

Loup City Northwestern

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All the world knocks a knocker.
A Sioux Indian has slouged for divorce in South Dakota.
What people think about a woman doesn't worry her; it is what they say.
Folks who go searching for escaping gas with lighted lamps, invariably find it.
The burglars' union is not opposed to the introduction of improved machinery.
When the political orators all get fairly going we shall all sorely need a wind shield.
Whether or not wealth is a curse to children depends on the kind of parents they have.
There is little danger of a rise in the price of ice just now, but watch out for the coal man.
A 14 year old St. Paul boy has carried the latest news from the football field into the next world.
Lord Alverstone may as well make up his mind that they'll never build any monuments to him in Canada.
A New York boy stole and ate 150 pies and still lives. Yet some people assert that the age of miracles is past.
The man who aims to lead a strenuous life should be sure he is aiming straight before he turns on the strenuousity.
Russia is in Manchuria to stay and would be deeply grateful for information as to what anybody is going to do about it.
Japan has landed troops at Ping Yang. As soon as Russia gets her forces massed at Ping'ong the trouble will begin.
An Englishman named Lever wants to lift the American cup. Mr. Lever will be a shining mark for the men behind the puns.
A Pittsburg astronomer claims the discovery of a new spot on the sun—or is it the place where Boston knocked the ball through?
Judging by pictures appearing in the press, a Turkish army on the march bears a striking resemblance to a crowd coming home from a picnic.
When a man boasts that he is the architect of his personal fortune, his hearers are apt to wonder how he succeeded in evading the building inspectors.
Airships are supposed to rise gracefully into the circumambient without apparent effort, but look closely and you will see that each one is worked by a crank.
"Our Lady of the Snows," on the other side of the border, should reflect that she still has more territory than she can populate in the next hundred years.
Scientists have discovered "the burning bush" which Moses saw, or one like it, and confidence in the sobriety of the leader of Israel's hosts is strengthened.
The Indian at Muscogee who leased his land six times to the Standard Oil company cannot be recommended for his honesty, but he exhibited great business ability.
The Bliddeford (Me.) Record reports the "uno" cocktail, a finger of alcohol in a glass of beer. Maine's necessity is certainly the mother of some remarkable inventions.
An Egyptian mummy that passed through a Swiss custom house recently was classified as "dried meat." As everybody knows, the average custom house official is "an anoooin' juss."
A pet monkey in New Jersey is developing into an expert baseball pitcher. This measurably offsets the efforts of certain members of the New York smart set to develop into expert monkeys.
Why wouldn't it be a good plan for the gentlemen who are trying to make their trotters do it in less than two minutes to have a strong, serviceable system of suction pumps rigged up around the tracks?
Shamrock L. is to be converted into a schooner to carry scrap iron. This may not be romantic but it is an honest occupation and it vindicates the racing craft from the charge that it is good for nothing except racing.
The Hartford Post admires Annie Russell, but wishes she would "put on her hosiery and shoes before the curtain rises, instead of before the audience." The Post fails to appreciate a really thrilling dramatic situation it sees.
The Shah of Persia still has some very old-fashioned notions. For one thing, he insists on doing his own official poisoning when he wishes to put any of his loving subjects out of the way. Some crowned heads are so fussy over these things.

HE LOUGHT THE DOG.

Possibly He Was Pleased With the Animal's Sagacity.
A certain office holder decided to buy a dog. In reply to his "ad" a man called at his office with an intelligent-looking animal, that he immediately took a fancy to, though he deemed it advisable to first inquire into something of its characteristics.
"What can he do?" he asked.
"Oh, sir, he can do anything. If you've lost anything, sir, he'll go direct to the place where you lost it. He'll—"
"By the way, I just missed my glove. Do you s'pose he could find it?"
"Certainly, sir. Just let him sniff at your hand."
The office holder held his hand to the dog's nose, and the animal trotted serenely off. Presently he returned, and with a joyous wagging of the tail deposited his offering at the office holder's feet.
At the same moment the click of the typewriter in the next room ceased. A girlish form appeared in the doorway.
"My sash ribbon," cried a high sweet voice, "my sash ribbon! The dog has my sash ribbon!"
The office holder's face turned a dull red. He cast a furtive glance at the man, dived into his pocket, and hauled out a bill.
"I guess the dog'll do," he said quietly.

WHERE THE JOKE CAME IN.

