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WITH oats selling at twenty cents in Chicago and worth about eleven cents for export purposes in the local market, no man will be so poor next winter as not to be able to have his oatmeal three times a day—if he wants it.

THERE has been a noticeable improvement in the quality of weather in western Nebraska since Chief Moore has become thoroughly acquainted with his new duties at Washington. It is needless to add that Mr. Moore is a republican, and that of itself guarantees efficient service.

THE populists of Ohio demand the abolition of the national banks, which they denounce as centers of bloated wealth. Probably they are not aware that a fourth of all the shares of national banks are owned by 70,697 women. It would be just like a populist to aim at a plutocrat and hit a widow with a small income.

J. E. SIMMONS, of Rawlins, has brought an action against the receivers of the Union Pacific for \$30,000 for the loss of an arm while in the employ of the company as an engineer. The plaintiff believes in asking for plenty, but the probabilities are that he will eventually settle for about one-tenth that amount.

It is conservatively estimated by the potato editor that Nebraska's corn crop this year, will exceed 200,000,000 bushels, worth at least \$40,000,000. Assuming that it costs the people \$10,000,000 annually for strong drink, there remains \$30,000,000 to foot away in the purchase of cloths and the payment of lapsed indebtedness. From this it will be seen that the outlook is far from discouraging—Exchange.

THE grain men of Iowa, who have been gathering all the information possible in regard to the crops of that state, figure the oats crop of the state at 300,000,000 bushels. It is the best ever raised in the state, the average per acre being placed at seventy bushels. It is also estimated that the corn crop of the state will amount to five bushels for every man, woman and child in the United States. The Hawkeyes are strictly in it this year.

UNDER republican rule the treasury department protected the people from the Wall street syndicates when the latter attempted from time to time to corner gold and create a panic in the money market. All this is changed now and the treasury department under democratic legislation and management has to hire a Wall street syndicate to protect it from gold corners and various other inconveniences. The government of the United States is a feeble and helpless concern since the "change" of 1892. About the only thing it has had the nerve to show a warlike front against since the inauguration of Cleveland the second time, is the little Hawaiian republic, which it seems determined to pick a quarrel with by hook or crook.—Journal.

Rear Admiral Francis A. Roe, U. S. N., retired, has in his possession a bronze medal designed by the Society of Colonial Wars to commemorate the capture of Louisburg in 1745, and intended for President Cleveland. This medal was made from the French cannon fished out of an old vessel sunk in the harbor of Louisburg. Admiral Roe has this medal because he was stopped from presenting it to the president on two occasions by Private Secretary Thurber, who demanded to know the nature of the admiral's business with the executive. The admiral refused to state his business, deeming the secretary's demand impertinent. It is presumed that in time Mr. Cleveland will receive the medal, but it may be after he retires from office.

THE treasury department in its declaration of the increase of population during the fiscal year 1894-'95, suddenly increase the birth rate 40 per cent and gives us three quarters of a million more babies than were reported the year before. Now this might be considered the result of accident in figuring up, or of bumpiness on the part of the statistical clerk who refused to be governed by the estimates of his predecessors, were it not remembered that a month or two ago Senator Stewart of Nevada asserted that the baby crop had almost failed entirely, since the repeal of the Sherman act, and attributed the failure to the demonetization of the silver dollar. Is Carlisle determined to put Stewart down with a high hand and an outstretched arm?—Ex.

THE gold reserve in the U. S. treasury is again reaching the "danger" point. Shall we have another bond issue?

THAT threatened war at Omaha has been happily averted by the institution of proceedings in the supreme court to test the constitutionality of the police commission law. Rosewater can now discontinue strapping a revolver on him when he goes out on the streets.

TWO hundred convicts in the state penitentiary have been out of employment since the Western Manufacturing company closed its shops, and their appeals for something to do are said to be pitiful. Confinement in cells with nothing to break the monotony is very severe punishment.

ELSEWHERE in a letter addressed to the teachers of the county, Miss Mary E. Hosford says she does not think it best to be a candidate for re-election to the office she now holds. There are hundreds of voters in the county who think differently from Miss Hosford and will insist that she accept a re-nomination.

