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NEWS AND COMMENT.

Happenings of the Week Not in the Dispatches.

SHORT, POINTED AND PETHY.

Bryan Like Lincoln—Will Stick Like Leeches—Will Vote For Bryan—Mysterious Disappearance—Dubois Not a Republican—Paris to Be Destroyed—Fecular Horse Thief.

Bryan is like Lincoln in this: Lincoln split rails; Bryan split the Democratic party.—Wichita Eagle.

If any one ever doubted that language was given to conceal one's thoughts, all he has to do is to read the Pop speeches and be convinced.—Philadelphia Press.

The Populists of Latah county met in convention at Moscow Tuesday and adjourned to meet again September 23. This was done upon the advice of State Chairman Ruick. It means fusion with the Democrats.—Boise Democrat.

Suppose you coin a billion dollars in silver, what benefit will that be unless you open the workshop, build the furnace fires, and start the spindles? Protection to American industries will do that, but coining silver money won't.

A Bryan paper reports with evident satisfaction that the ghost of A. Lincoln has come out for the Boy Orator. When it can demonstrate that there is a ghost of a show for Bryan the campaign will become interesting.—Detroit Free Press (Dem.)

Well and well again! Sewall, the Vice-presidential nominee of the silverites at Chicago, is not only a rich man, but hoot, mon! look the chicken coop and bring the woodpile into the parlor—Sewall, he is a bub bub banker!—Louisville Courier-journal (Dem.)

"Henry"
"Yes"
"I think Mr. Bryan is right in one."
"What is that, sire?"
"He says he will not accept a second term."—Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

A recently converted free silver 16 to 1 organ jumped up to inquire: "Why does not McKinley denounce silver?" For the very good reason that neither McKinley nor the party he represents is the enemy of silver. On the contrary, they are the best friends of silver.

The Democrats of the country are candid. "We are going to stick together like leeches," they say, "and bleed enough from the Republican party to give us the election." It might be proper to mention that sometimes you can not always sometimes tell. The indicator may be out of joint.—Oneida Standard.

Some thirty years ago a man named Arthur Smith, of Wichita, Kan., registered a vow that he would never cast another ballot for a presidential candidate, until a man west of the Mississippi was nominated. Mr. Smith is now 62 years old and says he has kept his vow and will cast his vote for Bryan. Pocatello Herald.

"Why," asks the Buffalo Express, "wouldn't it be a good idea for President Cleveland to wear a yellow jacket and peacock feathers when he receives Li Hung Chang?" For the reason that he hasn't any. The Chicago convention divested him of both, and came very near getting his undershirt.—Kansas City Journal.

Down along the Nile River the crocodile is worshiped by the blacks and held sacred. Many a mother will throw her baby to the monsters, thinking she is doing right, and will gain eternal life by it. Just now the Populist mother is preparing to throw her 6 year-old child to the Democratic crocodile.—Schuyler (Neb.) Quill (Pop.)

Paste this in your hat. Deer and antelope, may be lawfully killed between September, 1st and December 31st. Quail—October 1st and Dec. 1st. Prairie chickens, sage hens, fool hens, grouse, pheasants and partridges may be killed between August 1st and Dec. 15th. Ducks geese and swan may be killed between August 15th and April 15th.—Bee.

One of the noticeable things about a political street argument is that the party that knows the least about it works his face the hardest. The same rule applies to those who do much talking about the relative merit of candidates. The fellow who works his face the hardest in the latter argument must do the bulk of lying.—Rathdrum Blade.

A telegram announcing the sudden death of S. L. Boyer, a brother of Mrs. Burt Venable, at Silver city, on Sunday evening was received Monday morning. The editor of the Independent went to Silver city to attend the funeral, and the labor of getting out this issue of the paper has devolved upon a boy, all of which is offered as an excuse for the absence of local news.—Payette Independent.

A little boy, a baby in fact, of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kimmel, on the corner of Fourteenth and Washington streets, fell into the big ditch and was drowned on Thursday last. Its body was found floating on the Ellis ranch, below town, by some boys. Its parents were away from home and it was in the care of its grandmother at the time. The age of the little thing was twenty months.—Boise Democrat.

Mr. Bryan concluded his famous tariff speech in Congress March 16, 1892 in these words: "If it (the Democratic party) comes into power in all the departments of this government it will not destroy industry: It will not injure labor. It will bring prosperity and joy and happiness not to a few, but to every one, without regard to station or condition. * * * In that day, to use the words of another, 'Democracy will be king!' Long live the king."

The Idaho World delivers itself of the following pertinent sentences: "The Duboisites are for Bryan and silver. They are fighting the Republican platform and nominee; therefore they have no right in the straight Republican convention. The Republican party of this state supports McKinley. Those who are out of the Republican party have no right to participate in its primaries and conventions. The Dubois faction has declared, by its acts and its words, that it is out of the party."

Since the mysterious disappearance of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas from Sinker creek last spring, Mrs. Thomas' sister Mrs. Murphy, has resided on the ranch. This week while the latter lady was washing clothes in the yard, some one concealed in the willows near by, threw a stone which struck her on the forehead, knocking her insensible and making an ugly wound. She was lying insensible when found. There is a big crime to be unearthed in that neighborhood, and the time is not far distant.—Avalanche.

