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Many a weary and sleepy dad is envying the New Jersey man whose baby slept six weeks.

The man who tells you he has seen better days has undoubtedly experienced worse nights.

We can't afford to go to war with England. It wouldn't do. What should we do with our helmsmen?

The politician never begins to talk about "rising above party" until after his party has quit electing him to office.

Portraits of Emperor William can now be had for half price in London. This should be a lesson to unruly grandchildren.

Of course there may be an aldermanic ethical standard, but if there is the average man would have to stoop over to reach it.

It is evident that the queen can say nothing as gracefully as any of her trained diplomats, and say it in just as many words.

When Mrs. Chang looks over her 1,000 dresses it must be a bitter thought to her that her husband is without a yellow jacket.

Owing to the fact that the Turks are experiencing a feeling of lassitude the sultan has decided to grant amnesty to the Armenians.

We are able to announce that the women are still in Washington, in spite of the declaration of Senator Hill to the effect that they ought to go.

Will Prior, who eloped with a girl on twelve hours' acquaintance, may properly be said to have been as previous as his name indicates.

While the sultan and Queen Victoria are writing pleasant letters to each other it is perilous for any one to even feed the oppressed Armenians.

Very courteous burglars they have in Indiana. When they called on Gov. Matthews they left their cards, but that was about all they did leave.

The Valkyrie is for sale and can be had for what her sails cost. Even at that her notoriety will prevent any great rush of would-be purchasers.

Hetty Green is suing two Chicago men for selling soil from her farm. Hetty is bound that nothing capable of being turned into dust will escape her.

Having paid his money to be a real editor, Mr. Astor undoubtedly has just cause for complaint, and we are pleased to see that he intends to get his money's worth.

Every time they discover a gold mine in Georgia somebody starts a newspaper on the spot. This is wise, for it generally takes a first-class gold mine to run one.

It has long been conceded that money talks, but never was it more eloquent of patriotism and loyalty than when offered for the purchase of our new national bonds.

Another dead line has been drawn across Cuba by Gen. Marin and the insurgents are breaking across it just as has been their habit in the past. Spain is asked for more troops.

A temperance banquet was given to the mayor of Southampton, England, recently, at which the drinks were orange champagne, ginger champagne, lemonade, ginger ale, gingerette, waterine and coffee.

Three times as many American horses have been sold in England this year as were called for in 1894, and their average price at the ports of shipment has been \$155. They are used chiefly for draught in London.

It appears to be the fate of every intrinsically good movement in our day that it has to run the risk of becoming a fad. We are face to face with what may be called a municipal extension fad. Every city in the union is bent upon swallowing its blanket, like the eccentric boar constrictor. The real problem before most of our American cities is not how to spread them out thinner, but how to govern them better. It is not more territory that they need, but more wisdom to make the most of what they have.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

VOICE OF OUR PRESS ALL OVER THE NATION.

The Sham-Battle Nonsense of the Republican Crew Shown Up - The Real Record Being Made by the Present Congress—Some Striking Figures.

Chicago Chronicle: "Nation saves money. Republican congress effects an economy of \$10,000,000. Makes a reform record." With these words in its loudest type a local republican organ heads a special telegram from Washington.

Let it be borne in mind that this party which is said to have effected an economy of \$10,000,000 through its representatives in congress professes to be the only fast friend of the veteran of the union army. It professes to be the party which is the refuge and the strong defense of the pensioner. Its organs and its talking agents have been denouncing the present administration with more than quinine bitterness for purging the pension rolls and in that way effecting a saving in the public expenditures. With unbounded ferocity they have assailed the secretary of the interior and the commissioner of pensions as the implacable enemies of those who laid down their arms and legs and other portions of their anatomy in defense of their country.

Bearing these things in mind, let us see how this republican congress has saved \$10,000,000 before it is half through voting away money for its first session. The house has passed five appropriation bills thus far and the amounts which they carry, according to the special telegram referred to, are as follows:

	First session 54th congress.	First session 53d congress.
Army	\$23,275,902	\$23,568,284
Dis. of Col.	5,761,757	5,167,873
Agricultural	3,158,192	3,180,643
Diplomatic	1,637,058	1,511,738
Military acad.	449,547	401,288
Pension	141,325,820	151,581,370
Totals	\$175,598,276	\$185,421,102

The difference between the totals, it will be seen, is \$9,822,826. This is the net "saving." But it will also be observed that the difference between the two appropriations is \$10,225,759. That is, this house saves on pensions \$567,067 more than it saves on all six bills, including the pension bill. It actually votes away about \$333,000 more for other purposes while "saving" nearly \$10,300,000 on pensions. This from the party which brags the present administration for saving on pensions is particularly good.

If this is all the republicans can find to brag of at this stage of the proceedings how will it be when the session comes to an end? Not one of these bills has yet passed both houses, and there is no telling how much any of them will carry when it goes to the president. It is an old trick for the house to be economical on paper and ask the people to believe that its wicked partner, the senate, is to blame for all the extravagance.

