THE KING OF PASSES

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A. A. Thomson in Times.

It is reported that Stevenson never uses pleasant language, but he uses other language that is objectionable.

THE Independents will nominate Van Wyck for governor and the fun will begin as their party paper at Lincoln has sworn eternal war on Van Wyck.

IT may be well to remind the democrats who have so much to say about the Homestead affairs, that there were more strikes while Cleveland was President than during any other four years of our history.

YES, it is true that the employe has the same rights that the employer has, but this does not include authority to assassinate a man because he happens to be an employer instead of an employe.

THE statement made by some of the democratic papers that the Homestead strikers are "forcibly deprived" of their rights is all nonsense. They voluntarily relinquished all their rights in the case when they left the service of their employers.

PEFFER'S latest freak is the introduction of a bill in the senate prohibiting the coinage of gold in the mints of the United States. This almost equals his efforts to abolish poverty, and entitles the whiskered Kansan to a place in the front rank of the party of the cranks.—St. Joseph Herald.

THE FLAG ON THE SCHOOL-HOUSE.

I rejoice in nothing more than in this movement recently so prominently developed of placing the starry banner above every school-house. I have been charged with too sentimental an appreciation of the flag. I will not enter upon any defense. God pity the American citizen who does not love it, who does not see in it the story of our great free institutions and the hope of the home as well as of the nation, and I think, notwithstanding perhaps a little too much tendency to note in our public schools, that it is still true that our teachers, and especially the women, are not without sentiment.—President Harrison at Saratoga.

FRICK SHOT

Last Saturday afternoon an anarchist from New York City by the name of Berkman attempted to assassinate H. C. Frick, the manager of the Carnegie Company.

From what evidence we can gather it appears that he had been at Homestead but a few days and that he was the employe of a sewing machine company of New York. It also appears that he had frequently been in the office of Mr Frick, where he was admitted without question. A fair inference from these facts is that Berkman had conceived a fanatical idea, engendered perhaps by a familiarity with nihilism, that he had a mission as an avenger, and believing that the Carnegie company was likely to be successful in the contest with its men proceeded to execute his self-appointed errand.

It also appears the fellow went prepared to kill Frick and then if captured to kill himself as he chewed giant powder caps and had to be choked before he would spit them out; if they had exploded in his mouth they would have killed him.

Mr Frick was shot twice in the neck and stabbed three times in the [illegible] and will recover.

There is a great race on in New York. It is neither a bicycle nor a horse race but a contest as to which is the biggest fool the New York sun or the New York World. It is a good time to watch the race with Tammany holding the reins and whip—ha.

Exports of breadstuffs for the year ending with June 1892 amount to $[illegible] against $[illegible] last year, an increase of $[illegible]. Exports of provisions are [illegible] against $[illegible] last year, an increase of $[illegible]. Exports of cattle and hogs went from $[illegible] in 1891 to $[illegible] last year, an increase of $[illegible].

DEMOCRATS have been saying that the product of the Homestead works is protected, and therefore protection is responsible for the riot and bloodshed there. There is five times as much in the product of silver mines. Therefore free trade is responsible for the riot and bloodshed among the silver miners in Idaho, according to the arguments of the democrats.

Although the Mississippi, including the Missouri, is about 4,300 miles in length, and the Amazon 4,000 miles, while the St. Lawrence is only 1,150 miles, the latter is held to comprise the largest body of fresh water on the earth. Including its great lakes and its tributaries, covering about 700,000 square miles, the aggregate amount of water is estimated at 8000 cubic miles.

IRON ORE INDUSTRY.

The iron ore industry of the United States has shown since 1890 one of the most remarkable strides ever recorded of any industry in any country. The census figures have just been published, and it appears that the increase of production in ten years has been over 100 per cent, from seven million to fourteen million gross tons. In the same time there has been an average decrease in the cost of mining to 50 cents a ton, an average decrease in the value at the mines of 95 cents a ton, and an average increase in a mining operative's earnings of $90 per annum. Considering the depressing effects of the "robber tariff" this is quite a remarkable record.

