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Ak-Sar-Ben has always proved himself a good fellow. Push him along.

Admiral Dewey says he is in the fight to stay. Whatever happens no one will deny that Dewey is not a slayer.

The annual Easter egg distribution will surely take place on schedule time, barring nothing but a strike of the hens.

"Thirty days in jail—I suspend the sentence, but don't come in again." This is the stereotyped song Judge Gordon sings every day in the police court.

Senator Clark deserves to be bounced for raising the price of senatorships beyond the California and Nevada limit, which had been the standard for years.

Kipling is to return to England. Finding himself unable to get any of his poetry within range of the Boers he has concluded he might as well abandon the campaign.

The British commissary department is not troubling itself at present with the details of the Christmas dinner in Pretoria. Evidently plenty of time yet remains in which to prepare the viands.

If the silver millionaires are not to be allowed to buy the senatorships from the silver states, what incentive can they have again to put up the money by which the Bryan campaign is made?

The excitement of a heated fight in a local convention has just resulted in the death of a former New York state senator. It looks as if politics were trying to compete with foot ball as a deadly game.

It is announced that Erick will sell his stock in the Carnegie company. As he owns only \$16,000,000 worth there is danger that the poor man may come to want before he is able to secure other employment.

Iowa does not propose to swear off entirely on the election habit, but will try and get along. If the people consent, without going through the form of defeating Fred White oftener than once in two years.

The fire fiend has at last managed to get in his work on the exposition buildings, but it was very careful not to invade the sacred precincts until the structures had served every purpose for which they were intended.

An open confession is good for the soul. After boasting of its superior value as an advertising medium the World-Herald admits that 131 of the want ads in its last Sunday's issue were given away free. People know, however, that a thing that is given away generally has little value.

The popocratic organs are devoting more time and space to republican politics at present than to their own brand. They evidently go on the theory that the machine will take care of popocratic affairs, while the present harmonious condition of the republican party must be disturbed if Nebraska is to remain in the Bryanite column.

Democrats are making considerable fuss about the republican position regarding Porto Rico considering that they proclaim the policy to be a fatal one. The best evidence they do not consider a fatal is the fact they are making a supreme effort to defeat the bill. Republicans have never bettered their condition by taking democratic prescriptions.

General Roberts' campaign has reached the typewriter stage. The Cape Dutch are in receipt of daily warnings from General Roberts that they must be good or suffer all kinds of dire penalties. With 600 miles of territory, inhabited by a hostile population, between him and his base of operations, it will require something more potent than a typewriter to keep the road clear for the admission of supplies.

FRIGHTENED OVER THE SPECTRE.

Nearly a month ago the Lincoln Independent, the official organ of the Nebraska populists, sounded the alarm over what it believed to be the greatest danger to fusion success in the battle of 1900 in these words:

If any pop is so enthusiastic as to believe that this election is going to be a walk-away he had better reconsider the matter at once. The republicans have a man to manage their campaign who is equal to Edwin Ross as an organizer and besides that has command of unlimited supplies of money of his own.

Word comes from everywhere that his men are active in very many of the counties scattered over the state already. They can be longer any doubt that since the Omaha election there has been a change in the attitude of the republican party.

That this alarm signal has resulted in a plan of campaign is manifest in the frantic efforts of the Bryanite organs, and particularly the Omaha World-Herald, to break up the harmony that prevails in the republican ranks.

It is not surprising that the Omaha World-Herald, to break up the harmony that prevails in the republican ranks and dissuade republicans from availing themselves of the organizing ability of the men the fusionists most fear. That accounts for the popocratic howl about an alleged feud between Thompson and Rosewater for the United States senatorships and the faked-up letters from Fremont and Lincoln pretending to quote nameless republicans as up in arms against the bosses and the distorted recital of political history.

We doubt, however, whether the republicans of Nebraska will consent to let the fusion enemy pick the leaders under whom republicans are to fight the great battle of 1900.

THE PER CAPIA CIRCULATION.

