

PEPPER OF KANSAS.

HE LIKES TO BE CARICATURED AND ABUSED.

Thinks That the People Are Going to Agree with Him Some Day—From Printer's Devil to Senator—A Devout Christian.



HERE is a portrait of the most thoroughly abused man in the United States—Senator William A. Pepper of Kansas. For years the cartoonists of the east have utilized his features as typical of the wild and woolly politicians of the west. He has been caricatured more than any man on this continent, with the possible exception of Blaine, Sherman and Cleveland. Unlike most politicians he takes it all in good part. He honestly believes that all the people will yet come to his way of thinking and that in the not distant future we will have government ownership of everything worth owning, to say nothing of billions of money that will be issued in payment thereof. Like most of the populist leaders, Senator Pepper got his first start in life as a printer's devil. Printer's devils have a habit of reading the proofs which pass through their hands, and young Pepper was no exception to the rule. In this way he accumulated considerable knowledge. When he succeeded to the proof-reader's desk he was able to read a market report backwards. And it is said that he used to read that way. A famous writer has remarked that that is how he got it into his head that the world was progressing backward. Anyway, by the time he succeeded to the editorial chair he was firmly convinced that things were upside down generally, and he succeeded in making other people agree with him. He entered political life and in a remarkably short time found himself elected to a seat in the United States senate. Today he is looked upon as the logical candidate for president by a large portion of his party.

Aside from his political views, Senator Pepper would attract general admiration. He is a strict temperance advocate by inches. He is a devout christian and believes that finally the reign of the christian spirit will dissolve the troubles of our times. His home is a happy one.

While in New York the other day Mr. Pepper took occasion to tell a reporter some things about his party. He said: "It is a mistake to suppose that the populist party is decreasing in strength. We are gaining. We shall call a convention next year and put a ticket into the field. Our platform will be reform in finance, direct taxation, better returns to labor for its toil and govern-



SENATOR PEPPER.

ment ownership of railroads and other great public corporate interests. "As to the silver question, I don't believe it will be the dominant issue next year. The agitation is already ceasing; that is, the camp-meeting part of the discussion is over, and people are getting down to the thinking. The silver question is one of continual interest; but, like every other public question, interest in it flows and ebbs. Interest is now on the ebb. I hardly think there will be a silver ticket in the field. If there is it will be separate from the populist, unless it unites with us. "Business is better than it was, and crops promise large returns. We shall raise 200,000,000 bushels of corn in Kansas. The acreage is larger than it was, although our proportion is not so great. The situation has been this: For several years the manufacturers vastly overproduced. It was necessary for them to get rid of this surplus product, so gradually they decreased their output, until the country was down to bedrock and the manufacturers had disposed of their old stocks. Then, of course, business began to revive, and will probably continue to grow better."

Riding Astride.

The "new woman" is only copying after the ancient dame when she rides astride, as is now the fashion of the royal princesses and the leading equestriennes of both England and America. Joan of Arc rode astride at the head of the French army, and Queen Elizabeth used to ride to falcon hunts in this fashion behind Lord Leicester. It was only in the sixteenth century that the side saddle came into use in England, and women rode astride in Germany until the close of the eighteenth century. In most foreign countries the fashion of riding on one side has never been adopted by women.

A Rare Chance, Perhaps.

Daughter—Here's a queer advertisement in the Trumpet: "A well cultured baby for adoption. Don't you think that means well-natured?" Mother—I don't know. Perhaps it's a Boston baby.

Between the Devil and the Deep Sea.

The women at York Harbor, Maine, have two alternatives, either to wear bloomers or put a stop to sprinkling the streets with salt water, which ruins their dresses.

BISHOP IRELAND.

Biographical Sketch of a Much Talked About Catholic Prelate.

Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, as an orator, has gained a national reputation. He was born in Burnchurch county, Kilkenny, Ireland, Sept. 11, 1838. His parents emigrated to the United States when he was a boy, and settled in St. Paul, Minn. He went to Paris in September, 1853, entered the Petit Seminaire of Meximes, and finished the course in four years, half the usual time. After studying theology in the Grand Seminaire at Hyeres, he returned to St. Paul in 1861, and was ordained in December of that year. He served as chaplain of the Fifth Minnesota regiment during a part of the civil war, and was afterward appointed rector of the cathedral at St. Paul. In 1869 he organized the first total abstinence society in the state. In 1870 he went to Rome as the accredited representative of Bishop Grace at the Vatican. After his consecration as coadjutor Bishop of St. Paul in 1875, he undertook the work of colonization in the Northwest. He made large purchases of land in Minnesota, which were taken up by nine hundred Roman Catholic colonists. He then bought twelve thou-



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sand acres of land with equally satisfactory results. In 1887 he was appointed archbishop of St. Paul.

WILL TEACH HOW TO LIVE.

Pittsburg Priest Aims to Reform Drunkards and Gluttons.

Rev. Father McKeever, of the Church of St. John the Baptist, is organizing a novel temperance society. It is non-sectarian and its members will be permitted the use of light beer and wines in moderation. Should the plans of the organization become popular the liquor business of this country will be entirely revolutionized. While a total abstainer himself, Father McKeever believes in temperance in all things. The work of his society will be educational. It is to go into homes and teach the science of living. What food is best suited to individuals according to the work they do, and how to prepare it, the amounts necessary for the preservation of health and strength will be taught them. For those who desire alcoholic stimulants the use of beer and light wines will be advocated. Whisky, brandy, gin, rum, Father McKeever delegates to the apothecaries, where they are to be secured as medicine by prescription. The practice of treating will be discontinued. Father McKeever is arranging for a mass meeting at which his ideas will be explained. He is pastor of one of the largest Roman Catholic churches in this city. He also proposes to reform people who eat too much.

Minister a Victim of Whitecaps.

The other night at 11 o'clock four whitecaps took the Rev. T. S. Rooks, the Baptist minister of Westmoreland, Kas., from his home in a hack, drove out in the country five miles with him and then tarred and feathered him. Rooks is lying at a farmer's house and he has been notified that he will be shot or hung if he returns to Westmoreland. He is accused of assaulting a girl. The citizens of Westmoreland are taking sides in the affair and there is great excitement. Lynchings are threatened on both sides.

Bikes Will Be Heavier Next Year.

Bicycle makers say wheels will be a few pounds heavier next year. Tires will be one-half larger than at present.

Haggard as a Statesman.

H. Rider Haggard, the author, was among those recently chosen to be



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English House of Commons. Mr. Haggard is best known to Americans as the writer of stories. It is said that he may at an early date be chosen to fill a vacancy in the Salisbury cabinet.

Judicial Incredulity.

Judge—Do you acknowledge that you are guilty of the charge made against you?
Culprit—What's the use of my saying "not guilty"? You are so suspicious you wouldn't believe me anyhow.

NOT ALL KILLED BY SHOT.

Splinters Were More Destructive Than Missiles in the Eastern War.

The recent war between Japan and China has taught the officers of the American navy at least one new thing in the construction of vessels. There will be scarcely any woodwork in the Oregon, that is rapidly nearing completion at the Union Iron works. This is due to the fact that there were more people killed and injured in the naval battles in the orient by flying wooden splinters than by the bullets or exploding shells. Most of the cruisers and battle ships that took part in the war were constructed with steel hulls, and all of them were more or less protected with heavy armor plates. The interior fittings and furnishings of the quarters and the deck coverings, however, were of wood. When a shot pierced the hull of a vessel and tore through the wood in the interior of the ship splinters were sent flying in all directions. In most cases the shot passed through the vessel without injuring any of the crew, but the shower of wooden splinters filled the deck bay and kept the sailmaker sewing up the dead in canvas sacks for burial. On the battleship Oregon practically no wood will be used. All the bulkheads and partitions dividing the rooms in the officers' quarters are to be of iron. No wood will be used on the decks, but instead linoleum will be cemented to the iron deck to prevent slipping. All the doors will be of iron, and all those leading to the decks will be made watertight.

