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So it seems that Capt. Coghlan had tarried too long at the wine.

The chief trouble with trusts is that nobody is willing to trust them.

There is strong talk of an extra session of congress in September.

The campaign for bimetalism begun in 1896 will surely score a victory in 1900.

It is estimated that 26 per cent of the wheat crop in Kansas has been winter-killed.

A bill passed the Missouri senate, Tuesday, requiring druggists who sell liquor to pay \$20 a year license.

If you want to forget all your other sorrows, says the *Feminine Observer*, just get a pair of tight shoes.

The fact that familiarity breeds contempt accounts for some men not respecting themselves more than they do.

The best way for negroes to keep from being lynched in the South is to stop committing their outrageous and heinous crimes.

THIRTEEN has again been set down as an unlucky number. A Chicago man with 13 children committed suicide the other day.

The three "M's"—Mexico, Moberly and Macon—are neck and neck, with Chillicothe a close second, for the state fair location.

The city marshal of Cole Camp, Mo., shot and killed J. L. Stewart, Tuesday, for resisting arrest and drawing a pistol on the officer.

The U. S. gunboat, Nashville, is expected to arrive at St. Louis about May 11th, and the event will be celebrated in grand style.

The enrollment of students at the State university has reached 929, the largest enrollment ever attained at that institution.

EX-GOV. RICHARD J. OGLESBY of Illinois died last Monday afternoon. His death was caused by concussion of the brain resulting from a fall.

The latest thing in the way of a trust is the United States Worsted company, which has just been incorporated in New Jersey with a capital of \$70,000,000.

SENATOR WOLCOTT, it is said, has decided to recommend Mrs. H. W. Tabor as postmistress of Denver, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of ex-Senator Tabor, her husband.

HAD Mrs. George's husband killed George D. Saxton 10 years ago the universal opinion of the public would have been that Saxton was served as he deserved to be.

GROVER CLEVELAND and Mark Hanna are members of the same fishing club, but there is no danger of their corrupting each other's political morals.

WHAT a scatteration there will be of the Missouri legislature after the fourth of May. The \$1 a day salary goes into effect the fourth of next month.

The Missouri and Mississippi rivers are both on a rampage. Thousands of acres of valuable farm lands have been overflowed along the lower Mississippi.

ONE who evidently speaks from experience says that married people get along a great deal better when the husband gives his wife an allowance and she makes allowances for her husband.

The hardest battle yet fought between the American and Filipino forces occurred at Quingua last Monday. Eight Americans were killed and 49 wounded. The loss to the insurgents was much greater.

The formation of a big copper trust, to control the output of the United States, may enable Senator Clark of Montana to buy a few more oil paintings and to spike down his seat in the United States senate.

AN Indiana woman is suing an alleged hypnotist who, she says, "controls all her actions." The question naturally comes up: Why did he make her bring the suit?

BOB WHITE, the editor of the *Mexico Ledger*, is becoming more famous than ever through the announcement that Mexico is out of debt and has \$3,500 in the city treasury.

KANSAS is again prominently before the public. Suits amounting to many thousand dollars have been filed against the Western Union Telegraph company in that state for refusing to transmit messages at rates fixed by the state legislature.

St. Louis people are much in earnest about the world's fair to be held in that city in 1903 for the purpose of fittingly celebrating the centennial anniversary of the Louisiana purchase, and are giving liberally of their means to make the fair a grand success.

A RESOLUTION was passed by the lower house of the Missouri legislature, Tuesday, ordering the discharge of 100 employes, their discharge to take effect the last of this month. This retrenchment and reform comes too late to save the tax-payers anything of consequence, but it is better late than never.

DR. W. H. GEIGER of St. Joseph was killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun while climbing into his buggy, the hammer to the gun having caught on one of the buggy wheels. Dr. Geiger and his wife were starting to the country to spend the day at the time of the tragedy, Monday morning.

