

# CHARITON COURIER.

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Don't eat ice. A Chicago man who undertook to cool himself off in that way was seized with the cramp colic, and when the doctors were called they operated on him for appendicitis.

The Kansas City Star gives that city's base ball club the following cruel thrust: "The reason the Blues were not beaten three times at Milwaukee yesterday is because they played only twice."

There is one temporary result of the British-Boer war for which the people of England should be grateful for the time-being, at least. The publication of a number of English novels has been delayed for a year or more.

The trusts wink knowingly when they read the anti-trust plank in the national Republican platform. They know from past experiences and present conditions that the Republican party will never do anything to hurt its beloved trusts.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat has become "so English" that it thinks the following observation of the London Spectator is worthy of thought: "There is no practical difference between governing a group of islands and protecting them."

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat thinks this will be a great year for Republican clubs in Missouri. After the November election the G-D. will conclude that this was a great year for clubbing Republicans in this grand and glorious commonwealth.

SENATOR PLATT, the big Republican boss of New York, wants a man bearing the suggestive cognomen of Payne nominated for governor of that state. The name would be painfully appropriate to the Republicans in case the Democrats should carry the Empire state this fall.

PERRY HEATH has returned to Chicago, but takes back with him anything but cheering news for the Republicans. He says that party's leading lights of the East refuse to get out and work for McKinley and that Indiana must be conceded to Democrats, while Ohio and Wisconsin are almost as good as lost to McKinley and Roosevelt.

JOE FLORY, the Republican nominee for governor of Missouri, is not the only man who has been guilty of nepotism by appointing his own son to the only office he could control. United States Marshal Ray of Hawaii has named his daughter as a deputy marshal. The islands will probably learn in time that the overthrow of Queen Liliuokalani was not the ending of petticoat rule.

As the opening of the schools is near at hand, directors and teachers should consult the course of study printed as an appendix to the revised school law and so far as practicable carry out the state superintendent's recommendations as to unifying, grading and systemizing the work in the country schools. Special attention is called to the proposed alternation of advanced subjects and to the keeping of individual pupils' records.

Anything that England wants in this country she can get as long as Mark Hanna and Wm. McKinley are in power. John Bull has no right to that 1,350 square miles of territory in Alaska, but in order that they may be permitted to continue to lick the boots of Mr. Bull, Hanna and McKinley will make England a present of the above amount of Alaskan territory. What do free American citizens think of such subservience to British greed? any way?

The Democratic campaign managers are receiving a great many reports of the disaffection of leading Republicans who supported McKinley in 1896 and were classed among his most ardent admirers, but have announced that they will not only vote for but will work for the success of Bryan and Stevenson this year. Everything indicates the election of the Democratic nominees for president and vice-president with the exceptions of Republican newspapers and the G. O. P.'s campaign orators.

The child was born at Salisbury Wednesday, August 15, when the Republicans of Chariton county met in convention and nominated a full county ticket. But there is no show for the kid to live longer than November 6. Its parents should prepare for the trying ordeal of giving up their beloved offspring. Democrats will officiate in large numbers at the funeral, and will see that the little one is given a decent burial.

"VETERANS" of the Philippine war are beginning to hold re-unions, and the next thing we may expect to hear from them their names will be added to the pension rolls. We are in favor of pensioning every soldier who is disabled in the service of his country where that service is founded on patriotism, but we do not believe that patriotism can be inspired by a war in which a nation's guns are turned upon its allies.

The state superintendent of public schools will conduct examinations for state certificates next week as follows: Springfield, High School building, Friday and Saturday, August 24 and 25; Joplin, High School building, August 27 and 28; Kansas City, High School building, Wednesday and Thursday, August 29 and 30; Chillicothe, High School building, Thursday and Friday, August 30 and 31; Hannibal, High School building, Friday and Saturday, August 31 and September 1. All who expect to take examinations should enter the first morning not later than 8 o'clock.

