

IDEALIZE the epigrammatic Democratic nominee for president to the limits of your wildest imagination and you have the ideal of nothing of good report that William McKinley is not in ripest, richest fruition.

"TEDDY" ROOSEVELT is the high ideal of the young Republican. He is the personification of clean, able, manly politics. It will be a delight for the progressive young American to elevate him to the vice-presidency.

It is not easy to read some of W. J. Bryan's "famous" epigrams and retain confidence in the gentleman's sincerity. For instance his recent utterances about the Republican party seeking to annihilate the Declaration of Independence, the Fourth of July etc. Give him all the scope, freedom and latitude of the orator, and it is insufficient to excuse the "epigram." It's the Republican spirit that makes the immortal document and day possible and worth while.

THE Fusionists in state convention, this week, nominated the following ticket: Governor, W. A. Poynter; Lieutenant Governor, E. A. Gilbert; Secretary of State, C. V. Svoboda; Auditor, Theodore Griess; Treasurer, S. B. Howard; Attorney General, W. D. Oldham; Land Commissioner, P. J. Carey; Superintendent of Schools, C. F. Beck; Presidential Electors, Frank Ransom, J. H. Felber, W. A. Garrett, W. G. Swan, Peter Ebbsen, Robert Oberfelder, L. M. Wentz, J. Hughes.

In President McKinley, the people have a man of high character, unsullied reputation, unswerving patriotism, and a stronger candidate than he was in 1896, because his remarkable experience has strengthened and broadened him and better equipped him for executive duties. In Governor Roosevelt, the people have a representative of the stalwart Americanism of the day, and a man as closely identified with the policy of expansion as is the president himself. They make a strong team.

SINCE the Kansas City convention and the turning down of Towne the average Nebraska Populist must find it difficult to locate just where he is as a Populist party man. The Democrats are evidently quite determined that the Populist shall have nothing to do with real politics other than voting for the Democratic nominees. This "too continuous" performance of helping nominate and elect Democrats to office must be anything but a pleasing performance to the Populists who formerly affiliated with the Republican party. Will the play never end?

A Millionaire's Ruse.

An American millionaire who has a palace at Venice is more superstitious than his countrymen usually are. Recently he invited to a dinner a party of friends, including a Roman prince, one of the queen of Italy's maids of honor, and various sprigs of Italian aristocracy. The Roman prince, however, failed him at the last moment, and the host refused to sit down to dinner on finding that the company consisted of thirteen persons. He made various fruitless attempts to secure another guest, and at last, in despair, he announced that he intended to follow the custom of the Arabs, who always wait upon their guests, and eat their own dinners by themselves afterward. The meal proved a great success.

Growth of the Human Hair.

Authorities differ as to the rate of growth of the human hair, and it is said to be very dissimilar in different individuals. The most usually accepted calculation gives six and one-half inches per annum. A man's hair, allowed to grow to its extreme length, rarely exceeds twelve or fourteen inches, while that of a woman will grow, in rare instances, to seventy inches or seventy-five inches, though the average does not exceed twenty-five to thirty inches.

One Pound of Honey.

It is estimated that to collect one pound of honey from clover 62,000,000 heads of clover must be deprived of nectar, and 3,750,000 visits from bees must be made.

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An Ordinance Providing for the Building and Repairing of Sidewalks in the City of McCook, and Repealing Ordinance No. 12 of the City of McCook, and All Other Ordinances and Parts of Ordinances Inconsistent With This Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 11.  
An Ordinance Providing for the Building and Repairing of Sidewalks in the City of McCook, and Repealing Ordinance No. 10 of the City of McCook, and All Other Ordinances and Parts of Ordinances Inconsistent With This Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 12.  
An Ordinance Providing for the Building and Repairing of Sidewalks in the City of McCook, and Repealing Ordinance No. 11 of the City of McCook, and All Other Ordinances and Parts of Ordinances Inconsistent With This Ordinance.

ANNUAL ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES.  
Be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the City of McCook, Red Willow County, Nebraska, that the estimate of the probable amount of money to be raised by taxation of the assessable property, both real and personal, within the City of McCook for the year beginning May 2, 1900, is as follows:

ORDER OF HEARING.  
State of Nebraska, Red Willow County, ss: At a county court, held at the county court room, in and for said county, July 7th, A. D. 1900, Present, G. S. Bishop, county judge. In the matter of the estate of Lucy L. Swank, deceased.

