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THE GOLD MOUNTAIN.

The Democracy is again playing the same game that won for it four years ago—a free silver plank and a gold standard candidate. But just now the mahomet of the party—the people and the politicians—is commanding the mountain to move, while the mountain grimly and advisedly stays where it is. The gold mountain will not go to the prophet, and after loudly and firmly announcing its everlasting devotion to the silver standard, or, free silver coinage, the prophet will proceed to go to the mountain, and will nominate Cleveland or some other gold candidate out of hand. This is the inexorable and habitual fortune of the democracy—to platform one thing, and to nominate another.

But in the republican party another state of affairs exists. The free silver element in that organization is not so rampant as in the democracy, because in the republican camp there is something else left upon which to found a campaign. The dependence of silver mining upon some sort of recognition by government in its coinage laws, is conceded by the most thinking men of the party, and the only question at issue is the plan of safety to be pursued. How much can be done for the white metal, without imperiling the credit of our currency, is the open question in the republican party. Yet even there the gold mountain has its base, and is inclined to be immovable.

The one paramount trouble with the men who constitute the brains of the party is, they refuse to consider the vast gold production of the foreign mines, and its capacity for speculation upon other people's products. They refuse to recognize the tremendous necessities of our home business transactions, and the equally tremendous capacity of our silver production for taking care of the volume of trade. They are looking so fixedly in the direction of democracy, the direction of our surplus provisions to the European markets, that they overlook entirely the republican programme of home markets for everything and foreign markets for our manufactured goods as fast as we can manufacture. They have fallen into a democratic trap, and do not know how to extricate themselves with credit to their personal records, and are even willing to sacrifice the party and the country upon the rock of consistency.

The republican prophet is in imminent danger of going to the gold mountain, without that sublime dare to the mountain which has made so many religious fanatics fond of their seer. But there is no open necessity for either the dare or the refusal of the mountain to move, the gold mountain and the silver mountain should surrender to one another, just as the two metals intermingle in the bowels of the earth. Neither should be omnipotent, neither should control the other on the counters of this country or in the platform of the great American party.

SOME of the McKinley papers are drawing a world of consolation out of an unhappy and pitying abuse of Governor Morton of New York who they allege is dough in the hands of Tom Platt, and who is already regretting that he ever permitted his name to be considered for the Presidential nomination. But that is a mean and unworthy view to take of the matter. Tom Platt is not so begoggled that he is unsteady on his political legs, and Governor Morton has simply done what any other man would

have done in the same place, stood by the man who was his friend, and ignored those who were constitutionally and every other way opposed to his aspirations from the start. Governor Morton is no fool and no slouch, and Wm. McKinley may be glad enough to court his esteem before the convention has adjourned. The PIONEER says this is a McKinley supporter.

Governor Clough has one very decided advantage over William E. Lee in the campaign for the gubernatorial nomination. He is not so doddered talented that he will excite the envy and opposition of other men who are anxious to become United States senator.

St. Paul came near going Democratic at the late funeral in that city, but some two thousand voters got over into the wrong camp for that purpose, and Cullen got left and all the aldermen. Tremendous applause!

The only trouble with Mose Clapp for governor is he is too smart and too talented for the other ambitious fellows. If Mose got in his wedge once, all the gold of Washburne and Merriam together could not break him loose. But Charley Pillsbury will not let him get his nose in.

Influence of Electricity in Dentistry.

Within the last twelve months there has been a remarkable turning to electricity on the part of the dentists of this country. Probably one of the most important elements in this movement was the introduction of a method of obtunding or anaesthetizing sensitive dentine by an electrical process. The process, which is termed cataphoresis, consists of a driving in of the anaesthetic drug to be administered, by means of an electric current, which has opened the way to a real "painless dentistry." A piece of cotton, saturated with cocaine or other anaesthetic, is placed in a tooth which it is desired to remove or to operate on in any way. On either side of the tooth, or on one side of the tooth and outside of the cheek, are electrodes, which are connected to an "adapter," a newly-designed machine for administering electric current in very minute quantities. Formerly the difficulty was to give the current to a sensitive patient without shocking. Now, the current can be given so gradually that the patient is hardly conscious of it, and in from four to five minutes the tooth to be operated upon is so benumbed that it can be excavated, filled, or even taken out without the slightest pain to the patient. This epoch-making and beneficent discovery has proved such a source of stimulation to the dental profession that quite a number of beautiful adaptations of electricity to dentistry have appeared. One of these is the use of the sinusoidal current, which, unlike the current ordinarily used, has soft, wave-like impulses, which are restful and refreshing. Dentists find this current a great help to them, as most patients who are under its soothing influence will face any ordinary operation with but little fear or nervousness. Severe hemorrhage of the gums after an extraction is now stopped by the application of the negative pole of a galvanic current, which causes coagulation. New developments in the implantation and transplantation of teeth by electricity are now being perfected by some progressive members of the profession, while others are devoting themselves to bringing out the possibilities of the transmission of soft tissues by means of the new "etheric light." This fact has never before been made public, and some time ago Mr. Tesla received a letter from a German physician, who stated that not only had he killed the bacilli of tuberculosis by subjecting them to the "Tesla glow" in his laboratory, but had by the same agency actually arrested tubercular developments in the human subject. This letter, unfortunately, was burned in the fire at the laboratory, and Mr. Tesla has never been able to find the writer of it. One of the most baneful and hitherto hopeless diseases with which the dentist has to cope is "pyorrhoea alveolaris," in which the teeth gradually loosen in the gums, and at last drop out. If etheric light will kill one microbe it will probably kill others, and dentists are now experimenting in the use of higher candle-powers and looking forward hopefully to being able to purify and sterilize the cavity of the mouth by light alone, and to sweep out with a brush of glowing phosphorescence every noxious germ that lurks within it. The Roentgen rays, too, have naturally opened a new field. Cathodic pictures are now being taken of the teeth of patients. As the rays pass more easily through bone than through metal, every bit of old stopping in every part of the teeth is made manifest for the guidance of the operator who has a new patient. The Roentgen rays are also to be passed inside the mouth, with a plate on the cheek, and thus s-titis, deformations, pus deposits will be shown, and the whole of the hidden pathology of the teeth and gums will be revealed.

