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The Commoner, Mr. Bryan's paper, is to be enlarged to an eight page paper.

Spain has joined the ranks of the gold standard nations, and the coinage of silver is forbidden.

The legislature adjourned Monday at noon. The work of the assembly is commended by Governor Dockery.

The transport Kilpatrick, with 400 sick soldiers, has arrived at San Francisco, from Manila. Four privates died on the voyage.

The expenses of the legislature which adjourned Monday, were \$26,000 less than the cost to the people of the preceding session.

Vice-President Roosevelt is to pay \$6,000 rent in Washington, while his salary is only \$8,000. Even if he should have no store bills, this would leave him only \$2,000 for ammunition.—Ex.

The expenses of Jefferson's inauguration as third president of the United States only cost \$4,000. The inauguration of President McKinley on Monday March 4th, cost more than \$4,000,000.

Thos. Jones of Vernon county, Mo., recently purchased 4,400 acres of land at Sour Lake, near Beaumont, Texas, south of the big oil gusher, for a small amount of money. He has refused \$200,000 from eastern capitalists for the land.

Since the passage of the medical bill in the legislature knocking out quacks, healers, Christian Scientists, etc., Ft. Scott is making an effort to secure Prof. Weltmer of Nevada, and a committee has been sent to confer with him in regard to moving his institute to that city.

Frank James says democrats of Missouri owe much to him. He says a few years ago republicans were afraid to locate in Missouri on account of the reputation of himself and Jesse. As a consequence Missouri is democratic and most of the other states in the west are republican.—Ex.

President Hadley of Yale, predicts that we will have an emperor within twenty-five years, unless we can create a sentiment which, regardless of legislation, will regulate the trusts. That's a bold assertion for a college president to make in these days of republicanism and hold his job.

In a recent number of the Commoner attention was called to the fact that it was customary for the outgoing president and the incoming president to ride to the inauguration together, and as Mr. Hanna was chosen to ride with Mr. McKinley the question was asked whether Mr. Hanna represented an outgoing or incoming president. One reader suggests the answer "Both," and another thinks that he may be in the middle of his term.—Commoner.

Prof. Maxey is a young gentleman of the strictest integrity, who has made a decided success as a teacher. His heart is in the work to which he has dedicated his life. The interests of the schools in Bates county could not be in better hands. He is the democratic nominee and is entitled to the full party support. He is worthy and competent and will get his share of the independent vote. Democrats should take enough interest to go to the polls and vote for Maxey.

The place to begin your party organization is in the municipal and township elections. The only way to keep up a party organization is to support its nominees. It is just as important, from a party standpoint to support the nominees in city and township, as in county and state. There must be a place of beginning, and loyalty to party principles must be instilled in the lower, if we would expect it in the higher branches. Every democrat is entitled to his choice of candidates before the convention, afterwards the representative of the party alone should be considered. We hope to see the democrats victorious in Butler and in every township. Such a victory would greatly strengthen the party in the county.

SHALL THE CITY OWN ITS OWN LIGHT PLANT?

That is the question now before the voters of Butler to settle. The council recently had estimates made by a competent expert electrician, of the probable cost of establishing an electric light plant, the cost of operating same, the loss in wear of machinery, interest on money invested, etc., together with the probable earning capacity of the plant, which estimate is published in full in another column and its careful and thoughtful consideration by the taxpayers is invited.

THE TIMES had taken the position in the past two years that it was better for the city to do without light for a few years, until all the principal streets of Butler were macadamized, and what has been accomplished in that direction, we believe, bear us out in that proposition. We still maintain that we need more of the streets improved permanently in that way, worse than we need lights. The latter is a luxury, which is mighty nice and convenient to have, but leaves no permanent benefit behind. After our principal streets are macadamized, then we can secure just as favorable light propositions as we can now.

However, if in the judgment of the voters the time has come when the city should have street lights, then we are decidedly in favor of municipal ownership. The estimates published elsewhere appear to have been made with care, and certainly the costs of machinery and other materials have been very liberal, and the earning capacity has been placed at very modest figures, in spite of which it shows that instead of paying two thousand dollars for the street lights, as is the case when the franchise is given a company, the private consumption pays the costs of operating and the public lights, leaving the taxpayers to pay the interest on the investment and provide a sinking fund to pay off the bonds as they become due.

The city council of Chillicothe, Mo., recently referred the matter of that city buying its own lighting plant to the committee on public works. That committee, after a diligent and painstaking research, made an elaborate report to the council favoring municipal ownership, which report was published in full in the Missouri World. It showed that a large number of towns in Missouri and other states, of from 2,000 to 10,000 population, that owned their own light plants, and in some cases their water works, almost invariably reported that it was a big saving to the taxpayers and a good thing for the towns.