What Makes a Man Do This?

What makes a man of 30 or 40 take a sailboat when he can't sail it, put in his friends or family for bailant, and go right out to capsize and tragedy? You can't answer that any more than you can explain how such a fool has made out to survive to his present age. Why didn't he reach his deserved fate long before? No one can say. Enough that it does overtake him and he gets from ten lines to a column in the paper, according to how big a fool he was. At the shore we see sailboats run away out into the sound, until they can hardly be seen, and when the clouds come up and it begins to thunder the venturesome amateur who is away out there is the last to start for shelter. He doesn't know enough to know his danger. So it goes each summer, and each summer has its long string of drowning tragedies for a part of its history. But, as we said before, no one summer does it up completely, so as to give civilization a fresh chance. A lot of people are drowned for their folly this year who lived through last year, which was just as good a year for drowning, and a lot will live through this year and go out and drown in 1896 as readily as if they were led.—Ex.

Ventilate at Night.

Though contrary to the usual practice, night air will ventilate a cellar more thoroughly and cause less humidity than the hot air of midday. Open the cellar windows at sunset and leave them open until 5 in the morning, and the air will be cooler and drier than if the cellar is closed at night and open during the day. The screens or gratings should be so arranged that the windows can be opened and closed without moving them.—New York Evening Post.

A Mutual Service.

He—I am very unfortunate; it seems I can please nobody.
She—Come, cheer up; I have no one to admire me, either.
He—Tell you what—let's found a society for mutual admiration; I, for instance, admire your beautiful eyes; and what do you admire in me?
She—Your good taste.—Brooklyn Life.

NEWSY MORSELS.

Emily Soldene has been appearing with success in "La Pille de Mme. Angot" at Sydney, Australia.
The latest information from the moon is that 132,856 craters have been counted on its surface, all dead.
Oregon has just passed a law against fishing in the Columbia river on Sunday. It is intended to give the salmon a rest.
There is a warm controversy in Utah over the right of women to vote in that territory next November, when the constitution will be presented for ratification.
After an existence of twenty-two years the English Palaeographical society has come to an end. During its existence it published 550 fac similes of manuscripts and inscriptions.
The butchers of Bridgeport, Conn., have decided to revive an old custom among members of their trade. They will, this year, hold a barbecue and roast a lot of oxen and sheep.
A thief in New York set himself to chase and catch a thief. He succeeded and made off with the booty, while the victimized pifferer of the first part was arrested and locked up.
On the day of the feast of St. Theodore, observed annually at Helmsgen, Roumania, all the young married women go about the town kissing the men and offering them a drink of wine.
Japanese postmen whose routes carry them into the country use bicycles. Their wheels are made by local manufacturers, who have appropriated improvements from both British and American patents.

In the Danish budget a curious tax entitled the "rank tax" is calculated to produce £2,261. Social rank is highly prized in Denmark, and everyone of any consideration has his clearly defined position in the social hierarchy.
A valuable Greek inscription has recently been added to the Louvre. It comes from the neighborhood of Djerach, in Syria, and contains portions of an ancient law concerning the maintenance of vineyards and their protection against thieves.

WOMAN AND HOME.

UP TO DATE READING FOR DAMES AND DAMSELS.

The Mirror of Fashion—Some of the Latest Styles for the Season—Some Useful Hints for the Household—Current Notes of the Modes.



