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If Troubled With Sore Eyes Jackson's Indian Eye Salve will positively cure them. 25c at all drug stores. No man can grind down another without first placing his own soul under the mill-stone.

COST OF RAILROADS.

ALL OF OUR ROADS CAN BE DUPLICATED

For Three Billion Dollars, Whereas the Companies Have "Watered" the Stock Up to Ten Billion Five Hundred Million Dollars in Order to Rob the People.

There are in this country 1700 separate railroad corporations, each with scores of highly paid officials. Once in a while they get to fighting each other, but with the exception of these rare intervals, they are all the time conspiring with each other to cheat the public still more. If some railroad should be too independent to suit them, and lower its rates, they either crush it by diverting the traffic, or bribe it to raise its prices again.

The railroad millionaires have acquired their great wealth by wrecking one road after another to enrich themselves. The government has taken charge of the roads they have wrecked, restored them to prosperity and handed them back to the wreckers to be wrecked once more. Such folly 'twere trouble to find.

If the country had built the western railroads itself, and operated them at cost, like it does the postoffice, the west would to-day be more powerful than the east. As it is, the roads have cost the country more than they are worth, besides an area of land equal to England, Scotland, Ireland, Denmark, Sweden, Germany and France. And after all, the nation has no control over them. The companies rob the interior settlers of all they produce, and many parts the country is becoming almost a wilderness.

The railroads of the United States could be built to-day for three billions of dollars, and that is about what they cost the companies. But the corporations have watered their stock to the tune of seven millions of dollars, so as to be able to charge higher freight. They claim that their property has cost them ten billion dollars, and that they are entitled to charge sufficient to return them 5 per cent on this outlay. The result is that the extortionate demands of the railroads alone absorb all the profits of our entire wheat and cotton crops in the United States. With government ownership this would be done away with.—Tennessee City Coming Nation.

Some people lose their souls pursuing the road to fame.

Too many of our official family "live on terms of amity with vice."

The "cuckoos" will soon be so unpopular they will sincerely wish they hadn't.

The Populists will sweep the nation this fall, "and let all the people say, Amen."

As yet no end appears to the vain contest of the Democratic factions in Texas.

John Sherman and Grover Cleveland are working hand and hand for the gold oligarchy.

The income tax idea is not new. Solon made the extremely rich Athenians pay an income tax.

"Who hath sorrow? Who hath woe? Who hath contentions?" Why, the Democratic politicians of Texas.

The mud-sillers are going to turn the seedtick politician out this fall; they have been "sucking" long enough.

There are entirely too many parasites on the body politic. An application of the Omaha platform will kill them.

It is believed now by thousands of people that the bank ring or money power had both Lincoln and Garfield assassinated.

Our law givers have lost the spirit of Solon the great Athenian law giver, and are wanting in his wisdom, justice and moderation.

The Democrats of Texas are going to have a genuine "Monkey and parrot time" this fall. Let the Populists get closer together.

After next November the Democrats and Republicans will hang up their ensigns and their drums will be still by a crushing defeat.

A full ticket in every county, a club at every voting box, with good clean men for candidates and the enemy is routed and the goal is ours!

A wise man will accept truth no matter where he finds it, nor who utters it, but the ple-eaters refuse to obey the people and they will be turned out this fall.

Our total debts are \$40,000,000,000 or more and we have \$200,000,000 of money in circulation, or \$2 to pay \$400 with. Truth, bud. How do you like the prospect?

It now transpires that Hon. Joe C. Sibley of Pennsylvania was represented at Austin, during the session of the Democratic executive committee, by Chairman Blake of the free-silver-in-the-party gang. Old party politics is a queer game.



Tail twisting and bond feeding at the same time are a little out of harmony. Pick up your silver, Grove, put the bonds in your pocket, and twist as hard as you please.—National Bimetallist.

If the doctrine of free, independent, unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1 would lead to monometallism, as some seem to think, why did it not do so from 1837 to 1873?

It would be about as profitable to chase the flits of moonshine while swift flying clouds are passing between it and the earth, as to keep up with an old party leader.

The old party leader in congress or at Washington that has the honesty to refuse to accept "blandishments," is an exception to the rule, and deserves a chromo or blue ribbon.