Ice-man's Mistake Excited the Negro's Risibilities.
While Frank Daniels, the comedian, was taking a stroll about Rochester he came across an old negro who, as he watched an iceman slide ice through an opening in the asphalt, laughed uproariously.
"Observe how easily amused he is, and yet there is nothing to laugh at," commented Mr. Daniels to his friends. "Still, they tell us the colored folks have a keen sense of the ridiculous. You'll notice that most of the successes in the minstrel business are white men, however." Then, "Hey, uncle!" he shouted. "Do you think it's funny to watch a man slide ice down into the cellar of a saloon?"
The old man straightened up, scratched his nose thoughtfully for a moment, and then replied:
"Why, boss, I 'low dat performance do tickle dis ol' man's risibilities. It sutenly does, boss. You see, Sah, he's a new iceman, an' 'stead o' slidin' ice down in de basemen', he's jes' slidin' it into de sewer. Yah, hi hi!"—New York Times.

IGNORANCE WAS NOT BLISS.

In This Case It Cost Its Possessor Some Money.
There are men who are never satisfied unless they are gambling. One of them met another man of the same disposition a few days ago. There didn't happen to be any cards or dice about, or any of the other apparatus made for the accommodation of sporting blood, and so the gentlemen concluded to match pennies. This grew tiresome after a while, and one of the men produced a roll of bills and offered to bet his companion that he couldn't guess whether the last figure on the number of each bill was odd or even for a dollar a clip.
"I'll do it if you'll tell me the series of each bill," was the reply.
This was agreed to, and in a very short time the man who made the proposition had lost all his money. A private investigation made by him shortly after revealed the fact that his acquaintance had outwitted him, for he discovered that the last figure of the number of series A and C was odd and that of B and D was even.

Tailoring by Weight.

Many men of modest dimensions have thought it hard that they should be charged by their tailor on the same scale as the men whom twice as much cloth is needed to clothe. The Garment Makers' convention at Chicago has decided that in future the clothing of corpulent men will be paid for according to bulk. The weight of men or normal size is arbitrarily fixed at 150 pounds, and for each 100 pounds over that weight the fat man will be taxed \$5 additional for his clothes. "Anti-Fat" and similar remedies will be more in demand in the states than ever.

Saul's Address.

Warriors and chiefs! should the shaft or the sword pierce me when leading the hosts of the Lord,
Head not the corse, though a king's, in Bury your steel in the bosom of Gath!
Thou who art bearing my buckler and bow,
Should the soldiers of Saul look away from the foe,
Stretch me that moment in blood at thy feet;
Mine be the doom which they dared not to meet!
Faraway to others; but never we part,
Help to my royalty, son of my heart!
Bright is the diadem, boundless the sway,
Or kindly the death, that awaits us to-day!
—Lord Byron.

All That Was Needed.

"It wouldn't take much to make me tell him what I think of him," said the angry man.
"How much?"
Thereupon the angry man got his second wind and with it came a second thought.
"A little more muscle and a few boxing lessons," he said.

All He Wanted.

"Did your college confer any degree on you?"
"No; but they gave me the third degree in my secret society, and you bet that's all I want. I'm aching from it yet."

ENORMOUS BENEFITS

EFFECT OF FREE TRADE AND PROTECTION ON RAILROADS.

Against a Loss of \$413,000,000 in Gross Receipts, 1893 to 1897, There Has Been an Increase of \$1,764,000,000 from 1898 to 1902 inclusive.

According to page 407 of the Statistical Abstract of the United States for 1902, fiscal year, published by our useful Bureau of Statistics, the gross receipts of our railroads, in the four Democratic fiscal years, 1894-1897, were, compared with 1893, Republican fiscal year:

1893.....	\$1,207,000,000
1894.....	1,096,000,000
1895.....	1,092,000,000
1896.....	1,125,000,000
1897.....	1,132,000,000

The decreases from 1893, McKinley tariff year, were:

1894.....	\$141,000,000
1895.....	115,000,000
1896.....	122,000,000
1897.....	75,000,000

THE TARIFF TINKERING INCUBATOR.



last fiscal year for which figures are yet published:

1897.....	\$1,132,000,000
1898.....	1,243,000,000
1899.....	1,336,000,000
1900.....	1,501,000,000
1901.....	1,612,000,000
1902.....	1,726,000,000

The figures for 1902 are from the New York Times of September 26, 1903.

The increases over 1897, under Republicanism and protection, were:

1898.....	\$117,000,000
1899.....	234,000,000
1900.....	369,000,000
1901.....	480,000,000
1902.....	594,000,000

Republican gain \$1,764,000,000
Here is a gain to owners and workers alike of one thousand seven hundred and sixty-four millions of dollars (gold dollars, not the Bryan, three-cent Johnson kind of dollars), in five years, equal to \$352,800,000 gain each year.

