

Daily Eagle

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There are no flies on Bryan's ticket. A fly stands no show against two tails.

Yesterday the traveling men convinced McKinley that the parenthesis capacity of his speeches is marvelous.

Dave Hill ate dinner with Bryan, but the nearest he came to coinage question was to ask Bryan to pass him the mint sauce.

Tillman has challenged Ben Harrison to meet him in Indianapolis. Harrison should answer at once: "Oratory or pitforks?"

"What is Zanzibar that England has heeled?" asked a man yesterday. "Oh," answered another. "It is a little country somewhere."

Before leaving England Li sent his coffin eastward back to China. Possibly he had heard of the terrible American Freight Rate.

"Thank heaven, nature put Zanzibar near Africa not South America. Wake us for a late breakfast."—The Venezuelan commission.

"Heavens!" exclaimed a man yesterday. "Someone has passed a counterfeit Mexican dollar on me, and I'm out one dollar and 53 cents."

Bryan gasped awake with a start. He had dreamed he saw at the foot of the bed this haunting thing—(Voice: "What about free trade?")

Let a man say he has lost something. Everybody asks: "Where did you lose it?" The country has lost something. Where? Turn to the tariff.

Shakespeare, it should be stated for the benefit of our Populist friends, wrote the Merchant of Venice when Venice was on a silver standard.

It is about time for the Democrats to wheel in line their greatest gun, pull the string and let it go. They are counting on it. The gun is Teller.

Li sent his coffin back by the way of Suz canal. It probably got on to the fact that western people, when they travel, carry bird-cages, not coffins.

The committee wants to notify him by letter. Watson wants to be notified in person by speech. Can't they compromise on a long-distance telephone?

During the excitement the Bank of England is selling gold. The Bank of England is run on a pair of scales, not on a loose agreement between all parties.

There is no place for sectionalism in this country except in the case of Missouri and Kansas. Kansas will always be a neighbor to Missouri under protest.

McKinley never mentions Bryan's name and Bryan does not name McKinley. Somebody should notify them that they are running against each other.

It developed yesterday that Li's real opinion of this language as expressed in his own language is: "Ki yi ho pelarito ne tang gewish ge wash ge hell yeho ho yi."

All over the country men are making guesses on the electoral college and putting them away. The controversy at present is over where Kentucky will be.

Cruel, cruel Britain. The sultan of Zanzibar died and just as though there were not enough widows the British went and shot down a whole lot more of the men.

There have been in this country this week 320 failures. The average business man believes Patrick Henry should have said: "Give me confidence or give me death."

Bryan shouted: "If the gold standard is good why should we try to get rid of it?" And the audience arose as one man and sighed: "Where, oh, where did I hear that before?"

Hobart is very busy in New York. Mr. Hobart is probably of the opinion that if he should leave the campaign at this moment Tom Watson and Sewall might divide it between them.

"America," Li will tell his king, "is made up principally of lumbermen. I heard nothing but sawing wood; 'raking to the woods,' 'nigger in the woodpile,' 'man up a tree,' and 'planks.'"

After shooting the harpoon into Democracy, Ben Harrison gently wobbled it around inside by declaring that the prospect of Republican victory had never induced business apprehension.

"Hold!" cried Watson, "grabbing the postman. 'You have delivered this notifying letter. I've got to accept it by speech, and I'll make the speech to you. Sit down. You've got to stand it.'"

The London Times accuses McKinley of trimming his utterances to suit a prospective silver senate. Will the Times kindly point out to some few Kansas Populists where McKinley trimmed?

Bryan among the farmers condemned those who corner the money and "spend it by buying foreign titles for their daughters." Brave Mr. Bryan! Why say you nothing like that in New York City?

Arkansas Populists, Friday, jumped onto Congressman Dinwiddie and beat him into insensibility. It should be said that there were more Populists than Democrats at the meeting. Pops are that way.

"I guess I better rush home," said Li Hung after hearing Mrs. Lesca's speech. "If civilization brings this, we in China must stop darning our girls' feet and see what we can do for their mouths."

ONLY A SHIFT.

