

At the rate the sentiment is growing against expansion it won't be long until that sentiment, if put to a vote of the people, would also be 16 to 1.

With all the boasted prosperity of the gold-bug shouters the fact remains that the sheriff is the leading real estate agent in every county in every state in the union.

McKINLEY was elected on a bi-metallic platform, and his first official act was to call a special session of congress to pass a robber tariff bill to favor the trusts and manufacturers who contributed to Hanna's boodle fund.

It has been given out by the Republicans that the next congress will enact currency reform measures, and the selection of Congressman Henderson of Iowa as speaker, it is said, will tend to give the people a much better financial system.

A CONVENTION of tramps will be held at Danville, Ill., June 17-19. Invitations and programs have been printed and scattered broadcast over the country and an interesting gathering is expected. The programs are headed, "Tourist Union, No. 63."

THE American people should demand that no more franchises be voted away or sold, either by city councils, state legislatures or our national congress. The whole people should receive the benefit of all public institutions, irrespective of any party.

MRS. McCRAE, the widow of the late Charles M. McCrae, has succeeded her husband in the publication of the *Rolla Herald*. That the *Herald* will be a thorough success there is no question, as Mrs. McCrae is a talented lady and in every way capable of the undertaking she has assumed.

We are glad to note that those New York Democrats, though not yet favoring the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, have ceased their abuse of the real Democrats and are rapidly preparing to get into the band wagon. New York Democrats are all right—it is only a few would-be dictators who are wrong.

A LITTLE over a year ago the Democrats, backed by a few sensible Republicans, forced the issue in congress, declared a war for humanity, thrashed Spain thoroughly and set enslaved Cuba free, and now the Hananites come to the front and claim all the glory just because it all happened under a Republican administration.

KANSAS CITY is exerting her influence to capture the national Democratic convention in 1900. It is believed that the convention will be held west of the Mississippi river and the Kaw city thinks she ought to have it, and advises St. Louis that she has too much work on her hands with the world's fair to ask for the convention.

THE Howard-Baker feud in Kentucky continues to be the leading sensation of that state. At the Manchester court-house where the trial was in progress, Saturday, Tom Baker, who was in a tent under guard of the sheriff, was shot by an unknown party. This makes about 30 men killed since the feud began about three years ago.

A GREAT many of the eastern Democrats who voted with the gold-bugs in 1896 have expressed their willingness to vote for the regular Democratic nominee at the coming election. They claim that they would rather stand free silver at the 16 to 1 ratio than the hydra-headed, blood-sucking trusts and a big tax for a large standing army.

THE Filipino question seems to be no nearer the end than when the war began so far as a definite settlement is concerned. The Philippine islands are so numerous and vast in area that it will require a very much larger army than there is in the islands at present to conquer the rebels in any given time. The cables reports state that the American soldiers seem to be thoroughly acclimated and are standing the rainy season admirably.

THE Republican grafting committee is ever alert for a contribution from the trusts, and yet will make a false pretense to oppose these great oppressors of commerce in the next national struggle between the people and their oppressors.

ADMIRAL DEWEY has again shown his true manhood by refusing to accept the elegant home which his admiring countrymen have offered to give him, and says he prefers to see the money expended in the erection of a hospital for disabled soldiers and sailors.

NOT a single pledge or promise ever made by the g. o. p. that was or would have been beneficial to the masses of the people, has ever been kept. This is an undisputable matter of history that any observing and non-prejudiced man knows to be true, and the people are getting weary of such deception.

PRESIDENT LOUBET of France is determined that the Royalists must submit to the Republican form of government if it takes the whole French army to do it. Sunday the president attended the races guarded by 14,000 regular soldiers. There was no evidence of an outbreak, nor any shouting whatever from the opposing faction.

THE people of Columbia are in a state of ecstatic bliss. The new railway that will give them an outlet to Jefferson City, Sedalia and St. Louis is rapidly nearing completion. The *Columbia Herald* is now trying to get the people of that town to subscribe sufficient funds to purchase a site for a terminal depot in the city limits. The company threatens to locate it about half a mile from town unless a site is given them in the city.

THIS rip-snorting McKinley prosperity that is swishing all over the country has at last struck the farmers square in the solar plexus, but not in a way they will much appreciate. A combination has been formed by all the makers of plows, corn planters, cultivators, etc., to advance the price 20 per cent over that now being charged, which is high, very high, when compared to the price the farmer receives for the products of his labor.

THE prize-fight for the world's championship, which occurred in New York, Friday night, between Bob Fitzsimmons and Jas. J. Jeffries, resulted in the defeat of Fitzsimmons in the eleventh round. Fitzsimmons entered the ring at 156 pounds and Jeffries at 206 pounds. It is claimed by those versed in fisticology that the victory was due to Jeffries' weight over his opponent. The gate receipts amounted to about \$83,000, of which Fitzsimmons got \$25,000 and Jeffries \$15,000.

