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The Egyptians, Phenicians and ancient Irish worshipped the cow, but it remained for the American 'idolator' to enshrine her.—Catholic Sentinel.

The anything-to-get-there editors of republican papers, who were 'pointing with pride' last year to dollar wheat as the consequence of McKinleyism, and Dingleyism, are maintaining a silence now, with wheat at 65 cents, that commands intense admiration for their discretion.—St. Paul Globe.

This is the big-heartedest and most generous government that ever happened. It has given the Cuban army \$3,000,000 to quit loafing, and it will soon pay over to Spain nearly seven times that amount for allowing it to have the pleasure of lambasting a job lot of cocanut-headed Filipinos.—St. Louis Republic.

From Maine and from Texas, from Washington and from Georgia, and from states between these four corners of the country comes the same story—of alarm at the extraordinary multiplication of monopolies and of a nearly unanimous agreement that the intervention of both the national and the state governments is necessary to the protection of the people.—N. Y. World.

The country boy is early taught the lesson of self-reliance, which the city boy is not. The average city parent is more concerned to give his child a good education, if possible send him through the high school and college, to learn a trade or read a profession, and thus brought up generally to always lean for support and guidance upon his parents until he is 25 years old.—Dubuque Herald.

The duke of Veragua, who visited this city during the world's fair and who was the recipient of much attention as a descendant of Christopher Columbus, is now a ruined nobleman, his annuity of \$20,000 from the Cuban government having, of course, been cut off. Numerous speculative and business enterprises in which he was interested have also come to naught and the duke is emphatically a busted grandee.

The Dominating Issue. (From the New York World.) More industrial trusts and monopolistic 'combinations' were formed in 1898 than in the entire quarter of a century since the Standard Oil Company, parent and pattern of American monopoly, first began to develop its colossal illuminating oil.

The total industrial trust stocks and bonds authorized in the first two months of this year was \$1,106,300,000, as against a total of \$916,176,000 for the twelve months of 1898. The Financial Chronicle estimates that the total authorized 'output' of industrial trust 'securities' 1899 will exceed \$6,000,000,000. This is exclusive of such transportation 'combinations' as the Coal Trust.

All of these combinations have as their objects the creation of a monopoly, the limiting of production, the control of prices both for raw material and finished product, the crippling or, if possible, the destruction of competition, and the payment of dividends on a largely inflated capitalization.

State fish commissioner Delavan was in town today, says the Des Moines News. He visited the state house this morning and interviewed the governor on private business. Mr. Delavan is feeling particularly rejoiced just now over the substantial recognition his scheme for stocking the waters of the United States government. During the month of January the government appropriated \$4,000 to be used by R. S. Johnson, superintendent of the government trout station at Manchester, Iowa, in co-operating with the state fish commissioner of Iowa in his work of stocking the waters of the state. One of the government cars has been put at the disposal of Superintendent Johnson, and by August 1, he expects to begin operations in the territory which has been assigned him. He will work from Bellevue, on the Mississippi, thirty miles above Sabula, where commissioner Delavan has established his field.

It was in 1897 that State Fish Commissioner Delevan secured the backing of the state in his plan to stock Iowa waters with fish. During the same year he was equipped with a car and began his work, which was to take from the Mississippi bayous and overflow streams the fish which were carried and left there during high water season, and which on account of the shallow waters, would eventually be destroyed when the cold weather came were they not taken out and cared for in some way.

Early in the prosecution of his work Mr. Delevan carried a supply of fish and put in the mill-pond of the Maquoketa river, at Manchester. They were left there for several months, when Superintendent Johnson, at the Government trout station, asked permission to seine a few miles above the pond and see if any results were apparent. As a consequence, he discovered thousands of fry crotches which had propagated from the supply left by the fish commissioner. Superintendent Johnson brought this fact before the government fish interests, with the result that he has now an appropriation of \$4,000 with which to push the work of stocking and propagation along. Mr. Delevan is very enthusiastic over his scheme, and thinks one of its greatest beauties is the fact that he is taking from the border rivers, not the fish that would otherwise thrive there, but those which would eventually be destroyed. These he says, are being saved and given to the people of the state for food.

May Block Tests By Injunction. About forty members of the Dairy men's association held a star chamber session in the small court house last night. T. P. Treadwell presided. The meeting was for the purpose of discussing the tuberculin tests now being made in the dairy herds under the direction of the state veterinarian. Those present believe that only 1 per cent of the milk cows of the state are in the dairy herds, that the action of the test to stamp out tuberculosis in milk cows was unjust to them as they controlled such a small proportion of the cows.

They believed that the state should remunerate them for their losses. A committee was appointed to circulate a subscription paper to raise funds to fight the state. One hundred and sixty-eight dollars and fifty cents was subscribed. The dairymen practically decided to get out an injunction restraining the veterinarians from making further tests, and may apply for one today. A lawyer will be retained to fight the case in behalf of the dairymen, who believe they are being unfairly treated.—Sioux City Journal.