There is a disposition among some teachers to use the texts adopted for high schools in history and grammar instead of those adopted for the common schools. Morris and Shinn are the texts in U. S. history and Rader in Missouri history and government. It will be a plan violation of the law for directors and teachers to use Fisk before the subjects contained in the above have been thoroughly taught. The same is true of other subjects. Southworth's grammar cannot be used until the subjects contained in Patrick have been thoroughly taught.

The Standard Oil Co.'s dividends this year will amount to nearly \$50,000,000. Its profits amount to \$5,479 an hour. Such rapid accumulation of wealth as this excites the highest admiration of the Republican party, and yet that party has declared against trusts in its national platform. Consistency is a jewel that doesn't adorn the Republican mind this year of our Lord 1900. If they really opposed trusts our Republican friends should show their opposition by their works, and enforce the Sherman anti-trust law that is now upon the government statutes.

LIBERTY-LOVING American people do not endorse monarchies, but it is mighty nice to be a king or queen, provided you are not assassinated. Here is an instance of what royalty can enjoy at the expense of their subjects: "Whenever Queen Victoria travels in summer she has her carriage roofed with ice, and when she moves from Windsor to Balmoral or to Osborne all the windows are closed and the blinds drawn tightly down in the rooms she will occupy for a day before her arrival, while blocks of ice are placed in the rooms and corridors to insure perfect coolness."

The Rev. Bernard Vaughan, a brother of Cardinal Vaughan, who recently visited the pope, tells how the pontiff passes the day: "He rose at 6 a. m., spent an hour in prayer; then he celebrated mass and attended another. A biscuit dipped in a little black coffee or a little consommé served as his breakfast. Letters were then read, and from 9:30 until noon receptions were held. The pope dined alone, generally at 12, the meal, lasting about seven minutes, consisting of soup, the wing of a chicken and some fruit. After a short siesta the rest of the day was devoted to prayer, the saying of his office and rosary. A light supper of what remained from dinner, and prayers, at which his household assisted, brought the day to a close."

By reference to the county court proceedings it will be seen that the court has concluded to build another tenement house at the county poor farm, which is made necessary by an increase in the number of paupers and incurable insane of our county.

As it is now the poor farm is a great burden to the tax-payers, which, we believe, could be very much lessened, if not wiped out altogether, if the court would sell the present farm and buy a 320-acre tract of land in a more convenient part of the county where the soil is more productive; then erect suitable buildings in which the paupers, the incurable insane and feeble-minded unfortunates can be comfortably cared for. It is true that such a farm and buildings would cost several thousand dollars, but we are of the opinion that, with 320 acres of good land to cultivate, and which can be mostly done by the inmates, will make the farm well nigh, if not quite, self-sustaining and will, in the end, be the best thing that could be done, both for the inmates as well as the tax-payers.

MANY of the inhabitants of Porto Rico are represented as being in a starving condition and are begging officials of the United States government to give them work. Major Graff, the acting commissioner of education for the island, in speaking of the condition of things there says: "The island sells sugar, coffee and tobacco and buys nearly all its food. The great storm and progressive financial difficulties have ruined the plants so that they are unable to employ the laborers. Those persons, who never receive more than 30 cents in gold per day, having no work do not turn to raising food for themselves, but dig wild roots and slowly starve to death. Gardens are practically unknown in the island. The poor live upon rice, codfish, beans, wild fruits and roots. The whole mass of population is in a chronic state of starvation. From lack of food the laborers are unable to work more than three days in each week. They are willing to work, but have not the strength to do so. One-tenth of the land is in cultivation. Here are a million of people with a very rich soil uncultivated, a genial climate, slowly starving to death. Why? The only explanation is that they have so long been under bad laws and unfavorable economic conditions that now in their extreme poverty and ignorance they do not know enough to draw their food from the earth."

