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LARGEST MORNING CIRCULATION IN KANSAS CITY.

Washington, April 23—For Missouri: Generally fair; cooler in extreme northwest portion; southwest winds.

GOOD MORNING. China will have to go in debt for that indemnity money, but running into debt is preferable to running for life.

Every politician learns sooner or later that an ounce of keeps-your-mouth-shut is worth a pound of wish-you-hadn't-said-it.

Before deciding to split, it might be well for the Democratic party to find out if there is enough of it left to hang together.

Mr. Cleveland should understand that Editor Bryan's columns are still open to a letter of reply to those pointed interrogatories.

The South is carefully concealing its enthusiasm over the prospect of being permitted to supply the Democratic candidate next year.

The daughter of President Faure, of France, writes poetry. But the plot to assassinate her father is thought to be based on other grounds.

President Cleveland declines to father Secretary Morton's anti-silver view. Mr. Morton's views are too unequivocal and candid for the president.

"The Democratic party," remarks a contemporary, can stand an awful lot of punishment. This is fortunate, for it has an awful lot to take yet.

Miss Phoebe Cousins may be compelled to issue another request to be left alone in her sorrow. The public is about to forget that touching little romance.

Kansas City's cattle receipts yesterday were greater by 2,600 than Chicago's, and greater by 2,900 than the receipts at St. Louis and Omaha together.

The editor of the Pittsburg Kansan, after searching his safe and looking through all his pockets, declares positively that "There is no such thing as money."

It ought not to take the legislature exceeding three weeks to do all the business it was called to do, and it will not if the regard is had for the public interests.

Li Hung Chang won three distinct triumphs in Japan. He secured peace for his country, got a bullet in his face, and succeeded in interviewing Colonel John A. Cockerill.

The country has no objection to Mr. Rockefeller's handsome contributions to the Chicago university, but it doesn't like to foot the bill by paying exorbitant prices for oil.

Many will regret to learn that Miss Kate Field's health is so bad her Washington paper will have to suspend publication until times get good enough to enable it to pay expenses.

The decision of the state treasurer not to advance money to members of the legislature will be good news to every "third house." The member's extremity is the lobby's opportunity.

Ex-President Harrison gives the country to understand, in carefully chosen and well-guarded phraseology, that he has no other question but where the country always knew him to be.

The Sioux City Journal throws up to the Populists that they contributed the votes which elected Senator Palmer. That it was not a free contribution. Those votes were paid for.

The governor's advice to the legislature to pay its bills is sound and patriotic. Let the senate remember this: When the house election bill comes into its hands.

When the control of congress passed into the hands of democracy the country felt sure that times would become better, and it is not disappointed. The improvement is gradual, but it is noticeable.

After all, presidential candidates might as well come out flat-footed as the silver question. They will have to before they can get a nomination, and the strain of constant dorking from now till convention time will be very wearing.

The officers of the Kansas university testified before the investigating committee that they never knew of Regent Rogers drinking or acting in a disorderly manner. This indicates the officers if it does not Rogers.

Shipments have been unloaded, is probably the leading cattle county in the state, the interests there being very heavy and the risks consequently large. The local stock owners are deeply interested in their formation, to keep out diseased herds at all hazards, and through violence if their protests are not heeded. The order of the sanitary commission will probably put an end to the trouble without extreme measures being employed, as the board is empowered to carry its orders into effect.

THE COFFIN'S CONFIRMATION. There is an impression abroad that it is only necessary for the upper house to appoint a city physician and the matter will be settled. The claim is made that because the official records of the upper house do not contain a mention of Dr. Coffin's name his name has not been brought to body for consideration and, consequently, he does not exist as a city official.

Now this is a very pretty theory, but when it comes down to hard, cold facts another set of affairs is found. Dr. Coffin's name was sent to the clerk of the upper house executive session earlier than the mayor that it had been confirmed. Dr. Coffin filed his oath, the city clerk administered the oath of office and the doctor took charge and performed the duties of the office. He is a city physician. He has possession of the office.

