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MUNICIPAL FIRE INSURANCE.

The city of Okolona, Miss., is about to experiment in a new direction in the matter of municipal ownership of public utilities...

Third of paying assistant rates for fire insurance, the Okolona has petitioned the Mississippi legislature for permission to establish a plan of municipal insurance which will embrace the insurance by the city of all kinds of property upon which foreign companies take risks...

Whatever Okolona's experience with the plan referred to may be, it does seem in the absence of experience to make in the contrary, that success ought to result from a trial thereof...

In other words, the theory of municipal fire insurance is apparently sound, and the Okolona experiment will be watched with interest, because it promises to demonstrate that the business of affording relief to the victims can be reduced to a non-speculative basis and successfully combined with the business of generating and retaining a minimum of the possibilities of title and property-destroying confabulations.

POSSIBILITIES OF THE INJUNCTION PROCESS. Step by step the injunction process is being pushed to the verge of disrepute in this country.

When, during the Chicago riots of several years ago, strikers were enjoined by the courts from injuring property and molesting interfering with other men engaged in peaceful and lawful vocations, the proceeding was defensible on the score of wisdom, although it was a matter of supererogation to forbid that which was already a criminal offense under the statutes.

Men of foresight pointed that out and condemned the use made of the courts on that occasion to arrive at a result for the bringing about of which other machinery was provided in the formation of this government.

Up to the time of the Chicago trouble the courts had been slow and careful in the granting of injunctions. They were not anxious to arrogate to themselves the powers of judge, jury and executioner.

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judge to enjoin men from trying to convert voters from one political faith to another than to enjoin them from trying to make converts for socialism. Union pickets are no greater criminals than political pickets, and there is no reason why a political party as well as a corporation should not be able to persuade a court that it is dangerous for men to walk together, especially about election time.

Indeed, the possibilities of the injunction process are as limitless as the whims of the courts which have acquired the habit of cheerfully sanctioning a frequent resort thereto, and there is good cause to fear that the ease with which it has become a factor in the settlement of labor troubles may inspire its invocation in other directions.

THE NATION MOURNS.

In the streets of a city of which he was a guest, and wherein there is displayed the marvelous evidences of the splendid growth and progress of the republic of which he was the chief executive, the president of the United States has, in the very frenzy of madness, been shot down by an assassin.

In the presence of a humanity to supreme and overwhelming, words fail to give expression to the mingled sentiments of rage, sorrow and sympathy which such an act calls forth. Rape that a misguided wretch, possibly not even a citizen of this country, should dare lay murderous hands upon its honored chief executive; sorrow that a life set apart and consecrated to the promotion of the National glory and honor should be cut short by cruel assassination, and sympathy for those bound to him by the ties of kinship—and for that nearer and dearer one still who, for nearly a third of a century, has shared his trials and rejoiced in his triumphs and borne herself so worthily in her exalted station.

In such an hour sectional lines and partisan differences are forgotten, and the people of all sections are drawn together by the ties of a common and profound sorrow. However much we may differ from President McKinley as to political principles, and the policies wherein these principles have been illustrated, no man can question his patriotism nor the integrity of his purposes.

He manifested his courage and devotion to duty by his service as a soldier in the days of his young manhood, and in the relations of son, husband, neighbor and citizen he set an example of lofty living and illustrated the highest ideals of American citizenship.

In his death (which seems probable at this writing) the Nation sustains a loss that is well nigh irreparable. Fortunately, however, neither the progress nor the perpetuity of the republic is dependent upon the life of any one man; and while we mourn with unfeigned sorrow the great calamity, we can hopefully and trustfully exclaim: "God reigns and the government at Washington still lives."

YOUNG W. K. VANDERBILT has lost a \$500 bonded pup. This, then, is the fly in the ointment that causes him to inveigh so bitterly against wealth. No poor man ever lost such a dog.

THE editor of the paper which said that a certain New York woman was an expert "bare" hunter is still hiding out and wishing he could reach that companion.

THE turkey is going to Madrid? Is this civilized warfare? THE Chicago News says that the Shamrock could scarcely carry the sugar money back home. It is to be hoped that she will not get an opportunity to try.

CAN'T the starch trust take the stiffness out of the potato market? THE strikers and organizers seem to be able to confer, without being able to confer, so it is still an open question as to which will cooperate.

