

George W. Childs will not permit witticism aimed at woman to appear in the columns of his paper.

The attempt of the government to enlist Indians in the regular army has proved a failure. The red man is not used to military discipline and the monotonous round of life at an army post.

One hundred years ago Kentucky was admitted into the Union. Some of the Cols. boast that they will work some pure old bourbon of the same age, during their celebration of the State's centennial.

Farmers, it is dangerous to delay any kind of work too long. Last week John Mellows, of Boone county, was in his field hunking corn, when he was struck by lightning. Had he done that work last fall he might have been able to husk a much larger crop this fall.

Missouri is destined to become the greatest cattle State in the Union. A Texas syndicate has purchased 8,000 acres of land in this State which will be used as a corn-feeding lot for cattle taken from the Texas ranges at the age of two years.

The Schuyler, Illinois *Citizen* is very anxious that the Sucker State shall have the Republican Presidential candidate next year, and names her most prominent citizen in the following manly style:

Illinois has but one man, known to the world as superior to all others as a standard bearer, who would be considered in his dotage, and that is Robert T. Lincoln. His name and record stands at the top-most pinnacle in every respect and his candidacy would inspire the hearts of Republicans as in 1861.

A New York woman, reading a country newspaper, saw an advertisement of an entrancing bargain offered in a Sixth avenue shopping store. She went there, and the clerks denied that the store contained any such goods as she had read about. She was a long-headed woman, so she wrote to a friend in the country to order the goods in question by mail. She got them right away, and discovered what she had not known before—that these great stores drum up a country trade by offers wholly different from those with which they tempt city folks.

It is said that much delay is caused in the settlement of pension claims by hasty and careless examinations by the various pension boards throughout the country. Under the recent pension law, pensions are granted almost entirely on the examinations and reports made to the Pension Office by these boards, and complaint is made in the Pension Office that many of the reports of the pension boards are not fully, carefully and specifically made, and must be returned for correction, and thus the settlement of claims of soldiers is needlessly delayed.

How far the Democratic party of the country has gotten from Thomas Jefferson and his views on the tariff? Here is one of Jefferson's utterances on the subject:

The prohibitory duties we lay on all articles of foreign manufacture, which prudence requires us to establish at home with the patriotic determination of every good citizen to use no foreign article which can be made within ourselves, without regard to difference of price, serves us against a reliance into foreign dependence.

Jefferson was a stronger protectionist than Blaine, or McKinley, or any other Republican of the present day. So was Andrew Jackson. If those two men were alive to-day they would be Republicans.

Mr. Gould's remarkable statement that he was not trying to disrupt the Western Traffic Association, but that he had entertained the thought of doing it more than once and was not afraid to do it, has called out President Cable, of the Rock Island road, who says "nobody questions his courage in attacking a contract when it interferes with his interests. He ought not to assume, however, that the managing officers of other railway companies dare not make a move without consulting him, especially as his attorneys are now busily engaged in defending suits vigorously prosecuted by two companies—the Rock Island and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul—to compel the performance on his part of the contracts in regard to the use of the Omaha bridge. This movement, at least, has been made without consulting Mr. Gould."

New York *Press*: In 1875 we began to manufacture wire nails. At that time they cost ten cents a pound, and the duty was one cent a pound. The duty was insufficient. In 1883 the wheel-and-Tariff Commission put it up to four cents per pound. From that day we began to make wire nails in the dearest. The price stiffened a little, but soon dropped to a lower rate than they had ever sold for before. From 50,000 kegs of 100 pounds in 1882 the output went up to 3,500,000 in 1890. And as the product increased the price decreased from 8.25 cents in 1882 to 2.10 cents per pound at the present time. The duty has been reduced to two cents per pound. If the heavy tariff theory of "the tariff is a tax" be true the present duty if removed would leave the price of wire nails at exactly ten cents per keg of 100 pounds. Ours is the true trade, how do you like that and story.

Popular Bluff is to have an ice plant and the town is to be illuminated with electric lights. They are getting up in the world down on Black River.