There is no question about the ability of the upper house to appoint some other man to the place. So can the lower house, for that matter. But the question is, how is the new appointee going to get hold of the office? He cannot get a commission. The city clerk cannot swear him in without violating his oath of office. He must get in legally. The two officials who have the right to bring a suit of quo warranto against Dr. Coffin are the attorney general of the state and the prosecuting attorney of the county. It hardly stands to reason that either of these gentlemen will take up the matter.

A mandamus suit against the mayor will hardly bring about the new appointee, for that would be an exceedingly expensive piece of business. So the question still remains: How will the new man get the office?

A SPADES A SPADE. No matter how hard some people will try to make out that a spade is an agricultural implement, the great majority of people will continue to be right and call it a spade. In this age of intellectual activity and metaphysical research, a great deal of speculation, more or less scientific, is indulged in to show that crime is insanity, drunkenness is a mere derangement of the mental organs, that anarchy is only pronounced madness, that genius is dementia, etc. The practical results of much of this speculation are pernicious in their effect upon the individual prone to commit crimes. The very fact that the plea of insanity is so often made after the commission of some terrible crime is evidence of the fact that the tendency to shift responsibility for evil deeds is of course natural, but when eminent medical and scientific authorities boldly proclaim that all criminals are insane, with the necessary corollary that the criminal is irresponsible, criminals of the higher grades of intellectual endowment will be inclined to slow to take refuge behind the conceits which however unseemly in the abstract, leads to such demoralization when put into practice.

It is harmless, though not very profitable, to prove that genius is insanity and in the writing and publication of learned works demonstrating the correlation of crime and insanity, employment is given to many workmen who need employment. This practical result may perhaps atone for the waste of energy and gray matter involved in the preparation of the erudite tomes. But what does the average person care whether genius is insanity or the world is given the opportunity to admire the correlation of crime and insanity? But when it is gravely announced that anarchy is but madness and that the bomb thrower is not morally responsible for the results of his red-handed work, a new and dangerous phase of the question is brought to light. The very promulgation of such a doctrine encourages the anarchist and gives his bloody cult a new impetus. The fact that the criminal is insane and should not be punished for an act which he cannot help committing may be interesting from a metaphysical standpoint and may be gratifying to the sentimental humanitarian. But the good of society demands that the theory be confined to intellectual speculation and be never again put into practice. Insanity is too convenient a refuge for the man who wantonly takes human life, the most sacred gift of man. It is a curious and perhaps significant fact that in the majority of cases where the plea of insanity is made the criminal has committed the crime immediately. Men who commit the crime immediately after the sudden passion rarely make this plea. But the murderer who lays his plans with fiendish ingenuity and untiring patience is the one who says that he was insane when the crime was committed. There is altogether too much method in such madness and society demands that the same responsibility be placed upon the mad murderer as is placed upon the sane murderer. What is the responsibility of the mad murderer? Theories which expose the lives of others to the fury of so-called madmen.

REVISED HIS FIGURES. When at the beginning of the year Secretary Carlisle published an estimate of the probable ability of the national treasury to pay its way through the current calendar year every intelligent observer knew he was "talking through his hat"—to use an appropriate slang phrase. To reach such a conclusion it was necessary for him to count on the very most favorable state of trade possible, with revenues such as could only come from a re-establishment of good times.

IN THE MEANTIME. The supreme court announces that there is to be no reargument of the income tax law. The volume of the court's work is so large that it is not until next October. It also means that the administration is in for it and the court, which got it in this mess, calmly announces that the administration must stay in or get out itself. But to stay in means to keep on piling up a bigger deficit every month and to get out—ah, there's the rub. Not even Mr. Rogers can suggest a practical way out. The supreme court wraps itself in its silken robes and the administration must take off its coat and get down to business. Any kind of money, even "unsound" money, would be welcome at this juncture. The truth is that a little money of a big lot of money will never settle the question permanently. What the country and the administration needs is more gray matter instead of so many wheels. Yet it is hard on the administration to be thus cruelly and unceremoniously deserted in the hour of its extremity and left to founder while the supreme court sits on the bank with its hands crossed.

