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IMPERISHABLE PRINCIPLES.

It is instructive to note with what enthusiasm and unanimity the various meetings held throughout the country to celebrate the birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

At the Chicago celebration ex-Governor McKinley referred to a series of resolutions introduced by Lincoln at a Whig meeting in Springfield held March 1, 1843, and then to Lincoln's platform adopted May 17, 1860, by the second convention held by the Republican National Convention.

Protection and wide reciprocity are both clearly stated in that old platform inspired by Lincoln's genius and patriotism. As Mr. McKinley wisely remarked: "Better protection no Republican could ask or desire. The Republican party is competent to carry this policy into effect."

At the same meeting Senator Thurston stated the issues of the impending struggle in the clear words: "The great political contest of 1896 will be fought on the same lines as have all other recent contests between Democratic and Republican parties."

The Republican party is offered Quay for a valentine, but Democracy is still hunting for somebody. Huntington once boasted he had never dropped a quarter, but it now looks as if he would drop his whole wad.

It is evident that among reviving things we are to have this year a revival of the inspiration of Abraham Lincoln.

The reported discovery of the north pole is one of the things we must put under the candle ray to find out what is in it.

The Chinese claim to have now driven out the devil for a year, but it won't be long before they begin to raise him again.

From the record of Wednesday it is evident we need no National law to provide for the observance of the birthday of Lincoln.

Perhaps the only sure way to get the scandals out of the Custom-house would be to make a clean sweep including the officials.

The poolroom fakers think they are fighting for life, but really they are going through a spasmodic struggle in the throes of death.

It is announced that Mrs. Lease will become a preacher, and accordingly we may expect from Kansas a new religion with frills on it.

Smuggling Chinese women for illicit purpuses into this city and then passing them off as native daughters is a clear case of adding insult to injury.

AROUND THE CORRIDORS.

Even the professional joke writer gets the tables turned on him occasionally. Mr. Carpenter, the gentleman who writes the "Out of Tune" column on the Post, is the latest victim.

"I'll tell you how it came about," said he. "I used to find it difficult to get a sufficient quantity of humor to fill up the column, and in many cases I was somewhat doubtful as to whether or not various bon mots that I succeeded in generating would be received by the readers of our paper, so I concluded to try them on some one before I gave them to the public over my signature."

Attention cannot be too early called to the fact that where there is water for irrigation there is water for generating electrical power as well; that the same water may be used for both purposes without injury to either, and that where the two are worked in conjunction the cost of the combined plant is much smaller than either would be if kept separate.

It may not generally be that both power and irrigation are presently needed at any one source of water supply, but the double need is sure to arise sooner or later. Take the case of the Poso as an illustration.

This suggestion should be considered in all schemes either for irrigation or the conversion of water-power into electricity. These are two of the most important lines upon which the future development of the State is to proceed, and it is a fortunate coincidence that they are so clearly related.

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It would hardly be possible to state in clearer terms the policy of the Republican party as laid down by Lincoln than is set forth in these extracts. The great value of these principles lies not alone in their age nor in the fact that they were among the great causes which led to the founding of the Republican party, but in the fact that they are universal and imperishable, their temporary obscuration having called a halt in the progress of the Nation.

It is but just to explain that suspicion has not attached to the Collector himself, but to the men under him. At the same time he is responsible for the conduct of his office and for the misdeeds of his inferiors. A daring feature of the latest plot to swindle the Government is said to be the arrest of a Chinese who has given valuable service to the Government, the idea being to put him out of the way of obstructing the operations of the "Custom-house ring."

From the very beginning of laws—municipal, State and Federal—for the regulation of the Chinese in San Francisco, every conceivable form of official corruption has had a genesis in the Chinese quarter. As our laws were obnoxious to these aliens and interfered with their evil practices, they were easy victims of blackmail and willing offerers of bribes. If it were possible to force them into an acceptance of our laws one of the greatest evils of their presence would be eliminated.

Collector Wise owes it to himself and the people to assist in running down the scandals in his office. Considering the patience, silence and cunning of the Chinese, the task of exposure is exceedingly difficult; and while that will make the efforts all the more arduous, it indicates the dangers of Chinese evils.

"Mamma, can I write Freddie Sanborn over to slide down our cellar door?" "Won't you enjoy it just as much alone?" "No, there are too many splinters in it now." "Teacher—Bobby, can you tell me what the word respect means?" "Bobby—Yes, ma'am; it's the feeling a fellow only eight years old has for one who is older than he is." "Teacher's Bazar."

CRIPPLE CREEK AFFAIRS.