If Railroad Commissioner Hickman is a sure enough candidate for Governor of the State of Missouri he will be good picking for the hungry buzzards of the rural Democratic press.

Kansas City *Star*: The Salvation Army has invaded Macon, but is exciting very little interest excepting among the small boys, who are always devout worshippers of brass drums and brass horns.

Buffalo gnats are about to devour all the stock in New Madrid county, and the friendly little flea is working it lively for the people. The Lord is punishing the people down there for their wickedness in continuing to vote the Democratic ticket.

The proposition to issue twenty thousand dollars in bonds down in Mississippi county to build a new court house at Charleston, was voted down at a recent special election held to vote on the proposition, and still the editor of the Charleston *Democrat* cries, "A new court house or burst."

One of the worst breaks heard in the court-room for many a day was that made up by a bumptious attorney in Meadville, Pa., who declared that a certain principle of law was "so well known that even your honor must be familiar with it." Some of the audibles which greeted this assertion were distinctly audible.

The people of Scott county will vote on the local option question again at the next regular election, and the papers down there are already discussing the subject. So far as we are concerned up here we would like to see old Scott remain a local option county. We send her thousands of jugs filled with the stuff every year.

That much old scotch about a possible future Treasury deficit is distracting our Democratic neighbors. If their own cash boxes gave as good promise as Uncle Sam's of meeting all demands upon them there wouldn't be so much need for a close scrutiny of the balance sheets. Secretary Foster says he has the tidy sum of \$70,000,000 on hand to-day.

Some of our exchanges are hounding Railroad Commissioner Hickman for Governor. It is an old adage that "the early bird catches the worm," but it is not true at all times. Some of the early birds fail to catch the worm, but they invariably feather their nest, and we are thinking that Mr. Hickman is going to be one of the nest feathering birds.

It is a fortunate sign of the times that we are gradually learning to recognize this all-important and redeeming fact, that cheap labor by no means means cheap production; that, on the contrary, low cost of production and a high wage rate go hand in hand. This may seem paradoxical, but on closer examination it will be found to be fully logical and in keeping with the facts and philosophy of the economy of production.

We have had painfully impressive lessons lately of the peril to our liberty of law from the influx of hundreds of thousands of ignorant, brutal and often criminal immigrants from the slums of foreign population. They are strangers to the liberty of law, and their only conception of our beneficent freedom is the liberty of license—the liberty to command without reason and the liberty to destroy property and even life without law.

Woman lives longer than man, goes insane less numerously, commits suicide one-third as often, makes one-tenth the demand on the public purse for supports in jails, prisons and almshouses, and in every regard manifests potentiality, above that of man. This is an observed fact in the generation now passing, and it will be yet more so in the generation now coming on. The physical and mental fiber of the young man is weakening. Contributory to this is the dangerous habit of cigarette smoking.

One of the few remaining leaders of the ex-Confederacy has a colored body servant and a truly American fondness for good whiskey. One day recently he was just a trifle tipsy, and he said to his colored man: "Make 'pears to me you're puttin' on a good many airs 'round me. I reckon you think you're boss." The colored man reflected: "Yas, Mars," he said, "when you's sars you're de boss, but when you's tight I reckon I'm de boss."

President Harrison was right when, in speaking of the United States flag at Los Angeles, he said: "It has a glorious story on the sea." Part of the mission which the Republican party is pledged to accomplish is to restore the Stars and Stripes to their former proud position on ships of war and commerce both, and to revive through the existence of a revived mercantile marine and a strong, new navy that "glorious story on the sea."

Reports from various sections of the country indicate that there will be an increase of fully one-third in the number of acres devoted to tobacco growing this year. But for the enactment of the McKinley tariff the increase of the tobacco crop would not have averaged of last year. The adequate protection that is now assured to their product has encouraged American tobacco growers. It will result in the payment of less money for foreign and more for American tobacco.

Dr. Talmage, the great Brooklyn preacher, has had his beard shaved off, but his immungery wings are still intact.

