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THE republican hosts are already assembling at St. Louis, and by the latter part of the week nearly all the delegates will be on the ground. The Nebraska delegation will be quartered at the Southern hotel.

THE talk in favor of Senator Teller as a possible nominee for president by the Chicago convention simply goes to show that the democrats wish to give respectability to their party by taking a republican for a leader.

QUITE a number of Lincoln county populists favor the election of Major McKinley. They are weary of democratic administration and admit that in voting for the populist presidential candidate they simply throw away their vote.

THE flow of oratory at St. Louis next week promises to be up to the highest mark of excellence. Foraker will make the nominating speech for McKinley. Lodge for Reed. Dewey for Morton and Baldwin for Allison. These men are among the flower of republican orators.

A FEW would-be politicians in the western counties are making the bluff that if Dawson county does not support L. B. Carey of Cheyenne county, for state senator, the western counties will withdraw their support from MacColl. The originators of this bluff are very few, and cut very little figure in the politics of western Nebraska.

UNDER a protective tariff the public debt of the United States was reduced seventy-five million dollars annually for a period of twenty-eight years. Under free-trade policy the democrats have increased the bonded indebtedness of the country \$80,000,000 a year.

Hon. Thomas Moonlight, minister to Bolivia, sent a letter to the Kansas democratic state convention, in which he called attention to the fact that "in all countries having silver for a currency basis there exists a semi-slavery among wage-workers, and particularly among day laborers and farm hands."

NYE'S HISTORY OF ENGLAND. Hot Water Squirt Guns at the Battle of Hastings.

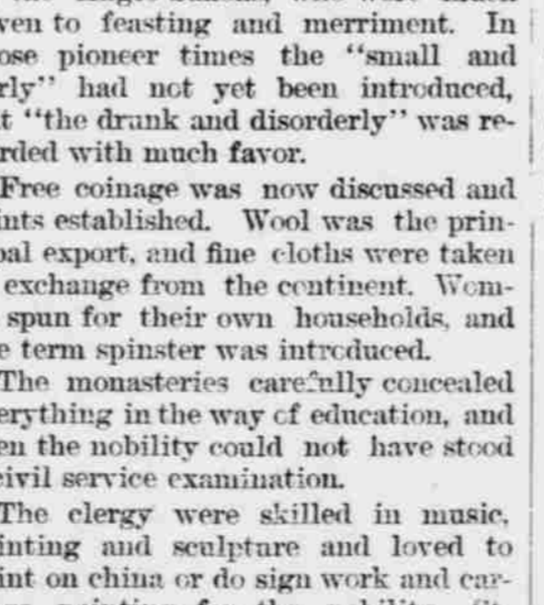
SOcial CUSTOMS OF THE TIME. "Small and Early" Had Not Come Into Vogue, but "Drunk and Disorderly" Was High in Favor—A Paucity of Glass Indicated the Abode of Wealth.



ST. DUNSTON WAS NOTED FOR THIS KIND OF THING. sword across his knee, got an arrow in the eye and abandoned the fight in order to investigate the surprises of a future state.



called churls or anything else that happened to occur to the irritable and quick witted nobility. The rich lived in great magnificence, with rushes on the floor, which were changed every few weeks.

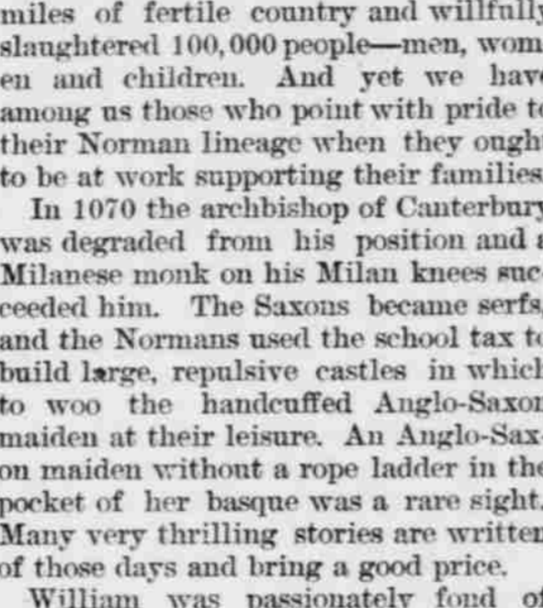


Free coinage was now discussed and mints established. Wool was the principal export, and fine cloths were taken in exchange from the continent.