ASHION is not of the olden kind to the poverty stricken ones in her domain, but this season she has made a decided move in our favor by smiling upon the old-fashioned alpaca gowns. For this material means much to us. It has that soft, shimmering effect sought after these days and is very serviceable, also, since it does not crush or wear rough. In fact, it is an ideal material for one who must look well to the wherewith she will be clothed. If you wish a charming gown get one of white alpaca, with perfectly plain skirt and tight-fitting waist. Have it made with a plain stock collar. Have made also a jacket as shown in illustration, of blue serge. The jacket is shorter than those worn last year and is gored below the waist line. It has peculiar square revers—the upper ones of white alpaca—which are slashed and edged with braid. The hat worn with this costume is of rough blue straw. Into the trimmings is introduced that combination of blue and green which is so fashionable. If, however, you wish to wear the gown on a dressy indoor occasion you may cross the bodice with a Marie Antoinette fichu of some delicately colored chiffon or you may wear a broad sailor collar and with it a front of soft, lacey material, and so on. Given such a good founda-

tion, it is unnecessary for me to tell the ingenious American girl what she may do with her gown.

Helpful in Make-Overs.

There is shown below a handsome indoor dress of pink crepon figured with



pale and dark blue. Here the godet skirt has unusual trimming, four wide bands of ribbon ending in four-looped bows upon its sides and front. This ribbon matches the dark blue of the dress goods' figure, and making the

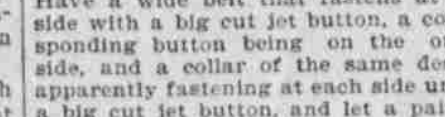


AUTUMN GOWNS.

front pair of bands shorter than the side ones is essential to the effect, unimportant as it may seem at first thought. The blouse overhangs the belt in front, and at the top there is a tiny plastron of blue satin with draped collar to match. A huge butterfly bow of the dress goods is placed in front and is tied with dark blue. The later color, too, appears in sleeves and belt. Double skirts are occasionally seen, and though often so ungraceful as to be undesirable, the one whose description follows is an exception because it adapts itself so well to the remodeling of a gown to whose front breadth some disfiguring accident has befallen. Only its skirt is double, an apron piece a little shorter than the skirt being set on over the front breadth. Its joining with the skirt proper is made as nearly invisible as possible to well over the hips. Then the apron piece is allowed to swing free of the skirt. Its edge is bound with a bright braid from the place where the attachment to the skirt stops, a line of the same braid is carried down the side seam of the skirt, and the edge of the apron part is attached to this side seam by three or four drooping straps of braid. The apron piece may be of material contrasting with the rest of the skirt, and the injured part of the original skirt is thus concealed. An adaptation of the design meets the difficulty of a skirt with the back badly frayed at the foot by the droop of a skirt will have there even when the front may be all right. A short length of skirt material contrasting with the skirt will combine and make a new effect according to this model. Make a full back and attach it to the front of the old skirt. The scant residue of the second material will make the short apron front, which will fall over the good front of the first skirt.

Decrees of Dame Fashion.

Panama hats, with a plain velvet band are very much worn.
For home wear or more dressy occasions the gowns are all extremely light, this season.
Ribbons are used still in the greatest profusion, and are measured by the mile instead of the yard.
The ruffled skirts have caught the popular taste just now, and several of the new models show them.
An English straw hat is trimmed with knitted ribbon of black and white, fastened on with a rhinestone buckle.
A very odd skirt, circular in shape, is laid in inch tucks, encircling the figure from waist to hem. It is more strange than graceful.
The pinks, purples and mauves, so much used of late, are a little out now, and light blue and lime-blossom green have taken their place.
Pretty combs and pins add greatly to the beauty of the hair, and never before was there such a wealth of these ornaments displayed.



collar in the bust line. Then let the sleeves be finished at the wrists with bands fastening under jet buttons. Such a dress will serve in any place. Added dressiness can come by setting four buttons down the front box-plate. Wear a large, black rough straw hat trimmed with a pair of knots of white mull and two upright cock's feathers, white gloves, with black stitching, and carry a white silk parasol. A really faultless Mohair, by the way, is surprisingly cool, and sheds dust as a duck's back sheds

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One Point in Etiquette.

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