

# The Democrat.

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It is not the woman with the most gold in her teeth who has the dearest smile.

The boy who causes the most trouble doesn't always grow up to be the greatest man.

Considering what it has got various folks into, that Chinese open door has some of the qualities of a trap door.

Mosquitoes, it is said, will not bite a person who takes sulphur into his system. Making the air sulphurous in the vicinity where they work does no good.

The New York woman who began the study of the Greek testament on her 70th birthday must have read of Cato and the enterprise of his eighteenth year.

These Chinese towns have perfectly ridiculous names. Why can't they call themselves something sensible, like Shoo-hoo for instance, or Poo-saw-tawney, or Caucomangoo, or Kala-saw-zoo?

Inside of eighteen months every elevated railway engine in New York will have been displaced by electric motors. How long will it be before the same thing will be true of every steam locomotive in the country?

It is reported that Joel Chandler Harris has resigned his editorial position on the Atlanta Constitution because he wants more time to play with his grandchildren. If the report is true, we congratulate the grandchildren.

What little reform gets into Turkey usually slips in by the back door. Report has it that the only dynamo now in Constantinople passed the customhouse as a washing machine; and thus the feeling of the authorities were spared.

The Delaware & Haritan Canal Company is said to be mustering its mules out of service, and harnessing up the automobile to do their work on the tow-path. If this sort of thing is allowed to go on till the beasts of burden and of draft are left off from their present tasks, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will be tempted to relax its vigilance.

A short time ago Prof. Harry Thurston Peck made the statement that women had never taken part in any gigantic enterprise such as the construction of steamships, railroads, etc. Evidently he had not heard of the native women of India who make up a large proportion of the laborers in the department of public works. Employed all over India are women and girls, said to be quite as efficient as men, digging canals, making reservoirs, working on roadways and building railroads.

Poison recently ended the life of a 25-year-old Connecticut woman who was not only remarkable in herself, but also in the peculiar quality of husband she possessed. It was while she was indulging in her eighth consecutive copulation with other men and the seventh case of forgiveness on the part of her better half that the latest and finishing phase of her fate overtook her. There is nothing in the occurrence, however, to affect Connecticut's historic claim to being the Land of Steady Habits, for anything more steady than her elopement practice and his in the way of pardoning is rather hard to realize.

In the six Rocky Mountain States of Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Utah and Wyoming, agriculture is largely dependent on irrigation. The distribution of the water supply is regulated by law, and costs about one dollar per acre. Next to the system of manufacturing we cannot complete. Don't wake up the Chinese. It begins to look as if this statement were true with regard to military matters. The problem which the foreign powers have to solve is an intricate one. The Chinese have been laying in great stores of munition, guns, etc. If their soldiers are drilled in modern tactics it would seem an impossible task for the foreign powers to subdue them. If China remains a united empire the task will be impossible. Its deleterious effects are, each independent of the other, there may be some chance for foreign powers to establish governments on a modern civilized basis. The consequences of "waking up" 350,000,000 people may be serious.

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STYLES OF FINE DRESSES NOW IN FASHION.

Some of the Pretty Things That the Beauties of Gotham Are Wearing While on Their Outing-Trips-Tea Gowns Return to Favor.

New York correspondence:

UCH in vogue is the style of gown shown in the initial illustration and the first of these larger pictures. While as sketched some of them were expensive for reproduction by most women, the costliest of those presented features that will constitute helpful information for anyone. Cheap copy can be made from the materials and trimmings, the result will look well in the original. The gown shown in the small picture was white linen, with skirt side pieces and revers of all-over embroidery stitched in pale blue. The embroidery appeared, too, in alter-



as fine as did the original.

the flowing effect of the front. Two of these two morning dresses appear in the next picture. The left hand one was white muslin finished with ruffles and white lace and held by a belt of white crystal beads. The other was in the new tea gown style, and combined silk green silk and white China silk. The latter gave a rich and elegant effect. It required fine discrimination to accomplish such elaboration in a morning gown without encroaching on the characteristics of evening dresses. So the wise course is to begin with simple materials and to avoid highly wrought additions.

Lace was never in more general use. Even shirt waists are lace trimmed, and for the dress-up sorts the fashion has gone away beyond the liberal amount of insertions that appear in "see-through" waists. The newer use of lace is to apply it, which, of course, can be done without interfering with simplicity of outline. A sample of these waists is put in this last picture. It was white linen lawn and was ornamented with fine tucking and bands of heavy white lace. Slender women should take advantage of the current fashion for pleated and box-pleated waists, with some variation on the yoke setting low enough to give the long bust line admirably shown. These waists are large, and though the shoulder may be fitted long and close, the rest of the sleeve should be easy enough to bag. The best model shirt waists, unless they are distinctly of the fancy bodice type, do not have undersleeves. Undersleeves, however, are a boon to the woman whose arms are not quite in proportion. She can correct their lines if her wrists are equal to a simple trick. A double or triple puffed undersleeve coming from an oversleeve stopped at just the right



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Excuse of a New Reporter for Neglecting Duty.