NEXT week Cleveland has the G. A. R. Wouldn't that Gar you? DEWEY has called all the reporters around him and gravely informed them to a two hours' talk that he positively will not be interviewed.

POSSESSION is nine points of law, and the train robbers have got it. WE say that American girls are too particular. All this after seeing the men some of our business martyrs. We talk like a Chinaman.

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EXCHANGES - INTERVIEWS.

Fearing that the congressional reorganization will eliminate Tom Hall, The Houston Post gets frightened, and after hurling a column of double-headed editorial invective at the legislature, exclaiming: "It is not, therefore, Congressman Hall, the individual, but Congressman Hall, the congressman that the people of Texas are interested in, because the people of Galveston, Sabine, Fort Arthur, Velasco, Orange, Arkansas, Beaumont and the Trinity, Colorado and Texas rivers must depend mainly upon his skill, energy and influence with the house committee if they are to see their hopes realized in the near future." The Journal can speak only for Beaumont, Orange, Fort Arthur and Sabine, and in behalf of those places it pleads no guilt to the above allegation of The Post. Member of those places is looking to Congressman Hall for material assistance in the development of their deep water projects, and it would create no severe far in this section if it should happen to be legislated back to the peaceful walks of private citizenship. The Journal will say also that The Post is hypocritical rather than honest in its appeal for Congressman Hall's political bacon. Lord the State democratic convention at Waco last year The Post was doing its utmost to create a boom that would eventually boost Congressman Hall into the governorship and thereby bring the country by depriving it of his services in the lower house of the National legislature.—Beaumont Journal.

If the member of congress who directly represents Beaumont, Orange, Fort Arthur and Sabine—and who knows the situation, and is acquainted with the mode of procedure in congress—will induce the above The Post will have nothing further to say. But if it is not likely that he will do so, and it is very much to be doubted that the Journal speaks by authority for the places named, a much more probable explanation of the foregoing is that the Journal is mad with somebody about something and "don't care who knows it." So far as the statement to the effect that The Post attempted to boost Congressman Hall for governor is concerned, there is not the slightest foundation therefor. The Post knew long before the Waco convention that he would not under any circumstances, be a candidate for that position. He said and wrote as much to many of his friends throughout the State.

A New York woman tried to collect a bill for 30 cents from a woman by striking her in the face with the ice tong.—Chicago Manager.

Probably did it in cold blood, too. How would you like to be the woman?

The Houston Post produced an editorial not long since on the subject of burning negroes opposing the practice. The article has called forth some hot replies from different parts of the State, all so far as we have noticed, favoring burning of the stake of negroes guilty of certain heinous crimes. The article with great care that The Post is that they seldom practice what they preach when one of these cases comes home to them.—Bryan Eagle.

The Post is thankful to say that "one of these cases" never has come home to it. If it had, it is entirely possible that in a frenzy it might wish to burn the miscreant at the stake, but it will never be able to accomplish such a breach of the law unless it is assisted by a mob of irresponsibility to whom "one of these cases" never has come home.

The price of potatoes is nearly on a par with that of potatoes.—Houston Post.

We are not surprised that Lewis of The Post should be posted on the price of potatoes, but that he should know the market price of potatoes strikes us as a little strange. How do they sell potatoes, anyhow, by count, by weight or by measure? But he doesn't know.—San Diego Sun.

By the square root, son.

Our tin bucket brigade needs increasing, and nothing will do it so effectively as a factory at two.—Yonkers Herald.

First time we ever saw widows referred to as factories.

Ada Gray, a New York actress with no matrimonial complications to exploit, has burst into the glare of publicity by denying that she is dead.—Greenville Banner.

Perhaps she, like Corbett, is a "dead one" and doesn't know it.

Another death at the hands of the St. Louis Street Car company and streets of hounding motorman.—San Antonio Light.

At the hands? You seem to forget that they have wheels.

Come into the garden, Maude. And start the garden rakes. For Wimer's got a move on himself. And there are onion beds to make.—Victoria Advocate.

And you will eat the onions, Maude. Crown in the soil you will. And later in the warden, Maude. We'll have your breath to kill.

Father, mother, is your child in school? If not, why not? Too young?—Yonkers Times.

When you make vanilla ice cream add a dash of black pepper. You will be as much surprised as I was at the odd improvement in the flavor.—Verona Sun.