AT the next election there will be one judge to elect for the St. Louis and one for the Kansas City court of appeals. So far no candidate is forthcoming for St. Louis, but Judge Broadus of Livingston county and Judge Gill of Kansas City are both strong candidates for the Kansas City place, but the *COURIER* predicts that Hon. C. B. Crawley of Keytesville will be the Democratic nominee for that important position. No better man for the place could be found in the western district of Missouri than Mr. Crawley.

THE venomous attack on ex-Governor Stone by some of Missouri's Republican newspapers will result in injury to the Republicans and their party in the state much worse than it will Mr. Stone. Their accusation is that Gov. Stone played the traitor in the management of Hon. R. P. Bland's campaign in 1896. It can be proven by half a dozen of Stone's co-workers that he worked night and day while at Chicago to nominate Mr. Bland, nor did he give up till the last vestige of hope was gone, and then at Mr. Bland's earnest request he cast the vote of the Missouri delegation for Hon. Wm. J. Bryan. Hon. Nicholas M. Bell, Hon. S. B. Cook and Hon. J. W. Farris all knew every movement made by Gov. Stone in presenting Mr. Bland's name before the convention for the presidential nomination, and they stand ready and challenge every single statement made against him by

THE *St. Louis Republic* says: A Chilcat Indian tribe sacrificed one of their maidens in a superstitious attempt to avert starvation. A man always vents his wrath on a woman when his meals come irregular.

THE *Paris Mercury* of last week does both itself and Judge Rucker a great injustice when it makes the statement that Judge Rucker was in Chillicothe lending his influence to that city in its efforts to get the state fair, and takes that as a text to chide the people of Moberly over Judge Rucker's ingratitude in not giving a helping hand to Moberly when she had her rod up in the hope that it would be struck by state fair lightning. The facts in the case are that Judge Rucker took no part whatever in the state fair controversy for he neither went to Moberly nor to Chillicothe. Like every other loyal citizen of the Second congressional district Judge Rucker would have been glad to see the fair located at Chillicothe or Moberly, but as a representative of the district he could not well choose between those two cities. Some evil-minded person started the report at Moberly that Judge Rucker had gone to Chillicothe to give that city "a boost" in securing the state fair, but this report was afterwards rectified by both the *Moberly Monitor* and the *Moberly Democrat*. The *COURIER* hopes that the editor of the *Mercury* possesses manhood enough to set himself and Judge Rucker right when he learns the facts as they really exist.

LOOK UP THE RECORDS.

Those capitalistic tom-toms who sound the new-gog and beat the tom-toms in announcing to all the world that Bryan is a dead duck and the silver issue is a back number because it was defeated in 1896, should bear in mind the fact that at the election in 1896 for president Mr. Bryan received 6,502,825 votes—votes of the intellectual and loyal white people of this country.

This was 1,591,708 more votes than were cast for Grover Cleveland in the year 1884, and Cleveland was elected. Again, Mr. Bryan received 945,907 votes more than Cleveland received in 1892 and Cleveland was elected. No Democratic candidate ever received such a large vote as Mr. Bryan and the free silver cause did in 1896, and those Republican papers which continually play the songs doled out to them by their plutocratic masters should look up the records a little, as their silly sallies of would-be wit only show up their own ignorance, or else go to prove that they purposely lied in order to try and deceive the people, but the people are onto their game. Just bear this one truth in mind:

Mr. Bryan in 1896 received more than a million majority of the intelligent white votes cast for presidential electors, and in 1900 he will be elected president in spite of Hanna and his satraps.

THE ISSUES FOR 1900.

The political issues of the Democratic party for 1900 are no longer a theory. They are already outlined and are triune—first, that grand old Jeffersonian principle, "equal rights to all and special privileges to none;" second, the free coinage of silver and gold at a ratio of 16 to 1 and third, the opposition to the formation of gigantic trusts that will reduce the working man's wages and raise the price of the necessities of life.

The Democrats will also oppose the Republican idea of a large standing army, as they realize that such a condition would be incompatible to a liberty-loving and peaceable people, and place an additional tax with which the masses are already overburdened.

These issues will make the American people pause and consider before casting their vote for the next administration. The leaders that will be put forward by the Democrats will be in earnest in their fight for the common people all over the land. It matters not whether these people are Republicans, Democrats, Populists or Prohibitionists they will vote these issues because they are right. There is nothing in them that fosters trusts, coercion and slavery.

Let every Democrat uphold that grand old basic principle of the past 100 years, given us by Thomas Jefferson, and invite the people to vote to sustain it.

# Big Bargains In Millinery!!

Beginning with Saturday, May 6th, I will offer special inducements in Millinery for the next 15 days. My stock is large, well-selected and stylish and the high class of my trimming speaks for itself. I will not only sell you Millinery at Rock Bottom Prices, but will give each of my customers a ticket on every \$1 worth of goods they purchase, entitling them to participate in a drawing for a \$75 bicycle, which I expect to give away the 4th of July, 1899.