The cry for more money which induced a great number of voters to support the democratic candidates four years ago can hardly be so successfully employed this year, since in the meantime there has been an increase in the circulation of nearly \$500,000,000 and this largely of gold. According to the last treasury statement the total circulation at the beginning of the present month exceeded \$2,000,000,000 and the per capita, estimating the population at 77,000,000, was a little over \$26, the highest in our history.

There is every reason to expect that the increase in the circulation for the next few years will be quite as rapid as during the last few years, though the proportion of gold may not be so large. Under the new currency bill opportunity is given for a very considerable addition to the bank currency and while as yet this is not being made to the extent that was expected if business expansion continues the banks will undoubtedly meet the demand for money arising from it.

THE EXPECTED HAPPENS.

The new council is practically unanimous in its opinion that no steps can be taken at present toward the acquisition of the water works plant—Omaha.

Is any one surprised at this? Did any one expect that the republican council, a council elected with the aid of water works money, would decide it to be possible to acquire the water works for the city? Did they expect any other outcome when they heard that the republican ticket had been elected with three exceptions?

Of course the new council is "practically unanimous" in its opinion that "no steps can be taken at present toward the acquisition of the water works plant." That's the decision the new council was elected to make.

Yes, the expected happens. It would have happened just the same if W. S. Poppleton and every candidate on the fusion city ticket had been elected. Mr. Poppleton and all the democrats in Omaha could not have made legal the water works bonds voted before an apportionment had been made, unless they chose to avail themselves of the privilege of buying the works under the purchase clause of the contract.

Mr. Poppleton had, however, declared that course dangerous and impracticable. He wanted to acquire the works by eminent domain and under the law no bonds could issue for that purpose until the apportionment had been duly made and approved by the mayor and council and ratified by vote of the people.

But July 1 is not far distant and Mr. Poppleton will doubtless be given an opportunity to urge his interpretation of the contract before the courts when the time comes for passing on it. If his contention is upheld by the courts the city will be in position to act either under the purchase clause or by eminent domain apportionment and the mayor and council will be expected to adopt the plan most advantageous to the city.

PORTO RICO BILL DISPOSED OF.

The bill providing a temporary government and tariff for Porto Rico was passed by the house of representatives yesterday by a larger majority than had been expected and will without delay be signed by President McKinley.

There was a very spirited discussion before the vote was taken, in the course of which the republicans scored some telling points against the democrats. Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio particularly making one of his characteristic speeches and Mr. Ditzell of Pennsylvania pointing out democratic inconsistency.

While it may be immaterial to the public whether the World-Herald prints two or three columns more or less of want ads in its Sunday editions, it may not be out of place to put the figures beside its boasts for last Sunday. The number of paid want ads measured by page lines in last Sunday's World-Herald was 4,183 lines by actual count, while the number in The Sunday Bee aggregated 4,262 lines.

The United States commissioner to the Paris exposition is making special efforts to have the American section closed on Sundays. What if all the foreign exhibitors at the Chicago World's fair had insisted on keeping all their displays covered up on Sundays?

The Kentucky Plan.

The Kentucky court has rendered another decision in favor of the men who were not elected and the detectives have produced another Goebel assassin.

Primer Lessons in Politics.

Dewey is picking up some of the elementary points. He reminds that "Pennsylvania always goes the other way anyhow."

Too Good for the Place.

No presidential campaign could be properly opened without a boom of some kind for Robert E. Fattison, the democrat who succeeded in serving two terms as governor of Pennsylvania. He is now being proposed as Mr. Bryan's running mate.

Chance to Gain Notoriety.

The governor of Montana has a chance to gain notoriety at a bound. All he has to do is to appoint Clark as senator from Montana in case the senate rejects the man who admits that he spent some hundreds of thousands of dollars to become United States senator.

Canada's Trade Check.

There are some advantages which people have who live in Canada that are not attainable in the United States. For example, the National Tube Trust sells tubing at about half the price in Canada that it charges the domestic consumer. This is not done out of love for the Canadian, but because the Canadian has the opportunity of buying outside of our protective tariff wall. The tariff duty on tubing is 2 cents per pound.

Successor of General Otis.

The appointment of General MacArthur as general of the army will be generally satisfactory to the American people. General MacArthur is known to be a capable military strategist, a brave fighter and a man of some executive ability. He is thoroughly familiar with both the military and the civil problems presented by the situation in the Philippines and presumably he more than any other man now available is fitted to undertake the task.