SENATOR M. S. QUAY of Pennsylvania has been "vindicated" of the charge of bank-wrecking. If Quay didn't wreck the bank who did? The Pennsylvania statesman looks quite natural in a coat of whitewash. He has worn the same "costume" on former occasions.

THOSE so-called Democratic papers that listen to the siren songs of Belmont, the Judas, who poses as a Democrat in New York, are not very reliable. Beware of all such papers—they will betray you, the same as Belmont and his gang did the Democratic ticket in 1896.

VICE-PRESIDENT HOBART has notified President McKinley that he (Hobart) will not be a candidate for reelection on account of his impaired health. Mr. Hobart has heart trouble, and it is no wonder when it is considered how close he is to the McKinley administration.

FORTY-EIGHT new warships are now in process of construction by the United States. The McKinley administration seems to be going into the war business on a large scale. It evidently believes in "expanding" in that direction as well as on other lines.

A BILL introduced by Representative Hawkins of Marion county passed the lower house of the Missouri legislature, Wednesday, authorizing assessors, when they find that a man has property that has escaped taxation, to assess it for all the years it has escaped, with 10 per cent penalties.

THE bill of Representative Wight of Randolph giving the railroad commissioners power to make railroads run their trains so that they will connect with connecting lines has passed both the house and senate and is now awaiting the signature of Gov. Stephens. The bill stipulates that the law must not interfere with the general time tables of the roads so as to cripple the service.

HAD you ever noticed the blacker a man's character how prone the brute is to try to drag others to his own level of degradation and shame? A certain citizen of Sumner, whose name we would call except for the respect we bear our readers, is posing as a "reformer," when in reality his own record on female negro and other dark lines is a cesspool of the most stagnant stench of corruption and vice.

**THE "KATY" FLYER.
ON AGAIN—APRIL 30TH.**

ANY man who admits that a government bond is a safe investment, must necessarily admit that a government currency is just as safe—no matter if it be gold, silver, nickel or paper.

It is announced that President McKinley's instructions to the beef court demanded a full investigation of the embalmed beef scandal. We sincerely hope these instructions have not got any string to them.

GOLD-BUG papers continue to suggest "logical candidates" for the presidency—on the Democratic ticket. They seem very much interested. But Democrats care nothing for their suggestions. Bryan will be the Democratic candidate.

AND now our Christian (?) administration has ordered a batch of Bibles printed in Tagalog—the Filipino dialect. McKinley ought to have the declaration of independence, Lincoln's emancipation proclamation and some of his own speeches also printed in Tagalog, to show the Tagalogs what kink of a chameleon he is.

OUR masters down in the white house at Washington were very eager to ship three million dollars, part silver, to Cuba to give to the poor Cuban soldiers—which is perhaps all right. But there are several million poor, hungry and patriotic Americans in this country that are much more deserving of such a gift.

WHY all this talk about the New York renegades such as Croker, Hill Belmont and their set? They are not Democrats. They have no right to assist in making a platform or choosing the candidate for the party they opposed in 1896. The platform should be made by Democrats from states that are Democratic.

It is rather amusing and also ridiculous to read in the gold advocating papers, under big head lines, of the great prosperity that is bounding over this country—then in another place of men striking for living wages, and of the hard works of the charity boards to care for the paupers and worthy poor, who are unable to get work.

"THE sacred right of property must be protected," so say the judges, in deciding that the rich tax-shirkers must not be taxed on their incomes—but the poor must pay a stamp tax on everything to pay the expense of waging a war of conquest, in order that the rich tax-shirkers and favored contractors may "legally" rob on government contracts—indeed this is one of the white man's burden.

WHILE a minister of the gospel—who was also a deputy sheriff—was conducting services at Spanishburg, W. Va., Sunday, he saw two mountaineers in the congregation for whom he had warrants. He left the pulpit with his revolver in his hand, handcuffed the men, took them up near the altar where he could keep his eye on them, proceeded with the services and at the close of the meeting marched his prisoners off to jail.