Besides, the foregoing bills are only about half of the whole number and do not include those offering the best openings for extravagance—the sundry civil, the naval, the fortifications and the rivers and harbors bills. These are reserved, as usual, for the close of the session—the time when the logrollers and the men with jobs get in their effective work with the conference committees. If the republicans can find nothing but the pension bill to brag of at this stage where will they probably find themselves after the adjournment?

The Logical Candidate. Chicago Chronicle: Senator Thurston is right. His eulogy of McKinley is fulsome in the extreme, but he is right in thinking that McKinley is the only logical candidate of his party. He is right because, as he says, McKinley is the "one name which means more than any other name upon the great issue of protection; the one name which is attached to the most perfect protective tariff law ever enacted by the congress of the United States."

Not that McKinley originated or framed that "most perfect" law, for he did nothing of the kind. He simply handed the representatives of the several favored interests blank sheets of paper and asked them to write what they pleased. What they wrote he and his party associates enacted into law. McKinley himself was not the author of the law. He was merely one of the publishers. But his name is associated with the law, and therefore he is his party's logical candidate.

His party long ago ceased to be anything but the organized agent of the law-made and law-sustained monopolists and licensed plunderers. It has been nothing else since Hayes abandoned the southern republicans in 1877. From that time to this its business has been to accumulate party fat by enriching favored classes out of the earnings of the people. In the pursuit of this business it has prostituted the silver kings and thereby brought a disastrous panic upon the country. In the pursuit of this business its organs and leaders have been lying about the causes of the panic for two years, although they admitted the truth in the summer of 1893.

McKinley is just the man for the party. He is the willing tool of monopoly. He really believes that the way to make the people rich is to tax them enormously and force nine-tenths of them to pay enormous tribute to the other one-tenth. He doesn't know any better. The beneficiaries of the spoils system want just such a dupe to look after their interests.

GRINDING THEM DOWN

SAD CONDITION OF THE BRITISH PRODUCERS.

Forced to Gold-Standard Slavery. While China, Japan and Mexico Forge Ahead on a Silver Basis—A Necessary Conclusion to It All.

The nearly ruined British agriculturist will not find much to dispel his melancholy in the speechifying at the Farmers' Club. The dominant note was doleful throughout; prices have fallen so low that even a turn of luck in one branch or another makes very little difference on the whole. Thus, in the North of England, where the harvest was tolerably good and the hay crop up to the average, "the price of meat was so low that it would not more than pay the growth of corn in the South."

It is the same dismal story all round; as the chairman added that barley, wheat, oats and potatoes are selling at so low a price as to be unremunerative. Clearly, therefore, the only chance of saving the industry from complete ruin is to adopt some means for so cheapening production as to leave a margin of profit even at present prices. How that can best be done rests with the government to say. It has committed itself to making the rescue of agriculture its first effort in parliament, and judging from what ministers have let drop from time to time, it may be taken for granted that the fiscal burdens on land and railway freights will be substantially diminished. Even then, however, it appears to be very doubtful whether this salvage operation will, by itself, accomplish its purpose. The farmer must endeavor to co-operate on the lines suggested by Lord Winchelsea and Lord Claude Hamilton at the late conference. If the middleman could only be swept away, thus allowing consumer and producer to come into direct touch, the agricultural problem would be happily solved.—London Graphic.

So it is with agriculture everywhere except in silver-standard countries. The demonetization of silver doubled the value of the unit by which all commodities are measured. At the same time it threw the agriculturist in gold-standard countries open to the competition of those producing on the cheaper basis of silver. As retail prices did not fall so rapidly as wholesale, and as debts, taxes and some other things have not been reduced at all, the result has been almost ruin to both the English and the American farmer. The effect has not been quite so disastrous to the manufacturer, because more indirect and tardy, and in a measure he has been able to protect himself by combinations and trusts. But he is now beginning to feel it both directly and indirectly.

The building of mills and factories in Mexico, India, China, and especially Japan, is a cold fact that he cannot ignore. That the factories in those countries produce on a silver basis, is another fact that cannot be denied. That this gives those countries an advantage in exchange should be apparent to every business man who is not completely blinded by his prejudices. These facts being conceded, that the restoration of silver is the only true remedy, is a necessary conclusion.

DEAR VS. CHEAP MONEY. The People Getting an Insight Into Mysteries Thereof.

One of the mysteries of the present situation is the fact that so many apparently intelligent and fair minded Americans have permitted themselves to be blinded to the real nature of the financial issue. Americans are naturally honest and in many cases their judgments seem to have been completely warped by appeals to them in the name of "honest money." It is to be devoutly hoped that as the issue becomes more clearly defined they may be able to grasp the fundamental truth that money may be "dishonest" by being too "dear," as well as by being too "cheap."

