

**Clippings and Comment.**

The Independent Press of Madison, Lac Qui Parle County, is an excellent newspaper and an able advocate of the remonetization of silver. Some of our wise-acres pretend that the silver question is of small importance, and that it is not big enough to make an issue on. But it is really the only issue now up for solution, and Bro. Farnham understands it. We thank God and take courage when ever we see a man with sand enough to stand up for principle in spite of boss dictation. Shake, Bro. Farnham. True independent journalism is the crying need of the hour.

We notice by the Spokane Times that "Chinese lettuce" is a weed pest in that region. The paper calls on the authorities to wage on it a war of eradication inside the city limits. What new foreign pest is the people next to be harassed with? We have the English sparrow, the Canada thistle, the Russian cactus, and now the Chinese lettuce. Give us a rest.—Litchfield Independent.

The Litchfield Saturday Review advises its brethren not to say anything in regard to Congressman Towne and his views on silver. That is sensible. The Goldites dare not meet Towne in open battle, so the only alternative is to ignore him. Why do they not send that valiant Sancha Panza, ex-drum major of the Horner menagerie, Labor Commissioner Powers, down to knock out Towne.

The sale of "Coin's Financial School" has been prohibited on the New York Central trains. Depew is president of this road. Enough said.—Alexandria Citizen.

It looks now as though the silver democrats of Iowa will hold the winning hand in the next democratic state convention.—Litchfield News Ledger.

And still they say the silver sentiment is waning.

A brother editor has come to grief. He wrote a puff for a milliner congratulating her on her success, and said he was glad to see her stocking up. When his paper came out, instead of appreciating the puff, Mrs. Milliner cracked him over the head with an umbrella.—Ex.

The leading topics of the day are gold, silver and the new women. Gold or silver is all right, but the new women as illustrated by some of the city papers, causes us to feel as if we had been eating raw rutabagas and washing them with salt water.—Paynesville Press.

"Shall I advertise with space or locals?" asked a business man to the editor of established paper. The editor answered: "If you are going to advertise a shot for sale a few lines of locals is enough. If you have a \$10,000 stock of goods, two lines would not convey the impression that you wish conveyed. Take space to correspond with the business you conduct, and you will create an impression upon the purchasing public that will be a lasting benefit."

A farmer in Mannanah town of Meeker county had seven acres of wheat burned last week, supposed to have been set on fire by some smoker. It will be well for hunters and others to look out sharply after this when abroad through the country as there are now some very stringent laws regarding setting out or causing fires.

Tuesday's west-bound passenger train narrowly escaped having an accident between Mnrdock and DeGraaf. The heat had forced the rails to one side and also spread them slightly and

when the train struck the spot there was a lively shaking up for a short time.—Benson Monitor.

The fact is, that the much derided populist party is the only one which has succeeded in the last three or four years in impressing its views upon the American people. The populists are in the van of progress, and are compelling the two old parties to follow them, which they do in a half hearted way, in the vain hope of checking the popular demand for reform, caused by the increasing spread of populist principles.—Independent.

**How to Raise More Corn.**  
The following letter published in the Albert Lea Standard may be of interest to our farmers:

"As I feel interested in the welfare and prosperity of Martin Co. farmers, I wish to make a statement that I hope will prove profitable to all who read it. Some farmers in Ford Co., Ill., made a test case last year, in thinning out their corn. One farmer took 40 acres of corn with 2, 3, 4 and 5 stalks in a hill, mostly 3, 4 and 5; he hired help at \$1.25 per day and pulled out the smaller stalks until left 2 stalks in a hill, no more, except 40 rows that was left as it was planted. The corn with two stalks in each hill yielded 60 bushels to the acre, the 2, 3, 4 and 5 stalks in a hill yielded 45 bushels to the acre, the cost of thinning the corn was 55 cents per acre and the profit was 15 bushels of corn at 40 cents per bushel, \$6.00.

This is no guess work, it pays to use brains in farming, and a similar result has been proven in taking the suckers off the corn, last season being a dry season suckers were more numerous.

