

The Norfolk News

"The crime of '73' has gone glimmering.

The Dewey celebration amply demonstrated that New York is an American city.

Jobs are busy from one end of the country to the other hunting for men. This is a republican administration.

Never was this country expanding industriously as rapidly as it is today. Protection and sound money have done it.

The man who can be pessimist at the present time is a veteran either of a disordered imagination or the liver complaint.

It is said that even the mules which are being bought in this country for the use of the British army in the war against the Boers, kick at the prospect.

Alfred Beit of South Africa, who is said to be worth over \$1,000,000,000, made his fortune in diamonds. He is well educated and not yet 50 years old.

With Gen. Miles' friends booming him for the presidency and Admiral Dewey in demand as a candidate, it would look as if the army and navy were strictly "it."

It is said that goat's lymph will make an insane man sane. It is to be hoped that this is true. We had supposed that if anything on earth would make sane men insane it was the festive goat.

Amos Allen, Tom Reed's successor, has declared himself as emphatically endorsing President McKinley's attitude regarding the Philippines. The people of Maine are true to republican principles and loyal to the flag.

Cardinal Wolsley's advice to Cromwell to fling away ambition was very foolish, but if he had told him that he should regulate and control it he would have talked common sense. Ambition, like every other noble quality, properly used, is magnificent and praiseworthy.

Edward Tauner has made a good coroner and the office under his supervision has been economically managed. This is a position to which ordinarily very little importance is attached, and yet it is in reality a very important office. Mr. Tauner having given good satisfaction will without doubt be re-elected.

The fusionists are considerably worried about the threatening aspect in Nebraska this fall. All appearances seem to indicate a landslide that will be jarred loose early in November. They are putting in all the props at hand but they seem all too frail for the purpose and are surely giving way before the crushing weight of public sentiment.

The Omaha Daily News made its first appearance last week. It is an evening paper and published in the form of a seven-column folio. The initial numbers have quite a metropolitan appearance, which augurs well for its future success. The price charged is but one cent a copy and it will undoubtedly work up quite a circulation in the city.

It is astounding how rapidly the money is swallowing up all the statesmen out of a job. Hon. J. Simpson—the sockless man from Kansas, who broke into congress a few years ago—has become a member of a combination of live stock shippers. If "Freedom shrieked when Kocziusko fell," she'll fairly make Rome howl now that Simpson has tumbled down.

The charge is often made that whenever there is plenty of money behind a culprit, justice is sure to miscarry. But the San Francisco millionaire, who was arrested two years or more ago for spitting on the floor of a street car, and who has been fighting his sentence of 24 hours in jail ever since, does not agree with the statement, especially since he has been obliged to undergo the penalty.

It seems that the World-Herald had nothing but good words for Chaplain Malley, the fighting parson of the "Fighting First" Nebraska, until that paper discovered that he was in entire sympathy with Uncle Sam's cause in the Philippines, since which time nothing has been too mean for it to say about him. The chaplain, however, goes right along advocating his beliefs without regard to the mud slinging of the World-Herald.

The leading lumber men of the north-west are greatly perplexed over the situation. With orders pouring in upon them, they cannot cut as many logs as they ought because of the scarcity of men. Men are not to be had at any price. Hard times have struck the lumber men under a republican administration. They can make more money than they could a while ago, but they cannot make it as fast as they would if everyone wasn't so very busy.

The fusionists are endeavoring to create the impression that the future welfare of the Bryan cause depends upon the election of Holcomb to the supreme judgeship this fall. If Mr. Bryan's hopes rest on such a frail support his adherents may well be alarmed

at the outlook. Republicans feel that their cause is safe without regard to the issues on which the campaign is fought. They have a man beyond reproach as a candidate for supreme judge and they do not hesitate to discuss national issues when desired.

In 1896 Mr. Bryan wept because the farmer wasn't getting anything for his products. In 1900 he can spend his sympathy on the laboring man who has to pay so much for his beef steak. It keeps a man pretty busy finding out just where to place his sympathy these days. If this magnificent republican prosperity, which is abroad in the land, continues to lighten the gloom of the white man's burden and help him to wipe out his debts contracted under a democratic administration, Mr. Bryan will have to sit up nights in order to adjust his calamity organ to the right tune.

The republican party is responsible for a good many things and has a great deal to answer for in the present condition of affairs. An exchange says: "It has gotten so under these reprehensible republican auspices that farmers are coveting around the country in rubber-tired vehicles, buying upright pianos and in other ways conducting themselves more like railway presidents than horny handed sons of toil. In thus familiarizing themselves with the manners and customs and vices and luxuries of the plutocrats, they are departing from the honored traditions of their fathers, and the republican party is to blame for it."