FANATICAL CHINESE.

SUPERSTITION RULES THE RACE FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE.

All Business and Family Matters Directly Controlled by This Unreasoning Influence, Which Makes Brutes of Its Slavish Devotees.

No race in the wide world is more controlled by superstitious notions than the Chinese. They enter into every act of a Chinaman's life, all their influences are more lasting than that of his religion. He cannot move hand or foot without their agency, and from the earliest moment of his life down to the last detail in connection with his burial their power and influence are the guiding motives of his acts. All business and family matters are directly controlled by superstitious sentiments, both rich and poor, young and old, being slaves to their fears.

To the average Chinaman his religion is a mere negative factor in his mode of life, to be followed or disregarded at will, but no true son of Han dares to act otherwise in accordance with the strict precepts of those spiritual powers which directly control his life. There are some amusing superstitions connected with Chinese entertainments. A Chinese party is an ordeal which once experienced is never forgotten. It consists of from 40 to 50 distinct courses and occupies the greater portion of a day. During the whole of these repasts and notwithstanding the endless variety of dishes served the invited guest retains the same plate throughout. The explanation of this strange custom is an old proverb, which has now become a superstition, that 'he who changes the plates kills the housewife.'

Chinese proverbs explain several of the superstitious notions with regard to women. It is considered unlucky for a woman to mix with the builders of a house or other edifice during its erection, or to avoid any possibility of one straying into the premises. All approaches are carefully guarded by watchmen, and a fence is erected around the proposed building as soon as its foundations are laid.

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When in course of time (by aid of additional fees) the diviners can report that all objections to final burial are removed, the funeral takes place amid religious and profane excess. The mode of propitiation generally prescribed by astrologers is the purchase of some stone or piece of iron, to which an elaborate ritual of prayer and sacrifice is made, or if the client is wealthy, the building of a pagoda is suggested, in connection with which the mercenary fortune teller doubtless reaps a large commission.

The last species of superstition to which we will call attention forces us to place China among the half civilized and brutal nations. One of the superstitious is that the soul of a dying person takes possession of the bed and room in which the invalid is lying. To obviate such a curse as this the relatives of the dying person, as soon as they perceive his end approaching, forcibly remove him from his bed and place him almost naked upon a board. If by chance a man should expire in his bed, it together with all the furniture in the room, must be burned and many atoms offered before the room is considered fit for habitation again.

Many strange and inhuman ideas are associated with the illness and death of children. If a child sickens and dies before the age of 13 years, its last moments are hastened by the horrible cruelty of its parents. So long as hope is possible the parents do their utmost to save their child, but as soon as the doctors abandon hope the child is stripped naked and placed against the outer door of the house. When the end has come, the corpse is thrown out into the street to be picked up by the passing dead cart.

The reason for this brutality is this: If a family loses a child before it has grown to maturity, its parents refuse to regard it as their offspring, but rather as some evil spirit who has worked its way into their home in order to bring ruin and misfortune upon it and them.—St. Peter's.

It's Bliss For Her. Mrs. Wicklins—You and your husband and Mr. and Mrs. Caddley seem to be very good friends. Mrs. Dimpleton—Yes, you see, Mr. Caddley and I used to be engaged. Mrs. Wicklins—But I don't understand why that fact should make you enjoy each other's society now. Mrs. Dimpleton—Well, of course, I can't speak for him, but he married a woman who is at least five years older than I am and not half as good looking as I do say myself. You don't know what a comfortable feeling takes possession of me when we are together and I see him glancing first in her direction and then in mine.—Cleveland Leader.

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Notice to Patrons. I wish to notify my patrons that on Wednesday of each week I will be at Iowa City but will be at my office on all other days. DR. P. E. TRIMM.

FARMERS.

Why Not Sow Wheat This Spring?

The time is near at hand when you should begin seeding. The wheat question has not received the attention the past few years that it should. There is a large demand for good wheat the year round, and a number of farmers were fortunate in sowing a few acres of wheat last season, with a good yield, which brought them a snug sum of money.

It pays to sow wheat and there is no reason why you cannot sow a few bushels and be well paid for it. We are quite anxious to have lots of wheat sown this year, and have therefore made arrangements for a car of choice spring seed wheat, which we will let go at cost in order to further the interest in the matter. Think this over and, if possible, put a few acres into wheat.

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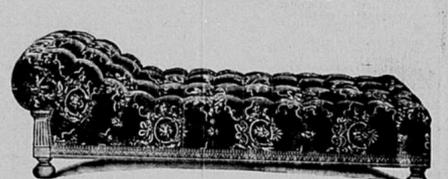
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