The Democratic party ought to be happy but it is not. It is the most distraught and the worst disintegrated political aggregation imaginable. Four years ago that party dined the declaration into the ears of the people that the cost of living was too high, that everything was too high, until the majority accepted the saying as truth, and they got what they wanted. They wanted to scale down prices in the interest of the poor man, of the laborer, and of the farmer, by opening our markets to the competition of underpaid European labor. They got their wish, got it so far not only as cheap prices for the consumer, but got cheap prices for the producer and for everybody else. But cheapness proving pauperization, the party was left floundering in a sea of difficulties, with one wing of it led by a man who believes that Jeffersonian Democracy and Tillman Populism is one and the same thing. This leader, William Jennings Bryan, two years ago, as a member of the then Democratic house of congress, was using all his efforts in bringing about lower prices. He and that portion of the Democratic party now supporting him, realizing the disastrous results of their doctrines and work were forced to resort to some new hobby. The majority of the party favored as such new issue the free coinage of silver, upon which they won a majority of the Chicago convention. Without a new issue the Democratic party could not have carried a single state, as was evinced by the election of two years ago.

The people of the United States cannot be fooled again, however, whatever the lobby or issue, by the Democratic party, much less now that the party is in the hands of inexperienced men, holding to extreme views and untried theories, and being led on by a young man with but little or no experience in statesmanship. The people know that the destruction of protection brought prices down, paralyzing industry, commerce, and agriculture, and they know that the restoration of protection will raise prices again to the level from which they were reduced. They do not purpose trying the dangerous experiment of accomplishing with free coinage what can be accomplished very much better with wise tariff legislation. Protection and reciprocity will open the mills and workshops of the United States to the labor of this country and the markets of the world to the products of American farms. The free coinage of silver will simply bring ruin and worse distress to a large part of the people, without benefitting anybody but the owners of silver mines. Which is the better policy for American voters to support?

THE BICYCLE WAIST. The bicycle is revolutionizing woman and revolutionizing her dress. Whether it is true or not that the song writer rules his people, it is unquestionably true that fashion rules women. The bicycle fad is modifying the fashion of dress. The woman who couldn't run a sewing machine for a single hour without exhaustion, can pump the pedals of a wheel for half a day at a time. But skirts and under garments had to be modified. Now an item is fashed over the cable to these shores from Paris that the present corset and waist must also be modified. Woman cannot ride with ease and long distances while her life is being squeezed out by an unyielding corset. Dame Fashion has ordained that in future the compressed waist of the Greek Aphrodite must be the model of fashion and standard beauty. All the thunders of the medical fraternity, all the demands of reformers, backed by everybody, could not have enforced such an edict as this which comes from the fashion-makers of Paris, who command that the waist measure of the average woman must be increased three or four inches. And the bicycle is responsible for this new freedom from the tyrannical grip of steel stays and corrugated whalebones of the corset which has been forcing the hips of women into undue proportions and prominence.

IT IS AN ISSUE.

The Democratic policy is to ignore the tariff entirely. Considering their inability to defend their record on this question it may be considered a sharp dodge, but luckily they are not the court that is to determine what shall be discussed. The higher tribunal—the people—have decided to make it an issue, and the cowardly silence of Democratic spokesmen will be interpreted as an admission of the truth of all that has been charged up to the party by their assailants. The object lessons on Democratic tariff reform are very much in evidence all over the country. The empty chimneys, the silent forges and noiseless spindles, the bankrupt wool-growers and the stranded merchant all tell the story of the much heralded attempt of the last congress to reform the tariff. The incident reminds the writer of a prodigal young man who returned to his native city protesting that he had forgotten his past misdeeds, and resolving to "brace up and be a man." Unfortunately there were sufferers from his forgeries who had not for gotten his lapses from the path of honor, and he was held to account. So this wayward cabal of Democratic anglers and leaders will be held responsible at the polls. Let them proceed with their wishful silence on the tariff, and their ear-splitting howl about silver and see where they will fetch up. The people are not fools, to be buffeted and kicked about by a few blowers and strikers who presume to furnish the issues of the campaign. Satan might ignore his record and howl his virtues at the portals of heaven but St. Peter would, at least, require him to stay out and serve a reasonable day of probation.

BRITISH BOWDLING.

England can blow up the palace of the sultan of Zanzibar, put the thumb-screws to Egypt, and march an army of conquest up the Nile, permit her hirelings to attempt the overthrow and steal half of Venezuela in South America and the world knows something about it, but the story of England's wrongs to India, and her financial robbery and mismanagement in that empire, will probably never be told. All the world knows of the British outrage in India has leaked out through English officials. The author of "Life in the Mofussil" speaks with indignation of the high handed robbery of the English tax gather in some of the districts of that country, who must pay and pay without any return in the way of protection to life or property.

Since the fall in the gold-value of silver this abuse has grown distinctly worse. Not only has the civil and military establishment to be maintained at the expense of a people of whom one-fifth are hungry the year round, but great sums in gold have to be paid to India's creditors in London. As the country has no gold, the debt must be met by the export of produce or the sale of drafts on the Calcutta treasury, and with every depreciation of silver the price of both drafts and produce falls equally. Hence the recurrence of heavy deficits in the Indian accounts, and the starvation of public works in the provinces in order to keep these deficits within bounds.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE AND SEWALL.