Inasmuch as, irrespective of allied railroad interests—supplies, etc.—fully 50 per cent of gross railroad earnings is paid out immediately for wages to railroad employes; these figures show that such wage-earners are directly indebted to Republicanism and protection for \$882,000,000 in five years, or \$176,400,000 each year.

It is worthy of note that in the first Republican fiscal year after Democratic misrule—namely 1898, the rebound was so effective as to make the earnings \$47,000,000 more than the prior Republican fiscal year, 1893, and the increase has gone on increasing each Republican year since.

Further, as the Democratic party is now advocating the same principles (and worse) which it advocated in 1892, and used in the fiscal years ending June 30, 1894 to 1897, it is possible that any voter engaged in railroad or allied interests can, if he studies his own welfare, vote now or at any time for that party of disappointment and loss?

There is a broader view and a wider interest still. The official and undisputed figures quoted above show loss of \$413,000,000 in the four Democratic years, equal to \$103,250,000 yearly. It is fair to presume that that ratio of loss would have continued, if not increased, had Democratic policies prevailed in the fiscal years 1898 to 1902. In such case the additional loss in railroad earnings for the five years would have been \$516,250,000. Consequently the real gain attributable to Republican policies and control is:

Estimated Democratic loss, 1898-1902.....	\$516,000,000
Actual Republican gain, 1898-1902.....	1,794,000,000
Real Republican gain.....	\$2,310,000,000

Half of this inures to the direct benefit of railroad wage earners, and all the rest, except bond interest and occasional dividends, to the benefit of the wage-earners of allied interests and the country at large.

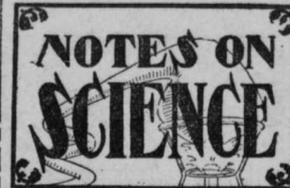
Results and facts like these speak louder than tons of argument.
Walter J. Ballard,
Schenectady, N. Y.

CAUSED BY THE TARIFF.

Republicans Willing to Take Responsibility for Prosperity.

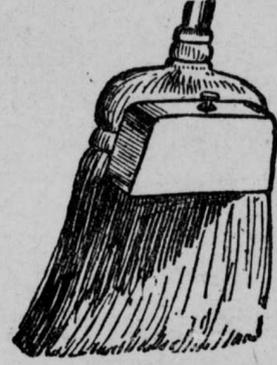
Mr. John F. Clarke, Democratic candidate for the United States Senate in Ohio, opened the campaign in his state with the statement that the country was face to face with a panic and industrial depression, all, according to Mr. Clarke, brought about "by the disturbance of business caused by the high tariff taxes."

Save during a brief period, when Democratic views on the tariff were in legislative effect this country has been under high protective tariff for a generation. During all that time, save during the period when the Democratic tariff was in effect, this country has steadily advanced in wealth and prosperity. Its industrial expansion has been the marvel of the civilized world. Under this tariff system it has become the foremost industrial nation of the



Broom Moistening Device.

The scientific housekeeper nowadays cannot wield her broom without first assuring herself that the microbe killer is attached to the dustpan and that the disinfecting apparatus is in place on the broom itself. This latter device which has just been patented, takes the form of a small, flat reservoir, clamped or strapped to one side of the broom. In order to distribute the liquid thoroughly through the straws, numerous small tubes project from the tank into the broom from which the disinfectant percolates slowly downward. Should the housewife not be so particular about the microbe danger she may see fit to use this same invention to hold common water, in which no disinfectant is to be found, for the purpose of moistening the carpet or floor, to lay the dust during the sweeping process; or, the inventor mentions, there is still another use to which it can be put, that of distributing kerosene oil to a carpet to brighten the colors and destroy the moths which often lurk in the edges or corners. About the only objection to the invention seems to be the weight which it will necessarily



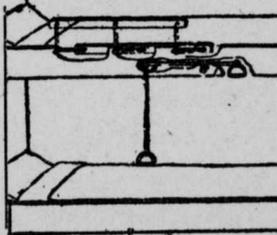
Reservoir Holds the Liquid.

add to the broom, and which may thus increase somewhat the burden of the housewife's duties.

Isaac P. Kilgore of Westpoint, Ill., is the inventor.

Sleeping Berth Attachment.

