

WHY WE 'FREED' CUBA.

Wall Street Interest Demanded that the United States Should Take Charge of Little Cuba.

From St. Louis Weekly Labor.

"Liberty, what crimes are committed in this name!"

The Cuban republic is no more. It has become the prey of the vultures of Wall Street.

His Majesty Emperor Theodore executed the orders of his capitalist masters. With the usual imperialistic promptness the Oyster Bay executive "intervened."

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A PRETTY PICTURE.

The state of New York presents a pretty picture that should be carefully studied by all voters.

Since then Mr. Hearst has got wise, cut loose from the Democratic party, declared himself for public ownership and, in the spring of 1905, was elected mayor of New York on that platform, but was swindled out of his election.

Immediately Mr. Hearst and his followers proceeded to organize municipal ownership leagues all over the state, and today the league is so powerful that it is believed it will sweep the state at the fall elections.

What next? Why the Republicans met and nominated their state ticket with Charles E. Hughes at the head.

Why the Democrats met and the bosses were not strong enough to control the "mob," with the result that Hearst was endorsed.

Why, the bosses and the "regular" Democratic papers of New York are supporting the Republican nominee!

So you see, this "stick to the party and vote 'er straight" business does not apply in the upper circles of politics, but is only a yoke to keep the voting cattle in the harness.

WHAT SALT WILL DO.

Common salt is useful as a tonic, an internal antiseptic, an external stimulant, etc., besides possessing other medical virtues too little known and appreciated.

It is a powerful diuretic, and is useful in the treatment of dropsy, and in the treatment of rheumatism, and in the treatment of neuralgia, toothache, earache and other similar affections.

In croup it is a reliable and harmless remedy, the dose being a teaspoonful mixed with a tablespoonful of honey, frequently and freely.

For a sprain nothing will give relief more quickly than cold salt water; swelling may often be reduced very quickly by frequent bathing of the part affected in strong brine; and, taken moderately, it is an antidote for alcoholic poison.

It is an excellent hair tonic. Salt and water will remove tartar from the teeth, and, mixed in equal proportions with soda, salt makes an excellent dentifrice.

In cases of dysentery, salt taken in vinegar and hot water usually gives great relief; and for cholera morbus add a teaspoonful of the strongest pepper to the dose.

For dyspepsia and many other disorders of the stomach, salt and water will prove an excellent remedy; and for colic, a teaspoonful in half a cup of cold water, taken as soon as possible, is a speedy cure.

The same quantity taken before breakfast is very good. The West Indian negroes declare that plenty of salt, administered at once, will stop a coming attack of cholera.

Both campaign committees complain that corporations refuse to contribute and that funds are short.

In the mean time the state is being flooded with speakers. Men of national reputation are sent to Scott county—Secretary Shaw and W. J. Bryan.

The latter travels on a special train so as to cover much territory. Who do you suppose is paying for that special train? And who do you suppose is paying Mr. Bryan?

Business Locals.

Try a Hot Soda.

At Benton Drug Store. Go to Ristig's for the best 25 cent meal in town.

FOR SALE—One steam drilling machine, one horse power drilling machine, one auger machine.

Charles Deditus, Benton, Mo. Ristig can feed from 100 to 150 from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. during circuit court.

FARM FOR SALE—81 acres, 65 acres in cultivation, two houses, barn, orchard. 2 1/2 miles from Commerce.

Apply to Chas. Petry. I have for sale a well improved 80-acre farm 3 miles south of Hilo on a special bargain if taken soon.

44-46 D. H. Harper, Benton, Mo. While attending circuit court remember the old gentleman, Wm. Ristig, for all good things to eat.

FOR SALE—Several good residences in Oran at bargain and on easy terms. D. H. Harper, 44-46 Benton, Mo.

\$50 REWARD—We will pay a \$50 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone guilty of stealing stock belonging to any of our members.

Stockmen's Union, Vanduser, Mo. Notice—I have two dwelling houses in center part of Edna for sale at a sacrifice if bought within 30 days.

\$400 cash, balance on time. Must be sold. Call quick for a bargain. Rents all the time.