Whoever may be said of the Populists, it is evident today that they have upset general plans elsewhere. They have changed politics entirely in Kansas. The Republican papers in this state long ago became convinced that poison for Democrats might be meat for the Populists. The first great lesson the Republicans of Kansas learned in regard to the weapons to be used against Populism was that ridicule was powerless. It was not so with the Democrats. Many a man has been turned out of the Democratic party by ridicule. No man has ever been turned out of the Populist party by it. But there were scores of other lessons that Kansas learned as far back as 1892 in regard to the Populists. The Eagle has pointed out repeatedly that the Populist is not the permanent advocate of any one thing. He positively is not. He doesn't care for one issue or question except for the purposes of his single campaign. And the purposes of a Populist campaign are to upset the existing order of things. This is the plain truth and the sooner the nation takes this view of it and fights it out, the better it will be. The more complicated and unusual a situation the more a Populist likes it. The darker the horse nominated the happier he is. The Populist is an agent of destruction; he may have a remote idea that he will some time build again, but he does not bother about that now. He must tear down now.

Who, after presenting the girl with a beautiful floral offering, took his departure. Who can blame the susceptible young Chinese for making such a mistake? No doubt he had heard that some American girls were always willing to exchange millions for the titles of broken-down princes and dukes, and it was but natural he should imagine an offer of money for an American beauty along with a Chinese title would be accepted with alacrity. Perhaps when Li Hung Chang has finished his visit to America all the members of his party will have different ideas regarding the civilization of the United States.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY. The disposition to saddle responsibility on the government for individual reverses in business is all wrong. It is too common entirely to hear men who are hard pressed by their own obligations, deride public authorities, when, in fact, the laws have nothing whatever to do with it. It is a cowardly version, to say the least, for those who have voluntarily gone into debt, to expect some fortuitous turn in political matters, or some special legislation to left them out. The time to count the force of an obligation is before giving it. Anyone who contracts a debt without a fair and reasonable provision for its payment in advance puts himself in a position which involves no responsibility from any other quarter, and he should face the music when pay day comes around.

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES. In the Creek nation the third theft is punishable by death. W. L. Cunditt of Enid used to live in Nebraska, and once nominated Bryan for congress. It is said that the next session of congress will completely revolutionize the Indian Territory. Bill Cook may thank his stars that he is in the nice, safe, comfortable penitentiary of New York. Judge Parker of Fort Smith, during his reign as judge, sentenced to be hanged 150 citizens of the territory. The Republican party of Garland county resolved in favor of reasonable reduction of the salaries of county officers. Usually the drought in Oklahoma extends from the north southward. This year it is opposite. Northern Texas is simply burned up clean. Tom Bryan is running for treasurer in Noble county, and Ethan Allen, a relative of the colonial hero of the same name, is working hard for probate judge. The Indian Territory really believes it is going to get a delegate in congress. It will elect one and send him on. It will not matter whether he is for silver or for gold. Callahan, it is said, will not accept the Democratic endorsement, except on the plain understanding that he will be allowed to advocate mixed schools in the campaign.

A WOMAN'S PROTEST. A lady reader of the Eagle writes us protesting against the disposition of the Republican press to drag Mrs. Bryan into the campaign, and criticizing the spirit of broad humor which characterized an editorial of this paper, of a few days since, in which it was grandly announced that Mrs. Bryan was not running for president. It was all fun, mayhap a little rough, but still a good natured slap at the persistence with which the correspondents, traveling with Mr. Bryan, works Mrs. Bryan's name and presence in so prominently on every occasion, whether it be a public meeting or reception or a private party. Her name appeared in the associated Press dispatches eight times in one day, once oftener than that of her husband. It has been "Mrs. Bryan" from the moment she left the platform of the Chicago auditorium to notify her husband of the result, up to the day they reached Albany. If that lady chooses to leave her home for the purpose of accompanying her husband it is her right and privilege; or if her husband desires it, no one is going to object or criticize. But the average news reader did tire of so much notice of it, as the Democratic committee have evidently learned. At least for three days her name has only been mentioned once in the dispatches. As for anything else our fair correspondent is mistaken as to "Mrs. Bryan's name being dragged in the dust," although we acknowledge that it has been made very conspicuous in the daily dispatches. Maybe it is all a question of notion as to whether it is the most appropriate thing for Mrs. Bryan to face and shake the hands of thousands every day, a question of notion whether the home or the rostrum is the place for a mother in a campaign or at any time. Mr. Cleveland ostentatiously swung his young bride around the country once, but he did not commit the offense the second time. It is said that he couldn't. Ex-President Harrison, one of America's greatest living statesmen, addressed twenty thousand people in New York on Thursday night. His beautiful and intelligent young wife was no doubt present, but the fact was not paraded in the dispatches, her name only being casually mentioned in a list of other ladies. Mr. Bryan is presumably man enough physically and mentally, to stand alone, as the candidate of a great national party. In any event it adds nothing to his chances to have the opinion prevail that Mrs. Bryan must be at his side every moment, in public as well as in private. As for anything else which our gentle writer says we will only add that the man or editor who criticizes or protests against too much publicity upon the part of women does not do so because of any want of respect or admiration for the sex, but rather because of the exact opposite reason.

