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The time to kill dandelions is about at hand.

Taft for president and Hughes for vice president is the winning ticket for 1908.

Columbus was a strictly temperance town for three days, and no one seriously suffered from it.

The success of the Fourth ward republican club should induce the republicans of the Third ward to get together and organize a permanent club.

Our school board at its last meeting ordered the county treasurer to pay off \$3,000 of the bonds of the high school building. We are very glad to see that, not only because we want to reduce our bonded indebtedness, because we feel the necessity of having a better school building in the Third ward, and we may have to vote other bonds.

J. M. Shively of Fremont is a candidate for commissioner of public lands and buildings on the republican ticket. We hope that he will receive the nomination without any opposition, and that no one will come out against him. We know Mr. Shively personally, he is the right man for the place, he has the experience and the ability that fit him for that position, and he is always the pleasant, courteous obliging gentleman.

The national convention of the populist party has met, nominated Thomas Watson of Georgia for president, and adjourned. That is the news item that is making the rounds, but in reality the populist party of this country has gone completely out of business, it has really ceased to exist. It makes no difference whether Watson will accept the nomination or not, it cuts no ice that the Nebraska delegation bolted the convention in the interest of Bryan, the populist party as a national party is down and out, and wields very little force in the politics of this nation.

W. J. Bryan, in his paper, the Commoner, has issued a warning to the faithful that corrupt influences are at work to thwart the will of the people; that the Money Devil is busy trying to secure the nomination of Governor Johnson for president on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Bryan's personal record is good, but it is no better than that of Governor Johnson. Bryan's attack on Johnson is additional evidence that every time a man begins howling against the Money Devil, he is actuated by a personal and selfish motive. Bryan attacks Johnson as promptly and bitterly as he would attack a criminal.—Atchison Globe.

The city election last Tuesday emphasized one point that should be borne in mind, not only by the republicans of the city but the county as well. The republicans of the Fourth ward organized a republican club when the city nominations were made, and then went to work to elect Julius Nichols to the council. They had an organization and used it, as the results show. The democrats have always had a perfect organization, but the republicans have been deficient in this respect. And it was for the Fourth ward republicans to make a showing as to what could be done, not only in Columbus, but in Platte county, with an effective republican organization.

There is no doubt but what W. J. Bryan will be nominated for president at Denver without any serious opposition. Yet Mr. Bryan seems to have lost a great deal of influence he formerly had over his party admirers. For some reason or other his democratic friends do not accept his advice or his commands as they used to. He went all the way to Kentucky to tell the legislature how to vote for a

United States senator, and they turned down his advice. He told the democrats of Illinois to put aside Roger Sullivan as chairman, but Sullivan was made chairman. Mr. Bryan is a great orator and a good actor, he will always be a great drawing card at a chautauqua or a county fair, but he will never be president of the United States.

TARIFF AND TRUSTS.
The Democratic cry that a protective tariff is "the mother of trusts" is disproved by so many facts that its iteration is but partisan noise. During the last great coal strike it was urged that the removal of the duty of 47 cents a ton on imported coal would bring the coal trust to terms and break its power. Congress suspended the duty, and for more than a year foreign coal was admitted free to any port in the United States. The effect on the trust and price of coal in this country was practically nothing. Foreign holders of coal marked up their price for shipment here, just as the South Americans several years before added 2 cents a pound to their price for coffee exported, when the duty of 2 cents a pound was removed by the Congress of the United States.

In his last notable speech in Congress Senator Vest contended, and no doubt believed, that the duty on foreign coal was the mother of the trust. But the removal of the duty failed to benefit consumers a single cent. The item of 47 cents a ton duty is too small a matter to explain the operations of the coal trust. There are foreign combinations in coal that advanced the price for cargoes to America when the duty was suspended. The American supply of coal is immensely greater than that of Europe. Large trusts exist in every important European country. Belaboring a protective tariff with the idea that the blows fall on the trusts and that free trade would abolish trusts is time and effort wasted. The result expected can not be reached along that road.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

HELPLESS AND HOPELESS.
When, to all seeming, it is too late the opponents of Mr. Bryan in the democratic party are suddenly become somewhat brave and more or less active. Had the leaders of the democratic party discovered the force and independence of character that we in the ranks of Cannon, Fairbank, Foraker, Knox and Hughes, it would have been assurance of some degree of sagacious deliberation at Denver next July.