George Kenner, Anceil, Mo. I have for sale accurate blue-print maps of Scott county, 42x48 inches.

These maps show all farms and owners, and ditches, roads, railroads, buildings, etc. Price, \$2.50 each, and gray spotted, the other, with crop off right and underlaid in red, red and white spotted, both have been dehorned.

Peter A. Petz. STRAY CATTLE—I have at my place 3 miles north of New Hamburg, two heifers about 1 1/2 years old. One is marked with a red star in left ear, red and gray spotted, the other, with crop off right and underlaid in red, red and white spotted, both have been dehorned.

Peter A. Petz. FOR SALE—My farm, consisting of 153 acres, about 120 acres in cultivation—remainder in woods. Good house, good barn and outbuildings, and plenty of good water.

Located adjoining Kelso on the north. For further information see or write FRANK WEISMULLER, Kelso, Mo. I have farms for sale of various sizes in Scott county, near Crowder, Kelso, New Hamburg, Oran, Morley, Benton, Gary, Blodgett, Ditchfield and Commerce.

Also 4,000 acres of improved farm land about 50 miles north of Memphis, Tenn., at from \$25 to \$35 per acre on easy terms and in tracts to suit. If you want to sell, list your property with me. I stand a hundred chances to sell to you one. If you want to buy, see 19 D. H. HARPER, Benton Mo.

W. J. Bryan is advertised to speak at Sikeston Friday, October 12, at 1:30 p. m., and at Cape Girardeau at 3:30 p. m. The St. Francois county papers have him advertised for that county on the same date, at 8 p. m. Mr. Bryan has a special train and moves rapidly.

The lid has been lifted off Senator Bailey, of Texas, the great Democratic leader of the south. The uncovering revealed that he was a Standard Oil attorney.

Another month and the "agonny" will be over. Vote 'er straight—nit.

ARE THE RICH HAPPY?

I have long ago become convinced that great riches is a bar to happiness. The gluttonously rich live an exclusive life and, except when the pot boils over, we get only the sunny side of their lives through the metropolitan papers.

But there are times when these papers cannot avoid giving us a little of the doings of the other side that is not so sunny—the double lives they lead, the divorce scandals, suicides, etc.

Old John D. Rockefeller goes about concealing his identity as much as possible. A body guard and secret service men are constantly on the alert to see that no harm befalls him. He is conscious of the fact that he has spent his life in robbery, arson and murder and fears for his safety.

Others of his type also have body guards. And these are the Armours and the other members of the meat trust. They are murderers of the lowest type. Not only did they supply a nation with poisoned and rotten food, but being especially favored by the government officials, they were allowed to furnish their "embalmed" meat to our soldiers in the field.

And in an "investigation" that followed the complaints of General Miles, who said the stuff was unfit for food, the "investigating committee" found the poisoned stuff to be "wholesome" and General Miles was "reprimanded" and lost favor with the administration, he was "disgraced." I believe they called it. But, anyway, when the meat packing scandal began to stink last summer Armour and his pals had business in Europe.

Four years ago R. M. Snider, a Kansas City millionaire banker, and Phillip Stock and Ellis Wainwright, two St. Louis millionaire brewers, were indicted charged with bribing the St. Louis House of Delegates. Stock crawled out through the technicality hole bored by a Butler judge. Wainwright is still a fugitive. Snider was convicted, sentenced to five years, reversed by the supreme court, and then crawled out through the same hole as Stock. He was again indicted last month, but that indictment is probably for effect in the November elections.

Snider's son was implicated in robbing a Kansas City bank of several thousand dollars. He was arrested and released on \$5,000 bond. When the trial was called young Snider did not show up and the bond was declared forfeited. What is \$5,000 to the Sniders? Last week young Snider's body was found in the woods of a northwestern state and it is not known whether he was murdered or committed suicide.

The other day Mrs. Hafner left a bucket of cream on the table uncovered. A fly proceeded to help himself and slipped in. He got cream all over himself and was struggling hard to get out. As I went to the rescue of the little sufferer I thought, "You are in the same fix as the gluttonously wealthy; you are swimming in riches that threaten your very existence."