HE WANTED TO BUY HER. A St. Petersburg correspondent tells of the infatuation of one of the Chinese noblemen who is accompanying Li Hung Chang around the world, for a beautiful young American girl whom he met at the coronation of the czar. This celestial was badly smitten and he determined to possess the object of his admiration if possible. Therefore, he approached her girl's parents and offered to purchase her at any price they might name. Of course, the offer was rejected, but it was done in such a way as to not give offense to the noblemen.

often asked, whether all of the paper currency of the country is redeemable in gold. It is not. National bank notes are not, and treasury notes are not, nor are silver certificates. The parity of the silver dollar and its representative, the silver certificate, is maintained by their legal tender qualities. A silver certificate is as good as a silver dollar, a silver dollar is as good as a treasury note or a national bank note, a national bank note and treasury note are as good as a greenback, and greenbacks were made payable in gold by the resumption act. It is in order to maintain this parity and to keep silver and paper dollars as good as gold that the treasury reserve of gold is accumulated and held against emergent occasion. The whole currency question and the relative standing of gold, silver, coin and bills might be stated in this way: Greenbacks were made redeemable in gold by the act of resumption when presented at United States sub-treasuries. "Treasury notes" are redeemable "in coin." "Silver certificates" are redeemable in silver dollars. National bank notes are redeemable in "lawful money"—i. e., greenbacks.

If some Esquimaux should spraddle the North Pole and declare himself monarch of Nansenland, an Englishman would have no trouble in piercing the snow and blowing the daylight out of the fellow as a pretender.

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ALONG THE KANSAS NILE. The Bureau Messenger is putting up the heaviest fight for silver in the state. Private families are not uncommon in Kansas towns at this time of year. Why? A Newton man asked: "Did somebody recently discover a ray that would shine through wood, or did I dream it?" The Bureau Messenger is one Democratic paper which is against the O. M. B. It says that all secret political societies are wrong. Charles Jones of Harper county is working like a trooper for the state ticket, and is also putting up a tremendous fight in Harper county. Joe Hodson, it is said, will have no candidate for state printer against him next winter, unless it is the present proprietor of the Topeka Capital. A hardware store at Salina has just been robbed of a large number of razors, and the local Republicans expect a big stump from the Populist party in some township. R. P. McCulloch, the presidential elector, of Harper county, is making a speech this fall which is not equalled by anything which has been seen in Kansas yet. It is a daisy. The Kansas Republican papers are going to inform their readers before the campaign is over that Bryan is a free trader,

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That thing is apparent right now. Bryan will not be able to escape it. The Salina Republican is looking for that "great Kansas campaign" which was promised. It is quite likely that the national campaign will not take a back seat for the state campaign in Kansas this year. Vulgar buttons have invaded Kansas. Somebody is liable to be caught up for sending obscene matter through the mails. Frank Deoster is making a very conservative speech. This scares people more than if he were socialist. They think he is trying to fool them. It is getting to be believed in Kansas that Dyche never intends to discover the North Pole. It is said he thinks that if he should find the world would say: "Fool! That wasn't hard to do." This is right. Dyche should make an attempt and insist on being rescued. Then people will admire him. Ten silver Republicans in one township in Butler county have had an understanding among themselves, and will vote the Republican ticket as the sensible thing to do. They say that they have no faith in Populism or Democracy, and when Populists get to making fun of them for being for free silver and Republicans at the same time the men all stand up for one another. C. H. Jones of Emporia comes out in the following card in the Gazette: "I heard this morning that it is said that I am a free silver man. I am surprised. I have never advocated anything but the gold standard. I am a straight Republican and always have been. I hope the gentlemen who are falsifying about my position will first consult me before offering my political belief, as I am full grown and can tell anybody where I stand."

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