Those voters—and they are more than 1,000,000—are now holding out their hands in appeal to the democratic party and beseeching it to give them a chance to vote the democratic ticket in 1908.

But if the now expected should happen at Denver, the democratic party will spurn their petition with a "To Halifax wid ye; there's no room in the democratic party for the likes of you."

GOVERNING CITIES.
Leavenworth, Kas., entered upon the commission plan of government at its recent municipal election and within a few days the city will be governed by the five men who were elected commissioners. The list of cities discarding the old political system and adopting the new business plan grows constantly and those who are firmly of the belief that businesslike methods in the conduct of municipalities are generally demanded will watch with interest the results obtained in Des Moines, Leavenworth, the various Texas cities and others that are testing the commission system. In Texas it has proven a pronounced success. No northern city has tried it long enough to prove its merit.

Leavenworth elected five good men to the office of commissioner, and if business ability and reputation count for anything the city will be well governed by them. There was no partisan rivalry in the election, there being but five candidates for commissioner and all of them being elected unanimously. The commission plan appeals to many for this very reason—it removes party politics from the management of cities. No one has ever given a good reason why the tariff question should be tied up with the street and sewer business, or why the currency problem or our international

policy should be hooked up with fire departments and city improvement.—Lincoln Star.

VIRUS FOR SWINE PLAGUE.
Congressman Pollard brings good news to the farmers of Nebraska on his present visit. The department of agriculture has developed a method of preventing the cholera which promises at last to put an end to this destroyer of the hopes of the hog raiser. It is announced by the scientists in the department that they can begin work even after the cholera has broken out, and by immediate inoculation with the virus of the plague can save 80 or 85 per cent of the members of a herd. The system once put in workable condition it is the policy of the department to turn it over to the states, furnishing the virus and the instructions to apply the remedy as it may be needed. As a member of the house committee on agriculture Mr. Pollard has succeeded in inducing the government to name Nebraska among the first of the states to be supplied with the virus. He waited upon the regents of the university yesterday with a proposition to begin the work in Nebraska as soon as the experiment station is able to furnish the necessary means for carrying it to the farmers. When the state provides the money, therefore, the farmers can call at will upon the station for protection against one of their greatest enemies, a disease that imposes an almost unbearable tax upon their revenues.—Lincoln Journal.

GAVE HIS VANITY A SETBACK.
Business Man Not as Fascinating as He Thought He Was.

Speaking of absent-mindedness—there are a lot of men who don't notice things. They may not be absent-minded, but there are a lot of things that get by them.

The other day a prominent steamship man here in town passed an attractive young woman on the street. She bowed pleasantly and spoke to him. And yet he didn't know her from a bale of hemp.

"Hub! I guess I must be pretty good," he reflected. "I must be holding my age pretty well when strange young women begin to speak up to me like that. Well, I wonder!"

COUNTRY AS MINE OF WEALTH.
Paid Agents Misrepresent Conditions to Secure Immigration.

A Jefferson Davis Speech.
On August 2, 1870, a party of young men engaged a band and serenaded Jefferson Davis. After the band had played "Dixie" and "My Maryland," Mr. Davis spoke these words:

A Promising Fruit.
The persimmon has been a neglected fruit in the northern states, from a supposition that it is not hardy, says the Agriculturist. I found the opposite to be true some 30 years ago, and have a tree at Clinton, N. Y., grown from Missouri seed, that never shows the slightest sign of declining zero weather. It has stood 40 degrees below zero. Blossoming profusely every year, it remained entirely barren. I sent to the horticultural societies of Missouri and Indiana and Virginia for scions. That grand old worker, Mr. Miller of Missouri, sent me four named varieties. The scions took admirably well, and I have tested the four sorts, ripening from September until December. My tree is invariably loaded with golden balls, which are very beautiful after the foliage falls. The fruit is exceedingly palatable, if properly ripened.

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LEVINSKY HAD GREAT SCHEME.

Bright Idea He Thought Meant Saving of Twenty-Five Dollars.
Levinsky, despairing of his life, made an appointment with a famous specialist. He was surprised to find 15 or 20 people in the waiting-room. After a few minutes he leaned over to a gentleman near him and whispered, "Say, mine friend, this must be a pretty good doctor, ain't he?" "One of the best," the gentleman told him. Levinsky seemed to be worrying over something. "Well, say," he whispered again, "he must be pretty expensive, then, ain't he? Vat does he charge?" The stranger was annoyed by Levinsky's questions and answered rather shortly: "Fifty dollars for each first consultation and \$25 for each visit thereafter."