GENERAL COXER'S daughter, who ran away with and married Carl Brown, the lieutenant of the common-law army, announces that she will assist him in the editing and publication of a people's party newspaper to be called "Carl's Cactus." Says Mr. Browne of his paper: "It will be published in the sole interest of the people's party, in opposition to the powerful plutocratic press. Mrs. Browne will be the proprietor and attend to the books and receipts, while I will cartoon and cut to pieces the fools of monopoly."

MR. WATTERSON'S observations about a third term for President Cleveland are vigorous and full of shrewdness, if not in the highest degree complimentary. He maintains that the president cannot be re-nominated, that if he were nominated he would not carry a single congressional district in the United States, and that the man is "a fool or craven tool" who thinks that Mr. Cleveland will be considered one of the greatest statesmen of the country. But why this heat?—New York Tribune.

A revival effort that reversed the usual plan of operations was started in a church at Bradley, Mich., two Sundays ago. The same preacher had been hammering at the congregation for eight years without much of a result to show for his labors, and on the Sunday mentioned a woman member who had patiently listened for a like period and arose in her place and exhorted the preacher to get religion, to get it quick, and to get it good, and she had exhorted for eight minutes before the preacher recovered himself sufficiently to suppress her.

Mrs. Mary Winslow is traveling through western New York as proprietor and operator of peripatetic photograph car. She wears a man's hat, carries a revolver, is a first-class artist, and has more orders than she can attend to.

Irene and Pearl Clark, two school girls living in a farm house three miles from Gold Beach, Ore., met a panther in the road, and with the aid of two dogs ran him into a tree and left him there until men from the farm came and shot him.

Miss Kate Danahy, of Winsted, Conn., fell into a barrel of pitch on which she was standing picking peaches last week. She was completely covered with pitch, and over an hour elapsed before enough had been removed from her person to enable her to walk.

The French President travels free on the railways during his official tours in France, but when the return journey is concluded it is said that his secretary calculates what the trip would have cost if paid for at regular rates, and this sum is handed over to be distributed among the paid of the railway men.

At Rome, Cavalry Lieutenant Blanc, who treated a private so that death ensued, has been sentenced to three months imprisonment and to pay an indemnity of 25,000 francs to the parents of the victim. The case dragged through two years, and the defence cost the lieutenant 80,000 francs.

The first girl to appear at Atchison, Kas., wearing bloomers was on her way to Kansas City from St. Joseph, and her bicycle was in the baggage car. The chief of police interviewed her while she was waiting for her train. A local paper reports that while talking to the chief "she leaned up against the wall of the depot and crossed her legs in true masculine style. She carried a pearl-handled revolver in her belt, and seemed ready to protect herself should any attempt be made on her life."

PLAN OF SILVER MEN.

Democratic Leaders Issue an Address to Voters.

FOR AN ACTIVE CAMPAIGN.

Administration's Financial Policy Denounced—Report of the Committee on Resolutions Adopted by the Silver Conference at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The silver Democrats continued their conference at the Metropolitan hotel at 10 o'clock today. The committee on resolutions and program being unable to report when the meeting was first called to order it was suggested that the conference should listen to speeches by those present.

C. F. Cookran, editor of the St. Joseph Gazette, addressed the convention. He said it seemed anomalous that a meeting such as the present should be called, for the sake of no doctrine of the party which was not in consonance with the purposes of this conference. He said that congress was the place to look for the declaration of the party's belief, and he declared gold monometallism would be more disastrous than war, pestilence and famine.

It was important to settle first what was Republicanism and what Democracy—whether such men as ex-Senator Thurman and Senator Harris or Senator Sherman were to be leaders of Democratic thought. He declared that the silver agitation would not die out but would continue until the end for which it had been originated should be attained. Mr. Cochran also declared against the perpetuation of national banks, whose tyranny, he said, was the greatest that any people would bear. The national banks were directly opposed to Democracy. He was for a declaration for free silver without regard to the prospect of success or failure at the polls.

Representative Neill of Arkansas announced his entire sympathy with the objects of the present conference. Ex-Representative Pithian of Illinois denied that the free silver sentiment was dying out in that state.

It was almost 12 o'clock when the committee on resolutions filed into the conference room, and Senator Daniel was recognized to make report of the committee's proceedings. This was divided into two sections, one consisting in an address to the Democrats and the other of a plan of organization. He said the address in most respects was the same as that adopted by the Democrats of Texas, Missouri and Mississippi.