Mr. Carlisle has got himself a new pencil and is doing some more "figgering." He estimates now that the deficit in the revenues will be \$100,000,000 with the income law as it has been left by the supreme court. But the income law is in such a tangle that there is no prospect of the realization of any very large sum of money at all for the revenue to which the victims of the law have access are so numerous and receipts in their nature that little dependence can be placed on estimates of receipts from the income law. It will take a better "figgerer" than Mr. Carlisle to keep the deficit within the estimate he has made. The best prophet is the one who makes his prophecies come true. But Mr. Carlisle will be too busy this summer working in the interest of "unsound money" to pay much attention to managing the finances of this country. Perhaps they would get along better without any management at all—any Democratic management, at least. The supreme court will do something about the income law next October. But in the meantime:

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The very small individual who presides over the foreign correspondence of the government is not long to get rid of his representative of the Hawaiian islands. He didn't like him. The man who willfully attacks another, or who secretly undertakes to injure him, may be counted as that man's enemy from that time on. A consciousness of his own guilt is sure to make him so.

Mr. Gresham engaged with the head of the administration in planning the overthrow of the government represented by Minister Thurston. He failed in his purpose. The attempt made had been mean, sneaking and cowardly. He was conscious of the despicable part he played and hated the Hawaiian because his schemes were not successful. Within the narrow range of his conception there was nothing left for him to do but to show the Hawaiian people that the representative of the intangible republic, in the hope that the gentleman's self-respect would compel him to leave the capital.

Mr. Thurston was the best man of the two, however, and he remained at his post doing his duty to his government despite all other considerations that arose in his mind to leave the place. This was too much for the little man in the office of state at Washington, and it was given out that Mr. Thurston's recall had been demanded. That gentleman left the capital forthwith, in the belief that the interests of his government demanded his presence on the appearance of such a complication—and that at once. The letter of Mr. Cleveland's secretary to the Hawaiian government, it now transpires, as the Journal of yesterday surmised, that the document never left Washington. The chances are that it was never intended that it should go beyond the reach of the administration. It was simply a dodge to get rid of the Hawaiian representative.

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THE SOUTH THEATERS. The engagement of James T. Powers in "The New Boy" at the Coates will close with this evening's performance. Tomorrow evening Della Fox will open her three night engagement at the same theatre, presenting for the first time in this city the new opera, "The Little Trooper." The sale for Miss Fox's engagement has been very good, and the business is good for the popular little singer.

Next week at the Coates, Kellar, the magician, will give a series of his marvelous entertainments, beginning Monday evening. There is much originally about Kellar's work, and in some particulars he has no equal in his craft.

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into the gold dollar as they have to demand 80 grains in the silver dollar. The difference between the gold dollar and the silver dollar is the same as the difference between the gold dollar and the silver dollar. The general price of all commodities has advanced during the last twenty years. Measuring the farmers' products with the gold dollar, the farmer's products are worth more than the gold dollar. The gold standard is the only one that will be benefited by the free coinage of silver.

Such a farmer who has blinded the eyes of the masses with this statement, while with unscrupulous hands they have been taking the gold out of the laborer's pocket. Now we will see how they do.

In 1890 the products of labor in the United States amounted to \$120,000,000. The silver dollar is worth the gold dollar of 1893, which is tried to the laborer and farmer. Much has been said about the dishonest dollar. Many of our statesmen in the Northeast who hold the same views as the West, and are in favor of the honest dollar, are not working men. They are much alarmed over the growing sentiment in the South and West that favors bi-metallicism. They think it would be a contradiction to work men to give them a silver dollar whose bullion value is only 50 cents. The monometallicist says, "Let the government put a dollar's worth of gold into circulation. We want honest money." This single statement is the greatest obstacle in the way of the free coinage of silver. The laboring man says, "That is fair; I am in favor of free coinage of silver. A dollar's worth of silver put into the dollar." This statement that the dollar must have a dollar's worth of silver in it appears to be fair and honest when we first read it. But a little reflection will show it to be full of fraud and deception.

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THE SOUTH THEATERS. The engagement of James T. Powers in "The New Boy" at the Coates will close with this evening's performance. Tomorrow evening Della Fox will open her three night engagement at the same theatre, presenting for the first time in this city the new opera, "The Little Trooper." The sale for Miss Fox's engagement has been very good, and the business is good for the popular little singer.

Next week at the Coates, Kellar, the magician, will give a series of his marvelous entertainments, beginning Monday evening. There is much originally about Kellar's work, and in some particulars he has no equal in his craft.

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