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A CHRISTMAS box that the people of Princeton and vicinity would appreciate—a daylight daily train service.

GERMANY announces its plans to double its present navy. The conference at the Hague last summer is having its effect on that country, too.

COTTON workers in the New England mills received a nice Christmas present from Gen. Prosperity last week. An increase of 10 per cent. in the wages of 26,000 operators has been announced.

ISN'T it amusing to see in what great reverence Hon. Thomas B. Reed is held by the Democratic press? When the czar occupied the speaker's chair there were no words in the language strong enough to express their dislike.

HON. A. N. DARE, of Sherburne county, and Hon. C. F. Staples, of Dakota county, are excellent timber out of which to make railroad commissioners. The UNION wishes to go on record as predicting the nomination of both of these gentlemen in the Republican State convention by acclamation, and their triumphant election by the people next November.

THE strong advance in the price of coal, coal oil and other necessary commodities will shortly be followed by a corresponding advance in the price of powder, lead and other essentials to a good time in the state of Kentucky. The returning board of the state has just certified the election of the entire Republican state ticket, and the shooting is liable to begin at any moment.

GEN. SIR REDVERS has repeated the experience of another famous English general who marched a thousand men up hill and marched them down again. The titled commander of the English army has made his boast that he would eat his Christmas dinner in Pretoria. Paul Kruger's friends met him on the threshold of the Transvaal, and showed him that it would be more by good fortune than by fighting if he failed to eat his Christmas dinner in a warmer climate than South Africa. The English commanders have found that bluff and bluster, nor even British bulldog fighting can make them hold their own against the farmer soldiers of the South African republic, and before the end shall come, England will spend in blood and money more than the worth of the whole continent of Africa.

GOV. POYNTER, of Nebraska, has appointed "Windy" Allen to succeed Senator Hayward in the United States senate, turning down Editor Hitchcock, of the Omaha *World Herald*, in favor of the great Nebraska inflationist. The *World Herald* has been for a long time the organ of Bryan, and all that for which Bryan stands in Nebraska, and it was supposed that when Hitchcock became a candidate it would be a case of a clear track for the big show. Bryan, unexpectedly served notice upon Gov. Poynter that "public interests" absolutely demanded the appointment of Allen, and an hour after Bryan's telegram was received, Allen was appointed. It takes no prophetic vision to foresee the finish of a red-hot fight in Nebraska. Hitchcock is not the kind of a man to turn the other cheek and he has already begun in characteristic fashion to resent the treachery of his erstwhile political and professional associate.

THE next thing to experience a precipitate boost in price will probably be flour. We notice that a number of mills belonging to the McIntyre trust have shut down, and the only explanation that presents itself is the desire to create a shortage as an excuse for advancing the price. A few of the Minneapolis papers told us that when the McIntyre trust was formed its objects were of the most philanthropic and humanitarian character and that the good results would soon be experienced by the people of the northwest. With every other line of manufacturing employing all its facilities and with an increased demand for every production, the only explanation we can see of this shut down is that the trust wants a pretext for advancing prices and purposes to furnish it by diminishing the visible supply. When you catch a trust doing anything out of a desire to accommodate and benefit the public, it is about time to rig up the belfry and ring the chimes for the general resurrection.

EDITOR DAY, of the *Fairmont Sentinel*, thinks "it would be a most proper and gracious and magnanimous thing for the Republicans to turn in and help make John Lind's nomination unanimous." It certainly would be "magnanimous," but it certainly would not be either proper or gracious. A Republican might be justified under some possible circumstances in voting for a Democrat, but no Republican could find any possible justification for voting for a Republican who had abandoned his party on the eve of a great conflict, and taken up with the opposition which he had so long condemned and despised.

It is now being "explained" on behalf of the governor that when he rose in that anti-imperialist meeting in Minneapolis the other night and expressed his "extreme pleasure" with the "patriotic sentiments" there expressed, he did not know that the opening prayer had been one of petition to the great white throne that the Filipino rebels might be successful, and the American soldiers defeated in the Philippine war. This is what Gov. Lind gets for not being in at prayers. A man who would indorse speeches that he had not heard or prayers to which he had not listened, is the kind of a fellow who would sign a lightning rod agent's notes without looking at the foreclosure clause. Hereafter the governor should get around promptly at prayer time when he attends an anti-imperialist meeting.

It is now claimed that Vice-President Hobart died as a result of too much indulgence of his stomach,—in fact that he died of over-eating. Well, this is a Republican administration; we are having Republican times and everybody in the country has got into the fashion of over-eating. This is a bad fashion and one which is particularly prevalent in the Republican administrations. Now take it during one of Grover Cleveland's administrations for instance, and you didn't hear anything of people dying of over-eating, at least not the common people. There was an unbroken string of free soup houses from New York to San Francisco and they were the most generally patronized of any business institutions in the country at that time. The free soup house is a distinctly Democratic institution, and is the twin brother of the smokeless smoke-stack. Just as soon as comes a Republican administration the soup houses disappear, and the smoke-stacks begin to smoke up. What a wicked monstrous thing this Republican party is anyhow!