Ice cream so treated must certainly be hot stuff. The insurgents of South America have got the ball by the mouth (Boca del Toro). They may find that they have got the animal by the business end when they catch the Cola del Toro.—Laredo Times.

My if we could only speak French like that! Let's have a cocoa del cola.

The curls the girls are wearing hanging down on one side is called the "Janice" after Janice Greer. We regret that Janice never evolved a bald-headed hero, so that the baldness could be called the "Janice" or "Reginald" and become the rage.—Athletic Globe.

The bald-headed heroes, of whom we are which, seem to exist only in real life.

Many a heart is ruined and worn out long ere the form is bent or the head grows gray.—Comanche Visitor.

That's where hearts resemble trousers.

POINTS ABOUT PEOPLE.

The finest fan in Christine Nilsson's famous collection is that given her by the Thakore Sahib. It is made of gold and is plumed with costly feathers held in place by jewels.

Senator Hoar of Massachusetts spends his vacation in resting. He rises early, but is in bed every night by 9 o'clock and during the day takes long walks and does a good deal of light reading.

Hazel Blackwell, a baby girl of Trafalgar, Ind., has two grandfathers, two grandmothers and four great-grandfathers living. The ages of the great-grandfathers lie between 60 and 90, and all live in the same county.

Captain K. G. F. Candage of Brookline, Mass., president of the Farmers' National congress, will deliver the annual address at the twenty-first annual session of that organization at Sioux Falls, S. D., October 1 next.

Lord Salisbury said recently that in his opinion the art of public speaking was merely a question of training. "Any one," he added, "who knows his language, is a good observer, has a fair memory and has something to say, can say it in public and win applause."

The Man and the Dollar. Atlanta Constitution. The people of the North may be honestly at a loss for the real reason why the people of the South object to the negro as a voter. The voter is a sovereign. The tax returns of Fulton county show a total of \$22,328,885. There should be some parity between the man and the dollar.

The whites of Fulton own.....\$1,424,810 The negroes of Fulton own..... 949,075

A white preponderance of.....\$39,474,735 Is it any wonder that the \$31,424,810 refuses to bow down to the \$949,075?

An Unsuspected Possibility. A man will oft bewail the shame That flourish 'neath the sun. And never confess unto himself That maybe he is one.—Washington Star.

SOME LEADING EDITORIALS.

ENGLAND'S LESSON AND OURS. From the New York Journal.

The British naval maneuvers, in which the defending fleet was routed and the coasts of the United Kingdom left at the mercy of the enemy, carry lessons that are not confined to England. In this case the defense of the country was confined to a miscellaneous collection of craft, of varying speeds, ages and types. The attacking fleet was much smaller, but it was swift and homogeneous. By a sudden stroke half a dozen of the defender's cruisers were put out of action. Left without eyes, the slow battleships could do nothing but wait blindly for the next stroke. The mobile assaulters selected their own time and place for attacks, and at last they caught eight battleships with twelve. The result of the fight was the end of the defending fleet as an effective force. England lay at the feet of the enemy.

All the naval experts of Great Britain recognize the meaning of this lesson. It is the same old one so often insisted upon by the Journal: Speed. Mobility.

These were the qualities that enabled a fleet inferior in numbers to crush a superior enemy in detail and win a stunning victory. Admiral Wilson carried out in practice precisely what the Journal had said over and over again would be done by the commander of a swift squadron when he found himself opposed to one larger and slower.

"In regard to the 'Battle of the Lizard,'" says the St. James Gazette, "our correspondent attributes the success of the 'X' fleet to the speed and homogeneity of its ships."

Mr. H. W. Wilson, the author of "Ironclads in Action," discussing the maneuvers in the Graphic, dwells upon the power of speed to convert an inferior into a superior force.

In modern war fleets that aspire to the command of the sea must be widely scattered. A greatly superior naval power attacking, for instance, would try to blockade at least the parts from Boston to the Chesapeake. That would leave his squadrons subject to separate attack by our united force, unless they could avoid action long enough to concentrate. They could avoid action if they were faster than ours, but not if they were slower. In the latter case we could snare them up one at a time.

And so if the case were reversed, and we were the stronger naval power trying to gain the command of the sea against a weaker enemy.

Suppose the Spanish navy in 1898 had been as good in reality as it was in paper. Suppose Cervera had been put in command of the seven armored cruisers, each of twenty knots speed, which Spain was supposed to possess, and had been sent over here to make trouble with his fleet properly equipped, officered and manned.