In every financial transaction there are two sides. "Dear money" is "good money" to one side, but it is frequently ruin, and always injury to the other. Let those who have been deluded by the specious cry of "sound money" make a note of this, and they will have taken an important step toward a correct solution of the monetary question. Let them then proceed to investigate how a dollar that is appreciating—that is, increasing in purchasing power—works as between the monied classes and those who are in debt or engaged in production. Just a little figuring will give them ideas that they never had before. When they proceed in this way they will soon discover the reason why the money centers are so unanimously against what they are pleased to term "cheap money." "Dear money" gives them an enormous advantage. It enriches them while they sleep. At the same time the more the dollar grows in value the harder it is for those to obtain it who have to depend upon their own exertions. This was the natural effect of demonetizing one of the precious metals and basing all values upon the one which was retained. Hence the cry of distress and demand for relief that for more than twenty years has gone up from the producing classes in every country that has adopted the gold standard.

KNOWS THE CURE. The Majority in the Senate for the Only Remedy—Free Silver.

Needed legislation is being blocked at present by the free-coinage men in the senate. The result of the promise given the silver element in the reorganization of the finance committee was seen in the action taken by the majority of the committee on Tuesday in reporting a free coinage substitute for the house bill. Several of the free coinage senators have served me-

Why Republicans Find Fault.

Utica Observer: Some of our republican contemporaries are disposed to find fault at the result of the reorganization of the senate by the republicans, whereby Frye of Maine became presiding officer and the patronage of the senate fell into the hands of the populist-republican combine. What is the cause of the complaint? It is because the "chief offices of the senate" go to Squire's man from Washington and Pritchard's man from North Carolina. The bargain having been made and consummated, there is no need of complaining about the price now. But what a commentary on the grand old party that it is reduced to the level of bargaining with populists over a few petty offices in the senate of the United States!

Moving to Make It Unanimous. New York Sun: John Milton Thurston of Nebraska has introduced into the senate, by request, a curious pension bill, which was first exhibited by a Nebraska member of the house of representatives some five or six years ago. It proposes to pay to every negro born in slavery a pension of from \$4 to \$15 a month, according to age, and gives to every former slave more than 70 years old \$500 in cash. The author means well, but his scheme is incomplete. He ought to amend it by providing a pension for every negro born free; and then, to prevent hard feelings and avoid discrimination, he should have the government pay a pension and a bonus to every white man. Pension everybody.

Booms for Trading Purposes Only. New York World: The skirish line of the St. Louis convention has already been thrown out. In addition to the four serious candidates, McKinley, Allison, Reed and Morton, the state republican machines are discovering favorite sons and "faking" booms for them. The list of bogus or mushroom candidates already includes Cullom of Illinois, Davis of Minnesota, Bradley of Kentucky, Manderson of Nebraska and Alger of Michigan. There is no serious danger of any of these more or less eminent statesmen getting in reach of the nomination. Their booms are intended solely for trading purposes.

Abusing Bayard and Neglecting Its Duty. Louisville Courier-Journal: Congress occupies its time in a partisan effort to censure Mr. Bayard for expressing an opinion not shared by a majority of congress and in instructing the nations of the earth as to their duty, meanwhile neglecting its own duty to afford the people of the United States the sadly needed relief which it is in the power of congress alone to afford.

Birds of a Feather. Atlanta Journal: The protectionists and free silverites in both the democratic and republican parties show an increasing disposition to flock together. By all means they should do so. Their ideas of the functions and power of the government and of the rights of the masses of the people are identical and it would be a happy thing for the country if we could huddle them together and smash them at once.

Trying to Break Reed's Reserve. Philadelphia Record: Some forty republican members of the house of representatives who are persuaded that Speaker Reed's do-nothing policy has been inspired less by patriotic considerations than by a desire to promote the safety of his presidential boom, have held several conferences recently with a view of initiating a movement which shall compel him to take a stand on the issue of the day.

The Other Ox Is Gored. Minneapolis Tribune: Speaker Reed's arbitrary methods, when they were directed to keeping an obstreperous minority in check, and to furthering republican legislation, were accepted by his colleagues as a necessity. But when they are exercised over an overwhelming republican majority with the object of advancing the czar's presidential aspirations there are marked signs of revolt.

A Considerable Difference. Nashville American: In 1892 the McKinley tariff was the law of the land, and our manufactures exported amounted to one-sixth of the total exports. In 1895 the Wilson tariff was the law of the land, and our manufactures exported amounted to one-fourth of the total exports.

Quay Not as Dangerous as McKinley. Davenport Democrat: People have been holding their breath and wondering where Matt Quay was going to come in in the republican scramble. Now they find out. But even Quay would not be as detrimental to the fortunes of the United States as McKinleyism of the genuine stamp, such as we had a little while ago.

Plain Speaking Demanded. St. Louis Post-Dispatch: For once the country should be given national platforms the meaning of which cannot possibly be mistaken by the dullest minds. The straddles of the past have been wearisome and disgusting. Let every party speak plainly to the people this year.

Transcend to the Republican Party. New York Times: It is not without pleasure that the impartial observer recognizes that it is to the republican party that the senate owes its present degradation, and it is to the republican party that the degraded senate offers its greatest political incubus and danger.

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A Sore

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Foot

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