N. W. Cuney seems to have plenty of Allison money. That is all there is in Republican politics in the south—getting to be a delegate to the national nominating convention.

The lines of demarcation between the two old parties have so gradually converged into such oneness that now they stand one in spirit, at least, and with but few able to discern it.

"What ever is worth doing is worth doing well," is an old saying and will hold good in politics as in other affairs, therefore, secure a thorough and complete organization at every voting box in the state.

Ben Tillman of South Carolina made a speech in the United States senate in plain English. He is the boldest man that has been in that body in twenty-five years. "Go to 'em senator," the people will say amen.

The money power, the purchasable press, the cuckoo politicians and the corruptionists generally will do battle against the Peoples party, but they will not prevail, for our principles are correct and will win.

It would seem from present appearances that the two factions of the Texas Democracy will use their stink-horns on each other, while all who love peace, and want reform will vote the Peoples party ticket.

State Senator Colquitt of Kaufman county, a Democrat, recently said that "he expected a split in the Democratic party, but whether one came or not he firmly believed that the Populists would carry the state in the presidential election." The split is on hand, and can't be helped now.

Mr. Cowper said that "pleasure admitted in undue degree enslaves the will," which is true; and a man can hold office until his desire to continue will enslave his conscience, and cause him to do anything for success. The good old Democratic rule of rotation in office will cure the malady.

When Blake takes snuff, A. M. Kennedy sneezes, and why not? They both work under the directions of the same boss, Hon. Joe C. Sibley of Pennsylvania. Wonder if Texans will submit to being voted by a Pennsylvania boss! All you reform Democrats better quit your foolishness and join the true reformers, the Populists.

In "Statesmen Three" page 203, it is proven that we have only \$226,219,294 in a-c-t-u-a-l-circulation, or estimating our population at 70,000,000, a per capita circulation of \$3.27 and a fraction, and men hunt work, and business men fail and the bankers grow richer, and congress does nothing but hunt an "issue" for the coming campaign.

The honest and capable doctor of medicine studies cause and effect, as does the true and intelligent statesman. Quack doctors keep a rich patient sick as long as possible, not to kill him, while quack statesmen seem to take a special pride in false theories and false remedies. They have been practicing on "Uncle Sam" uninterruptedly for some thirty years, and the old fellow is about to die. If he will discharge the quacks and employ the Populists he will prosper.

Before the panic of 1893 was brought about by Cleveland and the Bank ring, says "Statesmen Three," page 175, the value of property was \$66,000,000,000, and our debts \$40,000,000,000. After the panic the total value of all property was \$30,000,000,000, debts the same, loss to debtors \$36,000,000,000, gain to creditors \$36,000,000,000. No wonder we have millionaires and paupers.

Our entire system of government is out of joint. Look at our state affairs. Instead of pay as we go, the deficiency is piling up, notwithstanding the fact that taxes are higher than previously. We have too many tax-eaters by about one-half. Official fees and salaries are too high. The Populists are the only people, the only party that proposes any change or any relief.

The principles of the Peoples party can only be engrafted into the statutes of the country, federal and state, by strict party organization. Any one who claims to be a Populist and refuses to abide the will of the majority is a disorganizer, and is a more dangerous enemy to the party than the bitterest and most unrelenting Democrat or Republican.

And in these latter days came one George Clark, the sage of Waco, and he reared up on his hind feet and pawed the air muchly at one Dudley, a Parisite, and there was no peace and fear abounded throughout the official family, and the pie-eater exclaimed: "Sirs, I pray you, tell me where am I at!" And all the leaders made no reply, and the pie-eater was sorely vexed, yea, he was sad!

With contraction of the currency comes falling prices, falling prices brings discontent to the employer, hence a close of business, and the discharge of his employees. Then underconsumption follows, and finally the country, as now, is flooded with hopeless men wandering from pillow to post seeking employment; and, all this that a few godless speculators may increase their gains.

LOUISIANA NEWS NOTES.

Thibodaux has a new hotel.

Bunkie had a jail delivery a few days since.

Marksville has just experienced a jail delivery.

Cane is being planted in La Fourche parish in a hurry.

