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There is not even a shadow of a doubt about the ground hog yesterday.

It was very kind of William to overlook the aged indiscretions of Bismarck.

A majority of the members of congress would rather be Democrats than be right.

The income and not the income tax is what is bothering the majority of the people.

Granting that Cleveland is better than his party, what must the Democratic party be like?

Answer to correspondent: No, there was no ground for Benham's action. It was on the water.

Minister Willis, by hard, unflinching energy, still manages to step on himself at least once a day.

If that which happened to Mitchell is to be denominated "a knock out," where's Cleveland?

Benham can take his place next to Ben Hur in the characters that are admired by the American people.

Gladstone's retirement means trouble for England. Things appear to be coming to a head.

In 1892 the people voted with full stomachs. Hereafter the bread and butter question will be an issue.

The senate has rejected St. Gaudens' medal. Senatorial prudery is as big a fraud as senatorial courtesy.

If Corbett accepts a place in the Baltimore club the empire will become the real hero of the national game.

An eastern paper says there is no such thing as a ground hog. Some people will never get through making fun of sausage.

The government may be forced to give the war-like Howling Wolf of Oklahoma a big drink of whisky in order to get him to surrender.

Mathematical lie: The whole is greater than a part. Cleveland is a part of the Democratic party, but he is bigger than that party.

A mistake occurring in an esteemed contemporary demands special notice. Admiral Benham is referred to as Admiral Benham.

There may be some question as to the "real" discoverer of America, but there is no question as to who has done the most to injure it.

The American Protective association has not struck Kansas yet. This may be because our climate has got about all the brimstone it can stand.

The trouble with the Democrats is that they can't master the real practical difficulties of calculations and they do just as they are told to by designing persons.

It was General Ariz who tried some Apollinaris water at Kansas City one day and said, in answer to a question, that it tasted like his foot was asleep.

Young Astor scooped all the London papers with the news of Gladstone's retirement. Even snobbish can not wholly bury the spirit of American industry.

The Democrats were the cause of this country issuing a great many bonds to meet expenses from 1861 to 65, and they will repeat it during the next year or two.

The cuckoo voted on the Wilson bill yesterday without slipping a cog, and with the same unanimity that the fifth ward in New York votes the Democratic ticket.

Mrs. Lease's expenses may not amount to much, but every time she gets near one of the statehouse crowd he begins to think that he ought to increase his life insurance.

Advices from Florida are scarce, but it is reasonable to believe that Governor Mitchell is still engaged in a mighty struggle to get hold of the hole and pull it in after him.

The name of the next Republican nominee for president, says Henri Waterson, "is William McKinley." And the name of the next Democratic nominee is Dennis.

So far the advocates of single statehood have not asserted that Oklahoma without the Indian territory would not be large enough to furnish the requisite number of candidates.

The bond-issuing leaders of Democracy need to talk as loudly about repudiating the national debt as they now talk about tariff reform. The cuckoo is a changeable bird, but it sings as it flies.

If this free-scup administration would only subsidize, and its cuckoo congress adjourn, there would be vastly fewer receiverships and vastly more money, fewer bonds issued and more gold in the treasury.

England expects war. Gladstone feels that he cannot go through the ordeal of a war administration. But if he retires and war comes it is a safe prediction that inside of six months Gladstone will be back at his old post.

The real reason why government bonds are selling at a premium in these depressed times is that, while they are issued under Democratic rule, the bread investor is dead sure they will be paid by a Republican administration.

The Kentucky legislature is tantalizingly silent as to its reason for opposing the confirmation of Judge Peckham's appointment to the supreme bench. In the absence of any other reason it must be that Kentucky holds the administration responsible for the proposed increase in the whisky tax.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL KANSAS.

