do not hesitate to say something about it. I hope to be able by the invention to throw upon a canvass a perfect picture of anybody and reproduce his words. Thus, should Patu be singing somewhere, this invention would put her full length picture upon the canvass so perfectly as to enable one to distinguish every feature and expression of her face, see all her actions and listen to the entrancing melody of her peerless voice. The invention will do for the eye what the phonograph has done for the voice, and reproduce the voice as well, in fact more clearly. I have already perfected the invention so far as to be able to picture a prize fight—the two men in the ring, the intensely interested faces of those surrounding it—and you can hear the sound of the blows, the cheers of encouragement and the yells of disappointment. And when this invention shall have been

perfect," said Mr. Edison with the trace of enthusiasm's glow in his face, "a man will be able to sit in his library at home, and, having electrical connection with the theater, see reproduced on his wall, or a piece of canvas, the actors, and hear anything they say. I can place one so it will command a street corner, and after letting it register the passing sights for a time, I can have it cast them on a canvass so that every feature and motion of the passers, even to the twitching of the face, can be seen, and if a friend passed during the time you may know it. This invention will be called the 'Kinetograph.' The first half of the word signifies 'motion,' and the last 'write,' and both together mean the portrayal of motion. The invention combines photography and phonography."

Mr. Edison occupied nearly an acre with his exhibit at the Paris exposition. As he wished to show at Chicago all that he exhibited at Paris, and numerous other things besides, he is desirous of being accorded a greater space in 1893. The electrical exhibit is expected to be the wonder of the exposition.

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES. Perkins has three hundred and fifty-seven people. The next editorial convention meets in Guthrie next May. Somebody calls the Indian lands the "How, John" country. Judge Sney says Beaver county is remarkably free from crime. Purcell is going to put a stop to people using the graveyard as a pasture. Frey got everybody in Stillwater had forgotten that they had a fire-bell. If there is one thing that El Reno wants more than another, it is a land office. Perkins had a hauling bee the other day. That is the way they build a bridge. The survey of the unsurveyed part of Beaver county will begin the first of next July. An expert will come from Chicago to select the best site for the waterworks at Oklahoma City. The Hennessey Clipper is of the opinion that there is too much hero-worship in Oklahoma. Oklahoma City Journal: The man who says it never rains in Oklahoma was drowned Wednesday night. Three herds of cattle have been driven through Shawnee town. Each herd numbered twenty-six thousand head. The citizens of Purcell say the Chinamen must go. The Chinamen say their accusers have not paid their washbills. The Wichita Indians claim to have occupied the Washita country since and before the first white man ever set foot on American soil. Gardenhire is still an Alliance man, but he wants to get some fresh news from headquarters. He says the Alliance is not a political organization. The postmaster at Florence, Kan., reports that he has added to his office. Ok, are almost daily misused to his office. All concerned will please give more careful attention to the disposition of mails for Florence, Ok. It does not take the Indians long to get on to the idioms of the English language. One of the allotting agents in the Sac and Fox country relates that one day while it was raining he remained in a Indian "Heap rain," to which was answered, "Huh! Heap much or heap none."

An additional appropriation of \$3,500 was secured for the purpose of sinking the big well at Fort Reno still deeper, in hope that artesian water may be found. The well is now about 400 feet deep and has cost nearly \$3,000. The iron casing sent for is expected to arrive soon, when operations will be resumed. The Cherokees and Seminoles moved to their present homes about the same time. The Seminoles had made a great progress in civilization as the Cherokees at that period. For thirty-five years the Cherokees have had white neighbors on the east and north of them, while the Seminoles have been living all this time out off from all communication with white people. The Cherokees are highly civilized and have adopted civilized habits and methods altogether, but the Seminoles are semi-barbarous, and many of them still wear blankets. Oklahoma City Journal: May is the hail month in this latitude. After June 1 hail storms are very uncommon, this far west. Old settlers who have been farming in the Chickasaw country for years say they can not remember a hail storm of any great force later than June 1. They say, also, that Oklahoma and the Indian territory are not in what may be called the hail belt, and that while northern Texas and southern Kansas has in the past years suffered severely from storms of this character, this country has been comparatively free from them. Yukon Courier: At the crossing of the Canadian river between here and Oklahoma City, at the west end of the bridge, in the center of the road, is a grave. Teams turn out on either side and leave the mound undisturbed. The grave is a memento of the memorable 22d of April, 1889. The man was supposed to have been murdered by parties who were encamped upon the east side of the river and his body carried to the west side and left among the tall weeds. Some, probably the one or ones who dug the grave and buried the body, put a board at the west end of the grave which reads as follows: "Hear lays a man that was slain here Ap 22 1889."

Territorial Advocate: A terrific rain and hail storm visited this section last Saturday afternoon, the rain continuing at intervals during the night. The ground has received a thorough soaking, and grass and crops have been greatly benefited. The hail seemed to fall in narrow strips, coming across the hills from the northeast. The full force of the hail storm did not reach the city, although the ground was covered with hail a half-inch in diameter. But for an hour after every vesicle of hail had disappeared from our streets, the hills to the northeast as far as the eye could reach were perfectly white with ice in a path probably a half-mile in width. The appearance was of quite a heavy fall of snow. From the heavy of time the hills were thus whitened, it is estimated that the hailstones must have been as large as hen's eggs, at least. Stack in the path of the heavy hail was driven below and on the run for pleasure pastures. Any crops in the track of the hail storm must have suffered severely.

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