EDWIN M. WATSON in an entertaining article to the Sunday St. Louis Republic invites Col. Flory to supplement the testimony of the books and says: "I notice that Colonel Flory, in his late speeches, seems anxious to 'see the books.' He wants the Democratic party to render an account of its stewardship. He would do well to read the annual reports of the state auditor, which show every dollar that has been paid out, and what it was paid for. The public records at Jefferson City are always open to inspection, and any citizen may obtain certified copies of them. Of course, it is possible that Democratic officials may sometimes make mistakes. For instance, if a Republican railway commissioner should happen to travel on a railway pass or 'conductor's permit' and then present to the governor an account, supported by affidavit, including railway fare, which was never paid out, the governor would naturally approve the account and the auditor would draw a warrant for it. In such cases the officials must rely upon the truth of the affidavit. They cannot assume that Col. Flory is a perjurer. And yet, who ever heard of Col. Flory paying railway fare? But he never fails to collect his mileage, which he is always required to make oath that he has paid out. The books do not show that Governor Stephens has ever approved an illegal account, nor that Auditor Seibert has never drawn an illegal warrant. But the railroad colonel might supplement the testimony of the books if he chose to do so. Will he do it?"

A CRIME of the most atrocious character, because it was committed under the guise of friendship, was the killing of Express Messenger Lane by Charles R. M. Ferrell on the Pennsylvania railroad, near Columbus, Ohio, last Friday night. Ferrell was a former employe of the Adams Express Co., but had been discharged. He knew Lane, and at a small town a short distance out of Columbus Ferrell went to the express car and asked Lane to let him ride to Columbus, saying he had no money. Lane

readily acceded to Ferrell's request. The train had not gone far before Ferrell availed himself of an opportunity to empty his revolver into Lane's body when Lane turned his back, and after his unsuspecting victim sank to the floor Ferrell took Lane's pistol and fired two more shots into his prostrate body. Ferrell then procured the express safe keys from Lane's pocket, looted the safe of something over \$1,000 and left the car at the next station, where he went to a hotel and spent the remainder of the night. But "murder will out." Detectives were at once put on the case, resulting in Ferrell's arrest at the home of his sweetheart, a Miss Costlow, in Columbus, to whom he turned over his ill-gotten gains, with the exception of some money he had used to pay some small debts and to purchase some new clothing. He told Miss Costlow that he had saved the money from his earnings while he was in the employ of the express company. On the way to the Columbus police station Ferrell confessed his guilt of both the murder and the robbery, but said that the crimes were committed for the purpose of obtaining money on which to get married. Miss Costlow was prostrated with grief when the facts in the case came out, but instead of weeping she should rejoice because of her fortunate escape in marrying such a cold-blooded criminal as Ferrell.

### BARNUMIZING THE PEOPLE.

The shades of Abraham Lincoln and James A. Garfield, murdered for their opinions, and because they were not afraid to express them, look down with pity upon that party which they once led. This subject is becoming painful. Do the people of this country care to be further Barnumized? If so, the present administration is all right. There are 520 trusts in the United States, not counting those of a local character. These institutions are capitalized at the fabulous sum of \$12,462,425,090. The production of gold in the world since the discovery of America in 1492, up to and including the year 1897, has been \$9,220,725,400, and the production of silver during the same period \$10,793,437,100.

### HOW LONG?

The war in the Philippines has been going on now for just one year and a half. For 18 weary months the best blood of the United States has been drained into a repulsive and apparently bottomless swamp of guerrilla fighting that leads to nothing, and we have spent on the wretched job more money than the Democratic party under Jefferson and Monroe needed to triple the area of the republic.

When we began war with Spain, a nation of 18,000,000 people, with a considerable navy, an army that could call upon 1,000,000 trained men, a treasury and a completely organized government, we fought her to a standstill in three months and a half, and we never put more than 30,000 men in our fighting line. To suppress 2,000,000 unorganized Tagals, in what we have never recognized as a war, we are using 65,000 men, and after 18 months of fighting we do not seem much nearer success than we were in the beginning.