We have had fine rains of late and the farmers are now busy thinning and suckering their corn—would have done it earlier had not dry weather have prevented. Prospects are that we will have a full crop of corn, half a crop of oats and hay. Our pastures are now green and will give us summer and fall feed.

Now I ask any sensible farmer, will it pay to invest 55 cents per acre to thin out your corn, and in the fall put one fourth more bushels in your corn crib, out of the same field. I will here state to my tenants, if they cannot afford to thin out their corn, if they will thin my one third 2 stalks in a hill, I will hire men in the fall to husk and crib my rent corn, and that is worth \$1.50 per acre.

Yours truly,  
E. F. EARL,  
Paxton, Ills., July 8, 1895.

**THAT POLAR FLIGHT.**  
BALLOON EXPEDITION THAT READS LIKE A JULES VERNE ROMANCE.

Details of Mr. Andree's Project For Reaching the Source of Arctic Exploration. Balloons to Be Controlled by Sail—Duration of Flight.

By King Oscar of Sweden's subscription of 30,000 kroner, recently announced by cable, to the promotion of Mr. Andree's project for reaching the north pole by balloon, the expedition was rendered a moral certainty, and Mr. Andree has already begun his preparations.

The expedition will start not later than July, 1896. Every precaution will be taken for the safety of the aeronauts, and the Swedish Academy of Science will not give its consent to the expedition until it has carefully examined every detail. Mr. Nils Ekholm, who is to accompany Mr. Andree, says that, while he fully understands the great dangers of the enterprise, it must be remembered that the whole business will be managed by men who are accustomed to the difficulties of such work. In contrasting Mr. Andree's exhibition with that of Professor Nansen, Mr. Ekholm argues that his risks are not nearly so great as those of Professor Nansen. Mr. Andree, he says, will trust to winds which are a great deal quicker and in many ways safer than those of the ocean, and he does not consider that the members of the balloon expedition will incur any unusual risk of life.

The balloon is to be of sufficient bearing capacity to convey three adventurers, their scientific instruments and supplies for four months, a sledge, canvas boat, arms and ammunition and ballast, of a total weight of 6,000 pounds, through the regions of space for a period of 30 days. The material of

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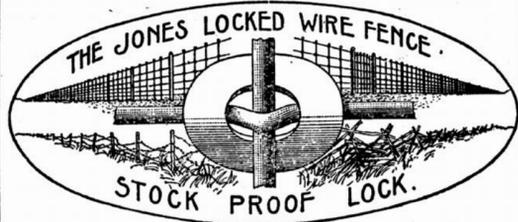
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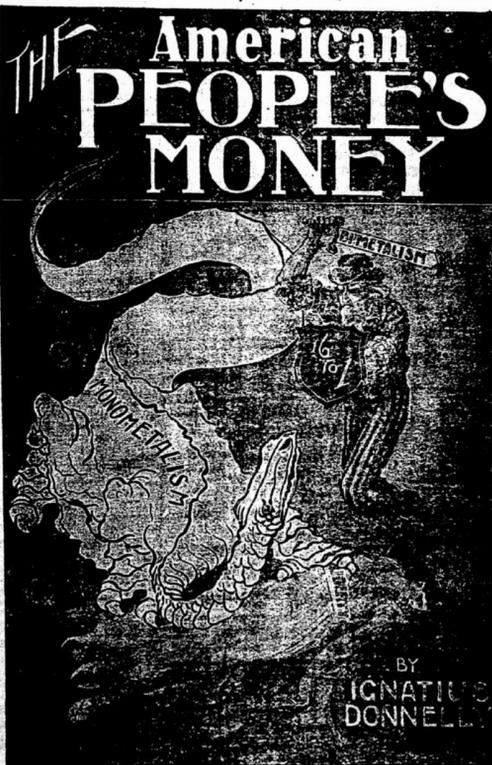
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The balloon will be so close that waste of gas will be reduced to a minimum, while its car will be a two storied structure, containing a bedchamber, store cupboards and a dark room for photographic purposes.