MECCA CATARRH REMEDY. For colds in the head and treatment of catarrhal troubles this preparation has afforded prompt relief.

merely exhilarated, having tanked too often with the tankard. William the Conqueror now disarmed the city of London, and, tipping a number of the nobles, got them to wait on him.

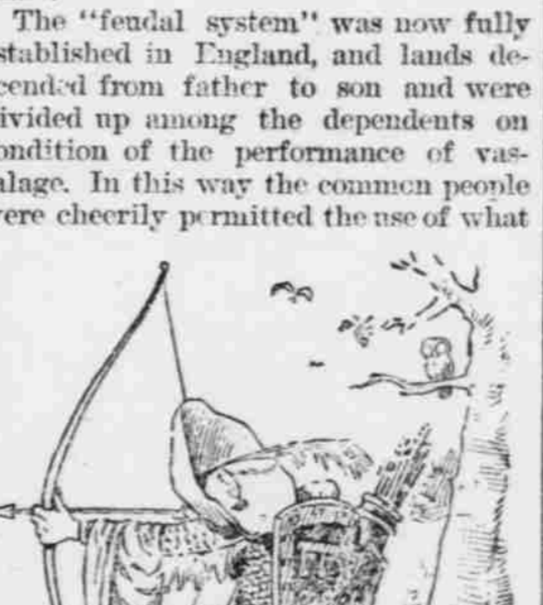
But the people did not forget that they were there first, and so, while William was in Normandy, in the year 1067 A. D., hostilities broke out. People who had been foreclosed and ejected from their lands united to shoot the Norman usurper, and it was not uncommon for a Norman, while busy usurping, to receive an arrow in some vital place and have to give up sedentary pursuits perhaps for weeks afterward.



In 1070 the archbishop of Canterbury was degraded from his position and a Milanese monk on his Milan knees succeeded him. The Saxons became serfs, and the Normans used the school tax to build large, repulsive castles in which to woo the handcuffed Anglo-Saxon maiden at their leisure.



Philip, the king of that country, had said something derogatory regarding William, so the latter, having business in France, decided to take his army with him and give his soldiers an outing. William captured the city of Mantes and laid it in ashes at his feet.

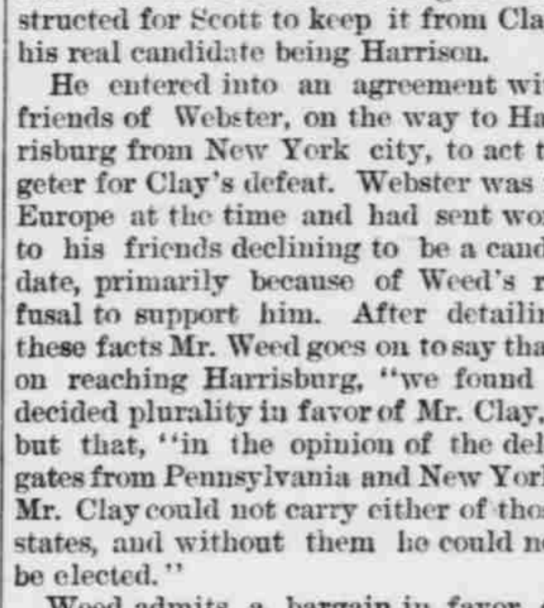


William was crowned on Christmas day at Westminster abbey as the new sovereign. It was more difficult to change a sovereign in those days than at present, but that is neither here nor there.