The valley lands of southern central Kansas possess more solid advantages than any other well known locality. They produce per cultivated acre of corn and wheat in a decade as shown by the government statistics more than do the great agricultural states of Illinois and Iowa, or of Nebraska and the Dakotas, and this, be it remembered, while depending wholly upon the natural rainfall, without a drop of irrigation water. While this is true, and as important as true, and must not be ignored by any one seeking information on the subject, yet we possess other advantages over the states to the east and the north that are of but little less importance, which are that our valley lands can be irrigated more cheaply than the lands of southern California, and which lands being of greater average fertility, and lower in price with cost of irrigation included, produces more per cultivated acre of vegetables and fruits, and being within the borders of the great consumptive market of the country saves long and expensive transportation with a saving of freight charges that adds to our profits over and above that which is now or probably ever will be realized by the Pacific coast producers. For no matter how much the West may increase in population, our position is the geographical center and all increase of the West will only place us nearer the center of population.

Having thus outlined the facts that while without a drop of artificial water we easily stand at the head of the agricultural states, as well as touched upon the ease and advantages of irrigation to supplement our advantages and increase a hundred fold the profits derived from the soil, we will now endeavor to show some figures of the cost of the valley lands which overlie the great sheet waters of our streams. To do so we quote from the Irrigation Age an article on irrigation by "Things Actually Done," says: "Now we have seen what in theory ought to be accomplished with a pump and reservoir of the capacity made; let us see what our farmers' reports show as actually being accomplished. John Simon of Garden City, Kan., reports a wind mill pumping a 5 inch stream of water into a reservoir 100 feet square by four feet deep, raising the water twelve to fifteen feet, and irrigating ten to fifteen acres. The entire cost of his plant was \$140, with comparatively no outlay for operating expenses. * * * J. L. Diesem of Garden City, Kan., is irrigating fifteen acres from a well thirteen feet deep by means of a pump throwing 6,000 gallons of water per hour into a reservoir 140 by 135 feet and four and one-half feet deep. His plant cost \$350. These two examples afford a very conservative estimate of the cost, and the locality mentioned has only about one-half the average rainfall as this part of the state.

The capacity of the appliances to accomplish the same result here could be much less and the cost be reduced correspondingly. Let no one imagine that we underestimate the ability of our state to produce the staples of life in competition with any section, for we do not. Nor do we intend to underestimate the added value of intelligent irrigation of lands for the production of the great vegetable and fruit crops, which will with as much certainty as that the sun shines by day, soon fill our fertile valleys with its teeming thousands of thirty people, supplementing the natural rainfall by irrigation and doubling the productive resources of our state.

CORN MANUFACTURING MACHINE. Many of the farmers of the Arkansas valley and Oklahoma are convinced that alfalfa will yet carry off the prize as a hog producer. And maybe it will, but corn will be hard to supersede in connection with the hogs. J. Sterling Morton, secretary of agriculture, in speaking of the western farmer, his corn and his hog, said that they have an automatic combined machine for reducing the bulk, compacting corn and enhancing its value. This machine puts ten bushels of corn into less space than a bushel measure, and in doing so quadruples the value of the grain. This machine oils itself, and is known as the American hog. And corn loaded to the well bred hog is cash at big interest. A good sow is an incarnation of safe investment—a sort of lucifer bond, the annual coupons of which materialize in large litters of pigs, convertible into cash on demand.

Harvesters, combined mowers and reapers, when compared to the utility, deftness and profitableness of the complicated and multifarious machinery which is wrapped up in the bristly integuments of a healthy and well bred pig, are insignificant inventions. This potent pig is a condenser. He is also a manufacturer of hams, lard, illuminating oils, hair brushes, headcheese, tooth-brushes, hair, buttons, fertilizers, fats, bacon, knife handles, whistles, soap, sausage and satisfaction.

IT WASN'T SO HOT. Throughout the month of January everybody was exclaiming and declaring of its unusual mildness. People simply forgot. The Kansas university records show that seven Januaries in twenty-seven years have had a higher mean temperature. The temperature of the first third of the month was 28.60, or 4.76 degrees above the average; of the middle third, 41.70, or 17.35 degrees above the average and far exceeding the mean of the same period in all other Januaries; of the last third, 19.77, or 10.66 degrees below the average. The 16th was the warmest January day on the record. Twenty-one January and December days have been colder than the 24th. Thus in the space of eight days the thermometer varied 82 degrees, a range which has not been hitherto equaled at this station. The month's rainfall was again below average; the sky was unusually clear.