So long as that fly could stick to the side of the bucket and, with a little exertion, sip cream, he was happy. But when he began to fill up he got lazy, let all holds go and in he went. Then he ceased to be happy. He had more than he could make use of.

Gov. Folk will not speak in Benton as announced last week.

WHAT WILL BRYAN DO?

Mr. Bryan is up against a proposition that will make him show his hand. Gaylord Wilshire, a New York millionaire and editor of Wilshire's Magazine, has challenged Mr. Bryan to debate.

Like several millionaires of the country, Mr. Wilshire advocates Socialism and has, for months, tried to get a debate with Mr. Bryan.

Mr. Bryan seems to stand for Socialism in spots only. He follows the crowd and is willing to stand for anything the crowd wants. Unlike the Bryan of 1896, he is not positive about anything, except that existing conditions cannot continue. He offers no remedy except those offered by other politicians. He has seemed to be a leader and is now a follower.

As the people become more radical in their demands, so will Mr. Bryan. He seems to have out a drag-net in which he hopes to catch all classes.

Before Mr. Bryan landed in New York from Europe, two months ago, Mr. Wilshire had given notice that he would give him \$10,000 to meet him in public debate—\$5,000 to be given Mr. Bryan as soon as he appeared on the platform, and \$5,000 if he decided that he had got the best of the debate.

Mr. Bryan ignored this clean pick-up, and the matter attracted attention. Newspapers are discussing it, and the matter will not down Mr. Wilshire is reputable and responsible. In the summer he debated with one of the professors of Harvard University and won. Can Mr. Bryan afford to ignore him?

Wilshire's Magazine has a circulation of three hundred thousand. In every issue Mr. Wilshire taunts Mr. Bryan for refusing to pick up his \$10,000.

Last month Wilshire went to the extent of putting up the money with the New York Sun and issued his challenge through that paper, as the following will show: "To the Editor, New York Sun: Dear Sir—Some time ago you were good enough to publish my challenge to debate Mr. W. J. Bryan upon the subject of Socialism, wherein I offered to pay him \$10,000 as follows: \$5,000 upon his appearance on the platform and \$5,000 additional if the audience should decide he won the debate."

Inasmuch as Mr. Bryan in his Madison Square speech has practically accepted my challenge by declaring that the right method to meet Socialism is argument and not abuse, I feel it incumbent on me to make good my offer.

I am therefore herewith handing to you a certificate of deposit of \$5,000 in the Garfield National Bank which you are to hold until the night of the debate when you will cash, turn it over to Mr. Bryan. Please notify him of my action. If a formal acceptance is not received within one week from date, you might as well regard him as having changed his mind about argument being the best method to meet Socialism and you will therefore kindly return the \$5,000. Very faithfully yours, GAYLORD WILSHIRE, Editor, Wilshire's Magazine."

The publication of this challenge created quite a stir in political circles in New York and the friends of Mr. Bryan were put on the defensive. When asked why Mr. Bryan refused to debate, various reasons were offered—two of which I give: 1. "For the same reason that John L. Sullivan would not fight a nigger."

2. "For the same reason that my dog will not fight a skunk." That sort of answer used to satisfy the people, but it hardly goes down today. And it comes dangerously near comparing the Harvard professor to a nigger or skunk.

THREE PRISONERS ESCAPE.

Sheriff Guber was surprised when he entered the jail, Tuesday morning, to find that two of the inner doors were open and three prisoners gone.

The prisoners that escaped were Ed. Patton, charged with burglarizing Schriefer's store, at Edna; Oscar Hilleman, charged with horse stealing and John Edwards, charged with a murder at Vanduser.

Remaining in the jail were John Mezo and Jim Gray, serving short sentences for misdemeanors. The jail was recently remodeled and cells put on the lower floor. All the prisoners were down stairs, surrounding the cells below is sheet steel. There are three doors—the outer door, the door through the sheet steel and the door to the cage or corridor.

