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The disasters in mines lately have been terrible, almost as bad as have the strikes among the workmen.

The Texas Democrats have again hitched their wagon onto Bryan's car and propose to sink or swim with him as their leader.

A good many people in Kansas imagine that Cuban reciprocity is good to eat. It is certainly eating at the vitals of some of the latter day politicians.

The man is becoming wise when he can find faults in his own life. So many of us are so busy looking for them in others that we escape the view of ourselves.

Russell Sage is said to be buying all the timber land he can get at prices to suit him in Mississippi, and this is only additional evidence of the old man's genius and long head.

There is as much difference in the kinds of politics of the several states in this Union as there is between the crops produced by the soil, or the styles of dress worn by the ladies.

If the Democrats of this country wait for Hill and Bryan to get together and fix things up for an aggressive campaign, they will not be in the next two or three presidential contests at all.

The President is taking things easy at his Oyster Bay home and receiving distinguished delegations who are always willing to follow a man with offices to give out, if he would jump in to a river.

There is little doubt that Hanna will be in the race for the Republican nomination for President, nor is there any doubt that he will be able to push the present miss-carriage occupant into the gutter.

When Bryan and Hill and Cleveland get through discussing their sore heads, perhaps the Democrats will get together and effect some sort of an organization that will mean a straight fight anyway.

Memphis, jealous of some of its neighbors, is becoming a very, very wicked town itself, and the trouble is that when a conviction is had of a criminal, there is a way devised by the judges to pardon the rascal.

J. R. Strain has retired from the position of editor of the Houston Reporter and will take charge as principal of the Buena Vista schools. Wm. Ruff becomes editor of the Reporter and promises to make the paper all its support will warrant.

Hobson, the popular American, scored another triumph at St. Louis the other day by rescuing from the water a young lady who hopped in to see if he could get her out. Her picture in the papers are suggestive that the hero of the Merimas should have let her float away.

The sudden rise in the price of corn in Chicago last week, made it especially tough on the rural buyers, who are always caught for advances, but do not come in for the sudden slumps which follow, for weeks after the slump comes. The speculator is the man who makes the consumer groan.

Nobody imagines that Roosevelt means any harm to the trusts in all his threats just now. Without the assistance of the trusts the Republican party would last about as long as a snow ball in that region where the preachers admonish us to steer clear of. Roosevelt is just like other politicians, he is after the coon.

Governor Taft, of the Philippines, and party was received by Pope Leo at the vatican in Rome Monday at noon and given a very hearty reception on the eve of taking their departure. All the troubles between the Pope and this government over the removal of the Friars from the Philippines, seems to have been adjusted and the priests must pull their freight.

Wonder if Major Vardaman had been reading the Clarion Ledger when he penned the following last week: "The little finky who hangs around and gets his grub for singing the praise of his office holding patrons is about the most pusillanimous thing on earth. He is a veritable human cur who is ever ready to bark, lie down, roll over or do anything his master may tell him to do for a crumb."

The wife of Lieutenant Peary, the famous explorer of the region north, in search of the north pole, has been diligently searching for him but in vain. If the lady's picture printed in the papers does not flatter her, she is foolish to spend her time looking for him, for a man who would leave such a handsome creature and turn his face toward the frigid zone isn't worth looking after, when he gets lost.

The President has retired General Jacob H. Smith from active service in the army because that gentleman issued some strong orders to his men during the heated term in the Philippines, to the effect that he did not want any prisoners, but wanted his men to kill and burn. The chances are that had President Roosevelt been in General Smith's place, he would have issued similar orders, and there is little probability that his language would have been any more choice.

A sensible colored man of this city, who attended the religious services for his people at the Tabernacle Sunday afternoon, objects to the plan of the preacher to class all the colored people under the same tent, as vicious and unreliable. He insists that there were white spectators at the services to whom the minister might have turned and applied some of his lecturing with equal propriety, as he applied it to the black folks in front of him.

The fact is that this great country has grown so much lately that it naturally costs a pile of money to keep the old thing going, for the older it gets the more giddy it seems to become, and fine dress and style can't be kept up without the expenditure of a goodly sum of money. Of course we must have a great navy, a big army, plenty of little offices and all sorts of frills and furbelows to keep other countries from making faces at us.

The fact is that the American people are becoming tired and weary of the party organ fad. They want newspapers, published in the interest of the producers of the wealth of the land, and not run in the interest of whatever gang happens to get hold of the party machinery for a time, jumping to another gang as soon as it becomes successful and carries off the machine. Prudence and not policy ought to be the watch word for a few years and then all this pot house politician business would melt away like the dew from the morning sunshine.

The Kansas people, since they have enjoyed several summer rains and the creeks have been out of their banks, imagine they will never be looked upon again as a part of the great American desert. In other words, they are making all kinds of fun of the fellows who have been trying to get congress to pass an irrigation law which would provide for watering the arid lands in the dry times when moisture is needed. As a good Methodist brother once said, "When it rains in Kansas, all hell can't stop it," but the time will come when the cartoons in Kansas papers will not be picturing people riding about in boats.