The principal argument used against the city's building and operating its own light plant, which we have heard, is that the life of an electric light plant is only ten years. We have no doubt the gentlemen using that argument are sincere in their belief, but we are inclined to the belief that the life of that kind of machinery, like all other kinds, depends wholly upon the manner in which it is handled. We believe electric machinery can be ruined and worn out in less than ten years, and on the other hand, when properly handled can be preserved as long as any other kind of machinery.

So we repeat, so far as we are concerned, if the time has come to put in public lights, this we believe is a good proposition. Of course the council in buying the material will not be bound by these estimates, but there is no economy in buying cheap machinery. A two-thirds majority vote is necessary to carry the proposition.

The cashier of the First National bank of Niles, Mich., is defaulter to the tune of \$150,000. The government has taken charge of the affairs of the bank and the cashier has been arrested. He does not deny his guilt but refuses to talk. The bank will be permanently closed.

Miss Alice McLain, republican nominee for county school commissioner, complimented our sanetum with a pleasant call while in the city Saturday. Miss McLain is an accomplished young lady and a good teacher, but she fell into the hands of the Philistines and will, of course, have to be sacrificed.

A prominent teacher of the county writes us that if democrats are determined to stay away from the polls and permit their candidate for school commissioner to be defeated, it were better hereafter that the party do not make a nomination for that office.



Collapse.

Caused by overwork? No, caused by undernourishment. Work rarely causes collapse. It is worry—the outcome of a low condition of the nervous system and inadequate nutrition which generally causes collapse. The collapse seems sudden, but in reality it is a slow process. The stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition are diseased, the nourishment in the food eaten is only partially extracted and imperfectly assimilated. The blood becomes impure, the very fount of life is poisoned, and some day all the faculties and functions go on a strike. That's collapse. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the organs of digestion and nutrition, purifies the blood and builds up the weak body with sound healthy flesh.

"I was cured of a very bad case of indigestion, associated with torpid liver, by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery," writes Mr. C. B. Bird, of Joplin, Mo., "I had no appetite, could not sleep, nor work, but very little, bowels constipated, and life was a misery to me. After taking four bottles I felt so well that I went to work, but soon got worse, so I used it about eight weeks longer, when I was permanently cured."

Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser is sent free on receipt of stamps to pay cost of mailing only. Send 21 one-cent stamps for paper covered book, or 31 stamps for cloth, to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

The volume of business done by Kansas City produce dealers who handle eggs, says the Star, was larger last week than during any previous week in the history of the market. During the week the receipts were 15,554 cases, or an average of more than 2,200 cases daily. Of this supply thirty cars were shipped to eastern markets, principally New York. The eggs come mainly from Missouri and Kansas, and thirty cars shipped east represented about \$40,000.

Charles Horner, bookkeeper and cashier for Fred Terry, at the stockyards horse and mule market, St. Joseph, Mo., who disappeared the first of the year, has not been heard of since. His accounts were found to be correct and foul play is suspected.

In circuit court of Pike county, Mary Wood of Wentzville, Mo., was awarded a judgment of \$15,000 damages against the Wabash railroad, Saturday. The young lady was run down by a train and lost a leg, besides other injuries.

Mr. Carnegie has opened his check book before his death and is personally directing his gifts to charity which are generous and noble. This is certainly more gratifying to the old man than to wait for the world to read of his charity in an obituary.

Attorney General Griggs has authorized the statement that he will retire from President McKinley's cabinet within a couple of weeks. He will return to his old home in Paterson, N. J., and resume the practice of the law.

A new gold strike has been made twenty miles from Tombstone, Ariz., which has caused a stampede of miners and prospectors to the new fields. The find runs \$25,000 to the ton.

The electric street railway lines at Sedalia have been sold under mortgage.

Missouri Cow.

The Missouri cow is destined to come to the front. The Kansas City Star tells of a farmer in Saline County, Missouri, who advertises as follows: "Full-blooded cow for sale, giving milk, three tons of hay, a lot of chickens and several stoves." There should have been no lack of buyers for this cow.

A Superb National Band.

All the other countries have to take a back seat now for our own National Band, the U. S. Marine Band of Washington, D. C. Since congress passed the special act increasing the number of musicians to 74, and raising their pay to the highest figure, as well as conferring the rank of Lieutenant on leader Wm. H. Santelmann, the band has steadily improved 'till it is now the largest, the best paid and the greatest national band in the world. Curiously enough, though the leader is a German and the musicians are very largely Italians, Lieut. Santelmann is a graduate of the Conservatory of Leipzig, as is such a gifted musician and talented leader that the band is now a model, musically speaking, while it's great size and strength makes it almost a new feature of interest in the musical world. The band is to visit a few cities during the spring just to show its present merit. At opera house Saturday evening March 30th.

