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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 14.

Our very newsy and enterprising neighbor, the Springfield Republican, remains intensely sensitive over the Philippine question, and never loses a chance to show its hand. In a paragraph regarding the remarkable scarcity of senate document 62, the Republican refers to the contents of this document as "the illuminating evidence of our treacherous and high-handed dealings with the Filipinos." A somewhat harsh way of putting the matter, and hardly in accord with the views of a great majority of the people of the United States, who, while desiring, with the Republican, only the fairest and most humane treatment for the natives of those faraway islands, are not convinced, as that journal seems to be, that the American government is entirely or mainly responsible for what has happened there during the past few months.

Bryan and Belmont are still writing political love letters to each other—a proceeding which entertains the boys, without settling any of the questions which at present perplex our friends, the democracy. By the way, a recent number of Harper's Weekly has for its first page picture a striking view of the Tammany tiger, with jaws distended as only a Tammany tiger knows how to do that sort of thing; from the upper teeth hangs a placard announcing a ten dollar dinner and inviting the passer-by to step within, the passer by at this particular time is William Jennings Bryan, who, mounted on a meek-looking democratic mule and carrying a tin pail, is the perfect personification of Jeffersonian simplicity, and is not at all inclined to "step within" the open countenance before him. Some entertaining chapters are being added in the ten dollar and one dollar dinner episodes, and "Jeffersonian simplicity" is having a new inning—which promises to be as brief as some previous demonstrations of the kind have been.

Rear Admiral Kautz appears to be quite a match for the German consul at Apia, Herr Rose. The latter wrote the United States naval commander to ask if two great nations like England and America approved of this inhuman and barbarous practice against the laws of Christianity and the decree of the supreme court. Whereupon the admiral called the consul's attention to the fact that had the German consul upheld the decree of the supreme court of January there would have been no bloodshed. He further informed Herr Rose the custom was an old Samoan one, but first made known to the world ten years ago, when the heads "of honest German soldiers were cut off by the barbarous Chief Mataafa, whom the representative of the great Christian nation, Germany, is now supporting."

The condition of things at Samoa has grown decidedly serious within a few days past. An attack from ambush on British and American forces, on a German plantation in Apia, resulting in the loss of several lives and the brutal decapitation of dead officers, has added to the gravity of the situation; and, while it is yet possible that the peaceable means recently agreed upon for the settlement of the Samoan question may be carried out, the crisis is of such a nature that only the wisest counsels can prevent a rupture between Germany on the one side and England and America on the other. The latest developments have aroused much uneasiness in Washington circles, the adminstration, as well as the resident representatives of the other two governments, fully realizing the peril of the situation.

The New York assembly has refused to pass a bill providing for additional safeguards against fire in hotels; but it has given its approval to measures prohibiting the sale of food products containing deleterious coloring matter, imposing penalty for adulteration of natural fruit juices, and forbidding the contracting of indebtedness on the part of the commonwealth by any of its officials, beyond the limit of specified appropriations. These last named bills are all desirable enough in their way, but the assembly cannot really afford, in justice to the general public, to turn a cold shoulder to any proposed enactment which looks towards a better protection against the perils of fire.

The ceremonies which ended the war with Spain, and assured peace between this country and that, took place at the executive mansion in Washington on Tuesday, the 11th, and it is a gratifying coincidence that Tuesday was also the first anniversary of the issuing of the ultimatum which gave Spain the choice between relinquishing its hold on Cuba or going to war with the United States. A very pleasant thing in connection with the formal completion of the treaty of peace, too, is the announced intention of Spain to resume diplomatic relations with this country; a graceful act—an indisputable proof of our former foe's candid acceptance of the situation.

In a letter to Secretary Long, Admiral Dewey, whose opportunities for observation will probably not be questioned by the most rabid anti-imperialist, remarks that "it is well known that the Aguinaldo government is a severe military depotism." And yet there are people in this country who would be glad to have the administration apologize to this military despot for the trouble he has been put to during the campaign, call off Dewey and Otis and their brave fighters, and promise not to create any more disturbance down that way.

Jones—he of the democratic national committee—is quoted as saying that if he can live to see a democratic victory in 1900 he will then be ready to die. We are afraid that this event which Brother Jones appears so earnestly to sign for will not take place in a year made up of two ciphers If he is to live to see such victory he seems destined to reach a good old age--unless the republican party makes an eggregious fool of itself; and it has not yet established a reputation for that kind of thing.