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Effect of Altitude.  
Perhaps in no state of the Union has climate so much to do with the character of the people as in Colorado is the contention of a writer in Ainslee's. He says in part:  
"Go into Colorado, climb the long ascent from the level of the Missouri and then as you emerge from the train into the handsomely improved streets and among the unsurpassed brick and stone residences of Denver feel your head swim with the lofty altitude and the rarefied air; then realize that the miners went on a mile farther into the air, that they are working and taking out millions of dollars of gold to the present day a mile higher in the air at Cripple Creek, at Leadville and a dozen other places. It will make you pause to think what exaltation there is in dwelling there always, what staying powers the pioneers must have had."  
"Wait a day or so until the vertigo has passed away and the exhilaration comes to you that always comes when you have climbed a mountain and stood upon its top and gazed out over a wide world that expands below you. Then you will begin to feel that electric, that nervous surcharge, that indomitable, undiscourageable, almost towering spirit of elevation and still further elevation that makes Colorado almost the liveliest, the most irrepresible, the most determined element in the American body, social and political."

Siberian Post Horses.  
The horses, the small, hardy breed of the steppes, are worked up to the last ounce in them, on good road or bad, and when they reach the welcome post-house are tied up under a mere lean to and there left all in a lather to freeze stiff until their turn of service comes round again. For some reason which I have never been able to ascertain they are invariably tied up with their heads drawn as high as they will go. On taking them out for another stage the driver, whose whip has a sort of saw tooth arrangement affixed to the end on the side of the stock opposite the lash, roughly scrapes off with it the hoar frost which has thickly incrustated their legs and, indeed, their whole bodies.

At first the poor beasts walk with the gait of a Dutch doll; but, as the driver says, he "soon warms them up." Another peculiarity of these marvelous steeds is that they always get a painful or more of ice cold water to drink before starting out for their "trick" on the road, with the result that they tremble all over in a manner pitiable to see, but otherwise seem to be only the more fit for their work.—Blackwood.

His Happy Future.  
The Saunterer happened to be dining with a friend the other evening, and of course the table's population included the inevitable 5-year-old boy. The latter had fallen into the habit of asking for all kinds of impossible things, being refused and going howling from the room in obedience to the command. He would re-enter two minutes later with a half dozen dirty streaks and a bright I-accept-your-apology smile on his face.

On this evening, after the third excursion, he suddenly conceived an affection for the sugar bowl. He reached for it, got it and as promptly gave it up in response to the threatening hand of his mother. His father glanced up casually, waiting for the usual outburst before he sent him out, but instead the child's face brightened, and his eyes twinkled with anticipation.  
"What are you so glad about, Willie?" asked his father.

"I wuz thinkin'," answered Willie—"I wuz thinkin' of all the sugar I'm goin to have when everybody else in this house is dead."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A Mountain of Alum.  
In China, 12 1/2 miles from the village of Liou-Chek, there is a mountain of alum which, in addition to being a natural curiosity, is a source of wealth for the inhabitants of the country, who dig from it yearly tons of alum. The mountain is not less than ten miles in circumference at its base and has a height of 1,940 feet. The alum is obtained by quarrying large blocks of stone, which are first heated in great furnaces and then in vats filled with boiling water. The alum crystallizes out and forms a layer about six inches in thickness. This layer is subsequently broken up into blocks weighing about ten pounds each.

Monkeys Fearless.  
Until a lion is beaten he has no fear. He would as soon attack a lion as a gnat, and as long as he can look into your eyes he will not submit. He considers himself the master. Avert the head and he gives in. This is a recognized fact among animal trainers. The ringtail monkeys taken about by Italians are very gentle and are never whipped.

A Famous Eagle.  
The eagle which originally decorated the stern of the famous schooner yacht America, which first won what is now known as the America's cup, is now the sign of the Royal Eagle hotel at Ryde, Isle of Wight, overlooking the scene of the vessel's triumph over her English competitors in 1851.

Warlike Boys.  
All boys in the Malagasy schools are enrolled spearmen when they have passed a certain standard. They are so adept with this weapon that at close quarters they are more to be feared than the regular troops armed with rifles and bayonets.

It is said that the first weeping willow in England was planted by Alexander Pope, the poet.

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