The address issued disclaims speaking with party authority, the assembly being a voluntary one, but strongly represents that the conference of the party should declare for free coinage of silver. The address concludes as follows: "Duty to the people requires that the party of the people continue the battle for bimetallic until its efforts are crowned with success. With a view to securing the adherence to and re-adoption of the Democratic financial policy above set forth by the Democratic national convention to be assembled in 1896 and of the nomination of a candidate for the presidency well known to be in hearty sympathy therewith, we hereby pledge our mutual co-operation and urgently recommend to our Democratic brethren in all the states to at once begin and vigorously and systematically prosecute the work of a thorough organization, and to this end the adoption of the plan or organization herewith submitted is recommended."

The parts of the report dealing with organization, above referred to, recommend the following as a plan for such organization: 1. There shall be a national committee of Democrats who are in favor of both silver and gold as the money of the constitution, which shall be composed of one Democrat from each state and territory and the District of Columbia, and the executive committee, hereinafter provided for.

2. That, until otherwise ordered by the national committee, Senators Lehan G. Harris of Tennessee, James R. Jones of Arkansas and David Turpie of Indiana, and Hon. W. J. Stone of Missouri, W. H. Hinrichsen of Illinois and Casey Young of Tennessee be, and they are hereby constituted, the executive committee, and shall have full power and authority, and it shall be their duty as early a day as possible to appoint the members of the national committee here-in provided for and to fill vacancies in the same.

3. That the said national committee shall have full control of the political efforts of the Democracy of the nation to secure in the next Democratic national convention the maintenance of the time-honored principles and policies of the Democratic party, and when the national committee herein provided for is in session the executive committee shall have all the authority and discharge all the duties hereby conferred upon the national committee.

4. It shall be the duty of the members of the national committee from each state immediately after his appointment to take such steps as he may deem best to organize the bimetallic forces of his state.

5. That fully realizing the fact that this is no other plan of organization can be successful without the hearty co-operation of the voters themselves, we urge upon every voter in every state in the Union who is in sympathy with this movement, and who wishes to restore permanent prosperity to his home and country to lend his aid and influence to perfecting this organization, and that each of them shall enroll himself in some club. The report of the committee was adopted without opposition, and after listening to a few brief speeches the conference adjourned sine die.

Peoria Distillers Will Start Up. PEORIA, Aug. 15.—A Peoria distiller who attended the Distilling and Cattle Feeding sale at Chicago yesterday, reports that two or three Peoria distillers will be started up under a new corporation about Oct. 1.

Frost Reported In To wa. SIOUX CITY, Aug. 15.—A light rain fell last night in the territory adjacent to Sioux City. Corn was greatly benefited. Immediately afterward the temperature fell, and from several points light frosts are reported.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. Royal Baking Powder. ABSOLUTELY PURE.

MAMMOTH OIL TANKS ABLAZE. Plant of the Peerless Refinery at Findlay Destroyed. TOLEDO, Aug. 15.—An explosion resulting in fire entirely consumed the plant of the Peerless refinery at Findlay with \$60,000 loss, half insured. A benzine tank first exploded, and in an instant the building was wrapped in seething flames. Two still men, William Adams and William Bemis, were probably fatally burned. Ten oil stills caught next, and one after the other exploded, sending flaming oil over the surrounding buildings and ground. Next two tanks of crude containing 12,000 gallons took fire, sending up red columns of flame 300 feet into the air. A mammoth tank of 30,000 barrels was fired into with a cannon, letting the oil run out, where it caught fire. The oil is still burning and the smoke obscures the heavens for miles.

QUEEN VIC'S SPEECH. No General Legislation Expected This Session of Parliament. AT PEACE WITH ALL POWERS. Refers to the Armenian Troubles In Strong Terms—Sultan Considering Reform Proposals—Steps Taken In Regard to Missionary Outrages In China.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—After the house of commons assembled today the members were summoned to the house of lords with the usual formalities and the queen's speech was read by the lord chancellor, Baron Halsbury. It was as follows: "MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN: The communications which I receive from foreign powers assure me of the continuance of their good will. I am happy to say that no international complication has arisen in any quarter calculated to endanger the peace of Europe. The war between China and Japan, which was in progress at the opening of the last session, has been brought to a conclusion by a peace which, I trust, will endure. I observed strict neutrality during the war and have taken no action in respect thereto, except such as appears to me likely to be favorable to a termination of hostilities.

