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IN A NUTSHELL....

Arbitration Treaty Between Paraguay and Argentine Republic

Occasionally a note of peace comes from the wild discord of war and civil tumult in South America. A notable one is the general arbitration treaty just concluded between the Argentine Republic and Paraguay.

cannot agree upon such a tribunal. It must, by the terms of the treaty, be constituted as follows: Each state shall appoint one arbitrator, and they shall select the third.

politicians and demagogues. Then the business man goes back to his office and fairly kicks out a delegation of citizens who have called for a candidate for alderman, for mayor, for the legislature or for congress.

Prices have been rising for only five years and the most of the increase has been in the last three years, but wages have bounded up so fast that the man who is getting the same income that he had twelve years ago is now quite as well or better off than then.

This is a statement that will be warmly disputed in many quarters, and, of course, it will be easy to find many exceptions. But the unskilled laborer in Minneapolis and the average skilled laborer, too, is better off to-day than ever before in his life.

It isn't correct and it isn't fair to speak as if the national house of representatives were made up of cheap politicians and demagogues. We have unimpeachable testimony to the contrary. A close observer of Washington life for thirty years has recently told the public that the standard of honor is very high in congress.

The showing for 1897 would be much worse if the machinist were credited with only the actual number of days he then worked instead of the full number of working days in the year.

The common laborer is far better off now than during the dull years of low prices. His actual wages—their purchasing power—are much larger than then. With the recent increase in the pay of many day laborers in Minneapolis, from \$1.50 to \$1.60, they are fully as well off as they were in 1890.

It is that pride of power in such men and the unreserved devotion of others to them that give rise to one of the dangers of the concentration of wealth—the breeding of a disrespect for law that is not approved by them.

A Word for the Politician. Mr. Sewell Sanders, of Chattanooga, Tenn., said Thursday in the convention of the national association of implement and vehicle manufacturers:

There is as much ability in this room to-day as there is in the whole houses of representatives. What we want is a reign of business men, not of cheap politicians and demagogues.

Mitchell's Last Word. In accepting the arbitration commission appointed by the president, John Mitchell, the leader of the striking miners of the anthracite fields, found a way to bring it home to the public that the miners have won a great victory in securing arbitration.

But here they are arbitrating, after five months. In other words, they are now accepting an issue out of the trouble that they scornfully rejected a short time ago. This rather passes responsibility for the continuation of the strike on to the operators.

lines are doing a satisfactory business. The banks report the local financial tone very favorable, and for the week the clearings show the gratifying total of \$31,151,311.18, a gain of \$5,060,607.18 over the corresponding week last year.

The wheat market has been continuously strong, partly in sympathy with the strength in corn in Chicago, but in a considerable degree, due to the local situation. There is little wheat here, and not more than enough coming to supply the mills, while millers selling flour freely have been bidding every day for wheat to arrive.

In order to ascertain the changes in the general price level of commodities from year to year, statisticians and economists use what is commonly known as the index number or relative price. This is a scientific and highly valuable method, but it is not adapted for the use of the untechnical public.

Populists Once Lived There. Wall street is hard up. South Dakota is rolling in wealth. When South Dakota was hard up and Wall street had money to burn, many unkind words were spoken in the east about this sturdy young state.

Magnifying Canada. Between the eastern Canadian papers that do not know anything about western Canada and the true meaning of the American immigration into it and the American papers that are "slobbering" over Canada, the public is getting some splendidly inaccurate information.

The Americans who go to Canada are going there "for what there is in it," and as for the New York News' statement, the agricultural acre of the United States is two or three times as large as that of Canada with a variety of products that her exclusively northern territory forfeit.

THE BREAKFAST FOOD FAMILY. John Spratt will eat no fat. He'll live on his lean. He'll eat on his fat. He'll live on his lean. He'll eat on his fat. He'll live on his lean.

THE WEEK IN BUSINESS. The week witnessed the elimination of the most unfavorable feature, the passing of the greatest obstacle to progress that the country had known for a long time.

Good sense seems to have prevailed in the Ontario cabinet notwithstanding the narrow views of the Toronto Mail and Empire, and permission has been given to the American company, owning the American side of Koochiching falls to use the water power there.

GEORGE COULDN'T SLEEP. He had been out late. When he reached his residence the church clock was striking 5. Hearty, disgusted, he opened the door with some difficulty and softly totted up the stairs, entering the bed chamber with elaborate caution.

From the looks of the September exports, Uncle Sam must be getting ready to raise a few records. Corn fooled the old man last year, but it won't this time.

OTHER PEOPLE'S NOTIONS. To the Editor of The Journal: A child is born on the high seas, his parents are foreigners who are on their way to America to become American citizens.

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The Nonpareil Man

Crack! "Good heavens," exclaimed the football enthusiasts, "there goes the haliback's last rib."