Does not this imply atrocious mismanagement somewhere? And how long is it to be kept up? Are the American people prepared to resign themselves to a permanent state of war in the Philippines, with a great part of their resources in men and money annually devoured to no purpose?

Our army of occupation in the islands is equal to the entire force that a state like New Jersey could be expected to raise to resist invasion. Practically, therefore, we have subtracted a state like New Jersey from the defensive resources of the nation. That is what has been accomplished by imperialism, masquerading in the robes of expansion.

If we had given the Filipinos a voice in the management of their own country there would have been no war. If we would condescend to negotiate with them the war could be stopped even now.

In dealing with the savage Moros of the Sulu islands, with their polygamy, slavery and monarchy, we were willing to recognize the local authorities and customs, and by doing so we obtained the allegiance of these ferocious bandits without a blow. Why should we refuse to do as much for the civilized and Christian inhabitants of Luzon?

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### ANTI-IMPERIALISTS FOR BRYAN.

The national convention of anti-imperialists, held at Indianapolis Aug. 15, was a notable gathering. It was a formal expression of the disgust and alarm inspired by the McKinley policy in many thousands of Republicans, who, until next November, will never have voted any but the Republican ticket. Mr. Bryan's ringing declaration on the "paramount issue" in his speech at Indianapolis naturally crystallizes the greater part of this sentiment in favor of the only candidate whom a consistent anti-imperialist can support.

Much of this support will come from the strongholds of Republicanism. Senator Hoar and ex-Senator Edmunds stand almost alone in their anomalous position of denouncing imperialism but supporting the arch-imperialist. Mr. Edmunds is honorary president of the Anti-Imperialist league, but as he has expressly declared, his position is purely honorary and his attitude toward the candidates is wholly personal. The most active members are all for Bryan.

At Boston 400 anti-imperialists met August 7 in Faneuil hall. Ex-Gov. George S. Boutwell presided and delivered an address justifying the withdrawal from the Republican party of himself and his many colleagues. Mr. Boutwell advocated the overthrow of the Republican party, giving as the main reason words attributed to United States Senator George F. Hoar, that the administration is attempting to govern 10,000,000 in the East, and nearly another million in the West Indies without any constitutional restraint.

Ring resolutions were adopted, the striking phrase of which follows:

"We believe that free silver is less serious than free slaughter; we deprecate the appeal to the pocket at home and to the cannon abroad; the doctrine that Americans can be made rich by taxation and Filipinos righteous by force and the practice of assimilation of lower races in Asia and the malevolent dissipation of higher ideas in America."

### DEMOCRATS' BIG DAY.

The Democratic state committee has designated Sedalia as the place, and Tuesday, August 21, as the time for formally opening this, the most important political campaign ever witnessed in this state.

Recognizing that an especial interest attaches to the opening rally, the state committee has arranged a list of the most eminent and eloquent speakers in the country. In this list, as announced by authority of the state committee, are the following:

Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, former vice-president and Democratic nominee for that position, one of the most popular Democrats in the United States, and whose presence at Sedalia in 1892 drew to the Queen city the largest crowd ever seen at a political meeting in Missouri.

Hon. A. M. Dockery, that peerless Democrat, whose record in congress was so pure and so blameless that it won him the nomination for governor without opposition in the Democratic convention.

Ex-Governor Wm. J. Stone, the great champion of the masses at all times.

Hon. John H. Atwood, one of the most eloquent orators in the West, who delighted Missouri Democrats in 1896 by his wit, eloquence and logic.

Hon. David Obermyer, the distinguished constitutional lawyer whose keen and powerful argument against imperialism has never been answered.

Webster Davis, the eloquent champion of the brave Boers, and who quit the Republican party because it became too friendly with greedy old England.

All the candidates for state and congressional offices will also be present.

The railroads have made an especially low rate—about one-fourth the regular rates—and will run special trains for the accommodation of the thousands who attend.

There will be a monster horseback parade, and many campaign clubs will attend in a body.

The state committee and the people of Sedalia join in inviting all Missouri to attend this great rally.