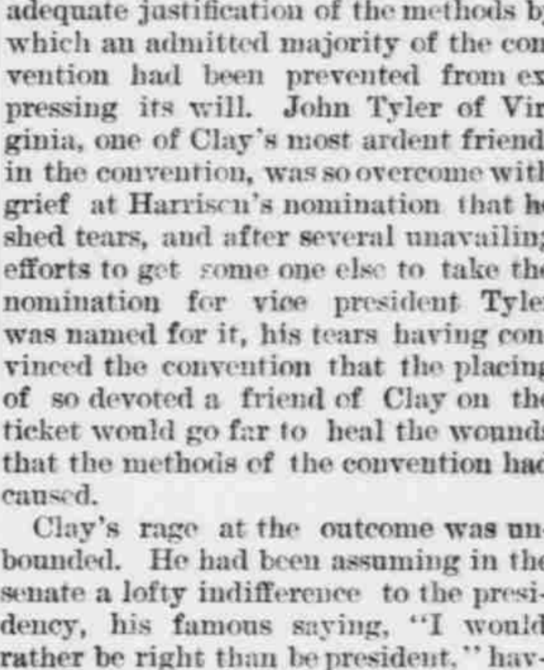
Did You Ever Try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your troubles? If not, get a bottle now and get relief.

CLAY DISAPPOINTED. HIS DEFEAT FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION IN 1839.

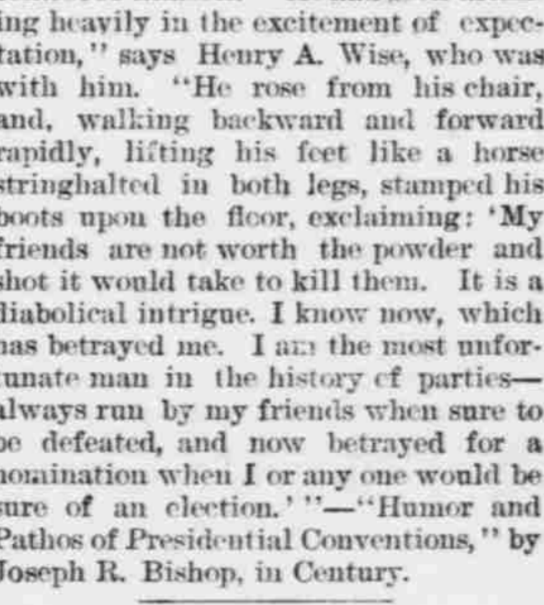
The Part Taken by Thurlow Weed and Horace Greeley—A Plot Admitted—How the Senator Received the News of the Convention's Action.



He entered into an agreement with friends of Webster, on the way to Harrisburg from New York city, to act together for Clay's defeat. Webster was in Europe at the time and had sent word to his friends declining to be a candidate, primarily because of Weed's refusal to support him.



Clay's rage at the outcome was unbounded. He had been assuming in the senate a lofty indifference to the nomination, his famous saying, "I would rather be right than be president," having been made public only a short time before the convention met.

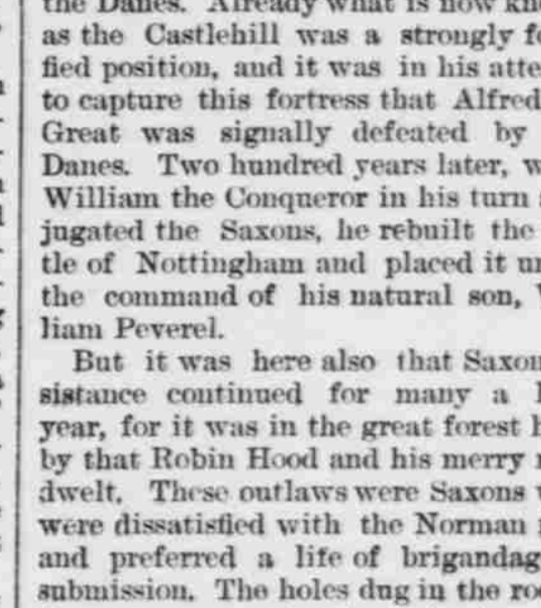


When the news from Harrisburg reached him in Washington, he lost all control of himself. "He had been drinking heavily in the excitement of expectation," says Henry A. Wise, who was with him.