The cage door and the sheet steel door were open and the brick had been dug out of the same old hole in the rear wall of the second story through which nearly all prisoners have escaped.

Mezo and Gray, the remaining prisoners, say they were asleep and knew nothing of the escape until next morning—a story that is not generally accepted. The sheriff says he looked and tried the doors the evening before, and to him the escape is a mystery. He questioned the two remaining prisoners very closely, but they denied all knowledge of how the escape was effected.

A wad of newspaper was found under the cage door. To take this paper, place it in the facing against which the door closes, slam the door too, and a stout pull will not open it. The sheriff thinks that, possibly, this paper might have been placed, and that when he tried the door it wasn't locked, but only held by the paper. But there seems to be no possible explanation of how the sheet steel door was opened.

Another peculiar circumstance is that on the day before the escape Sheriff Guber noticed that Patton was somewhat worried and asked: "Patton, what is the matter with you, you look down-east?" "Oh, nothing," replied Patton. "No," said Patton, and, according to Jim Gray, he turned to Hilleman and said in an undertone, "He needn't worry about my witnesses."

Edwards had been out on bond, but on Monday he was turned over to Deputy Wilkinson and brought to Benton. The deputy brought no commitment and while Edwards was placed in jail, yet the sheriff says that he was not legally turned over to him and the bondsmen are responsible for his appearance at circuit court.

The sheriff has notified the authorities far and near and has offered a reward of \$25 each for the arrest and detention of Hilleman and Patton. Hilleman is about 25 years old, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches tall, weighs about 150 pounds, light complexion, dark hair blue eyes and smooth shaved.

Patton is about 23 years old, same height and complexion as Hilleman dark hair, smooth shaved and weighs about 140 pounds. LATER—Wednesday Jim Gray was released and Thursday morning John Mezo confessed to Sheriff Guber as to how the escape was effected. Only last month the cells on the lower floor were completed. The door to the cage locks with three bolts and stops. One of these stops the Patly Jail Company neglected to fasten—just stuck it in the place where it belonged. Hilleman removed this stop and filled the hole into which it fits with soap so as to avoid discovery. This was done several days previous to the escape.

Breaking the handle off a fresh shovel, Hilleman passed his arm through the bars of the door and, placing the shovel handle where the stop should be, threw the locks or bolts back—and the door was open. The sheet steel door was opened with a skeleton key made from steel wire. Sheriff Guber feels much relieved since the blame for the escape rests with the Patly Jail Co., and not with him. Mezo is alone in the jail.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis, wife of the Confederate leader, is seriously ill in New York. She is 81 years old. SHERIFF'S SALE. By virtue and authority of a general execution issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the county of Scott, State of Missouri, dated the 9th day of August, A. D. 1906, returnable to the October, term of said court, and to be directed in favor of Dan Simpson and against R. W. Oran, as principal, and W. B. Cook and J. D. Randolph, parties on appeal bond, I have levied upon and doled all the right title and interest of said R. W. Oran, W. B. Cook and J. D. Randolph in and to the following described real estate, in the said county of Scott and State of Missouri, to-wit: Lots 3 and 4 in block 5 of Hilleman's addition to Hilo, belonging to J. D. Randolph, and I will on Saturday, October 20, 1906, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon, and during the sitting of the aforesaid Circuit Court, at the east front door of the court house in the town of Benton, county and state aforesaid, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the above described tract of land, or as much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said execution and costs. Louis P. Goss, sheriff of Scott County, Missouri.

We're Looking For our Fall and Winter Stock of Dry Goods to arrive in a few days, and it will be Clean and New. We will then offer rare bargains in Hosiery, Shirts, Overalls, Hats, Caps and Notions. In the mean time keep in mind that we are headquarters for Fresh and Clean GROCERIES! SHOES! You must see our elegant line for Ladies, Gentlemen and Children. They fit the foot and wear. School Shoes a Specialty. Getting Bros., Benton. Bring us your Chickens, Eggs and Produce. We pay the highest market price. Remember that with every 50c purchase you get a ticket that may entitle you to a fine top buggy free.