"I deeply regret to say that the most atrocious outrages upon a body of English missionaries are reported from the province of Fu Kien, in China. In reply to earnest representations addressed to the Chinese government by direct action, active measures, which I trust will prove effective, are being taken for the incorporation of Bochnansland in Cape Colony. The speech merely says the estimates for the year, which were not voted at the last session, will be laid before them.

THE second portion of the speech says: "At this season of the year it would probably be found more convenient to defer to another session the consideration of any important legislative measures, except those which are necessary to provide for the administrative charges of the year."

Heavy Mortality Among French Troops. PORT LOUIS, Mauritius, Aug. 15.—Admiral received here from Majunga, island of Madagascar, say that the Hovas are entrenched at Kinjafy, on the Ambohimena mountains, between Andriana and Antananarivo. General Duchesne was advancing upon this position and another Hova force, consisting of 4,000 men, were pushing forward with the intention of cutting off the French supplies near Marowaty. There has been heavy mortality among the French troops on account of malaria, dysentery, etc.

Give Their Reasons For the Embargo. PARIS, Aug. 15.—A legislative note has been published stating that tuberculosis is shown to exist in New York state, and that New York cattle have been refused entry into Connecticut, and also anthrax is ravaging New Jersey herds, while a serious disease believed to be Texas fever has been discovered in Pennsylvania and Tennessee. The note then proceeds: "These facts fully justify the measure taken Feb. 24, of checking the import of American cattle into France, and are the best reply to the criticisms this measure evoked."

Insurgents Forced to Retreat. HAVANA, Aug. 15.—Insurgents to the number of 400 have attacked Fort Ramblazo, which is under construction on the railway to Puerto Principe. A garrison consisting of one insurgent, one corporal and 17 guerrillas made a heroic defense until Captain Mercedo, with 45 infantry and 20 guerrillas arrived to relieve them. He forced the insurgents to retire, leaving behind two dead and their firearms and machetes. The troops lost four dead and 13 wounded.

Always Seen Trouble Ahead. NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—The mayor of Havana, Cuba, Senor de Alvarez, who is at the Union Square hotel, says that the insurrection in Cuba is not a serious matter, but there is danger ahead of trouble between Spain and the United States, growing out of the action of the United States government in pressing Spain to pay the 1,200,000 claim at this time, and of the aid that Americans are extending to Cuban agitators and filibusters.

Campos Personally Popular. LONDON, Aug. 15.—The Havana correspondent of the Times says: Since his arrival here Captain General Martines de Campos has received a demonstration from all political parties. His personal popularity makes everybody glad to welcome him.

Governor McIntyre and Staff Will Attend. DENVER, Aug. 15.—Governor McIntyre and staff, accompanied by a delegation of Grand Army men and ex-confederates, will attend the dedicatory ceremonies at the National park of Chattanooga and Chickamauga Sept. 19 and 20.

Confessed to Having Killed Morrissey. ST. LOUIS, Aug. 15.—Last May State Senator Morrissey of this city was shot and killed in the house of Maud Lewis, said to be the senator's mistress, and the Lewis woman was indicted for the murder. It now transpires that Maud Lewis has a husband, named Albert Andrews, and that he has made a confession to having killed Morrissey. He wants to be arrested and have Maud released, but the authorities have taken no action in the case yet.

Caught Under a Falling Elevator. UTICA, Aug. 15.—A temporary elevator used in hoisting material on the Martin block, with 1,200 pounds of stone, was raised 75 feet from the ground to-day, when the rope broke, causing it to fall to the bottom of the cellar. Jeremiah Hess was killed and five others were injured, two so badly they cannot recover.

Sentenced For Life. BRANDON, Miss., Aug. 15.—When Marshall, Coleman and Fox were arraigned in court this morning for the murder of T. D. Jenkins a few days ago all entered a plea of guilty and were sentenced to the state penitentiary for life.

No Clue to the Robbers. PITTSBURG, Aug. 15.—The law offices of John D. and William McKinnan have been robbed of \$10,000 in stocks and bonds. There is no clue to the robbers.