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Bryan is not likely to starve for want of a job. A New York firm has offered him a salary of \$25,000 a year to manage a law department in their store.

Judge Elmer S. Dundy, of the United States court, died at his home in Omaha last week. He had long presided over the federal court for the district of Nebraska. A number of aspirants for the place are already mentioned, and it is said that President Cleveland will appoint no one who is over sixty years old or who is not a sound money democrat.

The election not only was in favor of McKinley, but both the senate and house of representatives will be republican so that legislation along republican lines is assured. The effect of that assurance is already being shown in the east among mills and factories, and those who have denied that protection brings good times are requested to watch the result.

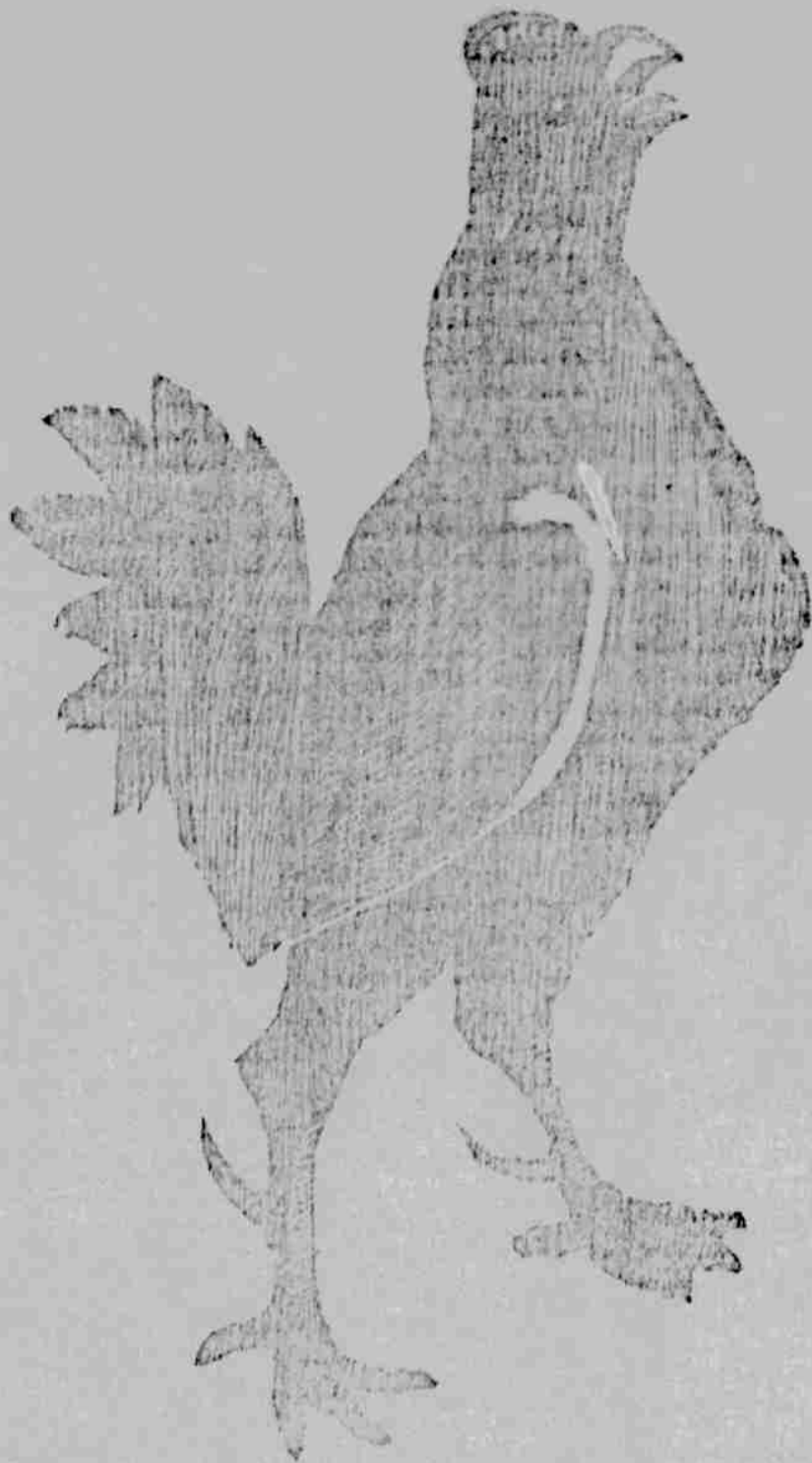
The announcement of Dr. Stephen H. Emmons, of New York, that he has found a method whereby silver may be transformed into gold is one of the most recent advances of science. It is not the wild assertion of an irresponsible sensationalist for Dr. Emmons is a scientist of the highest order and his announcement has been long anticipated and while it aroused interest and curiosity it caused no astonishment among those who have kept abreast of the advances of scientific research. The ultimate result of the discovery of Dr. Emmons is an interesting theme for discussion. For ages gold has been largely the measure of value in business transactions in all civilized nations. If the conversion of silver into gold is not attended with too great expense the increase in the amount of gold in the world will be so great that it will, most likely, make it a less desirable medium of exchange. That would upset the existing conditions to a very great extent and what would be decided on to take the place of gold in the business world cannot be foretold. The development of the method will be watched with interest.

Our American Pessimists.

The progress of our own presidential campaign has been marked by the wail of many pessimists whose voices have been heard along the outer fringes of the general conflict. In the East the pessimists are practically all in one political camp, while in the West they are all on the other side. The Eastern pessimists have been bemoaning the fearful decline in the moral character of the nation as indicated by the desperate wickedness of the Chicago platform and the shocking depravity of the millions of citizens who are supporting William J. Bryan. The Western pessimists, with precisely the same degree of self-righteous censoriousness, are proclaiming the enormities of the "money power," the dark designs of the "syndicates," "trusts," and corporations, and the speedy downfall of all our best institutions in case McKinley should be elected. His victory, they declare, would be the triumph of the most grasping and unscrupulous plutocracy that has ever in all history fastened its clutches upon an enslaved people. In justice to the most representative portion of the country, it should be said that the one set of pessimists will chiefly be found east of the Alleghany mountains, and the other set, almost to a man, west of the Missouri river. In the central section, extending from Pennsylvania to Nebraska, the political battle has been raging most lustily; but men are not pessimists in that region. In those splendid commonwealths of normal and wholesome development, of high average prosperity and of comparative freedom from extreme contrasts of social condition, the people are not given to supposing, even under the excitement of a presidential campaign, that their country is going to the dogs or that half their fellow citizens are rascals.—From "The Progress of the World," in November Review of Reviews.

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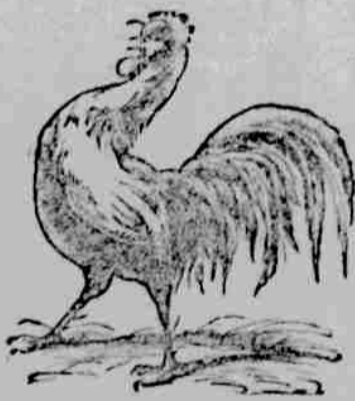


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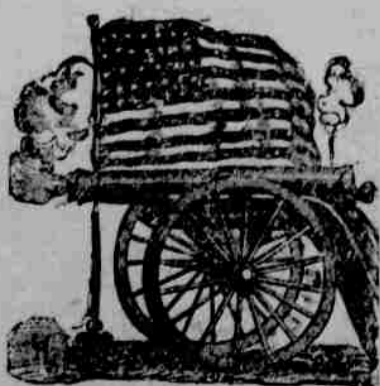
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