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The Monroe City Fair starts next Wednesday.

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Davenport & Mahan make Farm Loans on best terms

R. B. Parker, of Shelbyville transacted business in this city Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Griffith visited at New London the latter part of last week.

The Democratic platform is the most progressive platform ever written.—LaFollette.

Send the Democrat to a distant friend. It will be highly appreciated by the person who receives it

Former Senator Beveridge of Indiana has been chosen temporary chairman of the Bull Moose convention called to meet at Chicago Monday.

New Jersey was one of the original thirteen states of the union; there were thirteen sessions of the Baltimore convention; Bryan went to Wilson after the thirteenth ballot and there are just thirteen letters in Woodrow Wilson's name. Do you reckon there is anything in that?—Columbia Statesman.

Won't there be fun when Taft starts out to try to scare the working men with the free trade bugaboo and points to the benefits of the high tariff and, Teddy follows him up with the declaration that the cost of living must be reduced by reducing the tariff. Yea, verily. The tariff is in the hands of its friends this year.—Louisiana Press-Journal.

Not a Sheep On One-Third of Farms.

"Out of something over six millions of farms existing in the United States, two-thirds are without a single 'golden hoof,' while lamb is dearer than either beef or pork. A fairly good flock of ewes should average at least a lamb and a half per ewe every year, with a fleece and the best of fertilizers thrown in. Would that our farmers would think over this as a change from the consideration of the squabbles of Messrs. Taft and Roosevelt. There is more money and less discord in sheep."—Farm and Fireside.

Labor Has Made Land Values.

It is plain to me, at least, that the laboring man will be the loser if the single tax is adopted. He will probably save \$4 or \$5 on his taxes and lose \$10 or more on his increased rentals. I think it is plain enough for every man in the state to see that the man who is to be the chief beneficiary of this proposed amendment is the man of wealth who has his wealth in money and other personal property and can sit in the shade and take it easy, lend his money to the farmers and laboring men who must toil and pay their taxes while this man has the protection of the strong arm of the state. Will it lower the rate of interest which these men will have to pay? I cannot see how.

Another class who would be exempt would be the merchant and the trader who have their wealth in merchandise and other personal property. Can these men afford to vote this tax upon the farmer and laboring man upon whose support they are depending for their business? They know that by such an act they would lessen the ability of their patrons to buy their goods and would lose more money by the decreased business than they would gain by this exemption.

Now the Single Taxers say that men should not pay taxes upon that which is produced. Then upon what shall the tax levy be made? On land land, they say, because man did not produce land. True, but man did produce the value of land by putting his labor and hard earned money into it. By this act of man the value increased according to the demand for the land just as it is increased in another commodity. Therefore the value of land represents that which man has produced by his toil, as much as anything else.

Again they say that society has made the value of land. This is true in some degree but that is the foundation of society? It is that from which it draws support. Society draws support from the land and cannot exist without it.

Yet the Single Taxers wish to place this additional burdens upon farms, and should it come it will crush many poor farmers and will cripple the entire agricultural interests of the state. Are we not one people, dependent one upon the other? Cripple the farmer and all others will suffers with him. Destroy the value of his farm and it will be a crime. This proposed amendment removes all limitation from the taxation law of the state and should it be adopted who can even guess where it will stop?

John Dever.
Adrian, Bates county, Missouri.

A Wonderful Engine.

Each of us has a little engine which pumps 11,680,000 tons a year, and it weighs only from eight to twelve ounces and needs no engineer. It lasts a lifetime and is on the job every minute of the day and night, never waiting to be coaled up or oiled. The little machine which outwears the big ones made of steel, is the heart, and by its seventy-two beats a minute the little dynamo of life pumps twenty-two and a half pounds of blood through the body, purifying it and impatiently taking on another quarter of a pound of the red fluid the next minute. There are four gallons of blood in the average body and the busy little heart is running all the time, putting the blood in condition to keep the human machine going.—New York Press.

To Hide Ignorance.

The menu of a certain restaurant is a thing of wonder to strangers. It contains several pages of various dishes, all classified, mostly with weird French names.