CHARLEY TOWNE has again been eating something that didn't agree with him, and has had a horrible night-mare. He dreamed that President McKinley and Mark Hanna had entered into a conspiracy to set up a monarchy in the ranks of this republican government, which they had just about finally demolished. Now there is nothing mean about Charley, and thinking that this awful night-mare was too good a thing to keep he promptly went right out and put it in the papers, and talked about it, ripped and ranted and snorted around, until he made himself believe that he had not dreamed it, but in reality and truth had seen it. Really Charley should be more careful about what he eats; he has abused himself terribly in the last few years, tearing around at the pace that kills, making speeches in favor of things that he doesn't believe, and against things that he does believe in and all that sort of thing, and he can't stand it much longer. He should rest his stomach, his mouth and his brain and get back into his former condition.

WHAT EDITORS SAY.

Paragraphs Collected at Our Exchange Table.

NOTHING IN THE STATUTES PROHIBITORY.

If Bob Dunn is really taking as much interest in selecting a candidate for governor as is credited to him, he is overdoing the thing, considering his position as State auditor. It is not necessary for him to wear a muzzle, but he might keep quiet a little of the time.—*Taylor's Falls Journal*.

There is nothing in the statutes governing the office of the State auditor which prohibits the incumbent of that position from expressing his opinions, political and otherwise, as often and as strongly as he sees fit. If the rest of the people don't like those opinions they are not compelled to accept them.—*St. Paul Dispatch*.

SILENCE IS GOLDEN.

"I met Congressman Clayton of Alabama," said Secretary Rosing yes-

terday, "when I was in Chicago—one of your soft-spoken, exquisitely courteous southern gentlemen. He heard I was from Minnesota.

"Ah, yes," he said, "then you know Congressman Heatwole."

"Certainly," I told him; "known as the handsomest man in congress."

"That must be for home consumption," said the southerner. "He never bore that reputation in Washington."

"I understand your population in Minnesota is either German or Scandinavian," said the Alabama statesman. "Perhaps you can tell me whether Mr. ah-Heatwole is a German or Scandinavian. In ah-Washington he never talked enough so one could tell."—*Pioneer Press*.

A PROMPT DIAGNOSIS.

A certain Minneapolis man visited the Rochester insane asylum this summer for the purpose of seeing a demented friend who was confined therein; and the attendant who accompanied the visitor advised him if approached by any of the inmates to simulate insanity, for his own protection. As they were moving through a corridor occupied by patients classified as harmless, the visitor was accosted by a very sane appearing young man who announced that he was the victim of a grievous outrage, he having been confined to the hospital for years for insanity, while in reality he was as sane as the visitor himself. In order to carry out his part, the latter said, "But I myself am insane, and have been for two years." "What is the nature of your delusion?" asked the patient. "Oh, I went crazy on free silver," replied the visitor for want of a better excuse. The insane man eyed him carefully for a moment and seemed to be considering his case. Then he announced, "Why, man, you're not crazy, you're simply a d—n fool."—*Anoka Herald*.

COPPERHEAD'S DAY IS PAST.

One by one the leaders of the Filipino rebellion are dropping off by death or capture. The killing of Gen. Gregario del Pilar, the commander of Aguinaldo's bodyguard, which has just been reported, is a serious blow to the rebels. It also indicates that the Americans have been, and probably are still, pretty close on Aguinaldo's heels. Nobody need be surprised if the insurgent chief himself, slippery as he is, should be captured any day. Luzon is a big island, but the part of the island which is open to Aguinaldo is rapidly shrinking. It is plain that the days for copperhead rejoicings at the resistance of the Filipino conspirators are not far from their end.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*.

DON'T FLY OFF THE HANDLE.

"What's the use" of saying things about those Barkises who are willing to lead the State Republican ticket next fall, when one does not like them and does like someone else? Some one of them may be nominated—let the opposition party say the mean things—don't help them out in advance. The Republicans—or some of them—did enough advance agent business in 1898 to last for awhile. Let the Popocrats handle the mud for themselves, after the nomination is made.—*Hutchinson Times*.

SIMULTANEOUS DISCOVERIES.

Some years ago a young man named Towne represented this district in congress and the Duluth Evening *Herald* hasn't gotten over it yet. Everything beneficial to the district in the way of national legislation the free silver sheet gives Mr. Towne credit for, and the Republican party's efforts in behalf of the people are dwarfed beside those of Chawles'. A peculiar thing about it is that the *Herald* did not discover what an intelligent and influential young man he was until he did the Lind act and with a great flourish of trumpets and borrowed credentials turned traitor to his party. And it was about this time that the *St. Cloud Times* discovered that he was not an A. P. A., after it had proven that he was to the dismay of interested Republicans. We believe that the *Wadena Tribune* also saw a great light at the head of the lakes soon after the first act in the yellow drama was pulled off at St. Louis.—*Anoka Herald*.

THEY'LL HELP BURY HIM.

Day of the *Martin County Sentinel* says "it would be a most proper and gracious and magnanimous thing for the Republicans to turn in and help make John Lind's re-election unanimous." They won't though, Bro. Day, and you know it, but, on the contrary they will plant the briars of defeat so thickly over Lind's political grave next year that few of his party will ever find out just where he was buried.—*Hutchinson Independent*.

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OF

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