Tarantula Not So Bad.
The terrible tarantula is said to be more abused than abusive. It is not aggressive upon man nor is it often intrusive even, although every old miner and prospector has shaken out of his boots or blankets in the morning, and always the size of a saucer. It avoids the hot sunshine and remains well down in its burrow under the ground. About sundown it sallies forth and lies in waiting just below the opening of the burrow. It assumes this position whether it desires food or wishes only to get a bit of fresh air. It does not travel about in quest of food, even when hungry, but remains quietly in the attitude described often for hours at a time. At the near approach of a caterpillar, grasshopper, beetle or almost any creature of like size, other than its enemy, the wasp, it rushes out and seizes it, but rarely goes farther than a few inches from the opening. One fair-sized insect a week is sufficient to satisfy its hunger because of its inactive existence, while it can live several months without food, even when most active, provided it has water. In autumn the spider crosses the entrance with a crudely-spun web. It is then ready to pass the winter in a semi-lethargic state, partaking of no food. In the spring it digs its way out.

Something New, After All.
"Well, by gosh," said Uncle Cyrus, "they can say all they want to about there both north and south under the sun, but there is, and what's more the world is growin' better."

Durability of Glass.
It does not seem odd to find inscriptions written ages ago still visible on the Tower of London, or on the steeple of some cathedral, but one would hardly look on a fragile panel of glass in a common window for characters 200 years old.

Counting a Novelty.
"My word!" exclaimed the first British guest, "it's queer the way Bruteley beats 'is wife."

NO SYMPATHY FOR PRODIGAL.

New York Man Tells How He Would Have Treated Him.

"I went to hear Dr. Hillis' sermon on the Prodigal Son last Sunday night," said an enthusiastic Brooklyn man to a practical New Yorker, "and I tell you he made a brand new point on the parable of the Prodigal Son."

Horns of Tokay Grapes.
The greatest grape producing region in the world is the little claimed by San Joaquin county, California. The average yield in France is 2.7 tons to the acre. The average for California is two tons an acre, while that for San Joaquin county is four tons an acre.

He Won't Always Be One.
"I have a clerk," a New York wholesale merchant remarked the other day, "and he sometimes manages to hand back a rather good one, though as a rule he is little short of stupid, apparently. As a matter of fact, I suppose he is one of those dreamy sort of chaps; and you never can tell about that kind."

Test of the Gyroscope.
A practical test of the use of the gyroscope for steadying vessels at sea was made recently in England on the Seaber, formerly a first-class German torpedo boat, with a displacement of 56.2 tons. The apparatus installed consists of a heavy fly-wheel rotating about an axis, and carried by a frame which can oscillate about a horizontal axis, the oscillating motion of the frame being checked by brakes. The wheel is 40 inches in diameter, weighs 1,100 pounds, makes 1,600 revolutions per minute, and is steam driven.

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HIS EFFORT NOT APPRECIATED.

Young Man's Voice Really Impressed Congregation, But—

Jacob H. Schiff, on the way to Egypt in the Caronia, was criticizing in the smoke-room the tenor singing of a young man who gave, all by himself, a little musicale every night after dinner.

FINDING THE SILVER LINING.

Wherein All Might Do Something to Make the World Better.

"Please say: 'I guess you didn't mean to!'" sobbed a child pitifully when it was discovered in some childish misdemeanor; and the comforting words not only eased the sore heart's trouble, but plainly helped to ward a better life for the rest of that day, and perhaps for other days.

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Why He Was Invited to Dinner.

"One of Lord Palmerston's colleagues in the cabinet—well known for his love of dining out—asked him why a certain ambassador was constantly asking him to dinner. Lord Palmerston replied:

Accomplishing Results.
When President Garfield was in college he was striving for honors in Latin. His strongest rival for the honors lived in a room directly across the campus from his own. Garfield found out that the rival studied his Latin the last hour before retiring. Garfield adopted the plan of studying his Latin at the same hour—in fact, he studied until the rival turned out his light each night. And then he studied just 15 minutes longer. He won the honors. The 15 minutes extra each night gave him the necessary slight advantage over the other man in the final markings.

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Qualifying His Remark.
Henry Peck—Such weather! I'm free to say that—
Mrs. Peck—What's that, Henry?
Henry Peck (meekly)—Beg pardon, my dear. I mean, with your permission, I am free to say this is the worst climate under the sun.—Philadelphia Press.