He would have found the coast of Cuba blockaded at a number of points by small cruisers, gunboats and converted merchantmen, mostly ranging from twelve to eighteen knots speed.

He would have found only two armored vessels in our entire navy as fast as his own, and neither of those would have been a match for any one of his seven.

He could have played with our battleships and monitors, which were from three to ten knots slower than his ships.

He could have sailed around Cuba, raking the waters clear of our blockading squadrons on the way.

He could have intercepted and sunk the Oregon, and when he got through we should have had nothing left on the Atlantic but three slow battleships and four slow monitors, which would have had to huddle together like buffalo bulls beleaguered by wolves.

After that Cervera could have gone through the Suez canal, destroyed Dewey's squadron, and come back to range our coasts, ignoring our helpless battleships.

That is what might have happened and would have happened if Spain's management had been as good as her ship. She had vessels that could have reduced us to absolute impotence if she had known how to use them.

We can not count on meeting Spanish official methods next time. All the great naval powers of the world are training their officers and men to get out the full value of their ships. If one of those powers has a ship rated at twenty knots we may be sure that it will go a knot faster than one of ours rated at sixteen.

We can never expect to see again the spectacle of a sixteen-knot American battleship like the Oregon passing three twenty-knot armored cruisers of the enemy.

Speed will be speed hereafter. And speed will win.

BRYANISM.

Our esteemed contemporary, the American, is sometimes given to singing the praises of its democracy, while at other times it chants the beauties of its independence. But always it takes an indirect fling at Mr. Bryan's views. Senator Blaine once told a story of a hunting party of which he was one. The numerous complaints and bad language showered upon the unfortunate who happened to be cook were such that at last no one would fill that position. The difficulty was finally settled by agreeing that in the future the first member of the party who complained of the cooking should take the cook's place. The next morning Mr. Blaine, who was then acting as cook, served up the breakfast. A member of the party bit into a biscuit. When he got his teeth free he began: "Of all the miserable, disgusting attempts at making bread, this is the worst." Just then he caught the expression of joy in Mr. Blaine's eye and finished his sentence: "But I like it. I like it. I want you fellows to understand that I am not complaining."

So it is with the American. "Of all the combinations of socialism and anarchy and populism," the Bryan democracy is the worst," but when it catches the eye of the Tennessee democracy it winds up: "But we like it. We are democrats; we are the real, Simon pure, all-wood-and-a-yard-wide democracy." The American is not alone in this. Daily the democratic party is told to get out of its wallow and come back onto the clean Jeffersonian ground. Senator Vest has failed to specify wherein the two last platforms departed from the democratic faith. So has Mr. Cleveland failed. So have Senators Morgan and Harris and Daniel and Turpie and Hill. Now we know there must be something which constitutes Bryanism, and the following of which caused the defeat of the party in two elections, because the American and other similar papers say so. As they never explain, however, what they mean by Bryanism, and the country is left struggling in darkness, will the American, for the benefit of the democracy of the State, answer the following questions:

Have Mr. Bryan and the democracy abandoned any democratic principle, and if so, which one?

What policy is advocated in the platform of 1896 or that of 1900 which is opposed to democratic doctrine?

Name any democratic leader, before Mr. Cleveland, who opposed the free coinage of silver or any leader of National prominence who did not advocate that measure if he expressed himself on the subject at all.

The Daily News thinks that circumstances have, for the time being, laid the silver question on one side, and that the only interest it has now is purely a theoretical one, but we are anxious to know wherein the party should break away from the "views and policies" with which the American says Mr. Bryan has led the party to defeat, and for the American to state which are the above mentioned "views and policies." As the American uses the plural, and connects Bryanism with populism, there must be something besides silver which it does not like.

Name the planks. Is it opposed to the income tax? Is it in favor of government by injunction? Is it in favor of a colonial empire? Is it opposed to regulating the trusts? What is it kicking about?

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TAMPERING WITH TRIFLES.

A DUKE. The Boer is still a-hopping. On the lippe.

And the British, never stopping In their hoppe. Say that "We regret to say Everything just comes our way, Sometimes us, but mostly they, Are on toppe."

"We have chased them far and wide On the wild. Till our chargers like to died, And our woids Hung all loose and limp and slack, Then the Dutchmen chased us back, And their sudden, swift attack Made us peid."