Against Tipping.

At one of the up town hotels the landlord has taken a decided stand against the obnoxious "tipping" system. On the first of the month the wages of the waiters were advanced 40 per cent, the object being to abolish, if possible, the system of tipping, so detrimental alike to patrons and management. Notice of the increase, with an explanation of the object, has been printed on the back of the menu cards, and now guests pay for their dinners without being delicately held up by the waiters.—New York Letter.

SAVED BY A "LIFE-CHAIN."

Most Thrilling Rescue on Record Made by Connecticut Lads.

There is a newly made hero down in the little pest village of Sandy Hook, Conn., says the New York World. He is Stephen Keane, a bright lad of fifteen years. Stephen has been a valor-boy all his life, but it was not until last Monday that he became a real hero.

He and a party of his classmates from St. Michael's parochial school, at Sandy Hook, on that day went skating on Atlantic mill pond. In the party was Michael Keating, a boy of twelve years. Michael, venturing where the ice was thin, broke through and fell into the water. Stephen Keane cried: "Form a 'life-chain,' boys, and we'll save little Mike easy!"

Lying flat, face downward, on the ice, he directed one of the boys to lie down as he had and hold tightly onto his ankles. The ankles of this one were in turn grasped by another lad, and so on until a "life-chain" of six brave boys was formed.

Keane wriggled his way carefully out on the thin ice. Before him was poor Keating struggling for life. Once he went down, and still the first link of the "life-chain" was crawling slowly on the ice far away. Down he went a second time.

"Hold tight, boys!" cried Keane. Just as the drowning boy was disappearing for the last time Keane seized his coat.

Crack! went the ice and the first two links of the "life-chain" were also in the icy water.

Finally all the boys were dragged out, the worse only for a wetting. When the crowd gathered about young Keane and showered praises on him for his forethought and pluck, he only said:

"I read in a newspaper how to do that trick, and I thought I'd try it."

Progressive Dairymen.

The progressive dairy farmer belongs to an advanced class. Nowhere will a higher grade of intelligence be found in a farming community than one composed of dairymen whose dairying operations from start to finish are conducted on their own farms and in their own dairy houses or rooms—if we except the marketing of their product—and conducted intelligently and with up-to-date herds, methods and appliances.

Such farmers are, if the expression can be allowed, dairymen by inheritance, yet they do not depend entirely on inherited talent for conducting their dairying operations. The words intelligence and inherited are used in the sense as applied to something acquired from the experience of their immediate and more remote ancestors. The Quakers are a good example of this class. In boyhood the writer knew communities of them that were model dairymen. They left their mark on communities of adjacent farmers who were wise enough to profit by their good dairying methods. And there have been found among the second and third generations of these Quakers bright examples of progressive dairymen, who have helped to organize and maintain dairymen's associations and who have lost no opportunity to keep up with the times in all matters relating to dairying.

The progressive dairymen is looking for all feed improvements. He does not adopt every new thing that comes along, but he does in good time adopt all genuine improvements in methods and such of these in appliances as are suited to his conditions and surroundings and within his means.

It can be written down that a really genuine, progressive dairymen is a humane person. No man that is not kind to dumb animals should ever engage in dairying. Kindness to dumb animals has always been a prominent trait of character in the Quaker character.—Western Plowman.

Cashmere Sheep.

I have bred Angora goats steadily for twenty-three years, having treated them the same as wool-bearing animals both summer and winter. A Chautauque county (N. Y.) subscriber asks if imported goats will do as well and thrive in this section on flat, level lands as natives. I cannot say what imported animals will do, never having had any, but cannot see why they should do differently from those bred in this country. I have sent Angoras to nearly every state, and where they thrive the Cashmires will, also. Cashmere sheep are raised quite extensively in the mountainous regions of the West, South and Southwest, and some in almost every state in the Union. Mohair, like wool, varies in price. One time I got \$1 per pound in the grease; it will generally bring from 40 to 70 per cent more than wool in an unwashed state.—J. A. Bill, Connecticut, in Farm and Home.

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