Neglect Bordering on Treason.

It is to be regretted that the way that the call for the democratic national convention ignores the financial question. It is extended to "all democratic conservative reform citizens, irrespective of past political associations and differences, who can unite in an effort for pure, economical and constitutional government, and who favor the republic and oppose the empire."

Millions Made on "Shin-Plasters."

Probably the greatest profit ever enjoyed by the government as a result of the destruction of money was in connection with the issue of currency or shin-plasters issued during the civil war. The total amount issued was \$368,724,979, of which \$3,580,158 has never been presented for redemption.

Uncle Sam and the Future.

As a nation we are standing before the open door of a new century and there are important duties ahead of us to be performed. The public eye is turned to our ability to meet whatever emergencies may arise. We have outgrown the swaddling clothes of the past; we should put aside childish things and face the future as a strong man would face the battle of life.

Taxes on One South Estate.

That there are inconveniences in a divided family has been made pretty plain to the heirs of the late Mr. George Smith. As he died in London, and apparently considered himself a British subject, Sir William Harcourt's death duties were levied on the \$45,000,000 he left, yielding \$2,000,000 to the British government.

ECHOES OF OUR WAR.

Several members of the advance guard of American civilization in Manila are sufficiently ailed to discover a cure for the guinea. Others, less given to blue exclamations, quietly take their medicine from automatic kicking machines.

The Bee has already exploded the fable about the pretended feud between Thompson and Rosewater, but that will not stop the fakirs from repeating the fabrication. One thing, however, may be said in passing: The Bee desires to see Nebraska redeemed from popocratic misrule. That can be accomplished only under the ablest leadership the party can command.

It was in the great fight at Vigan—the fight in which the gallant Thirty-third was led by Colonel "Jim" Parker. Out there this battle is on record as one of the hardest fought engagements of the war. The Tagalogs, in considerable force, had sought shelter in houses and in all sorts of odd places when a rifle could be fired at the detested Americans.

The Thirty-third infantry is composed chiefly of Texans—rough and tough fighters—every one of them a practiced marksman. What with their appetite for Montana and their shooting ability, they are probably the most formidable regiment in the army. Private Epps is merely a simple.

Without momentary hesitation he called upon them to surrender. Five minutes later when Colonel "Jim" came up, he found them disarmed and under guard by Private Epps, his headquarters and formally complimented for his achievement, he seemed surprised, and remarked that he couldn't see anything especially notable in his performance.

The Washington Post reports, on the authority of the admiral's secretary, the collection of Dewey's trophies of victory are to be deposited in the National Museum, including the sword presented him by congress, the great loving cup procured by public subscription, and made up of some 60,000 10-cent pieces.

Two large cabinets are being prepared especially for Admiral Dewey's collection of trophies, and they will be given a location of prominence in the museum, where they cannot escape the eye of the most casual visitor. They will be situated on the right and left sides of the main entrance to the hall of history, surrounded by the collections of relics of Washington and Hancock, and directly in front of the extensive collection of General Grant, which is considered the most complete and valuable now in the hall of history.

Dewey might paint his gift house white. General DeWet is considerable of a show-off. Chicago has four bankers in state prison, and expects to send two more.

Castellane has two duels on his hands, neither of which is expected to do any damage. Wonder if Webster Davis talks through the hat which was ventilated with a bullet in Kansas City a few years ago?

It is a question now as to whether the Isle of Pines was part of the territory ceded to the United States by Spain, or whether it is part of Cuba. Senator Culberson of Texas said recently that fifteen years ago he had his picture taken and a sudden death followed in his family. Ten years ago the same coincidence was noted and since then the senator flees the camera.

Of the hundred judges selected by the New York university to decide on the names of great American writers are to be commemorated in the Hall of Fame—a very large majority—nearly all in fact—are college professors.

Colonel Duller, who first suggested khaki as a uniform, is a Belgian engineer. While serving with the British in Egypt all the stores were stolen and the tailor had only some khaki cloth left, which Colonel Duller ordered made up for the men.