A berth is a berth, whether in the sleeping car or steamer, and about the only good advice which can be given the traveler is to get the lower one if he can. But if his wife is along she may object to his following this advice—though probably the objection would not always stand—and claim that she should have the lower berth and he should take the upper one. Well, which ever way they settle it, the one who has the upper berth would have a troublesome time getting into it but for the little step ladders which the transportation company provides. It is to do away with this ladder, and at the same time provide a rail which shall serve the double purpose of assisting the traveler into his bunk and preventing his falling out after going to sleep that this berth attachment has been designed. As a glance at the drawing will show, there is a pivoted bar, which has a stirrup at the end, in which the foot can be inserted for



Stirrup and Side Bar.

climbing to the upper berth. The lowering of this stirrup into a vertical position throws up a horizontal bar along the outer edge of the berth, thus affording further assistance to the climber. When not in use both these devices can be folded into the side bar of the bunk, though at night they should be allowed to remain extended to insure the sleeper against accidental rolling off his high bed.
The inventor is Elijah Dawe of Colingswood, Canada.

Artificial Mine for Study.

The new School of Mines at the Birmingham (England) University is to have a novel piece of scientific apparatus in the shape of a model mine at Bournbrook, about ten feet below the surface, extending over about three-quarters of an acre. The passages will be constructed of brick arching, and will be lined, paved and finished so as to resemble an actual mine in detail. The mine will be laid out to illustrate the best ways of working coal and methods of timbering and will also demonstrate the various systems of underground haulage.

Slaby's Wireless Experiments.

Professor Slaby has demonstrated, after exhaustive experiments, that the surface of the earth plays an important part as a conductor of the Hertzian waves, for which many have heretofore regarded the air as the only conductor. He constructed an artificial earth, which was rendered immune from external influence by covering the floor of his laboratory with zinc. He then experimented with the waves on the floor until his theory was proved.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss.
LUCAS COUNTY.
FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co. doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.
FRANK J. CHENEY,
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1898.
A. W. GLEASON,
Notary Public,
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.
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Sold by all Druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

He Lacked Time, Not Money.

Senator Clark of Montana says that one day he was walking along Exchange Place, New York, when a boy said: "Shine, mister?" The western Croesus looked at his shoes, saw that they were quite dusty and was about to stop, when he remembered an important engagement. "No, haven't time," he said. To which the boy replied: "You mean you ain't got de price, don't ye, mister?" About fifteen minutes later Mr. Clark signed and handed over the \$100,000 check that paid for 500 miles of the Oregon Short Line.

Ask Your Druggist for Allen's Foot-Ease.

"I tried ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE recently, and have just bought another supply. It has cured my corns, and the hot, burning and itching sensation in my feet which was almost unbearable, and I would not be without it now.—Mrs. W. J. Walker, Camden, N. J." Sold by all Druggists, 25c.

A Serious Mishap.

The imitative faculty is the most valuable mental gift which a civil servant can possess, says the London Daily Chronicle, as his success largely depends upon his ability to repeat official formulae and to write documents in the style of his superior, who will sign them. Negroes are admirable imitators, and they make excellent civil servants. Here is a letter from a Gold Coast postman to his postmaster: "Dear Master—I have the pleasure to inform you that when your trousers, Dear master, how can I go on duty with only one trouser? If he get lost where am I? Kindly write Arre that they send me one more trouser, and so I catch him and go duty. Good day, sir. My God, how are you. Your loving corporal, J. A."

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When the proverbial rainy day comes lots of men use borrowed umbrellas.

Don't treat your family like a lot of paupers, even if charity does begin at home.

There are more insane people outside the asylums than there are in them.

IF YOU USE BALL BLUE, Get Red Cross Ball Blue, the best Ball Blue. Large 3 oz. package only 5 cents.

He must be a thorough fool who can learn nothing from his own folly.—Hare.

There is always room for a man of force, and he makes room for many.—Emerson.

A baby isn't necessarily afflicted with jaundice because it's a little yellor.

To Cure a Cold in One Day, Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure, 25c.

No one is the worse for knowing the worst of himself.

The things that make life worth living are usually the things we have not got.

It's no use a man's trying to be holy unless he has made up his mind to be honest.

The Best Results in Starching can be obtained only by using Deffance Starch, besides getting 4 oz. more for same money—no cooking required.

You cannot get up an orchestra composed of people who blow their own horns.

The misfortunes that are hardest to bear are those that never happen.

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You can save from \$3 to \$5 by wearing W. L. Douglas \$3.50 & \$3 shoes.
They equal those that have been costing you from \$4.00 to \$5.00. The immense sale of W. L. Douglas shoes proves their superiority over all other makes.
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