A Cremation Law in Canada.

Montreal, March 16.—A bill now before the Quebec legislature authorizing the cremation of bodies in the Protestant cemetery of Montreal is now under discussion. The opposition to the bill has been led by Dr. Guerrin, a member of the government, who submitted that cremation being a pagan burial custom, not approved by the ecclesiastical authorities, should not be permitted in Christian land. He furthermore contended that cremation, making autopsy impossible, would be used to cover up traces of crime. The Protestant members of the legislature are supporting the measure and a special dispatch from Quebec says that the bill's passage through the legislative assembly is now assured. In the last few years a number of bodies have been sent to the Boston crematory.

Shipped 5,000 Deer Hides.

Muskogee, I. T., March 16.—Joseph Sondheimer, a hide and fur dealer, shipped to Germany 5,000 deer hides to-day. This is the largest shipment of the kind ever made in the territory and represents about \$20,000. The hides were purchased from hunters in Indian territory, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas. They represent the limit of a year.

Big Price for Shorthorn.

Omaha, Neb., March 15.—Colonel G. M. Casey of Shawnee Mound, Henry county, Mo., has bought through an agent, the fine shorthorn cow, Sweet Violets II, 6 years old, for \$3,705, a hitherto unheard of price. The cow is a red beauty, and Colonel Casey had to raise the bid of Geo. Ward \$5 to get her.

A fire at Beyler, Mo., Saturday did considerable damage, the main losers being the bakery building, the Murlin Coal company and Odd Fellows temple building.

The President's Band Improved.

Ever since Gilmore gave the great Boston Jubilee there have been endeavors to improve the U. S. Marine band at Washington, and although some slight progress was made under Petrola, Sousa and Faneuilli, it was the patriotism aroused by the Spanish war that finally passed that act of congress which made the present leader, Wm. H. Santelmann, a lieutenant, and not only increased the number of men in the band to 74, but largely increased the pay, so that the finest talent in the land can now be found in the U. S. Marine band. The members can now easily make \$160 a month, which is more than most musicians can make elsewhere. With such a paymaster as Uncle Sam it is therefore not surprising to hear now that our National band is the finest in the world. At opera house, Saturday evening March 30th.

Coated

Look at your tongue. Is it coated? Then you have a bad taste in your mouth every morning. Your appetite is poor, and food distresses you. You have frequent headaches and are often dizzy. Your stomach is weak and your bowels are always constipated. There's an old and reliable cure:



Don't take a cathartic dose and then stop. Better take a laxative dose each night, just enough to cause one good free movement the day following. You feel better the very next day. Your appetite returns, your dyspepsia is cured, your headaches pass away, your tongue clears up, your liver acts well, and your bowels no longer give you trouble. Price, 25 cents. All druggists. "I have taken Ayer's Pills for 35 years, and I consider them the best made. One pill does me more good than half a box of any other kind I have ever tried." Mrs. N. E. TALBOT, March 30, 1899. Arrington, Kans.

Rheumatism.

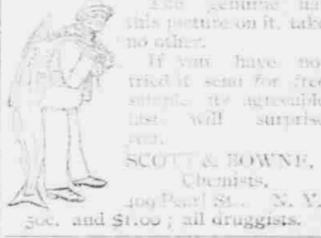
Nobody knows all about it; and nothing, now known, will always cure it.

Doctors try Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, when they think it is caused by imperfect digestion of food. You can do the same.

It may or may not be caused by the failure of stomach and bowels to do their work. If it is, you will cure it if not, you will do no harm.

The way to cure a disease is to stop its cause, and help the body get back to its habit.

Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil does that, it restores the system, it doesn't just kill the pain.



The genuine has this picture on it, take no other. If you have not tried it, send for free sample, it's a genuine fish, will surprise you.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 409 Pearl St., N. Y. Sec. and \$1.00; all druggists.

United States Band a Revelation.

Small orchestras make good music, but the great symphony orchestras of 70 men or more are revelations away beyond and the real perfection of orchestra music. This same difference is found alike in military bands. The president and other officials are going to spare the reorganized U. S. Marine Band of 74 men from the white house to go out among the people of a few musical cities not only to show what a great band is, but to satisfy them that the large increase in cost of the National Band is fully justified by the results. Congress passed a special act in March, 1899, which greatly increased the size and pay of the band, and made the leader, Wm. H. Santelmann, a first lieutenant, the highest honor ever conferred on a musician with the exception of Lieut. Dan Godfrey of England. All of the friends of that bill and all of the friends of the band claim that it is now the greatest band in the world. At opera house Saturday evening March 30th.