Plaquemine is to have an electric light and an ice plant.

The Great Touro fair at New Orleans was an unqualified success.

One burglary after another is reported at New Orleans from residences.

The Democrats will open the state campaign at Shreveport February 22.

The Democrats have split in Jefferson parish and the Populists in Tangipahoa.

A meeting was held recently at Shreveport to formulate charter amendments.

T. A. Fant general merchandise at Columbia, has been closed by attachment.

The box and lumber mill at Kenner has shut down for a few days awaiting the arrival of timber.

Gov. Foster has appointed W. F. Perkins assessor of Calcasieu parish, vice C. M. Richard, resigned.

The Southern Pacific company have been discharging conductors on the run between Algiers and Lafayette.

Some 200 of Uncle Sam's Marines passed through New Orleans a few days since on the way to San Francisco.

Gov. Foster has appointed Joseph Charleville justice of the peace for the Tenth ward of Natchitoches, vice N. DeLouché, deceased.

Chas. Bouchard was robbed of a diamond scarf pin valued at \$25 recently, while at a funeral in the St. Louis cemetery, New Orleans.

Gov. Foster has appointed Dr. F. H. Carruth coroner of West Baton Rouge, vice Dr. W. G. Smith, resigned, and Edgar Bass, councilman of Morgan City, vice Jacques Lehman, resigned.

Mr. George Nicholson, one of the proprietors of the New Orleans Picayune is dead. George Nicholson was a man that of whom it might be said, "he was a man. Take him for all in all we shall ne'er see his like again."

C. C. Wright, a negro wanted in Mississippi for the murder of his wife last fall, in Wilkinson county, was arrested at Baton Rouge late the other afternoon by William Davis, also colored, and lodged in jail for safe-keeping. Wright admits that he is guilty of the crime.

The following is the ticket as named by the Populist state committee and endorsed by the sugar planters: Hon. John N. Pharr for governor; Hon. John B. Kleinpeter, lieutenant governor; Hon. J. W. McFarland, secretary of state; Hon. John Pickett, treasurer; Hon. Lucien F. Suthon, for attorney general; Hon. H. P. Kernochan auditor; Dr. G. A. M. Cook, superintendent of education.

Some days since a negro woman, who had been on a visit to New Orleans with a child, returned to her home above Plaquemine, and a few days thereafter the child took sick and Dr. P. S. Postell was called in to prescribe and pronounced the case smallpox. A special meeting of the police jury was called and a resolution passed authorizing Mr. William B. Robertson, the police juror in whose ward the smallpox broke out, to take all steps necessary to prevent the spread of the disease and the case was isolated.

The suspicious case of small pox discovered a few days ago near Waxgaman, a village across the river, some miles from Kenner, fully developed under care at the pesthouse in New Orleans, to which place it had been sent. Some comment is being made respecting the danger of transporting contagious and infectious diseases by public conveyance—as had been done in this case—and the local authorities claim that a suspected case should be promptly isolated and quarantined on the spot. Moreover, it is reported that this and some other cases recently reported originated in New Orleans, where the patient either ignorantly exposed himself or eluded detection, and, while visiting in the country, implanted the disease.

At Thibodaux recently Mr. Laurence Cheroni, a resident of lower bayou Lafourche, who is serving a sentence, by decree of the district court at the last session, of 7 months in the parish jail, in a supposed fit of insanity climbed into the tower of the jail, to which there was but one small opening from below, and fortifying his position by some bricks which he had pulled out of the wall, maintained his position for two or three days. Sheriff Beary, in an effort to reach him, received a brick upon the chin, that added nothing to the beauty of his face, without disturbing his good temper in the least. A shower bath proved ineffectual to dislodge the prisoner, as by means of a board he protected himself. Finally, when preparations were being made to cut away the floor beneath his feet, he gave up and came from his fort. Friends had made an effort to have the prisoner pardoned and released, which is expected every day.

They Don't Eh?

The notion that women only propose during leap year, is a mistake. Every woman who is married, had a great deal to do in in bringing it about. The men are great chumps with women: a smart woman can marry any man who will call on her.

Foreclosed.