The Times-Tribune says truly that the amount of dilapidated sidewalks around town that ought to be put in shape before winter sets in, is vast. The News has called attention to this fact before, and it is glad that others begin to see the matter in the same light. The News said some time ago that sidewalks were in the poorest condition that they had been for years, and now it will go farther and assert that as a class the sidewalks of this city are a disgrace to a civilized community, showing a lack of ambition, a lack of progress, a lack of interest in the town. Fully half of the walks of the city are such as would cause a blush of shame to mount the cheek of the resident of the smallest village in Nebraska, were they located in his town. Every inch of these dilapidated walks should be condemned and ordered rebuilt at once, but we have no idea that they will be.

A fusionist exchange says "They (the republicans) do not wish to enter a losing game, and realize that the fusion ticket is already safely elected in this state." They do not realize, concede or believe anything of the kind. They have no reason for gaining such an impression. If the fusionists had been true to their trusts—if they had lived up to their principles and taken care to deserve the support of the farmers and laboring men accorded them, there might have been an excuse for the above wild assertion. But with a slump of nearly 20,000 majority to little more than 2,000 in four years' time and with the man who was responsible for this great falling off at the head of the ticket, it is a wonder that a paper has the presumption to make a statement so misleading from the real facts. The republicans do not need President McKinley's and Governor Roosevelt's help to carry Nebraska this fall, although they would have been pleased to greet the two leading lights of the nation. Holcomb's record will do the business.

The Omaha Bee of Thursday morning publishes a fac-simile letter written by W. J. Bryan to J. Sterling Morton in which the statement is made, "I assure you that it is the money that is in the office and not the honor that attracts me." This letter is published to prove an assertion made by Mr. Morton that Mr. Bryan had at one time made such an avaricious declaration. Bryan denied the allegation in toto to a Bee reporter and Morton took it upon himself to prove that he was not prevaricating. The letter was written in 1889, when Bryan was seeking an appointment as secretary of the state board of transportation. The fact that it was written goes to prove that underlying Mr. Bryan's evident interest in the poor and oppressed, there is a sordid hope of gain in this world's goods that can but detract from his glib statements and asseverations. Mr. Morton and Mr. Bryan were at one time sincere friends allied politically, but the free-silver rock split the alliance and Mr. Morton has since discovered the true and erratic nature of the presidential aspirant. A careful study of Mr. Bryan's character has led Mr. Morton to make this severe arraignment of the noted orator's ever-changing views: "As an economist Colonel Bryan is a prestidigitator. While lecturing on free trade he denounced and bemoaned high prices and landed low prices. But while lecturing for free silver he damns low prices as the bane of prosperity and praises high prices as the sole tonic and test of prosperity. As a self-adjusting, reversible, vote-catching economist Colonel Bryan is without a peer. He wanted free trade because it would make prices lower. He wants free silver because it will make them higher; but he wants office more than he wants anything else, not to bestow good upon the country, but money upon himself."

Mr. Bryan is not taking many orders as the advance agent of calamity.

Congressman Lentz of Ohio threatens to go the Philippines. No injunction will be served.

It is the newspaper that enters the homes of the people that it pays to advertise in. The News is such a newspaper.

It is hard work to make a nation with a full stomach feel hungry. This fact causes the democrats lots of trouble and makes them wear long faces when they think of the next campaign.

The St. Paul, Minn., Dispatch well says: "If John R. McLean is elected governor of Ohio by republican votes, the man who has gold bricks for sale will know just where to go for market."

The poor laboring man hasn't even time to go fishing under a republican administration. The gold standard and high tariff keep him constantly on the jump at good wages. The octopus is right after him.

In speaking of the potential power of the newspaper, some one has put it in this way: "Every time the sun goes down 70,000,000 people know something that was known by only 70 when the sun rose."

An iron manufacturer in Pennsylvania complains that times are too good. He says he cannot get cars near fast enough to fill orders for his goods. It's hard times for iron men under a republican administration.

About the only real benefit we get out of anything lies in its use. Your local newspaper is only of benefit as an advertising medium to those merchants who use it. Do you use the columns of The News, constantly, largely, vigorously? If not, why not?

In the Chicago high schools there are three girls to one boy. If this is an indication of what the future may have in store, in a few years it may be expected that the women will be smarter than the men. Some of them think they are at the present day.

However much our sympathies may be aroused in behalf of the Boers, the facts are that they are fighting for isolation—and all nature contends against any such proposition. A people cannot in these days live a stunted life. They must either progress or die.

The expensiveness of the modern woman has again been illustrated. The khedive of Egypt, poor unfortunate man, complains that his salary of \$500,000 is insufficient to meet his household expenses. He has got to disburse some of his wives. Some men seem born for hard luck.