The Hawaiian Home Rule party nominated Ng Monowah for the Hawaiian house. A great many nominations in the United States are Ng also.

If Mr. Morgan thought the miners' officials were going up to New York to kiss his hand, he seems to have miscalculated. They are going to New York to kiss his hand.

The St. Louis Midway is going to be most respectable. "Ain't that a shame?" Isn't it about time the "large corruption fund" story showed up? The canvass is very quiet.

The strike having passed and the Hatten revolution having gone bump, there would seem to be a good opening for a M-A-seat, Bohemian plump trouncer.

The Brick as Fuel. The man who is trying to settle the fuel question by climbing up some other way than the man who is cheerful when he has the cleat have about the same cast of countenance. As the man who has the toothache is surest of relief by sitting on the painful dentist and his little game—so the only certain form of relief in the fuel matter is to step up and pay your fuel quota, and you know it.

All over the country experiments have been made with oiled-soaked bricks as fuel and various reports have come in from one corner or another. The last week the writer carefully percolated a terra cotta brick with two holes running through it and took it home to test in the kitchen.

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MINNESOTA POLITICS

Managers of the democratic campaign are taking a shrewd advantage of the condition that endears republican success in Minnesota. Of year apathy always makes trouble, but this year the danger is doubled by a reaction from the excitement and enthusiasm of the primary campaign.

Meanwhile the democrats are saving wood. They are saying nothing in the strong republican counties. There the democrats are taking a shrewd advantage of the condition that endears republican success in Minnesota.

It is all very comfortable for them, but how about the state ticket? While republicans are taking a shrewd advantage of the condition that endears republican success in Minnesota, the democrats are working like beavers in the doubtful counties, and with brass bands in the bourbon constituencies.

The democrats can afford to leave republican counties alone. Even if a few democrats get in, they will not be a light vote. Twenty stay-at-home votes to the precinct in Fillmore, Mower, Freeborn, Faribault and Goodhue counties seem a serious matter for the republican ticket.

Apathy in Fillmore. A. W. Thompson of Preston, deputy state auditor, to be, is in St. Paul. He says there is absolutely no interest in politics in Fillmore county, and that the committee will have to use heroic measures to get the largest number of votes.

"Nothing Doing" in the Seventh. In the seventh district conditions are the worst. There is no local democratic candidate for congress out there, and in some counties the democrats have no one to vote for except the state ticket.

Advice for Faribault County. The Wells Forum puts the proposition plainly before the people of Faribault county, which is to give the plurality for Van Sant with a full vote cast. Says the Forum:

"The republicans of this county should remember that Governor Van Sant has a fight on his hands. He is not going to fall to go to the polls on election day and vote. The railroads are making a hard fight on the governor, and are spending money freely to the tune of \$100,000 of the state, while in the southern counties—which are solidly republican—no campaigning is being done by the democrats.

Working on the Populists in Kandiyohi. The Willmar Republican Gazette says: "Governor Van Sant should carry Kandiyohi county this year by the largest margin." The republican candidate for governor in recent years. His administration has been fearless and creditable as well. He has not hesitated to take a stand with the people, and with the country people especially his fearlessness has made him many friends.

Defection in the Committee. The Minn. Times, independent with democratic leanings, says: "The republican committee composed of C. M. King, J. C. Nugent, W. S. Huntington, M. A. O'Hair, R. J. Morgan, S. J. Baxter, D. D. Ames, O. J. Maubach, James Madigan, J. S. Denoon. One of the committee is an avowed and open supporter of Van Sant as governor. Comment is unnecessary."

James A. Peterson Will "Spell" Nelson. Senator Nelson has been elected to give up his dates at Warren and Hallock next week, being well tired out by his exertions of the past three weeks. He will remain in the city until the 10th of next week, only addressing one meeting in that time. That will be Monday evening in Minneapolis.

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Books and Authors

BOOK BY OOM PAUL. The man of fame cannot escape the publisher. It seems to make little difference how the fame comes. Home publisher goes at least him to get him to write a book or serial or something to print and sell. Sometimes this is all right and...

MARIA LOUISE FOOL. The harshness with which Kruger deals with Mr. Chamberlain is emphasized in the German advance notices. The Saturday Review adds that the chapters on several languages before long announced by the readers of the work to be particularly interesting, and then says further:

"The ably edited Mr. Kruger's book will find a publisher here before long, though the owner of the English rights may have to lower his price and be content with a smaller profit on his investment. There has been some talk of a serial publication of the work here, but nothing has been settled on that point. We may expect to see ample quotations of such parts of Mr. Kruger's narrative as are accounted 'newly' widely circulated in the daily press."

THE MUNICH PUBLISHER. The Munich publisher of Mr. Kruger's work will also publish books by De Wet and Viljoen.

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