It may be said, to the credit of the secretary of the navy, that he profited by the administration's experience in the Hawaii affair, and complimented Benham on his actions at Rio in defense of the interests of the United States. In stead of condemning him and attempting to reverse him. Bismarck's break will not be repeated, nor would it be sustained if it should be.

THE HIT OR THE KICK.

Not a single leute of a man has been killed in a prize fight in the past six months. Six bright young men have been killed in football games since September last. There is not a pugilist in America whose ugly mug is a bit worse off for all the pounding it has had with hard or soft gloves in twenty-four years, but broken limbs, crushed features and noses by the dozen have been knocked out of shape and worn in football games. We are not defending prize fighting, not even the necessity that newspapers are under to publish the rounds of their encounters, but it will do no harm for moral critics to ponder the parallel given of the casualties of these two sports, both brutal, both popular, whoever may regret and how- ever much.

KANSAS AGRICULTURE.

The new secretary of the state board of agriculture, Hon. F. D. Coburn, has started into the work of his position with a vigor and directness of purpose that argues much for the encouragement and stimulating the state's great interest, agriculture, with its auxiliaries, horticulture and live stock. Mr. Coburn has issued an address to the people of Kansas in which he asks their co-operation in maintaining the high standing of the state, agriculturally, and the efforts of the board to advance it still further. In the closing paragraph of the address the secretary says:

"It is evident that Kansas is approaching the morning of a new departure in various respects, which is to comprehend an era of progress surpassing any in her previous history. New methods, new means, greater economy of production, more successful organization, better adaptation of means to ends, with a broader grasp and appreciation of opportunities everywhere about us, are no more necessities than they are near possibilities. These can only be realized through the efforts of our people, of whom the state board of agriculture and its secretary are but creatures and servants, whose best efforts can avail no more than the support of their employers makes possible. That such support, as heretofore, will be hearty and generous there is little occasion to doubt."

At the present rate of progress in applying electricity as a force it will not be long until the subtle fluid will be employed to perform all the physical service required of and performed by man. The latest use to which it is put is an attachment to the Gatling gun which promises not only to more than double the destructive capabilities of that peculiar machine, but to effect a great advance in the efficiency of all machine guns. The motor is detachable, is one horse power, is very small, weighing but a trifle over fifty pounds, and is placed in the breach of the gun, and is protected. The motor increases the present rate of firing, 1,200 shots a minute to more than 3,000 shots a minute.

Some one has been figuring on the fate of the Wilson bill in the senate, the result being that forty-five senators are set down as opposed to the bill in its present form, and thirty-eight in favor of it. If that is a correct showing and they shall stick to their positions the bill will be defeated in that body by one to three majority. But no man can tell what the outcome will be, with the double dealing record of some of the Democrats on the silver and other questions in view. The chances are that the bill will pass the senate by a strict party vote substantially as it passed the house.

A tide of criminality swept over Crawford county during the past month. The Girard Press says there were three murders and a number of other felonies committed during January. This is a bad record for the beginning of the new year. It is hoped the sentiment of the community may have been souiquened by these occurrences that law and good order shall be completely restored, and at once. No community can wink at acts of outlawry without witnessing a sequel in the other extreme—the mob, lynchings and the like.

The baseballists have gone ahead of the theatricals in bidding for Corbett. From the state the ballists have made in their efforts to secure him the chances are that he will be able to get a good living salary out of the profession, and contribute something like half a thousand to the support of the government through the tax on his income. If Jim can hit the ball as unerringly as he does his antagonist's head in the prize ring he will become the champion of the diamonds as well as the ring.

The speeches of Representatives Bianchard, Boatner, Cochran, Ryan and some other Democrats in congress on the Wilson bill indicated that the spirit of revolt against the free trade policy of that party might result in the defeat of that measure, or at least its material modification; but the vote on the final passage of the bill shows that the demands of the party are stronger than the interests of their constituents.

If the injunction prayed for by the Knights of Labor to restrain Secretary Carlisle from issuing bonds of the government was meant to influence intending purchasers not to take the securities by raising the question of the validity of the bonds, the effort was a miserable failure. The prevailing lack of confidence applies to the party in control of the government, and not to the government. Uncle Sam's solvency is unquestioned.