About 13,129 miles of railroad, belonging to 53 companies, and representing a capital and bonded investment of \$775,776,000, were sold by foreclosure in the United States last year.

His Ambition.

Justice Field is ambitious to outlast John Marshall's term of service on the supreme bench, which is said to be the reason why, in spite of his age and infirmities, he declines to retire. He lacks yet a year and a half of the necessary time and is 80 years old.

A Crazy Engineer.

An engineer went crazy the other day while running a passenger train on the New York and New Jersey railway, and the fireman and other trainmen only managed to avert a frightful accident after a furious struggle with the maniac.

A Good Idea.

The medical society of Berne, Switzerland, proposes a law to prohibit the publication of accounts of suicides, on the ground that they suggest the crime to morbid people.

A Thoroughbred.

The worst thing you can say of a man is that he is a thoroughbred; it means that he will stay up when he wants to go to bed, and drink whisky when he does not want it.

Only a Joke.

A Buffalo woman snapped a loaded pistol at her husband, "just for a joke," but he took it very seriously, indeed, though he may recover.

Ice Houses.

Montreal is hard at work erecting the ice buildings for its winter carnival. One of them is to be a spiral tower of ice 130 feet in height.

The Cheapest Way.

Mayor Lynde of Greenfield, Mo., had himself brought to trial and fined \$1 for violating a city ordinance. It was the cheapest way to get out of it.

Try, Anyhow.

It is a common saying that it is better to try, and fail, than never to try, but did you ever know a man to try that he did not succeed.

Lookout.

Never permit yourself to reach that stage where your entire happiness depends upon one person, for the goblins will get you when it does.

She's Popular.

The elevator girl has made her advent in Philadelphia and is said to meet with decided popular favor.

SCIATIC RHEUMATISM AND ITS CURE.

From the Gazette, Burlington, Iowa.

The story of Mr. Tabor's nearly fatal attack of sciatic rheumatism is familiar to his large circle of acquaintances, but for the benefit of others and those similarly afflicted The Gazette has investigated the matter and published. Mr. Tabor is Secretary and Treasurer for the Commercial Printing Company, with offices in the Hedge Block, and resides at 417 Basset Street, Burlington, Iowa. A Gazette man sought an interview with Mr. Tabor at his place of business to-day, and although he was busily engaged with imperative duties, he talked freely and fully on the subject of his recent severe sickness and subsequent wonderful cure.

"Yes," said Mr. Tabor, "I can safely say that I am a well man, that is, my old trouble with rheumatism has entirely disappeared, but I am still taking Pink Pills and will keep on taking them as long as I continue to grow stronger and healthier, as I have been every day since I began to use them. You will not wonder at my profound faith in the merits of Pink Pills after you have heard what I have to tell you. About one year ago I with imperative duties, with sciatic rheumatism and was confined to my bed. It grew worse and rapidly assumed the form of inflammatory rheumatism. I suffered constant and acute pains and all the tortures which that horrible disease is capable of inflicting. At length under the constant care of a local physician or taking medicine to return to my work, but only at intervals. Severe attacks would appear regularly in my back and descend into my leg and foot, and threatened to make me a permanent cripple. I tried various remedies for rheumatism, but without any beneficial results. I grew pale, weak and haggard, and my family grew alarmed at my condition.

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Fits Cured

From U.S. Journal of Medicine Prof. W. E. Peck, who makes a specialty of Epilepsy, has without doubt treated and cured more cases than any living Physician; his success is astonishing. We have heard of cases of 20 years standing cured by him. He publishes a valuable work on this disease and which he sends with a large bottle of his absolute cure, free to any sufferer who may send their P. O. and Express address. We advise any one wishing a cure to address Prof. W. H. FEEKE, F. D., 4 Cedar St., N. Y.

Unanimous Choice

The New York Morning Journal recently offered ten leading makes of bicycles as prizes in a guessing contest, giving the winners free choice of any one of the ten machines. The result was ALL of the ten winners selected

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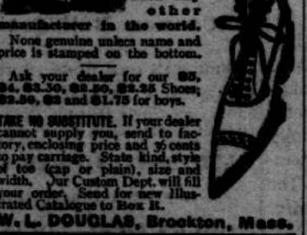
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