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SECRETARY GRESHAM died Tuesday.

If Senator Allen's open letter to Wealth Makers was an able article, so also was the reply made by Wealth Makers.

The silver men think there is a dull sound about Secretary Carlisle's utterances since he had his silver tongue gold-plated by the Cleveland process.

It is now perfectly safe for British naval officers to act upon their statement, that the Monroe doctrine is a myth, but it will not be after March 4, 1897.

MINNESOTA has a doctor by the name of Pillsbury. If the "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table" is to be credited in all its details, pills bury a large number of people.

BRO. HASKELL, of the Ord Quiz, is a poet who writes poetry. In that respect he differs materially from a number of Nebraskans who sit up o' nights to court the muse.

WHISKY and quinine may be good medicine, but the experience of state Senator Rogers, of Kas., shows that care must be exercised in mixing it. Adding quinine doesn't remove the intoxicating quality of the whisky.

IF OUR Joe is open to censure for the part he took, as a member of the state board, in reducing the valuation of railroads, how fares it with his lordship the governor? Are the pop papers sensible of the fact that they are slugging the governor over republican shoulders?

THE Globe-Democrat calls Mr. Carlisle "the head of the financial arm of this government." If the builder of this grotesque collection of mixed metaphors would turn his attention to Grover Cleveland, he would probably describe that statesman as "the foot of the unpopular tail of this administration."—St. Louis Star-Sayings.

WE fail to see what reason Mr. Kautzman has to frown every time he sees Governor Holcomb's name in print; and to shrug his shoulders whenever he thinks of Senator Allen's indorsement that never came. To be sure, he failed to secure an appointment as deputy oil inspector, and Dr. Trueblood was turned down when he applied for the Norfolk hospital, but just think! Mrs. Bowser, of Newport, has been appointed matron of the hospital, and surely that will repay the populists of this section for all the work they did for Holcomb.

THESE figures from Director of the mint Preston, are interesting. He says that in 1894 the gold mined in the United States amounted to \$39,500,000, an increase over '93 of \$3,500,000, which is the largest amount produced in any year since '78. The production of silver during the same time was \$64,000,000, showing a decrease as compared with '93, of over 10,000,000 ounces. In the production of gold California leads, with an output of \$13,570,000; Colorado is second, with \$9,481,000; Montana third, with \$6,651,000, and South Dakota, \$3,329,000.

THE populist club of Broken Bow held a meeting last week, and also a discussion. The subject under discussion was: "To the victors belong the spoils." A Broken Bow paper says the speakers made a personal matter of it and turned their batteries upon Governor Holcomb. The governor may be too good to be appreciated by the men who elected him. They anticipated a feast of office and a flow of gold, but are obliged to mingle with the swine and partake of husks. As far as we know the governor has been very judicious in his appointments, particularly that of deputy oil inspector for this district.

IT requires as much taxes to run the county now as ever, and while all values have depreciated within the past two years, the taxes of the farmer or of other individuals, except the railroads, is as high if not higher now than they were two years ago. \* \* \* Your taxes and mine are higher to day than they ever were.—Sun.

WHAT an admission! Pope once said: "He who tells a lie is not sensible how great a task he undertakes; for he must be forced to invent twenty more to maintain that one." The assertion was no doubt true in Pope's time and the Sun's words are evidence that things are not materially different now. During the past two months the Sun has been preaching to the community in column sermons, telling of the beauties of populism and the great profit the county was reaping from the administration of populist officials. Last fall when Tom Golden, Mike Harrington and others were touring the county for political purposes, telling the voters how their taxes were being reduced, and in certain cases calling upon the records to bear witness, the Sun would jump up, crack its heels together and shout "me too!" But at last it has told the truth. If it did deceive the people last fall it has, in part, made reparation. "Your taxes and mine are higher to-day than they ever were." Just so.

