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The manipulations in Wall street  
last week were of the kind that make  
socialists

The Marion, Ind., Leader, says  
"This is a Democratic year every-  
place." The Leader is mistaken.  
The surplus in the treasury is still  
rolling up.

Europe is looking with a jealous  
glance toward us but "he whom the  
gods wish to destroy they first make  
mad." Just watch them take les-  
sons from Yankee John.

Loup City has had a representa-  
tive at each of the great military  
undertakings and battles since the  
blowing up of the Maine, except  
Dewey's great victory, and now we  
send three of our boys, Charles E.  
Gibson, Charles H. Cramer and Will  
S. Taylor, to be trained in the Navy  
for the future.

Mrs. McKinley was taken sudden-  
ly ill at Delmonte, Cal., and was at  
once taken to San Francisco, where  
she could receive superior medical  
treatment. This somewhat disar-  
ranged the scheduled plan of the  
Presidential party, but it will be  
continued if she improved to so  
warrant.

Colombo is making a strenuous  
effort to induce the United States to  
relinquish any designs she has on  
the Nicaraguan route for the Isthmian  
canal, and acquire and complete the  
one already under way at Panama.  
In the face of the fact of there hav-  
ing been such a great amount of  
work already done at Panama, and  
the favorable inducements held out  
by Colombo, it would not be sur-  
prising if the latter route was chosen.

J. J. Hill of the Northern Pacific  
says he watched the inhuman pro-  
ceedings in Wall street without a  
tremor except for the poorer classes  
who suffer from those unprincipled  
robberies, neither did he buy nor  
sell a single share of stock though  
he might have made millions by so  
doing. Mr. Hill claims that he is  
just a little to honest and honorable  
to wreck the homes of his fellow  
man to gain millions that he does  
not need.

J. Pierpont Morgan was the most  
welcome American visitor to the  
English capitol the other day that  
could have made his appearance.  
A large number of English specu-  
lators had sold short on Northern Pac-  
ific stocks and they wanted Mr. Morgan  
to help them let go. J. Pierpont  
was very worth when he discovered  
that Vanderbilt & Co. were trying  
to stampede his herd while he was  
enjoying a lay off in "Gay Parce"  
and he immediately started for Wall  
street with a brick in his hat.

The days of the ubiquitous train  
newsboy appear to be numbered.  
The management of the Burlington  
Route has sounded his death knell.  
After June 1st passengers on the  
Burlington will have no need to de-  
cline lemon drops and chewing gum,  
nor hold "all the popular works of  
the day" on their lips until the re-  
turn trip of the attentive attaché.  
Of the several million passengers  
who have made the acquaintance of  
this individual few will chant a re-  
quiem for him. He never enjoyed a  
great degree of popularity, save  
with children who cordially welcom-  
ed his aid to make persistent as-  
saults on their mothers' pocketbooks.  
The loss of the newsboy on Bur-  
lington trains will be more than  
atoned for by the increase in the  
number of magazines and other pe-  
riodicals on its library cars. More-  
over, news stands will be provided  
a more than double the number of  
Burlington stations now possessing  
them. The radical change, alto-  
gether comfortable to those persons  
who travel, marks an epoch in the  
gradual improvement of passenger  
train service.

## A Rattlesnake Tramp.

Rattlesnakes were the most danger-  
ous wild animals with which the early  
settlers of New Jersey had to contend.  
They were very numerous, and their  
bite, if not treated properly at once,  
was generally fatal. In "Stories From  
American History" F. R. Stockton  
cites an incident which gives an idea  
of the abundance of rattlers in the new  
colony:

In a quarry from which the work-  
men were engaged in getting out stone  
for the foundations of Princeton col-  
lege a wide crack in the rocks was dis-  
covered which led downward to a large  
cavity, and in this cave were found  
about 20 bushels of rattlesnake bones.

There was no reason to believe that  
this was a snake cemetery, to which  
the creatures retired when they sup-  
posed they were approaching the end  
of their days, but it was, without  
doubt, a great rattlesnake trap.

The narrow, winding passage lead-  
ing to it must have been very attrac-  
tive to a snake seeking retired quarters  
in which to take its long winter nap.  
Although the cave at the bottom of the  
great crack was easy enough to get  
into, it was so arranged that it was  
difficult, if not impossible, for a snake  
to get out of, especially in the spring,  
when these creatures are very thin  
and weak, having been nourished all  
winter by their own fat.

This year after year the rattlesnakes  
must have gone down into that cavity  
without knowing that they could never  
get out again.

## The House Problem in Paris.

The housing problem is one that for  
years has lain heavily on those with  
small incomes in Paris.

Every day the French capital be-  
comes more and more impossible as a  
residence for poor people and, while  
handsome houses grow more numerous,  
reasonable lodgings become scarcer.

The poor no longer find it easy to se-  
cure apartments at a modest rental in  
the city unless they are willing to be  
confined in burrheadlike tenements on  
the sixth or even seventh story or shut  
off in a courtyard where they get very  
little daylight and hardly ever see the  
sun.