To one not prejudiced by the influence of office, no decision can be reached as between the two men, when Longino says he didn't and Rush says he did. The people have no more sympathy with Rush in the treasury matter, than they have for Longino in his purchase at his own figures the products of the Penitentiary farm, which act was as much in conflict with the law as was Rush's loading of state funds. Fact is both should be convicted, but of course they will not, and it is barely possible that neither will pay any penalty more than that of the condemnation of the honest people of the state.

The Kansas people are all torn up now over the Cuban reciprocity business, and the queer thing about it is that it don't make any more difference to any of them whether Cuba sinks or swims than it does to a Digger Indian. But Kansas must be sensational, sentimental, and sassy. A few of her sons who want office, go into a quarrel over something they have read about in the Congressional Record and the entire state takes sides. If Kansas is for Cuban reciprocity, however, it is for it, and the man who gets under the gun, be he a senator or a candidate for senatorial honors, will get run over and that's all there is to it.

"If it were not for the hosts who send for a doctor, when they really do not need anything, we would have a much harder row to hoe than we have," said a physician the other day who had just returned from a five mile ride to see a woman who had been having a pain in her side. "And yet a good many people die by neglecting to protect themselves when they should do so." This is certainly true, and does not apply alone to the medical profession. Hundreds of men in every avocation of life, rush to the lawyer or the doctor, or the merchant and blow themselves, when there is no more real need of it than for a man to take his shoe off and put it on again. We are too anxious to do something just because others do it, and by so doing, we contract habits which grow upon us and finally land us in the company of cranks and toddlers to customs that any of us would gladly avoid, and kick if accused of such an attitude.

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As Ashley Cocks, who was convicted of murder in the first degree at Greenville, for the shooting of a conductor on the Illinois Central, in connection with a drunken companion, Thomas Lauderdale, and sentenced to be hung on Tuesday of this week, watched the sun set for the last time on Monday evening and turning from the window of his cell, said: "I hope they will hang us before 11 o'clock, so we can arrive in hell in time for dinner." His mother and sister had been with him for several days, pleading with him to embrace religion, but he remained stolid and indifferent. A strong effort was also made to induce the Governor to interfere and compute his sentence to life imprisonment, which the Governor on Monday refused to do, saying he could find no excuse for his interference in the decisions of the court.

The West Point Leader thinks the Missisippians who are opposing the plan of drawing taxes out of the white people to educate the negroes and make criminals out of them, are doing very wrong, giving as a reason for its position that all his life the editor has known the negro, played with him in childhood, hunted rabbits and "possums" with him. As a rule that is the most harmless period of a negro's life, when he is hunting and playing. All negroes do not become vicious, nor are all of them bad, but the experience of many people teach them that the polished negro gets some does not want to work for a living, a condition which spoils white or black as a rule, and that it is the height of folly for any people to rob their own children in taxing themselves to make criminals out of any class with them, who without that education are happy, contented, industrious and useful to themselves and the section in which they live. The editor of the Leader, we firmly believe, will find that the people of this state are for the policy he opposes, and that when they again get a whack at the ballot they will express themselves in no unmistakable tones.

The politicians of Kansas are getting themselves into a most elegant attitude to again turn that state over to the opposition, whatever it may be. Fact is that when the people of Kansas get disgusted with the high handed work of the leaders of any political party, they simply rise up and sweat them, no matter if their party does go to defeat. For a time the R-publicans of the state got the idea into their heads that they not only owned the offices but the people as well. The worst men in the party got to the front and the manner in which they carried on was a sight. The people rose up and dumped the whole lot into the gutter. The combination of Democrats and Populists who followed soon became as corrupt as the fellows they had defeated had been, and the Republicans came in again, because the people were determined to punish their offenders. Now it seems the new lot of Republicans have turned out as bad if not worse than were either of the former lots into whose hands the state's affairs had fallen. Senator Barton got into a row with the President over Cuban reciprocity, while his state was in hearty accord with the plan suggested by the president, and the senator seems to have carried with him Governor Stanley, who is a candidate for the senate and Charley Curtis, also a candidate for the senate. Thus the men asking for the suffrage of the people of the state as well as the sen-

ator now enjoying its fruits, are defying the sentiment of the masses, and the only result can be the overthrow of the senator and the defeat of the new aspirants. For Kansas people will stand no foolishness.

Meridian is soon to vote on the question of issuing \$200,000 in bonds to build a water works plant for the city, to be owned and operated by the municipality. In this step Meridian is showing itself to be abreast of the times. There is no argument against a municipality owning its own public utilities. Okolona adopted this plan years ago as to light and water both and has never regretted the step. No man has money enough to buy the city's interest in and control of the works here and turn them over to private control, if the people were to vote upon the proposition. Other much larger cities have adopted the same plan and successfully carried it out. Among these may be named Kansas City, which after being robbed for years by private management of their water works, submitted the question to their people who voted over 12,000 in favor of the municipal ownership plan to less than 1,300 against it. If Meridian is wise it will get out of the clutches of the water works octopus as early as possible. If an individual can run such a plant at a profit the city can do the same and insure far better service to all. Another point in favor of municipal ownership lies in the fact that when the city is getting the rental the public is not so ready to kick for they alike share its benefits and want to see it prosper as a tax saving device, and many more will patronize it than can be obtained by any private corporation. Of course there can be abuses in this public service, but no more than in any other.

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