Burned 300 Insurgent Boats.

Manila, P. I., March 15.—The rebel trading operations in the Vistayan islands have been effectually broken up. Lieutenant Fred R. Payne, commanding the United States gunboat Pampanga, pursuant to instructions has seized and destroyed 300 vessels of various sizes, mostly native craft, constructed to assist the insurgents. Among those which have come to grief are a number of coasting vessels belonging to leading firms.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the county clerk in Butler, Bates county, Missouri up to twelve o'clock m. sharp.

Tuesday, the 16th day of April, 1901, for the erection, construction and completion of a Court House for said county according to the plans, details and specifications prepared by Geo. E. McDonald, Architect, 502 East 18th street Kansas City, Mo., which are now on file in the clerk's office of said county.

The building is to be a modern structure, with heavy walls, steel beams, plate glass, encaustic tile, slate roof, steam heat and plumbing. All bids shall be for the entire completion of the building and each contractor shall accompany his bid with a sample of stone and brick proposed.

All bids shall contain a certified check in the sum of (\$500.00) Five Hundred Dollars, made payable to the treasurer of Bates county, Missouri, as a guarantee to said county that the contractor would if awarded the contract, enter into written agreements in duplicate with said county and furnish a good and sufficient bond double the amount of contract, which bond must be acceptable to the county court of said county, and shall be furnished within twelve (12) days after award of contract, and if the contractor fail to supply and execute such bond, then the aforesaid check shall be forfeited to said county as damage.

All bids shall be upon printed forms furnished by the county clerk of said county. Approximate cost of building (\$60,000.00) Fifty Thousand Dollars. The county court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. All bids shall be sealed and marked "PROPOSAL" FOR COURT HOUSE and be delivered to the clerk of said county.

GEORGE E. McDONALD, Architect, By order of the County Court of said County. SAM' L. WEST, Presiding Judge, L. J. MARCH, Associate Judge, J. J. MARCH, Associate Judge. S. T. BROADBENT, County Clerk. Butler, Missouri, March 9th 1901.

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF COST

Municipal Electric Lighting Plant FOR The City of Butler, Mo. ST. LOUIS, MO., Feb. 25, 1901. ESTIMATE.

Table with multiple columns listing costs for various items like building, machinery, and labor. Total as above \$19,650.00.

Very Respectfully, OWEN FORD, Consulting & Supervising Engineer.

ESTIMATE NO. 2. This Plant to be the same as in the first estimate, excepting that the street lighting system shall consist of 9 A.C. Lamps and 91 70-candle power Incandescent Lamps. Total cost of this Plant will be \$19,650.00, less than the Plant as per first estimate, or \$18,750.00. Attention is called here to the fact that the note line is necessarily more extensive under this system or Plant as will be seen by reference to the map.

ESTIMATE NO. 3.

This Plant to be the same as in first estimate, except that there shall be one Dynamo and Exciter and one engine and corresponding foundation, switchboard and Station work. The Dynamo and engine will be direct connected, by which is meant the Engine and Dynamo will be connected together as one machine—the Dynamo being much larger in dimensions and running very slow speed (same speed as the engine to which it is connected). The Dynamo will be 100 K. W. (Kilowatt) capacity or as generally known 2,000 lights capacity. The engine in this case would be a Compound Engine or a Multipointed Engine of 130 H. P. capacity. The total cost of this Plant will be \$160.00, more than the Plant in the first estimate, or \$18,950.00.

ESTIMATE NO. 4.

As will be seen from Estimates 2 and 3, the cost of Plant on basis of the Mixed system of Street Lighting and the Direct Connected Generating Out-Board will be \$18,810.00.

Very Respectfully, OWEN FORD, Consulting & Supervising Engineer.

ESTIMATE OF EARNING CAPACITY OF PLANT.

Table showing income and expenses for the plant, including fuel, labor, and interest. Total gain per annum \$4,100.00.

The above estimate is based on a moderately full load of the number of lamps your city would probably have at the end of the first year of operation.

The first year, of course, would not show this result. The rates might be adopted somewhat higher than those mentioned above, but if so the number of lights would be less the first year or two but ultimately the Plant would be loaded even at the higher rate, yet the City would probably not maintain a higher rate after the Plant is meeting the general policy, being to give the consumer the benefit, after the income meets operating expenses, as explained to you verbally. The above is a fair average of results with similar Plants. Very Respectfully, OWEN FORD, Consulting & Supervising Engineer.