Mr. Andree points out that in 1878 M. Henri Giffard exhibited a balloon capable of lifting 26,400 pounds, and that Messrs. Poissenilles and Graham constructed an experimental one 9 yards in diameter, which only lost 13 pounds of its bearing power in a month. M. Gabriel Von Paris, a celebrated maker, is quite willing to construct a balloon to meet Mr. Andree's requirements. The gas employed would be hydrogen, manufactured in the arctic regions in a transportable apparatus or conveyed in a compressed state to the spot, the amount necessary for inflation being 6,000 cubic yards. The balloon would be furnished with cocoon fiber baskets, to be towed on wires and so maintain speed when required, as well as ballast ropes which would regulate the height of the balloon above the surface some 272 yards, therefore beneath the lowest layers of cloud.

A feature of the balloon will be the attachment of a sail and cable by which Mr. Andree is confident he will be in some measure enabled to direct his course. He has already tested it with success, and during the coming year will endeavor to perfect, or at least improve the invention. The cable, or guide rope, when paid out touches the surface of the earth or sea, as the case may be, and this friction prevents the balloon from turning round and also slackens its speed. If the guide rope is hooked on to the central strap and the sail hoisted, the course of the balloon is not affected, and it travels with the wind, but if the guide rope is hooked on to one of the northern straps the wind catches it at an angle, and the balloon's course is deviated toward the right of the pole. The opposite effect is caused by attaching the sail and rope to one of the southern straps.

The only attempt at surveying and mapping the unknown wastes during the aerial journey would be by the aid of photography, as it is presumed that the rate of travel would be too great to allow of other observations being made. The flight will be made from the Norwegian, some islands off the northwest coast of Spitzbergen, and if all goes well the pole will be passed in 40 hours or thereabouts, if the moderate pace of 17 miles an hour is maintained, while if the current is as strong as that which blew the two French aeronauts in 1870 from Paris to the Lifjeld mountains, in Norway, five to six hours will suffice for that part of the trip. The journey, it is believed by Mr. Andree, will be continued to the northwestern shores of America.

Mr. Andree points out that the arctic regions are admirably suited for aerial navigation, the temperatures being even, the sun up the whole day, the surface clear of vegetation and electric discharges of rare occurrence. He has already acquired considerable knowledge of the frigid zone, having spent five summers in arctic America and two in Spitzbergen.—New York Herald.

**ARTIFICIAL LAKE.**

To Be an Interesting Feature of Berlin's Exposition Next Year.

One of the features of the Berlin industrial exposition of next year will be the beauty of the grounds. One of the most interesting changes now taking place is the transformation of the great playgrounds in Treptow park into a lake. About 48,000 cubic meters of earth will have to be removed, and workmen are now engaged in building the embankment. A promenade, shaded by four rows of plantain trees, already encircles the proposed lake.

Powerful engines will supply the water, which will fall in great cascades into the lake and then flow into the river Spree. Gondolas will ply in the basin and the neighboring waterways. Artistic restaurants and music halls will border the boulevard, the whole making a scene which, it is expected, will rival in beauty anything ever offered for public enjoyment at any World's fair.

One curious feature of this improvement is found in the fact that Treptow park must be restored to its original condition when the exposition is over. In order to do this 24,000 square meters of sod must be stored, and the contractors find difficulty in obtaining a place to put it.—New York Times.

**MISS IDA B. WELLS.**

Although a Busy Woman, She Has Found Time to Marry.

The announcement that Miss Ida B. Wells was to marry Mr. Ferdinand L. Barnett created much surprise among a very large number of people who believed she was so wrapped up in the antilynching crusade as to be above the weakness of adding domestic cares to the other woes of a life of agitation. Mr. Barnett is a lawyer, with a weekly newspaper on his hands.

For some time Miss Wells has done most of the editorial work of the Chicago Conservator without getting proper credit for her labor. She has not controlled a newspaper since a mob scuttled the Memphis Free Speech while she was visiting Philadelphia and New York three years ago. When she became Mrs. Barnett, on June 27, she also became editor and proprietor of The Conservator.

An agitator without an organ is like "Hamlet" without a melancholy Dane. Mr. Barnett will stick to Blackstone, and Mrs. Barnett will stick to the editorial chair. From a business as well as a sentimental point of view this union of two conspicuous Afro-Americans of Cook county is to be commended.—New York Sun.

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