The workingman has therefore been  
obliged to migrate to the outskirts of  
the city, and whole suburbs, like La  
Villette on one side of Paris and Gren-  
elle on the other side, are now inhab-  
ited exclusively by industrial colonies.  
Every exhibition in Paris has  
brought a rise in rents all around, and  
today the landlords' dues are higher  
than ever. Less accommodation is  
available in Paris for a given rental  
than in London, and the sanitary con-  
ditions are generally inferior.

The better housing of the working  
classes, however, is now beginning  
to attract the attention of reformers,  
and when the extension of the city  
eventually takes place perhaps some  
improvement will be effected.—Paris  
Cor. London Mail.

## Ancient Castle, Curious Clock.

Rushen castle, Castledown, Isle of  
Man, is the ancient seat of the kings  
and lords of man. The castle is a ver-  
itable curiosity, both historically and  
otherwise. The first mention of it  
dates to the year 1257. It was taken  
after six months' siege in the year  
1315 by Robert the Bruce. The castle  
is built of limestone and is not a ruin.  
Until a few years ago it was used as a  
prison. The town clock seen in the  
castle wall was presented by Queen  
Elizabeth in the year 1507. It has only  
one hand on the dial. This is the hour  
hand. The minutes are judged by the  
position of the hand between the hours.  
The works of this clock are also a cur-  
iosity. The weight at the end of the  
pendulum is a large stone, and it is  
driven by a rope coiled around a cyl-  
inder of wood, with another stone at  
the end of the rope. The clock is still going  
after its centuries of service and is still  
the town clock.—Newcastle (England)  
Chronicle.

## Not Arguing.

The person who feels like saying  
"Let us keep silence, that I may have  
the talk all to myself," would find re-  
duce conversation to an entirely one-  
sided affair.

The London News says that the late  
Charles Keene, the artist of Punch,  
used to describe with great delight the  
method of a certain man whom he  
called a "pot house Rusk".

This person was sitting with a friend  
in an inn parlor and was haranguing  
the other man on matters in general.  
Finally the friend ventured mildly to  
interpose an objection. The speaker  
drew himself up with much dignity.  
"I ain't a-arguing with you," said  
he; "I'm a-telling you!"

## Hopeless Woman.

Mrs. Shears—Oh, dear, how the wind  
does blow!

Mr. Shears—My dear, did you ever  
know the wind to do anything else but  
blow?

"But the other day you said the rain  
came right down. Did you ever know  
the rain to go right up?"

"That's quite another thing. Just  
like a woman! Never can stick to the  
question under discussion."—Boston  
Transcript.

## Not a Stage Meal.

"My gracious," exclaimed the good  
hearted housekeeper, "you certainly do  
act as if you were hungry!"

"Aet!" replied Hungry Higgins be-  
tween bites. "Gee whiz, lady, don't  
you know de difference between actin  
an de real ting?"—Catholic Standard.

If a fire requires blowing to give it a  
good start, it will be found that blow-  
ing down into the flames makes it burn  
up more brightly and quickly than if  
blown from underneath.

There are no front yards or doorsteps  
in Havana. The doors and windows of  
the houses open directly upon the side-  
walks.

## RECIPROCITY WITH CUBA.

The Philadelphia Ledger has the  
following to say on the subject of  
the United States adopting a reci-  
procity policy with Cuba: "By a  
liberal reciprocity arrangement with  
Cuba we will greatly assist the  
country commercially, will contrib-  
ute to her tranquility by the pros-  
perity we assure her and at the same  
time give a practical turn to party  
pledges, which are worthless as long  
as they remain unexecuted." That  
it is absolutely essential to the indus-  
trial developments and future pros-  
perity of Cuba that there shall be  
close commercial relations between  
the island and United States is ob-  
vious. That such relations would  
conduce to tranquility in the island  
and strengthen the political bond  
between it and this country is equal-  
ly certain. But there will be a  
strenuous opposition to such a pol-  
icy on the part of American inter-  
ests that would be unfavorably af-  
fected by it.

This is already developing and  
promises to become pronounced and  
aggressive before the meeting of con-  
gress, by which time, it was presum-  
ed, an independent government will  
have been established in Cuba and  
the question of commercial relations  
will be in order for consideration.  
The American sugar and tobacco  
interests are preparing to resist, with  
all the influence they can command  
any concessions to the sugar and  
tobacco interests of Cuba. We are  
in receipt of a pamphlet, the source  
of which is not stated, but which is  
dated from the national capital,  
that presents the arguments which  
will be urged against reciprocity  
with Cuba or the giving of any con-  
cessions to the sugar, tobacco and  
fruit interests of that island. This  
document declares that such a policy  
would sacrifice the American indus-  
tries with which those of Cuba com-  
pete and would be the most disgrace-  
ful betrayal of the policy of protec-  
tion that ever occurred in economic  
history." It asserts that this coun-  
try has done enough for Cuba, "all  
that is either necessary to restore  
property to the island or fair to our  
own taxpayers and our home indus-  
tries."

Billy Bryna thinks that fusion is  
the proper caper and that all men  
who think alike should vote alike.  
That is as much as to say that Re-  
publicans who went over to the pops  
have accepted Democratic principles.

## A Very Remarkable Remedy.

"It is with a good deal of pleasure and  
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