JOHN WEBSTER'S GENIUS.

There is something in Webster that reminds me of Victor Hugo. There is the same confusion at times of what is big with what is great, the same fondness for the merely spectacular, the same insensibility to repulsive details, the same indifference to the probable or even to the natural, the same leaning toward the grotesque, the same love of effect at whatever cost; and there is also the same impressiveness of result. Whatever other effect Webster may produce upon us, he never leaves us indifferent. We may blame, we may criticise, as much as we will; we may say that all this ghastliness is but a trick of theatrical blue light; we shudder, and admire nevertheless. We may say that he is melodramatic, that his figures are magic-lantern pictures that wave and change shape with the curtain on which they are thrown; it matters not, he stirs us with an emotion deeper than any mere artifice could stir.—From "Webster," by James Russell Lowell, in Harper's Magazine for August.

A FARMER ON MONEY.

"I am a farmer and do not know much about politics, but I do see some serious flaws in the free silver bill. The aim of 'the friends of silver' is to raise the price of that metal by putting government credit behind it. Now, my county does not produce an ounce of silver nor an ounce of anything valuable in the mineral line. If the price of silver is advanced artificially, will it not take more of our timber, more pigs, more corn, more calves to get it? Are dollars to be made more plentiful? How? I know of just one way to get dollars, and that is to find some man who has dollars and who wants something he does not have, more than he does his dollars, and who will give me his dollars for something which I prize less than I do his dollars. In other words, I trade my labor, my pigs, my cotton, my cows for the dollars of some man who needs labor, pigs, cotton, or cows more than he needs dollars.

"Now, if two employers are after one laborer, as in Montana, wages are high; if two laborers are after one 'boss,' as in some large cities of the east, wages are low; if two pigs are after one dollar, pigs are low; if two dollars are after one pig, pigs are high. If dollars, of whatever kind, get so abundant that three or four of them get after one pig, pigs will go very high, and if dollars result the pain where they are made by the million out of silver and copper and tin and zinc and nothing but the machines, [illegible] will scale their dollars and increase their [illegible] as fast as they will scale their dollars and increase their [illegible] as fast as they can [illegible] and it will take a great many more dollars to get one pig [illegible] would take if they [illegible] the pig [illegible] dollars will do the work when the pig [illegible] the work of the old fellow [illegible] will want more of them [illegible] goods. This happens, not because the pig and cotton are worth more but because the dollars are worth less. I respectfully urge that a far more popular method will be the passage of a free trade bill."

HIGHER EDUCATION OF WOMEN.

The great public questions where their woman's qualities in the process of higher education will not down are Mrs. Lyman Abbott in the August Ladies' Home Journal. It appears not only in the quiet and the shade of the fireside, where ghosts have a right to appear, but it stalks abroad in open day light. The open and fearless way—begins the poetry of the guilty, and the clamorous women who parade on public platforms, and who make themselves obnoxious in public conveyances, who give their families pain at home by going abroad with their debates. There are they who throw discredit on their innocent sisters. I wish I might please the home-loving, which I am so happy as to be a welcome guest, where highest education for man and for woman combine to make higher happiness and higher usefulness. Woman may award her best powers by cultivating only her emotions, she may do it by cultivating only her body, and, of course, she may do it by cultivating only her mind, but that is not higher education, and wherever a young woman has found a place where she may obtain knowledge, and also the other fruits which a perfected character should bear, she cannot be hurt by that pursuit.

CHAUNCEY WILSON used language in his speech nominating Mr. Cleveland of his nomination which New York democrats think he ought to explain. He said to Mr. Cleveland: "Four years ago, in the mid career of a service that well deserved the highest honors your countrymen could bestow * * * you were cut down because, as a democrat, you could make no terms with those who wished to plunder the people's treasury." Since Mr. Cleveland was defeated in New York, the Tammany men want to know if they are charged with the defeat because Cleveland would not promise to allow them to loot the treasury. It certainly looks as though Mr. Wilson meant to revive the charges that Tammany knifed Cleveland, and that the Tammany men resent the charge.