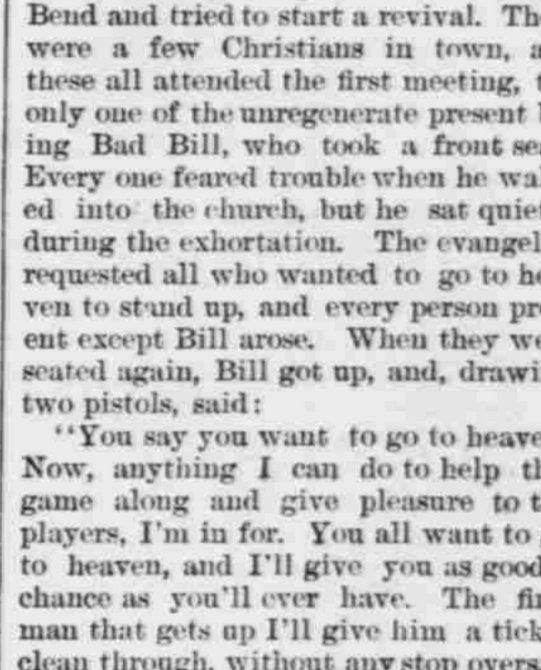
Ruins in some countries indicate prosperity. In others decay. In Egypt, Greece and Italy they record the decline and fall of great empires.

ENGLISH CAVE DWELLERS. Evidence of Them Found in the Region Made Merry by Robin Hood.

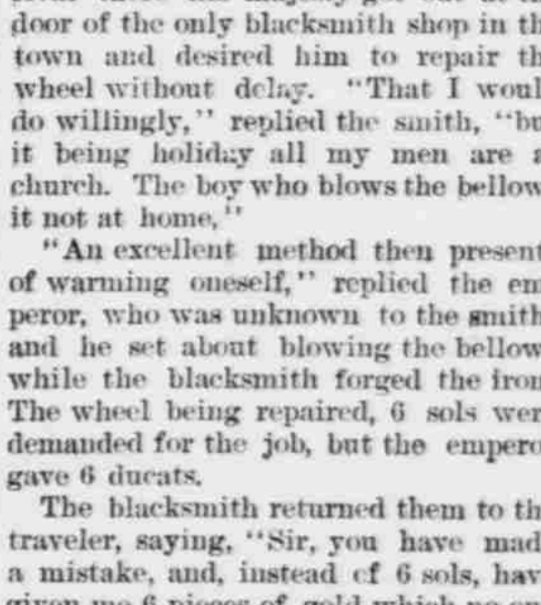
The town of Nottingham is 124 miles north of London. A part of the town is on low lying ground close to the river Trent, where floods sometimes occur, but the rest of the town is built on a series of red sandstone hills.



But it was here also that Saxon resistance continued for many a long year, for it was in the great forest hard by that Robin Hood and his merry men dwelt. These outlaws were Saxons who were dissatisfied with the Norman rule and preferred a life of brigandage to submission.



Great Bend, Kan., now one of the best towns in the state, was at one time about the worst. That was when it was a railroad terminus before Dodge City was established.



During a journey of the Emperor Joseph II to Italy the wheels of his coach broke down on the road, so that it was with difficulty that he reached a small village at a short distance.

"Ethel," he whispered, "will you marry me?" "I don't know, Charles," she replied coyly.