"When we banish them they say 'Aber sit!' It's their own outlandish way Just as sit With a rifle in their fist, On the hills the sun has kissed, When they've shot they've never missed, Not a bit."

"So we're worried, and we're harassed, Mout to death; And we're hurried and embarrassed, And our breath Cometh to us in short pants, It's no fun to have to glance, And forever look askance, Looking death."

Two Chinamen were burned to death in New York trying to save their god. It seems as if it would be more sensible to have sought a place of safety and then out another one.

Steel Magnet Weed has married a wealthy wife, has now laid aside her weeds and taken to the West.

The preacher who married Flagler to his absent wife is silent. It is a true saying that money talks.

Carrie Nation says "Drink selling could be made profitable by pleasant homes." Divorces might be by the same means.

And now again the show's the thing, we hear the raiser ring, and hear the charming chorus sing, and dance; yes, see them in pink tights and green, mink-spangled fairy queen, and jokes, all hoary, tank and white they prance.

Ah they're the same! the same old virg; the twinkling limbs and curls, the same old virg, the same old virg; there's naught that's new, since we did as we do, when I was just a boy, and you were just a kiddie, too, and skies were blue.

But now we're in the bald-head row, the where to look to go, and hear the cheers and laughter to the roof. The roof! the roof! our youth is the days of joys, devoid of care! the good old days of yore hair! An remaner, loosed.

Takes us down the same old way we trod, it was yesterday, and we, we go to see the play, as once we feel the thrills we once did feel, we hear the noise and spiel. Old jokes and home-made shapes are real, with a kid.

A CORNER FOR WOMEN. OLD-TIME FASHIONS. Along with many other old-time fashions that have revived, the garnet jewelry, one or more pieces or a treasured up among the relics of other days in man's man's jewel casket, is again in vogue. The shops are lining out a feature of this new-old style of jewelry, stone which is used is the Bohemian garnet, done gold, an odd and entirely novel effect being seen, little silver stud setting of tiny points which appear the garnets. A pretty illustration is a watch case, shape of a coiled body of a snake, studded with garnets, the inserting of tiny silver points, which impart a lustre to the dull red of the stone. The head of the watch points downward, is mounted with a single garnet.

The brown streak around the neck, caused by high collars, may be removed by using frequently a piece of cucumbers, or by trying thin slices of cucumbers around the neck when retiring.

The plainer and light housekeeper can buy coffee by the case, ready with cream and sugar, which need the addition of a cup of boiling water to make a cup of coffee.

A good cleaning paste for enameled baths, zinc is made of equal quantities of shaved yellow soap, and common soda dissolved over the fire in the least amount of water required to keep it from burning.

All traces of mud can easily be removed from clothes by rubbing the spots with a raw potato cut in thin slices, and rinsing with water.

Rail traps with sunflower seeds and rats and soon disappear, says one who knows.

An old-fashioned country remedy that a village doctor recommends to drive out moths is tansy leaves. They dried freely about woollens and furs prove efficient.

Witch hazel is especially valuable for tan and freckles. Pittsburgh Dispatch.

People are tiring of cretonne window boxes and some extent, though in all probability they will use more or less, but they have ceased to be a novelty here is something to supply their place. There are window seats of bamboo covered with Japanese matting in the matting color, and also in dark red. A good one is at the same time a commodious seat, and top and sides with the matting, will cost \$12.50, which is a different shape, more on the order of a settee, is also a box and big window boxes or seats enough to hold almost a summer's wardrobe of goods will cost some \$3. They are satisfactory because they are so easy to move, and will go with everything, always light and cool and they are durable.

SOME MENU SUGGESTIONS. LUNCH. Pickled Eggs, Cold Sliced Ham, Lunch Rolls, Hominy Croquettes, Strawberry Preserves, Tea Cakes, Lemonade.

DINNER. Bouillion, Meat Pie, Rice, Sweet Potatoes, Fried Turtrips, Tomato Salad, Cream Layer Cake, Lemon Sherbet, Coffee.

BREAKFAST TOMORROW. Peaches with Cream, Graham Toast in Milk (Canned) Lobster Croquettes, Rumbled Eggs, Soft Corn Bread, Muffins, Syrup, Coffee.

A Necessary Precaution. Pittsburgh Dispatch. The announcement that the belligerent Boers are reduced to the necessity of getting ammunition by the British should suggest to the latter the strategy of moving all their ammunition out of South and danger.

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