SHEEP slaughtered by millions, because wool has been made free; the price of beef advancing; a Portland (Oregon) syndicate buying three thousand horses with the intention of introducing horse meat to American consumers; Edward Atkinson running about the country giving demonstrations of preparing 15-cent dinners and recommending to poor people the use of shin beef and oleomargarine; women doing men's work in the tin plate mills in western Pennsylvania; foreigners leaving the country as fast as others come in, and the treasury of the United States unable to stand by itself, but propped up by British bankers—these things indicate what we have come to and foreshadow what we are coming to under the domination of American affairs by British ideas.—The Manufacturer.

SOME of our contemporaries are greatly exasperated at the action of the state board in reducing the valuation of the railroads of the state. We do not see any crime connected with this, especially if the valuation one year ago was equitable. Since these hard times came on assessors all over have reduced valuations. It is so in this city and county. If the value of other property has decreased the value of railroads has decreased in a corresponding ratio. It would not be fair to assess railroads upon a good times basis and other property at the lowest possible rate. We look at it in the light that the value of a road depends upon the business of the road and not upon the number of miles of trackage. We believe in the railroads being compelled to pay their proportion of taxes, but no more. We are not a defender of railroads, but an advocator of justice.

THE finding of the body of Mrs. Ida Notson settles all question as to her disappearance. It also places State Superintendent Corbett in a very unenviable situation. It is clear that she expected an appointment at his hands. It is equally clear that he was aware of that fact, and with full knowledge of her expectations, permitted her to visit the schools of the state in his behalf, and, incidentally, to pay her own expenses with money borrowed for the purpose. When her hopes failed of realization disappointment caused her to commit suicide. These are the plain facts in the case, and if Superintendent Corbett had been as frank with her before election as he was afterward, her hopes would not have been buoyed up to the expectancy of a deputyship, therefore no disappointment and consequently no suicide. If the superintendent's conscience does not trouble him he is indeed fortunate.

THE Fremont Herald is in a transport of glee, having discovered a few instances of wages being increased under the Wilson tariff. Surely there never was greater need of increased wages. With the coming of the Wilson tariff wages went to the lowest notch. Employers knew not just what was coming but anticipated the worst. The bill was not as destructive as it might have been, in fact was passed and approved, not because it was as sweeping as desired, but because it was the nearest approach to free trade that could at that time be made. Last fall's elections demonstrated the fact that the people are unqualifiedly for protection, and removed the possibility of further reduction of the tariff. Since that time manufacturers have had a basis upon which to figure. They know that matters will be no worse and therefore are not hedging for fear of future possibilities, and in a few cases wages that were reduced fifty per cent. with the repeal of the McKinley law have since been increased as much as ten per cent. Oh, yes! the Wilson bill has been a grand thing for the country. Figures show it.

THE Sun intimates that THE FRONTIER editors might be induced to steal Senator Murphy's blooded horses. Our minds being free from such sin we had never thought of that, but since the Sun has mentioned it we don't know but that there might be a little speculation in the job if properly handled. What do you say, Charles, will you go in with us? Anticipating that your greediness will overcome any conscientious scruples you may have and that you will answer "yes," allow us to suggest the following agreement and contract. We must have a definite understanding you know. How would this do:

WHEREAS: The undersigned have agreed to prorate in publishing the tax list—no, that won't do; this is a horse deal. Will commence over:

WHEREAS: The undersigned have agreed to steal Senator Murphy's horses; it is further agreed that whoever does the work is to do it at the least possible cost and divide the net proceeds among the undersigned.

This form of agreement may not please you now, Charles, as well as it once did. If you can suggest anything more to your fancy, do so. There is another little matter, Charles, which we trust you will excuse us for mentioning at this particular time, but we might as well understand one another, you know: If it falls to your lot to steal the animals we will insist that that they be disposed of immediately and a correct accounting made. While furnishing county stationery some years ago, Charles, you, contracted the habit of turning in 600 letter heads for a thousand. Of course with letter heads it didn't amount to much, but if you should do the same with a thousand head of those valuable horses—\$2,000 colts—you see it would be quite an item to the other parties to the contract. Think it over, Charles.

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