The country visitor eyed it up and down, but could make nothing of it. And the waiter stood silent-

ly by his side.

At last, in despair, the diner dabbed his finger in the middle of one page, and said:

"Bring me some o' that."
"Oui, m'sieu," replied the waiter. "That ees mayonnaise dressing, sir."

"I know that, my man," snorted the countryman. "I can read!"

"But, m'sieu," said the waiter, apologetically, "what will you have it on?"

The diner glared.

"On a plate, of course, you idiot!" he roared. "Do you feed your guests in troughs at this restaurant?"—Ex.

The Difference.

Ma comes and calls at early dawn,
An' I say: "Yessum."
She calls again and I just yawn
An' answer: "Yessum."
I love to lie just half awake
An' smell the buckwheat battercake
An' answer: "Yessum."
Again she comes and gives her call,
An' I say: "Yessum."
Each mornin' it is that there way
I just say: "Yessum."
I don't git up nor stir at all.
I just say: "Yessum."
And then she hollers: "Willum, you
Have got your mornin' chores to do
You'll have to hustle to getthrough"
An' I say: "Yessum."
She calls an' calls an' I just say:
"I'm comin', yessum."
Then dad comes an' he hollers:
"Bill!"
An' then I stop my lyin' still
An' I go to dressin' with a will,
An' holler: "Comin'!"

—Chicago News.

The Huntsville Herald says Jim Whitecotton didn't get but \$350 for services as representative from Monroe County each term, therefore no one ought to kick or vote against him for grafting \$80 50 for his son and daughter. But nobody expected the Herald to take a different view of such "official acts," however it may be looked on by tax-payers.—Chariton Courier.

Knowledge.

Knowledge is indeed that which next to virtue, truly and essentially raises one man above another. It finishes one half of the human soul. It makes being pleasant to us, fills the mind with entertaining views, and administers to it a perpetual series of gratification. It gives ease to solitude and gracefulness to retirement.—Addison.

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The great crop of the northern tier of states causes the price to drop from the 65 or 70 cents paid in July down to half that figure. The average price of northern potatoes at the shipping point for the last ten years has been 33 cents a bushel.

To have an early crop it is necessary to select early varieties and to plant as early as possible.

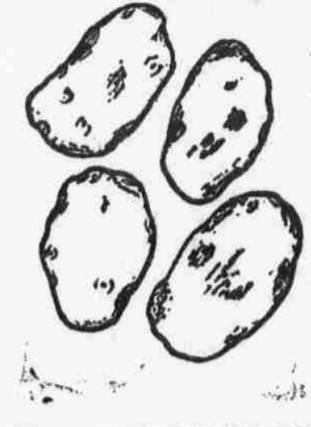
The potato most grown in Missouri is the Early Ohio. Next in order is



READY FOR THE MARKET.

the Triumph. These varieties are recommended as the best for this state. Northern grown potatoes are the best for seed, as they come in earlier and outyield home grown seed uniformly. Select good size, uniform potatoes, and by no means plant little ones. Don't plant the largest potatoes, as they are likely to reproduce their kind, that is, one large and a great number of small, worthless potatoes in each hill. Besides, the largest potatoes are not the best for market, as a large potato by comparison makes its smaller neighbors seem smaller than they really are.

The potatoes should be spread in the sunlight for two or three weeks before planting. The sprouts which start in dark cellars are long, white



and slender, and most of them break off when the potato is cut or planted. The sprouts started in the sun are short and green and continue to grow after planting. The green color of the potato left in the sun is a sign that the insoluble plant food is now partly "predigested," which will cause the sprouts to push through the soil and become plants very quickly.

OSCAR E. RILEY.

Which Spells Success.

Study the world and its forces. Your strength lies in co-operation with them. Study men; leadership consists in knowing how to run with them. Public opinion is like an ocean liner; you cannot back it in a minute; you cannot guide it when it is going slow, and it can only be controlled by one who is riding on it.

Ars Like Chestnuts.

Many Christians are like chestnuts—very pleasant nuts, but inclosed in very prickly burrs, which need various dealings of nature and her grip of frost before the kernel is disclosed.—Paul Chatfield.

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