Dewey has been interviewed again in regard to the presidency, and has no use for it. He believes that a sailor should have no politics, and finds glory enough in that particular branch of the sailor's career wherein he has proved of such service to the country. If these uneasy president-makers cannot persuade Dewey or Miles to run, they may be obliged for the time being to set aside their intense longing for the military element in the coming campaign.

The democratic party cannot die because it is based on principles that abide and are eternal.—Montpelier Argus.

But, dear contemporary, we do not want it to die. We want it to live, with just life enough to make things interesting but not quite enough to enable it to overtake us. We want to be just a little ahead in the quadrennial races for the White House.

Vermont's general prosperity gives evidence of marching right along this year in double quick time. All industries seem to be in line for an active and successful campaign.—Rutland News.

And now let local pride beget loyalty to local interests and concerted action to secure the business development that lies within reach.

There is no indication of a particularly extensive boom in railroad building this year, but the Railway Age estimates that some five thousand miles of new track will be laid, involving an investment of one hundred and fifty thousands dollars, and giving twenty-five thousand men employment. The West is to get most of the benefit of this new railroad constuction.

Germany should pluck that Rose in Samoa.

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The Best Tonic

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One, however, is the portion allotted to the average mortal. If this one aches and will not work properly, it is worse than none. When this condition is present, the stomach is blamed, the kidneys come in for censure and the liver is sure not to escape. As a fact, the blood is solely responsible for the condition of these organs.

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Bellows Falls Hotel Burned.

Town's Hotel in Bellows Falls was almost wholly destroyed by fire on Wednesday evening last. The loss will be well up towards $100,000, of which it is understood that only a part is covered by insurance. The fire was discovered under a floor on the fifth story by a servant, but its origin is unknown.

Part of Landlord Dunbar's hotel furniture was saved, but it is badly damaged by water. The stores in the block are those of J. M. Eaton & Co., jewelers; J. T. Keefe, shoes, and S. F. Andrews, drugs. Each of these saved some stock. The [illegible] was built 30 years ago by Charles [illegible] and cost $80 000.

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The house and barns and contents of barns of Dix J. Camp, East Randolph, were burned recently. One horse, 25 cows and other small stock perished in the flames. Part of the household goods were saved in a damaged condition. He had a good set of buildings. The loss is estimated at $8,000.

Some Queer Trees.

The breadfruit tree of Ceylon is very remarkable. Its fruit is baked and eaten as we eat bread, and is equally good and nutritious. In Barbuta, South America, is a tree which, by piercing the trunk, produces milk, with which the inhabitants feed their children. In the interior of Africa is a tree which produces excellent butter. It resembles the American oak, and its fruit, from which the butter is prepared, is not unlike the olive. Park, the great traveler, declared that the butter surpassed any made in England from cow's milk. At Sierra Leone is the cream fruit tree, the fruit of which is quite agreeable in taste.

At Table Bay, near the Cape of Good Hope, is a small tree the berries of which make excellent candles. It is also found in the Azores. The vegetable tallow tree also grows in Sumatra, in Algeria and in China. In the island of Chusan large quantities of oil and tallow are extracted from its fruit, which is gathered in November or December, when the tree has lost all its leaves. The bark of a tree in China produces a beautiful soap. Trees of the sapindus or soap berry order also grow in the north of Africa. They are amazingly prolific, and their fruit contains about 38 per cent of saponin.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Refused to Take More Pay.

A writer in Ainslee's Magazine tells how Irving M. Scott, the man who built the Oregon, once refused a raise in his salary. The firm was then building the Saginaw for the government. Donahue was at the legislature much of the time soon after Scott's arrival, and affairs at the works were at sixes and sevens. Brodie, the foreman, threatened to leave and did leave, and Scott, without authority and although only engaged as a draftsman, took entire charge and directed things for two weeks until Donahue's return. He introduced system into the methods and made affairs run along so smoothly that Donahue was pleased and made him permanent foreman.

About this time Donahue offered to increase his wages, but Scott thought over the matter and declined.

"If I break my year's contract with you," he said to Donahue, "I'll have to take what you give me. I prefer to keep my contract, and when it's up you'll have to pay me what I'm worth."

Donahue looked aghast. "You're the first man," he said, "that I've ever known to refuse a raise of pay."

Results justified Scott's foresight. At the end of the year he was re-engaged at [illegible] just four times what Donahue [illegible] him.

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