You not only get the value of your money in the goods you buy, but you may be the lucky one to get the bicycle.



## Mrs. C. P. Vandiver, Keytesville, Missouri.

WITH her many family feuds Kentucky is furnishing a long list for the criminal calendar. Some years ago whenever the great dailies needed something sensational to write about they invariably found plenty of subject matter in Texas, but now it seems that Kentucky is more than supplying the demand and Texas is relegated to the rear.

SOME politician in Chicago has interviewed all the members of the national Democratic committee as to what should be the party's battle-cry in 1900, and as a result he says that Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Arkansas and the Indian Territory are the only states that place free silver as the leading issue. He says all the other states stand non-committal on the question. It is evident that this politician is either a gold-bug or a Republican. While his statement may be true, it is clearly evident that every Democratic delegation will vote for the adoption of the '96 platform with only an addition of two planks—one against trusts and the other against a large standing army, and possibly an anti-expansionist plank.

It is a foregone conclusion that the free silver leader of 1896 will be the Democratic nominee for president in 1900 and the question has been propounded as to where the battle would be fought. Certainly not in Missouri, Texas or Georgia for they are already Democratic. Not in Maine, Pennsylvania or other solid Republican states, for the odds are too great to win even a county. The principal battle-ground in 1900 will be in Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, and the hardest fought contest must be made in the great cities—Indianapolis, Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Newark, Jersey City, Buffalo, Brooklyn, New York, Hartford, Bridgeport, New Haven and other cities of large proportions where a possible chance for victory is predominant. The rural districts must be canvassed and every inch of ground contested, but these great cities are potent factors and must be on the Democratic side to insure absolute Democratic victory.

MRS. BAKER, the wife of Tom Baker, who was killed at Manchester, Ky., lately by the White-Howard faction, declares that she intends to teach her 11 children that the ambition of their lives is to kill a White or a Howard and avenge their father's death.

THE municipality of Havana has presented Gen. Maximo Gomez with a certificate naming him Havana's adopted son. The ceremony is regarded as a very high honor, which has been bestowed only upon men of the highest standing in Cuba. The action is generally approved except by a few of the old patriot's personal enemies.

THE *Jefferson City Weekly Press*, Vol. 1, No. 1, reached our exchange table last week. It is published daily and weekly by the Press Publishing Co., and is neat, newsworthy and well gotten up. It is a six-column quarto, and if the initial number of the *Press* is a fair criterion it bids fair to become one of Missouri's most prominent newspapers.

IN 1896 the Republicans were and claim now to be in favor of bi-metallicism. It was on this question the Republican ticket was elected. Now the party repudiates its own platform and is scheming to more firmly establish the single gold standard. The Republican party has no policy, and never has any policy, only what is injected into its leaders by the invisible empire—the money power. How can an intelligent voter be longer deceived by such chameleon tactics?

IN a conference with Director Merriman of the census bureau at Washington, Monday, Senator Cockrell was advised that the question of census supervisors had been finally settled, and that Missouri was entitled to six Democratic district supervisors. The districts are the First, Second, Third, Ninth, Twelfth and Thirteenth, the Republicans getting the other seven. Senator Cockrell has not yet recommended his men for the places, but will do so as soon as he can hear from the congressmen in each district.

THE Atlanta (Ga.) *Review*, in a recent editorial on the race question, advises the white women to arm themselves and go armed at all times. As a result the women who are not able to buy firearms are furnished them by their more fortunate sisters, who are also petitioning the commissioners of each county to help furnish funds for this purpose.

CAPT. HENRY NICHOLS, the commander of the double turreted monitor, *Monadnock*, now off Cavite in Manila bay, died last Saturday of sun stroke. The funeral was conducted, Sunday, with appropriate naval ceremonies. The monitor had been shelling Paranaque for sometime, and the heat became so intense last week that many of the sailors were overcome.

If the imperialists have to completely subdue the Filipinos and rob them of the right of self-government to which they are entitled, why is there a demand for more soldiers to be sent across the sea to be murdered in the "benevolent assimilation" of those islands that are not worth 30 cents to the United States, even though we should receive them as a present?

AT the opening of the naval recruiting office in St. Louis, Tuesday, several hundred applicants were crowded around the doors waiting to be examined. The rigid physical test makes the work very slow, and it is not likely that the required number will be reached for two or three weeks. There are five recruiting stations in the different large cities with only 300 men to be appointed by all. This will give the St. Louis station about 60 to select.

THE editor of the *Monroe City Democrat*, or some of his relatives, are certainly figuring on running for representative of Monroe county next year. He has been criticizing different county officials, especially the present representative, for their mismanagement and misdeeds for over a year. But maybe, like many other county officials in the state, they need a weekly censure from some of their newspapers to keep them within the bounds of economic reason.