Reflex of the New Camp's Life as Shown by Its Journalists. Cripple Creek is a breezy place 10,000 feet above the sea level and has a breezy paper in the Morning Journal. The editors of the Journal begin their leading column of thought with a little verse each day. Here is a specimen:

Be you millionaire, marquis or freighter, If you don't know you'll find it out later— In Cripple Creek town And don't let him mention a word to his lordship, the restaurant waiter.

At eating Old Grover's a host; He's found a great deal of use in it; But he's lank as a leech Since Tillman's last speech.

Colorado has some boiler inspectors who go to a furnace, look at the fire, glance at the water-gauge and the pipes, say "35" to the manager, collect their money and walk out. If they know a steam boiler from a Kansas cornseller they don't say or anything to the contrary.

Italian newspapers brag that Baratter's army, in Albania, on account of scarcity of water, went three days without washing. American can't beat that. Coxey's army went many days without washing, and was in sight of water during the entire period.

Bill Morrison's candidacy for the Presidency on the Democratic ticket is urged by an Illinois admirer on the ground that "Morrison can take a dozen hundred millions of dollars of misanthropy than any other man in the party." The quip is a gem.

Under the heading "Cockroach in the Cask" a few moneyed men of Wall street, aided and abetted by some Colorado capitalists, are accused of "stealing" Cripple Creek stocks so that the "combings" can get hold of the property at low figures.

Cripple Creek will not need a Home Producers' Protective Association, a Home Production Club or anything of that kind so long as the editor of the Journal is encouraged in writing paragraphs like this:

A Bennett-avenue groceryman, between First and Second streets, whose place of business is about the middle of the block, on the south side of the street, says that unless Cripple Creek printers will do his job work at four cents a line, he will offer by Colorado Springs he will send his work to last named city. He seems to be somewhat over-look from his own experience, that materials and expenses are higher here than at the Springs, and he is not sure that he can get his work done at the rate he offers.

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SEEING ONE'S OWN BRAIN.

The following experiment taken from Professor Lloyd's new book, "Eidolon," is quite interesting. The experimenter provides himself with a lighted candle and enters a perfectly dark room. He stands before a black curtain or wall, or any other dark flat surface, so that details cannot be seen by the candle's feeble light.

The experimenter then moves laterally to and fro in front of the eyes, keeping it about six inches from the face and just below the tip of the nose. In a few minutes something, as if thin mist, seems to grow before the eyes. It becomes more definite and gains outline. Soon comes a distinguishing sensation and the dimensions of the brain. One is seeing his own brain! A change of position of the candle will bring out other portions into view, but as soon

as the lateral movement is stopped, however, the view, whatever it is, soon fades away. The example given is very simple. According to the author, there is nothing more wonderful in seeing an object almost touching the organ of sight than in seeing the most distant stars, hundreds of millions of miles away. The theory is that the moving light produces a counter-irritation of the nerves that conduct the impression of sight to the brain. The current is reversed, and the brain is pictured on the retina. Then the impression returns through the nerves, and the brain is pictured on the retina. The explanation may or may not be true, but the fact remains that one sees something marvellously like what one would imagine a brain to be, in its natural environment.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

SILVER HALF-DIME—G. W. B., French Corral, Nevada County, Cal. A silver five-cent piece of 1853 is worth its face value—no more.

TAXATION—P. H., City. The rate of taxation in the city of New York is \$18.20 on the \$1000; in Brooklyn, \$28.47; in Baltimore, \$18.27, and in New Orleans, \$20.

A QUESTION OF LAW—E. A. G., City. This department will state what a law is when such a question is asked, but it will not undertake to decide the rights of individuals under the law. That is a matter for attorneys and courts to attend to.

GOVERNORS—J. M., Vallejo, Cal. At the State elections held in 1895 eleven Republican and two Democratic Governors were elected, namely: Republicans in Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Utah; Democrats in Mississippi and Virginia.

THE PRESIDENT'S POWER—C. M. F., Madison, Yolo County, Cal. There is no difference in the power of the President of the United States

and the Queen of England in regard to making laws, for neither has that power. In the United States Congress makes the laws and in England Parliament makes them.

TO JOHANNESBURG—F. A., City. The shortest route from this city to Johannesburg is by rail to New York, steamer to Liverpool, thence by steamer to South Africa. The fare depends entirely on the style in which a person wishes to travel. The most convenient route from this city is by way of Australia on the steamers sailing from this port.

COIN-DEALERS—B. McC., Grizzly Bluff, Humboldt County, Cal. This department has announced time and again that it does not publish the names of firms that purchase coins, for the reason that such publication would be an advertisement of the firms. Hereafter communications asking for that kind of information will not be answered unless the sender has not the space to give a list of premiums offered for all coins.