Frederic E. Church, the landscape painter, who died in New York last Saturday, was 75 years old, and had been in feeble health for a number of years. One of his oldest and best known paintings is "The Niagara," now in the Corcoran art gallery in Washington.

W. S. Stratton, the Cripple Creek millionaire, who was slighted by a Denver hotel-keeper, revenged himself by buying the hotel for \$200,000 and relieving the hotel-keeper of a blanket mortgage for \$70,000. The b. k. can stand some more revenge of the same kind.

George Frederick Williams of Boston, who is mentioned for the vice presidential nomination of the democratic party, is a blue-eyed, light-complexioned, well-dressed bachelor of 44. His father, a German, came to America as a Hessian, but he changed the name to Williams.

Some one recently showed ex-Speaker Reed a copy of a Manila paper in which appeared this paragraph: "The difference between Tom Reed and Billy Mason is that when Tom Reed says he will resign he resigns." "Ah," said Mr. Reed, reflectively, "a great journalist is evidently wasting his talents on the Philippines."

Electric stages, furnished luxuriously, in which the fare will be 10 cents, and from which "reluctant" people will be excluded," are promised as a feature in 9th avenue, New York, after July 1. Only one or two passengers will be allowed to stand at one time, and these will always find seats as long as the "reluctant" passengers traveled by many patrons of the road.

EDITORIAL "SNIPPING."

Philadelphia Times: Supposing the Boers are trying to excite Roberts, it is only another round in the fight.

Kansas City Times: Gaitere blamed it on the guides. Write on the matter, Butler on the small water supply and the excessive perimeter and Lord Roberts blames it on the dead horses.

Globe-Democrat: Winter is coming on in South Africa and there are suggestions that Bloemfontein will be another Moscow. The fearful retreat from Russia, however, happened before the era of railroads.

Cleveland Leader: The Boers are picking up a good many titled prisoners in their most recent successes. They have at Pretoria one of the most notable collections of British officers and persons of rank ever held by any power.

San Francisco Call: Lord Roberts can make a good point against the action of the Boers in taking possession of the water works of Bloemfontein by objecting to it, not as a violation of the rules of war, but as an interference with municipal control of public utilities.

Indianapolis Journal: Lord Roberts breaks bad news very gently, but he breaks it. Beginning with "Another unfortunate occurrence has occurred," resulting, he fears, in the capture of five companies of British troops, he ends with "There can be no doubt the whole party has been made prisoner."

Chicago Chronicle: Lord Roberts' melancholy announcement that "another unfortunate occurrence has occurred" is open to some criticism from a strictly literary standpoint, but it conveys the desired information quite as well as the Bullerian formula, "I regret to state. The main thing is to be liked and news gently issued of hurting our own harsh truth by stating, "We were licked again like blazes."

Springfield Republican: According to the British war office, the British held 5,000 Boer prisoners of war on March 25, while on March 31 the Boers held 2,456 British prisoners. In the past week, however, the Boers have captured nearly 1,000 more British prisoners, making a total about 4,300, against the 5,000 or more of Boers in captivity.

Philadelphia North American: When the Boer riflemen go out to gather messengers for mail they show their good judgment and aesthetic taste by picking "the flower of the British army." Oom Paul's collection of gaudy blossoms of British aristocracy includes many rare and expensive specimens. He has earls, marquises, barons and lords in his basket and if his bouquet market-keeper on calling "rare exotics" the British army will soon be deplored of all its ornaments and cease to be a gorgeous joy forever.

IS PROSPERITY A DREAM?

Colonel Bryan Hits the Pipe and Throws Another Fit. Portland Oregonian.

Colonel Bryan, who many times has given "fair round belly with good capon lined," delights in posing as the Iliad of human woes and in telling people that the prosperity they are enjoying is imaginary. He would hold it to be prosperity if people were content with their good fortune and dollars, and poverty if people have fat bank accounts and security to offer for money when they want to borrow. But it is the money you have or can get on security that counts, and right here is where the national bank statements to the controller of the currency put Colonel Bryan's arguments to rout.