As president of the Drexel Institute of Philadelphia at \$100,000 a year, Professor MacAllister is the best paid teacher in the United States.

Some men are born rich, some achieve riches and some are elected to the Legislature when a United States Senator is to be elected.

Dr. Talmage is the preacher who knows how to raise money. He made an eloquent appeal last Sunday for funds and his appeal was responded to by a collection amounting to \$82,000, with individual contributions to the amount of \$1,000.

The Southern members of the Missouri Legislature are proud of the fact that the Governor will call them together in extra session. Five dollars per day is more money than they can make at home working tobacco and hogging corn.

Does advertising pay? It does in Kentucky, if we are to believe the story of a man who lost a cow and advertised for it in a local paper, the cow being returned before the paper was printed. If any of our metropolitan dailies can be beat that on "results" we would like to know it.

Judge O'Bryan will shake hands with several gentlemen next week at Jackson who will be all smiles to his face, but they will not be smiling the natural smile. They will be his opponents for the Circuit Judgeship, and they will hate the Mississippi county Judge at every chance.

It is said that one blind tiger sold nearly one hundred barrels of whisky in Scott county last year. There are about a dozen of these beasts in Scott county and if each of them dispose of as much liquor as the one mentioned the people of old Scott are surely victims of the bowl.

An enterprising grocery firm of Kirkville, Mo., makes the following offer: "Any man who drinks two drinks of whisky per day for a year, and pays ten cents a drink for it, can have at our store thirty sacks of flour, 220 pounds of granulated sugar and 72 pounds of good green coffee for the same money and get \$250 premium for making the change in his expenditures."

The reason that they have better smoking tobacco in England than here is that our best tobacco is sent there. It is sweated and re-sweated until it is as cool and sweet as tobacco can be made, and it fetches twice, or over twice, as much as the same stuff locally treated and tugged on the market here. This is the explanation tobaccoists give, but it leaves the question open whether Americans would not pay as much as any people in the world for a tobacco that was found to be worth its price.

The Scott County *Verney* does not file the *Democrat* because it takes so much interest in Scott county's Representative in the Legislature. We are not acquainted with the statesman who is the father of the watermelon bill, but we understand he is a very handsome man, and it is his beauty that causes us to take such interest in him. Nothing else.

A man and his wife registered in a hotel at Hot Springs, Arkansas, as Mr. and Mrs. Walden, of Texas, were found dead in their bed Monday morning. A revolver was found on the bed with two chambers empty and a note written by the man was also found. The note stated that they were unhappy and had agreed to commit suicide, and their dead bodies in the same bed showed that they had carried out their agreement.

There can be no question about Slavin's guanness. He is a fighter and would jump at the chance of a go with Sullivan at any price. He is a rasher, a hard hitter and no Charley Mitchell fair by any means. If I should come to St. Louis, which is not probable, a rough-and-tumble between the men is possible. Slavin isn't afraid of anything. He showed that in his fight with Jim Smith, when it was fixed that if Smith couldn't whip Slavin the crowd of toughs should help him. Slavin got the decision against the whole gang.

The Indian *Engineer* is responsible for this remarkable story: "In December and January locusts caused considerable delay to the Northwestern Railway trains in the Rawlinsville district. On the 5th of January a down train lost 38 minutes between Solan and Rowat; on the 8th another lost about 30 minutes between Attock and Campbellport; again, on the 16th, another lost about 35 minutes also between Attock and Campbellport—all owing to the rails being covered with locusts, the crushing of which caused the engine and train wheels to slip on the steep inclines prevailing in that neighborhood."

The question whether special or mixed farming should be practiced will never be settled for all, as it depends upon differing conditions. In some cases special farming is most profitable, but in a majority of cases where the locality, soil and the capacity of the owner are considered, it is doubtless wisest to practice mixed farming. So long as this is the case, while a few different crops and one or two kinds of stock will generally be raised upon the chief income from the farm, yet a little planning will allow the growing in of a few crops without reducing the average of the main crops.

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