PURE CANDIES, 10c per pound, at Townsend's. MIXED and broken candies, 10c lb., Townsend's. GENUINE EYEGLASSES, Specs. 15c up. \$1.50 4th st. barber. Sundays, 738 Market, East's shoestore. SPECIAL information daily to manufacturers, business houses and to holders of the Press Clipping Bureau (Allen's), 510 Montgomery.

JOHANNIS. Of exceptional purity and excellence.—London Lancet. TELEPHONE MAIN 717. The Gas Consumers' Association, the old company, 316 Post street. The Standard Automatic Gas Regulator is attached to the meter, controlling the pressure automatically, keeping the flame steady, and allowing no waste or blowing, preventing breakage of globes, and saving from 20 to 40 per cent. New tips and burners attached, leaks and flickering lights remedied, pipes pumped out as necessary, and all complaints connected with the gas, electric bell or gas lighting apparatus are attended to. The monthly dues are according to the average gas consumption and the quantity of electric apparatus in use.

A parish clerk was taxed with having misappropriated some of the offertory money. "You know, John," said the parson, "that only you and I have access to it." "Then, sir," replied John, "you pay the one-half, and I'll pay the other, and we'll say no more about this."—Spare Moments.

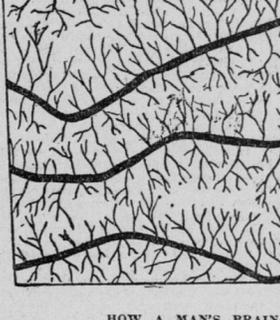
At this season a good blood medicine is needed to give strength and a feeling of health and vigor to the whole system. To do this nothing equals Hood's Sarsaparilla. Try it. CORONADO.—Atmosphere is perfectly dry, soft and mild, and is entirely free from the mists common further north. Round-trip tickets, by steamship, including first-class hotel at the Hotel del Coronado, \$60; longer stay, \$2.50 per day. Apply 4 New Montgomery street, San Francisco.

Sitting on the fence, Mr. Dumley gloomily contemplated the house which he had just erected from the \$2000 plans especially prepared by an architect's publication. It had consequently cost him \$3264. "What color are you going to paint it?" asked the sympathetic passer-by. "Green," answered Mr. Dumley, with an emphasis that left no uncertainty as to the state of his feelings.—New York Recorder.

Mem.—A man pounded his finger; lost fifteen minutes' time, curing it. Another got a whack square in the eye. He was docked one hour's pay—could then see out of it and went to work again. Still another had sat up nights with Felons, tried cocaine and got no relief, but the agony had got there first and would not yield. Finally his wife, who had cured her tender feet, gave him a pointer and Hubby's Agony Found a Master. For he says he "Was Asleep in Ten Minutes." No "Royal Purple" Royal after accident. MITCHELL'S MAGIC LOTION did the business for them all. Money in Your Pocket To have it around, for nobody knows when or where the Lightning Is Going to Strike. Any Druggist can get it for you—25c, 50c and \$1. Be sure and read the directions.



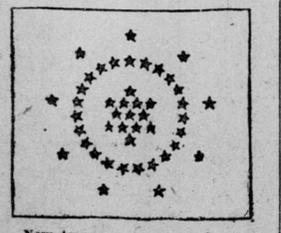
Mr. Carpenter at Last Tells a Good Story. [Sketched from life by a "Call" artist.]



HOW A MAN'S BRAIN LOOKS TO HIMSELF.

THE STARS ON OUR FLAG.

A correspondent of the New York Sun sends that paper a design showing a new arrangement of the stars on the field of our National flag. In this design the center group of thirteen stars, representing the thirteen original States, are arranged in exactly the same form



New Arrangement of the Stars.

as they appear upon the great seal of the United States. The circle containing twenty-three stars represents the States which were admitted to the Union up to the close of the civil war. It is intended that these two features in the design should never be changed. The first great event which brought our flag into existence, and the second great event which has made it doubly secure should both be represented upon our National emblem. The outside circle of nine stars represents the States which have been added to the

CALIFORNIANS IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 13.—Among recent arrivals are: J. M. Chase, Grand Union; L. V. Corbelyon, H. Dohson, Continental; Mrs. Gibbs, Park Avenue; Dr. H. M. Pond, St. Stephen; J. Wallace, Broadway Central; W. L. Marcy, Plaza.

BABY'S BIG SLEEVES.

Baby with his bishop sleeves is right in the fashion. The eupuletic trimming, too, is up-date, but may be omitted if a simpler gown is desired. White nainsook is the softest and daintiest



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PARAGRAPHS ABOUT PEOPLE.

The favorite pastime of the Prince of Wales when a child was that of sailing little boats. These were specially made for him and consisted of every kind of river craft. It was in Cuba that General Weyler received his title of "the butcher." While there during