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Labor Day was labor day indeed in this town, unless you were wealthy enough to be a banker.

Marshall is certain to continue the street improvement commenced, for the reason that the amount already contracted for, will remain indefinitely in progress.

The silent way in which the photographer Bruce decamped from Miami, and the same old story there of how he worked a few people, is a complete vindication of the charges this paper made and stood ready to prove.

The very fact that we are to have a street fair, has already proven of much good in advertising Marshall as a town in line with modern ideas and energetic community spirit. The real thing will bring better returns than the good effects preceding the occurrence.

The victims of the trusts in several lines have, it seems, concluded that in order to protect themselves they must be their own saviors. The butchers, natural enemies of the beef trust, threaten to establish a packing house in Kansas City, which would certainly put an end to the trust prices and thus destroying its aim, make ineffectual the combination.

The Democrat News asks for an explanation of "why all sensible people oppose Mr. McKinley and his expansion policy" and this from one doubtless, who reasons from his own assertions and false hypothesis, that because McKinley's course does not exactly conform with his own ideas, therefore he (the editor and not his inferior the president) is a sensible man. Vanity thou art a jewel, that would hide from one's own self what others think, and allow one's misgivings to have full sway, intoxicating the brain with that thing self importance.

Otis is receiving much censure from the ranks of the Aguinaldo admirers and sympathizers, for inactivity and failure to put more energy and troops into the campaign, yet the recruiting of soldiers, that is now going on, to place our Philippine army in a position to squelch the enemy, is called an evidence of the "militarism," they would have the Republican party guilty of attempting. If the war is not progressing with sufficient activity, then the call for adequate troops should be met patriotically, given the moral support of both parties, regardless of the fact that its successful completion will add to the glory of the present administration. Refrain at least from two antagonistical lines of criticism, the establishment of one of which, would mean the inconsistency of the other.

One democratic editor pretends to have made a personal investigation of Dockery's silver record and acquits him of the charge so often made of once inclining to the gold standard. The result of his looking backward is not more surprising than the manner adopted, for it has been generally supposed that the Dockery defences, now traveling the rounds of the press favorable to his candidacy, were not compiled under the personal supervision of the editors, but rather the campaign bureau of the ex-congressman.

In view of the contempt certain Democratic editors often express concerning the views of New Englanders, it sounds rather ironical for such non-admirers to praise with gusto and pride, the unpatriotic utterances of a few Boston jingoes. These very men have always classed Bostonian sentiment as peculiarly narrow minded and selfish, because extremists of that section have often been guilty of these faults. If the records of these New Englanders, such as Adkisson and his ilk, were examined, by these Westerners, who fear we are not capable of expanding, they would find themselves in the company and their opinions in accordance with those, whom they have been wont to call bigots. Another instance of the strange bed-fellows, politics often makes.

The following editorial of the K. C. Star, was inspired by the recent election returns from the Eighth District: There is no hope at present that any Democratic stronghold in Missouri will be overthrown. Kansas can switch around from a Republican majority of more than 80,000 to the election of a Populist Governor. Kentucky can change front and elect a Republican Governor; Maine has been known to desert the Republican standard; Pennsylvania and Ohio are occasionally equal to the election of Democratic Governors. But Missouri is like unto the Ethiopian, who holds his dusky skin and follows the example of the leopard that changes not his spots. "Whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away;" but the power of Democracy in Missouri is as enduring as charity which never fails.

In Pat Dyer's Last "News Letter," Chairman Akins is very severely criticized and blamed for the turn of affairs in the recent Eighth district election, and several attempts are made to show that the present head of the state committee is a very poor campaigner. In the contest of '98 however, it should be remembered that Mr. Akins, was totally inexperienced in the fine arts of a party manager, having been called to his present position from an inland town, where life had given him no opportunities to become an adept politician and his efforts were further more handicapped by a desire on the part of certain St. Louisans to assume greater authority in state matters than was deemed necessary. It would be no surprise to find that this display of dissatisfaction arises more from a resentment of the impartial manner in which Akins has performed his duties, than from any uneasiness lest party success be endangered through his leadership. Chairman Akins is all right and with his past

experience to lean upon, should make us a most excellent head for the great campaign of 1900.

Democratic papers seem to be thoroughly enjoying their recent victory in the Eighth congressional district, and the variety of causes to which they attribute the same, is an index of the number of kinds of thinkers that are now designated as Democrats. In fact, at this present time, the one thing that binds this conglomeration, is that all are "knockers," opposed in some way or another to the present policy of the nation as directed by the President and his party, perhaps as to expansion, or again to the money standard. Which lever lies nearest and dearest to the heart of these obstructionists, is of course pronounced the reason of Republican defeat in the Eighth. One thing is certainly treated with little concern, by those who would make political capital of the result, that is more deserving of consideration, even at first glance; and in this, the organization of the successful party is referred to. From Cooper to Calloway, a school district organization was perfected, that succeeded in bringing out the Democratic vote, and it is likewise apparent that the Republican losses were in their strongest counties, not from changed ballots, but from a failure upon the part of the county committees to poll their full strength. The very reverse was true of the Shackleford party, for even in Calloway, every Democratic vote to be secured was polled. It was a case of better organization.

At the recent meeting of the Board of Managers of the Colony for the Feeble Minded and Epileptic, of which board our fellow townsman D. D. Duggins is a member; that body fixed upon November 6th, 1899 as the date upon which a selection for the site of this institution will be made. Considerable discussion has been had here, as to the benefits to be derived from its location in our midst, and Marshall is referred to by outside cities as one of the contestants for its location. The number of the unfortunate class, the betterment of whose condition is the object of this institution, gives the only correct estimate upon which to base its importance and the amount of revenues to be expected as a result of its location here. If the insane asylums are a good thing for a town, and there is every reason to believe the regular appropriations of the legislature added to the warrants from the different counties of the state to these institutions, represent no trivial sums, but are amounts that add materially to a town's business,—then surely an institution that would take the place of the poor farms of the state and contain hundreds of other weak minded individuals, that are not now restrained, would be worth going after. The points that are expected to make inducements towards its location in their midst are:—Jefferson City, Mexico, Springfield, Glasgow, Columbia and Marshall, and a lively fight will quite likely ensue. If the inmates of this colony reach the number of 2,000, as is anticipated, surely Marshall can well afford to undertake to secure its location here. Having a member upon the board in this contest would do much toward strengthening our claims on Nov. 6, at Kansas City, the Board meets to decide.