Business throughout the country was at a low ebb when Bryan was standing for the presidency in 1896, and the pressure in our Pacific coast states was especially severe. Bryan had scared much of our money into hiding places, and our individual deposits had fallen to \$3,888,660.87; business contraction, loss of confidence and instability of values had forced our loans and discounts down to a little short of \$3,000,000. Three years of business revival increased our deposits by nearly \$40,000,000 and our loans and discounts by over \$18,000,000. "You republicans," to use Bryan's hysterical method of addressing his audiences, if this is not prosperity, what is it? In our northwestern states—Oregon, Washington, and Idaho—individual deposits were \$35,243,374.19 on December 2, 1899, the highest total ever reached in this section. The decrease of nearly \$2,300,000 between December of last year and February of this year is accounted for by the fact that money is coming out of the banks and finding its way into business, which it would not be doing if Bryan had been elected president. Since September of last year loans and discounts have increased nearly \$2,600,000. They are now higher than at any time for nearly six years. Colonel Bryan may prate about the poverty of our people, but for what do his idle stories and frivolous allegations count against facts and figures? These bank figures have value in that they prove beyond quibble that the Pacific northwest is prosperous. We have

SAID IN FUN.

Indianapolis Journal: How shall we govern the Philippines? "Oh, don't rush things so; wait till we get through chasing them."

Chicago Record: "What is a political love feast, eh?" "It's the first meal a man eats with his wife and children after he has been elected to a remunerative office."

Philadelphia Press: "I dream your friend, the apothecary, takes a drame occasionally." "Oh yes, I believe he has no scruples against it."

Indianapolis Journal: "Madge, we can't afford new clothes this spring." "Well, then, Albert, we must move. I don't mind moving, but I won't stay here and wear them."

Chicago News: "I sat down at the piano and played that old air, and what do you think she said?" "Goodness knows, what was it?" "I asked her if I didn't wish I were musical."

Pittsburgh Chronicle: "They had been discussing methods of ascertaining character." "I can tell you what a man is, if he volunteers one who had not spoken." "How?" "Go to his home when he is away."

Washington Star: "Is he a prominent man in his community?" "Yes, to an unfortunate degree." "But he has a high opinion of himself." "Invariably. But he's mentioned for office and I thought I might as well get a government position."

THE SILENT BIVOUAC.

The following poem was written by the Rev. Dr. C. O. Brown of this city just after a visit to Arlington cemetery, in February, when the ground was buried deep in snow. Of this poem Speaker Henderson, who was picked "the flower of the British army," recently wrote: "It is artistic, patriotic and a literary gem."

"All's quiet" here; you gently sleep. "Seath the evergreens and snow." "All's quiet" where the willows grow, "Potomac's waters flow."

"All's quiet" at the front tonight, "And white the ground and chill;" "Since the angel sounds no taps, "The camp is soundless still."

"All's quiet" here; the guns are stacked, "The gauds all are furled." "The lights are out, and while you sleep "Peace rules your silent world."

So quiet! No on sentinel, "The challenge sharp I hear;" "No clatter horn nor rattling drum "Proclaiming to the world."

But yonder in perspective rise "Majestic shaft and dome." "The more than queenly city, whence "The laws of freedom come."

To her your priceless sacrifice "Made sure for coming years." "The towers whose wide expanding sway "Thrills both the hemispheres."

"All's quiet" here; but millions, you, "Awake the jubilee!" "A race, with grateful song, recall "The price that made them free."

"All's quiet" here; but through the earth "Inspiring people to arise." "And nations to be great."

Hark! dimly come in undertone, "The rhythmic waves of sound." "From the cities to the silence, "That in your camp abound."

Move on the pulse and throbs of life, "Which, like a mighty sea," "From the cities to the silence, "That in your camp abound."

And in that boundless life your deeds "Shall live forevermore," "Till deeds of earth, like billows break "On heaven's eternal shore."

"All's quiet" comrades, and the snows "That mantle you in white." "As whispering softly, your dreams, "Sleep peacefully tonight."

Softly we tread who marched with you, "So many years ago," "And, marching still, we're coming on "To join you in the now."

For frosts have touched us, limb and brow, "And snows are on our head." "That never will melt until, for us, "The silent tents are spread."

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