It is, however, a democratic question for the committee on harmony to look after. Mr. Whitney has a big contract on his hands.

THE great commercial countries of the world are nearer to adopting silver and gold jointly as money metals than they have been since the use of silver was abolished by the Latin union. And it is through the agency of the republican party of the United States. It is through the efforts of a republican president that there is to be an international silver conference, looking to the use of both metals. It was through the legislation of a repulican congress (the Sherman law) that the total product of the American mines is now represented in the circulation of the country, each dollar of circulation being represented by a dollar's worth of silver at the value in the world's markets. The only difference a free coinage law would make would be to put some thirty cents into the pockets of the silver mine owners for every silver dollar coined. The republican party is the true friend of bi-metallism.

AN OUTRAGE.

A Bohemian Catholic Society Visiting Plattsmouth is Shamefully Treated.

"One of the most disgraceful affairs in the history of this state took place yesterday at Plattsmouth, and the Public is sorry to say there was not the slightest cause for the same, and the perpetrators of this high-handed outrage should be severely dealt with.

Yesterday there was an excursion and picnic to Plattsmouth by a Bohemian Catholic society known as the Bohemian Knights of St. George, which is composed of some of the representative business men of this city, all of whom are responsible young gentlemen.

During the course of the day an altercation was brought about between one of the picnickers and a Plattsmouth tough, who thoghut he could insult the Omaha man with impunity because he was a Christian. His insult was resented, however, and everything was supposed to have been smoothed over.

When the time of departure arrived, and the party was leaving the train, a body of armed so-called constables made their appearance and commanded—threatening to shoot at the point of a gun to accompany the company from the train which they occupied the cars and arrested twenty of the excursionists, throwing guns on them, handcuffing in the instance, a young musician, who had not been doing anything and stood still, was clubbed quite badly by the humane officers.

All were more or less injured.

They were thrown in the calaboose and prisoners up to [illegible] in morning. One of the party [illegible] group who had with him to see the excursion.

This disgraceful affair was the [illegible] attack on a party of Christian young men, to deal with in a generous, just and humane manner. Remembered the Bohemian Knights of this city as men on all sides. The end is not yet. The interesting facts were obtained by a Public reporter, upon a reputable gentleman of Omaha, who was present and witnessed the outrage.

The above is taken from the Omaha Public, a paper recently started and a follower of the calamity howlers. The Public says two facts correct. First, there was a picnic and second, an altercation did occur. The Plattsmouth tough they mention was one of the same nationality as the place keeps, and also a Catholic. We [illegible] also say that he was supported and with the assistance of their guns in the engineer's cane, ordered him to detach his engine from the rear of the train. What a shameful lie! The fresh young man who wrote the above must have just finished reading one of "Old Sleuth's" [illegible] or an attack made by the notorious Dalton gang again, his distorted imagination may have been caused by his presence at the picnic with a number of the other roughs and drinking so much that his head was swelled. The paper says it was a disgraceful attack upon a party of Christian young men. They may have been a party of Christian young men, but they evidently forgot the first principles of Christianity judging from the way they carried on here, interfering with the officers and throwing brick bats and otherwise disporting themselves in anything but a Christian manner. Those arrested were a gang of roughs who cared nothing about the law, as evidenced by a mob of about sixty of them jumping upon four officers who were doing their duty. In the scrummage which followed the officers came out second best with badly bruised faces, while these gentle, inoffensive, "Christian young men" came out without a scratch. Yes, it was an outrage, and a disgraceful one at that, but instead of the officers causing it, as the Public says, it was caused by the thugs and toughs who came down with the society.

The State of Nebraska vs. Wm. Coffin is the title of a case before Judge Ramsey this afternoon. B. F. Coffin, father of the boy, who lives near Greenwood, asks the court to send him to the reform school.