The Republican party stands now, as it has always stood, for a sound and stable currency and for the maintenance of all its money of every kind at parity, always equal to the best money of the most civilized nations of the earth. * * * A disordered currency is fatal to industry, frugality, and economy. It fosters the spirit of speculation and extravagance. It is the most effectual of inventions to fertilize the rich man's field with the sweat of the poor man's brow.—McKinley at Canton.

A peculiar case of horse stealing occurred in this community one night last week. At the ranch of Mrs. R. L. Wilkerson her three sons and a hired man were sleeping in the barn and sometime during the night a thief entered the premises and saddling one of Mrs. Wilkerson's best horses rode off. A few days later the horse was found in a pasture on the Jim Ross place in Indian valley where the thief had left it and appropriated another horse from the pasture belonging to the gentleman who recently bought the Ross ranch.—Salubria Citizen.

Senator Dubois occupies a position midway between those who are out of the Republican party with both feet, and the straight Republicans who will support McKinley. In Idaho he expects to partly affiliate with both. You are in a perilous position, Fred. When the grinding process begins you will be ground to dust between the two. The day has passed when a politician could stand in between and successfully work both ways. You have voluntarily taken that position and it is now too late to get out. Should you now come over to one side or the other the act would naturally be coupled with a great deal of damaging suspicion.—Idaho World, Pop.

West Point is trying to stop hazing.

and recently convicted Cadet Foy of Alabama for "hazing a plebe." His sentence was "one year's imprisonment." It came near arousing a rebellion. The students, on the night of the sentence, marched through the camp shouting, "Rah! Rah! Rah! U. S. M. A! Foy! Foy! Foy! What's the matter with Foy?" Then another squad took up the refrain and replied, "He's all right!" Such public disapproval of a sentence was never before shown at West Point. The punishment may be pretty severe, but the young bucks at West Point should understand that the people of the United States do not educate them at the public expense to make hoodlums of them.

C. H. Kistler, the defaulting sewing machine agent, dropped out of sight as if the earth or the waters had swallowed him. He was short about \$300 in his accounts which money he had doubtless squandered at the gaming table and the day of reckoning was at hand. He left Moscow ostensibly to visit Pullman, one day last month. He hastened to Lapwai where he sold his team and wagon for ten dollars, and before the trade was completed, took flight at the appearance of a team from Moscow and fled before receiving the pay. That was the last seen of him. The sheriffs of three counties have been looking for him.—Lewiston Teller.

A bit of sensational information that has been forgotten for more than 300 years has recently been brought to light, and is seriously disturbing the calm of the volatile French people. It is a lugubrious prophecy of Frere Philippe Olivarius of the Abbey of Citreux, and runs thus: "In the year 1896 Paris will be blotted out, never to reappear. Much evil and nothing good in those days. Many great cities will be burned." To make the matter worse, it is affirmed that the Frere Olivarius had in his day "a great reputation for perspicacity." But, as he goes still further and announces the end of the world for 1896, it makes a difference to Paris of only three years after all.

AS THE SOUTH SEES BRYAN.

The New Orleans Daily Item, a journal with independent tendencies, is wise enough to know that what is needed in Louisiana, and in the South at large, is protection to home industries. It regards the silver question as inferior to the tariff question, and looking thus on the political situation, it reads the possibility of the election of Bryan.

This is the picture, and it is a truthful one, of Mr. Bryan that the Item presents to its readers: "In 1894 he spoke and voted for the Wilson bill, and in later years this Nebraska statesman traversed his state from one end to the other crying out the beauties of a tariff for revenue only, and preaching the doctrine of free sugar to his admiring constituents."

"And Mr. Bryan comes from a state in which the infant industry of beet-sugar making needs the protecting arm of the national government. Nebraska's broad and fertile acres could become one great beet farm if only such budding and embryo statesmen as Bryan were abolished."

"But Bryan sees all governmental problems through theoretical spectacles, and a theorist of ability is the most dangerous foe in a republic, where popular favor is largely a matter of emotion and not of judgment. In Bryan's home territory two beets could be made to grow where one grows now, but Bryan's theories do not permit this radical departure from a tariff for revenue only. He wants to abolish beets altogether—except on the European continent."

"But to return to Bryan and his record. From the day of his entrance on the public stage to this hour he has been the consistent foe of every interest of Louisiana. The laboring man among us has seen his

work and wages disappear because Bryan and his theories were put in power while practical men were sent to the rear. In plain English, Bryan, Wilson, and their tribe of impracticals have well nigh wrecked Louisiana and to again restore them to power would complete the work of desolation.—Ex.

A LUCKY MAN.

C. S. Johnson, of Juneau, Alaska, has the unique distinction as a delegate of having helped to nominate both McKinley and Bryan. He had a seat in the St. Louis convention and picked the winner. Then he went to Chicago to "see the fun," and finding the convention short of Alaska men,

was agreeable enough to come to its relief. His candidate was Bryan. There is said to be no hope of beating Johnson for the next appointment to the Alaska governorship.—Ex.

THE BOSS MEAN MAN.

"Speaking for myself, it is immaterial in my judgment whether the sheep grower receives any benefit from the tariff or not.—Hon. Wm. J. Bryan. We quite believe you, Mr. Bryan. You are too mean, too selfish and too unpatriotic to have any desire to witness any degree of prosperity among your neighbors in Nebraska or any other Western State. Their happiness is immaterial to you as long as your legal fees and salary are undisturbed."

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