Fusion in Kansas this year has been given another body blow by the note of United States Marshal Neesley denying that he had appointed a Populist as one of his deputies, accompanied by a declaration that no Democrat of fusion principles will receive anything at his hands. It is clear that attempts to force fusion will only produce confusion worse confounded.

It Makes the Dems Hot. Colonel Tom Moonlight has picked the Bismarck persimmon, one of the best bits of fruit that will be given to Kansas. And the name of a Democrat in the state who is more deserving or who would do greater honor to the country at a foreign court.

SEATS AT THE TABLE.

A short time ago, between Zanesville and Columbus, the train stopped at a small village. On the guard crying out: "Fifteen minutes for dinner," the passengers, of whom there happened to be a large number, rushed into the dining apartment and took their seats at the table, one of them depositing his carpet bag on the chair next to him.

At the usual time the landlord, passing around to make his collection, called upon the aforesaid passenger for his payment for dinner.

"How much?" asked the passenger. "Eighty cents," replied the landlord. "Eighty cents for a dinner? Why, that is extortionate."

"No, sir, it is not extortionate. Ah! that your carpet bag."

"Yes, sir, that is my carpet bag."

"Well, that carpet bag occupies a seat and of course I must charge for it."

"Oh, is that the case? Well, here is your right coat."

Turning to the carpet bag, the passenger remarked:

"Well, Mr. Carpet Bag, as you have not had much to eat, suppose we take something," at the same time opening his mouth and turning therein half a ham, a roast chicken, a plate of biscuits and sundry other articles, amid the roar of laughter of the other passengers.

The prevailing opinion among the passengers was that the carpet bag had gained a glorious victory.

HE WANTED A GUARANTEE. From Chicago Tribune.

A man six feet high, with the side of his head wrapped in dry goods, went into a Monroe street dental emporium, the other day and sank wearily into a chair. In response to the proprietor's "What can I do for you?" the large man said:

"I have a toothache that is breaking my heart, and I think that I ought to have a fang drawn; but, you see, I haven't been to a dentist since I was a boy and I want to ask you a few questions before you go to work."

"Go ahead."

"I want to know whether you prop a man's jaw apart with an iron wedge and then tell him to 'look pleasant, please.'"

"Certainly we don't."

"I want to know whether you fasten one hand in the victim's hair and brace a knee against his throat, and then draw his teeth as though you were pulling the cork from a beer bottle with a corkscrew."

"Why, that would be murder; you feel no pain at all."

"That's what the dentist told me when I was a boy. I want to know whether you use a jimmy to draw a tooth when the pinchers fail, and also whether you will replace, free of charge, any sections of the jaw that may be removed during the operation."

"We won't hurt you at all."

"Then you may go ahead; but I have a friend at the foot of the stairway. He is a larger man than I am, and he can punch a hole through a stove lid; and if I yell once he is coming up here eight steps at a time to knock down the ceiling with you. Do you want to go ahead?"

"I am afraid not; you had better go up street to the veterinary surgeon."

TWO DOMESTIC TRAGEDIES. From the Detroit Free Press.

They were sisters, these two, at the moment in awful peril, and they were alone in the house in their extremity.

"Here," said the elder one, handing her sister a deadly-looking dirk, "is a knife. Be quick, you can use it!"

"I think me I can repel the younger girl with chattering teeth, 'but oh, Celeste, is there no way but this?'"

She had read "Virginity," "None; methinks I hear him move." "So I. He is struggling to escape." "Open the cellar door cautiously. I have oiled the hinges. I will stand here and hold the light. Courage, brave girl! His! I can hear him stir."

"Now may the fates defend us," whispered the girl with the knife, "and save me from a death ignoble. What virtue shall I strike, Celeste?" "Give it to him in the neck, sister. But soft, is yonder light the jester orb of day, and has the night faded into morn?"

"Yes, that is the electric light on the corner which has just shown its hand. I go now to kill him. Yes, I have said it, to k-k-kill him!"