The number of available beef cattle, it is estimated, has fallen off 10,000,000 during the past seven years, or nearly one-quarter, while the population has increased over 10,000,000, and the ability to buy beef per capita has doubled. These are some of the reasons why beef has advanced in price.

That peace conference at the Hague was a good thing, no doubt, but its effect on the fighting element in human affairs is not visible. Never was the outlook more warlike. Great Britain and the United States are both on the war path, France is on the verge of revolution, while Russia is arming itself to the teeth.

At no time for years have the republicans stood a better show of electing their entire county ticket than they do this fall. There is very little excuse for scratching as the men named will all make worthy officials and transact the business entrusted to them in a satisfactory manner to their constituents. The coming election should and will result in success providing the republicans do their duty.

When in 1896 at the great republican rally at the old opera house, we heard Senator Thurston in an eloquent speech, say: "Under a democratic administration men are hunting for jobs; under a republican administration jobs are hunting for men," we supposed he was to be forgiven for an exaggeration made in the heat of a political campaign. Now we know we owe him an apology. He understated a simple truth.

The presidency seems to be a money making institution, both before taking and after. Mr. Bryan, it is said, has made \$300,000 as a candidate for the presidency, while ex-President Harrison, as legal counsel for the Venezuelan republic before the Paris arbitration, is to get a fee of \$250,000. If it pays well to be a presidential nominee, moderately so to be a real president, it would seem to pay a great deal better to be an ex-president.

The Atlanta Constitution is democratic, but it is a war democrat. You know the difference between this kind and the other. It is the same now that it was in the sixties. There were democrats then who yelled for peace and called Lincoln a tyrant, as there are democrats today who cry peace and call McKinley an imperialist. There were democrats then who differed from Mr.

Lincoln, but stood loyally by him and the flag. The Constitution differs from Mr. McKinley but stands loyally by him in support of the nation's flag. Speaking of the returning volunteers it says: "Let the regiments as they come home, come as they fought! For every wound a balm, for every rag a cheer, for all a warm welcome to the hearts of their countrymen."

Be quiet—let the soft tears of love fall silently—close the tired eyes—gently caress the cold hands—note the last flicker of a feeble pulse—observe the last fluttering breath—murmur a last fond farewell—it is dying and will soon be buried in forgetfulness, to sleep a sleep of eternities, and when the last movement and sound have been noted, do not shake the coffin or disturb the grave—the "free and unlimited coinage of silver at their ratio of 16 to 1 without the aid or consent of any nation on earth" is dying. An antiquated back-number doctor strolls along occasionally and gives the feeble body a punch or two in the ribs and thinks of a cure, but the leading physicians and friends have abandoned it to its fate. Its friend "Wheat" was the first to abandon it. This started the rush and the procession of forgetful friends rapidly moved away. Wheat has already found a new love in wire nails, while its other friends are falling down before imperialism, the trusts, militarism and other fresh young beauties. "Requiescat in pace!"

The Omaha Daily News, which is an independent paper, gives a very fair statement of the political situation in regard to the Philippine question. It states that if Mr. Bryan were president and he was pursuing the same course in the Philippines as that now adopted by President McKinley the republicans would be arrayed against him. While the News has no precedent on which to base this assertion it may be true to some extent. The history of the republican party, however, is one of patriotism and it has always been found in support of the old flag—never against it. It is therefore doubtful if many republicans would be found, if Mr. Bryan were president, who would advocate the hauling down of the flag or permit it to become a jest of the Filipinos or any other people. The News says further: "Mr. McKinley is trying to get his country out of a painful situation brought on by the fortunes of war, and if Mr. Bryan were placed under the same great responsibility, we believe he would try to prove himself just as good and loyal an American. The fact is that Mr. Bryan is on record as having advocated the ratification of the treaty that sprung the expansion trap on the people. If he were president to-day he would not be the popular hero of the Filipinos. The fact of the matter is that while there is room for divergence of opinion regarding what future disposition we shall make of the Philippine islands as to the government, etc., until peace is secured and respect won for the flag now planted on that soil there is no room for clap-trap politics in the discussion."

Princely Gifts to Education.

Not in any previous year in our history have educational institutions in the United States been so enriched by donations and bequests as in 1899. Though the year is not yet ended, the institutions of learning have received nearly \$30,000,000, which is about \$16,000,000 more than they received from such sources during all of last year. The following is the list of the principal benefactions:

Table listing benefactions to education, including names like Mrs. Leland Stanford, Estate of John Simmons, and amounts.

The list may be incomplete, and there may be additions to it before the close of the year which may greatly swell the total. It is as it stands a very gratifying list and indicates that the cause of education is not being forgotten, at least by some of those who can afford to make generous donations.