MORE peace jubilees in this country and more war-ships, ammunition and American soldiers being sent to assimilate the Filipinos is about as consistent as any of the things done by the present occupants of the white house, by and with the consent of Marcus and the votes of the "innocents" who were bamboozled by the "international agreement" bait in 1896.

THERE are in this country a great variety of beats and beets—there is the pulse beat, the heart beat, the policeman's beat, the sugar beet, the red beat and the dead beat—the last is a species of biped that takes the local paper for several years and then when requested to pay up, throws the paper back into the post-office marked "refused." This is the genuine dead beat and it grows in all parts of the country.

It will, indeed, be a miracle if there is not another rebellion in Cuba and Porto Rica before many months have elapsed. The inhabitants of those ill-fated islands have too long been struggling for the right of all mankind—freedom,—to meekly submit to the insolent treatment they are now receiving from the squirts in control. They will soon begin on Markinley's unless the unfortunates bow in meek and humble submission to their new slave drivers.

WHAT could the little band of millionaire oppressors of labor in this country do if the oppressed would only be as true and loyal to each other as the oppressors are? Why, the people could win prosperity and freedom at one election were they only organized as are the rich trust magnates and their puppets, the law-makers, at Washington. The oppressed people alone are to blame for their present condition.

A RETURN to the free coinage of silver would open up the mines of the West and put new life and energy into every industry in the land except one—gambling in gold interest-bearing bonds. With the opening of the mines and the mints there would be a new demand for the products of the mills, which would also begin to hum again—and, indeed, the bright sun of prosperity would once more be visible to the American laborer and wealth producer as well as to the Wall street gamblers.

THE debating team of the Missouri university has been given the affirmative in the Missouri-Nebraska debate to occur in Lincoln sometime in May. The question to be argued is as follows: Resolved, That combinations of railroads to maintain rates are undesirable and should be prohibited by law." Missouri was victorious in debate with Nebraska last year, and entertains great hopes for a like success this year.

GREAT preparations are being made at lavish public expense for a peace jubilee in Washington next month. Great God! what sacrilege—a peace jubilee! and slaying still being committed daily in the far-away Philippine islands; more soldiers being sent there daily—trouble brewing in Porto Rica, Cuba and Samoa; new war-ships being contracted for, and a brutal policy of tyranny being propagated by our national administration. Yet a peace jubilee is to be pulled off in May in our national capital. Let us cease slaying and being slain, let us have peace—never mind the jubilee.

THE big city papers that worship at the golden shrine of imperialism and shout protection and prosperity, tell beautifully worded tales of the "good times" this country is now enjoying, because last year the millionaires contributed about eleven million dollars they never earned to endow professorships and colleges, in which to teach their dogmas and doctrines. When a few men have millions of dollars they never earned to thus invest, it certainly signifies that there must be millions who have been robbed of the fruits of their toil by these few—by special and purchased legislation.

EVERY American workingman who now thinks he is benefitted by a high protective tariff is badly mistaken in his belief, and would change his mind instanter were he to put party prejudice aside and fairly investigate the matter. He would find that the high tariff produces no revenue to the government—neither does it increase the wages of the American laborer or mechanic. The only persons it does benefit are the manufacturers and mill-owners. It enables them to charge more for their products, but the workmen do not share in the spoils.

WE have said many mean things about Markie Hanna in the past—and perhaps most that we have said has been and is true. But Markie is one man, and the only one we know of in the United States senate, or in any other official position for that matter, who has spoke the whole truth as regards public officials generally. It has been much quoted and commented on the remark that Hanna made that "no man in public office owes the public anything." This is absolutely true. It may sound strange to some, but it is true nevertheless and will apply until the present system of nominating public officials is changed. It is true that all the people vote to put men into office, but the machine first nominates the candidates—then the people hurrah for them and vote for them—and think they have had a big part in the play. Well they have—they have played the hand that was dealt to them by the sharpers. When all the people exercise their rights as they should ignore the machine, and take part in the selection and nomination of candidates—then, and not until then will the words of Mark Hanna be true.

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