"Why don't you sell the farm if you don't like it?" "Sell it, stranger?" he asked in open-eyed astonishment. "Why, then ain't erunnerth as dogged big fool ez I am in the whole country." "Then trade it for a yellow dog and kill the dog," I said, making the old gag.

"I ain't got no gun," he said with a short laugh. "I've got a plan, though," he went on more hopefully. "I'm goin' to wait till that mule I traded for the place, gets so old he's wuthless an' then I'm goin' to trade back."

"Can you do that?" "I can't do it," he said confidently, then dropped back to the hopeless tone again, "but mules is sich contumelious critters that ain't no tellin' how long I've got ter wait," and he resumed his hoe and I went on up the mountain.

SEEKING A DIVORCE. From the Syracuse Journal.

He came into the office of one of our leading attorneys and plunged dejectedly down into a chair.

"Say," he began, "are you a tip-top lawyer? Never fail in a case?" "I try to be," was the lawyer's modest reply. "What can I do for you?" "I want to get a divorce."

"Have you sufficient reason for separation?" "You just bet I have."

"Well, kindly tell me your troubles, and I will let you have my opinion."

"Five years ago I married a country girl because I thought I'd get a sensible one. Got that down?"

"Yes."

"Well, things went nicely for two years, then came the rub."

"The first thing she did was to go and buy a lot of Bertha M. Clay's love-sick novels to find out how society in London was carried on."

"I didn't mind that, but after she had nosed around a bit she began to get her highfalutin' ideas."

"Well, she commenced with makin' me get two servants. Then she made us have breakfast off the mantelpiece—that is, get up an' help yourself."

"Then she made me belong to three or four clubs, an' made it hot for me if I came home earlier than one o'clock. Got that?"

"Next, she made the servants call her milady. But she capped the climax by sayin' one day that she was sufferin' from enve. I went to a doctor an' asked him what the deuce that was, an' he told me it was French for that tired feeling. That settled it. From that on it was enve an' enter nong, an' bullyin', an' bullyin', an' parley voo, an'—well, then she went in for music. She called Wagner 'Vogner.' List 'Leet,' an' ended the whole business by calling me her charmin'g. Say, don't you think you could fix it up right off, before she takes to runnin' around with Italian singers and runnin' for school commissioner?"

The lawyer smiled a sad smile. "I'm afraid you can't get a divorce on these things. Will you pay your ten dollars for my opinion now, or shall I send in my bill?"

And the other took out ten silver circles and went over to the police station and asked for a night's lodging.

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES. The Reek Island trains still try to fly over.

A coal shaft will be sunk within five miles of Perry.

Judge Hester's district includes K, L, M and P counties.

Edmond has an eating house called the "Horn" restaurant.

Associate Justice Henry W. Scott was 28 years old last Friday.

THE GREAT 4C REMEDY PHELPS' COUGH, COLIC AND CROUP CURE. Cough, Croup, Colic, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, Hoarseness, Asthma, Bronchitis, etc.

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WOMANLY BEAUTY. What it consists of according to a French writer. Grenville, a French author of the sixteenth century, has written a large and very scientific book on female beauty and endows his ideal of female loveliness with the following attributes:

"Youth" medium stature, chestnut-brown hair, symmetry of limb, a delicate skin, revealing the blue veins, rosy complexion, a smooth, serene brow, uniformly-arched temples, narrow eyebrows, which do not meet, elegant, dark-brown eyes, a winsome smile, cherry-red lips, a small mouth, small milk-white teeth, a sweet breath, a soft agreeable voice; a chin which does not protrude and is graced by a dimple; small, rosy ears; a slender throat of ivory whiteness; small, soft white hands, nicely tapering fingers, graceful gestures, an even, dignified walk; shining finger nails, smooth and well cured; an even, pleasant temperament, good taste in dress, superficial education, small, pretty feet, and a sedate demeanor toward others."

The Four Bachelors. Burglar (soliloquizing)—Yer never hear a good word for a housebreaker. They never takes into consideration, that we're obliged to be out in all kinds of weather, an' that most o' our work has to be done while lazy folks is sound asleep in their beds.—London Tid-bits.

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