In this connection it is gratifying to note that the matriculation in the colleges and universities of the country this fall shows that the total attendance therein will surpass that of any previous year. Small and great institutions alike are experiencing a rush of students which taxes their accommodations to the utmost. Not only does it appear that institutions of learning are receiving generous gifts, but that these benefactions are being thoughtfully appreciated by the young men and women of the country.

MR. EPIZOOT WILKINS.

He Attends the "Dimieratic Strkos and Animal Sho" at the State Convention in Ohio and Has Some Mix-givings About His "Attitood."

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To the Editor: I hev jest got bak from another flyin trip to the west, wich included mi visit to the Dimieratic sirkus and animal sho at Zanessville, Ohio, and wich out uv resppek to former gatharin's wuz called a stait convenshun. We hev bin plannin fer the performance doorn the past tw weeks under the direcschun of Mr. John R. McLean, hoo wuz the ringmaster at our rehearsals, and hoo iz to continue in that capacity doorn the stait convenshun. He lives in Washington most uv the time, and frum what I cool see and hear doorn mi trip to Ohio, there ain't likely to be nothin in the result uv the convenshun to cause him to change hiz residence to the stait whare he sumtimes stays over nite.

All our staitsmen hoo hev been korralled, occasionally, in these hedquarters hev bin uv the opinyun that a grate Dimieratic victory iz needed in Ohio, this year, ez a send off fer 1900. We hev all felt that it wuz necessary to hev the president politikally reopodiated bi hiz own stait in order to give uv the proper kind uv a foothold. It wud hev a most gratifyin influence on the Dimieratic fackshuns hoo are fitein each other, everywhere, and it wud also enkurrj the insurgents in the Pillepeens and in Massachusetts. There hev bin no difference uv opinyun ez to the necessity uv havin a Dimieratic sweep in Ohio to sho the kountry that sich tyrants ez Mark Hanna, and sich degenerit staitsmen ez McKinley kinnot forever rool with an iron hand. The only questshun hev bin ez to hoo wuz best fixed to du the job. At fast, none uv us seriously thot uv Mr. McLean ez the ringmaster uv the sirkus. At sun time or other, doorn hiz career, he hev managed to be up against neerly all the leedin Dimierats uv the stait, and hev blode hot and cold on their measures and their ambushuns. I found, doorn mi travels, that to size up it and the material we hed to work with. We got Mr. McLean nominated all rite in spite uv the powerful current uv opposishun wich wuz runnin agin him underneath, and we hev put him onto a platform wich wuz destined to ketch votes faster than mi paper will ketch flies. Ez a vote ketcher it iz rite in it if we only ketch em.

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On war and imperialism we hit 'er up in grate stile, endorsen the soljers hoo fit into the Revoluoshunary war, at Bunker Hill, but hoo won't vote the Dimieratic ticket in Ohio this year, and straddlin 2 hosses he did in different direcschun, on the Cuban and Pillepeen wars, and puttin in a good lick for our Dimieratic ally in the Pillepeens, wich iz Mr. Aquinobdo, hoo, at last akounts wuz all rite and enthusiastically opposin the administrasah uv William McKinley.

We also resoluoted strongly agin hiteh-in onto enny entanglin alliancs with furrin kingdums and empires—without waitin to see whether tha wantid to entangle themselves with the Dimieratic party uv Ohio.

We hit the Trusts and the politik Bosses a staggerin blo, and showed hoo konsistent we wuz bi makin the most offensiv Dimieratic Boss in the whole stait our candidate for gubvner—and the one hoo iz in every Trust ez fer ez he kin git into it.

We also deklarred ourselves in favur uv the inishiativ and memorandum, but hed sum trouble in gittin it throo, on akount uv the most uv the delegates not knowin what it wuz. Tha thort it wuz sum nat kind uv mixed drinks. We put in a resoluoshun agin swen shops, and hed one reported agin nite swentals, but it wuz rooled out on a pint uv order.

We got the platform throo the convenshun without much frickschun, but wen it cum to nominatin a candidate for gubvner there wuz sum plane speekin that orther hev bin suppress. It wuz real mean for General Warner to allow to Mr. Kilburne ez "a man hoo lives in the stait," and fer others to refer in a sarkastik way to Mr. McLean's big wand uv muney wich he will so grately need in Ohio before he kin be elected gubvner.

There wuz one nu feature uv the convenshun wich made a grate hit, and that wuz the big stump speech wich the Rev. Mr. Kearney fired off in his prayer at the openin uv the performance. Dimieratic ministers ar so skarc, ez a rool. It wrot the delegates up to a grate pitch uv excitement wen tha saw a real live one start the sirkus, and inform the Almighty that He must du the square thing bi the Pillepeens, and deliver them frum "the brute force now bein in-flickit onto em" bi the minions uv a Republikin administrasah.

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