"Say, husband, hold the stock yards right away," said the city editor to the new reporter. "There's a fire down there. It may turn into something big, but even if it doesn't we want a good little story on it anyhow."

The new reporter shot out of the door, with a gasp, starting for the office. The paper had to go to press without the account of the fire.

The next day about noon the new man strolled leisurely into the office entirely unprepared for the thunder-bolt which fell upon him as soon as the city editor caught sight of him.

"Say, what the dickens is the matter with you anyhow?" said the editor. "Why didn't you write up that fire that I told you to?"

"Why, gasped the youth, "there was no fire to write up on, every body was there and saw it."—Chicago Chronicle.

### RAILWAYS OF CHINA.

They Are Few in Number and Mostly Controlled by Foreigners.

China has few railroads, the policy of foreign powers being to have the water commissioners, who receive all applications and determine all controversies. In the other four States there is much litigation. But when the ranchman's water rights are once established, he thinks himself far more sure of regular crops than the farmer in the "lunatic States," where there is always liability of drought or excessive rainfall, while he has the exact amount of moisture he needs just when he wants it, and at no other time—and always on tap.

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Convention Has No Contest of Importance Except on Supreme Court Judge—Philadelphia Platform Is Adopted.

For Secretary of State—W. B. Martin. For Auditor—F. F. Merriam. For Treasurer—G. S. Gilchrist. For Attorney-General—C. W. Mallan. For Judge Supreme Court—Frank McClain. For Railway Commissioner—D. J. Palmer. For Presidential Electors at Large—John N. Baldwin, Ole O. Ioe.

Des Moines correspondence: Wednesday the Republican State convention held one of the most interesting sessions in the history of the party in Iowa. W. L. Roach of Muscatine was the temporary chairman at the morning session and delivered the speech of the convention in a discussion of the issues from the Republican standpoint.

Senator J. H. Trevisan of Allamakee County was the permanent chairman at the afternoon session, but delivered no speech beyond thanking the convention for the honor. The committee on credentials reported every delegation present and no contests. The committee on resolutions not being ready to report, balloting for the nominee for Secretary of State was proceeded with and W. B. Martin was chosen by the third ballot his competitors being A. C. Hobart of Cherokee, Eli Manning of Chariton, W. H. Hedman of Newton and H. L. Stebbins of Des Moines.

The committee on resolutions then reported through Congressman Hedge of Burlington in part as follows: The Republican party of Iowa has no apologies to make for its record for the past four years. It has done its duty for the people of Iowa and has secured the support of every citizen who has at heart the welfare of the state. It asks for the support of the convention not only the loyal support of the Republican party, but the support of every citizen who desires the prosperity of our people and the progress of the Commonwealth. In the remote future, a day will come when the people of Iowa will be able to represent not only the honor of his country, but the honor of his race and the honor of his people. His friends and neighbors of whatever faith earnestly pray for the safety of our country and the welfare of his family; and that the day may come when the people of Iowa will be able to receive the assurances of their constant sympathy and their ever-increasing interest and regard.

State Auditor Frank F. Merriam of Manchester was re-nominated by acclamation. The ballot for State Treasurer resulted in about two-thirds majority for G. S. Gilchrist of Forest City over W. W. Morrow of Afton. D. J. Palmer of Washington was re-nominated for railway commissioner by acclamation and G. W. Mullan of Waterloo was chosen on the second ballot for Attorney General, his competitors being V. J. Hallam of Sioux City and Jacob Sigler of Council Bluffs. Then came the big fight of the convention over the nomination for Supreme Judge. Four ballots were taken, resulting in the nomination of Frank McClain, chancellor of the law department in the State University at Iowa City. His competitors were Judge H. M. Remley of Monticello, Judge L. C. Blanchard of Oskaloosa and Judge T. C. Conroy of Keokuk, John N. Baldwin of Council Bluffs and Ole O. Ioe.

The electors chosen from the eleven districts are: First District—E. V. Tucker, Louisa County. Second District—J. A. L. Bartholomew, Jackson County. Third District—L. B. Raymond, Franklin County. Fourth District—C. H. McVicker, Cerro County. Fifth District—H. H. Read, Linn County. Sixth District—H. Harper, Wapello County. Seventh District—M. F. Stookey, Dubuque County. Eighth District—P. L. Sever, Guthrie County. Ninth District—W. E. Bowers, Sioux County.

Chairman H. O. Weaver was re-elected chairman of the executive committee, and Charles Phillips of the Second District was re-elected secretary. The senatorial situation, it is claimed, was but a mere formality. The committee on the convention: The supporters of A. C. Hobart, managers of Des Moines claim to have increased their representation in the State committee.

W. B. Martin, who heads the ticket, has been a member of the State Legislature and was the author of the State militia law.