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DIVERSIFIED farming is what pays. Plant a little chicory, care for it and see the profit you can make.

SENATOR-ELECT HEITFIELD, of Idaho, calls himself a populist, but is said to be pledged to act with the democrats.

EDISON is at work on a new invention by which a man can be seen through, something far in advance of the X-ray process.

It is evident from the members already selected that brains are to be a marked feature of President McKinley's cabinet.

NEVADA is a failure as a state, from almost every point of view, but it hopes to become a success as a prize fighting ground.

REPRESENTATIVE GRIMES' woman suffrage bill is dead, but he will still be the hero of Mary Ellen Lease and her followers.

The late general Sheridan nearly ten years ago made the prediction in a public speech that arbitration would some day rule the world.

SENATOR DUBOIS will soon have leisure to devote some time to a study of the various sorts of trouble which follow going off halfcocked.

It would seem, in view of the limited number of them, that the so-called populist leaders might agree, but they do not; not even upon free coinage.

It seems as if ex-Congressman Pickler was going to secure the seven populist votes necessary to elect him to the United States senate from South Dakota.

TOM WATSON says that Bryan has not shown that he possesses pathos. Well, Tom, we guess he hasn't got any; he has certainly had reasons enough to show it if he had it.

HAVING made some sort of a deal with the sultan, Russia now grandiloquently announces that it will not join the European powers in the proposed pillaging of poor Turkey.

A bill has been introduced in the Colorado legislature to save the members from being sued or jailed until the session has expired. The measure was perhaps necessary in view of the fact that 1,129 bills have crept into the state house this session.

The Texas legislator who has introduced a bill to prevent the sale of firearms in the state, is open to suspicion of being interested in pushing the immediate sale of firearms in the state, by frightening everybody into buying a supply while they can.

It, as alleged in some quarters, the senate committee on foreign relations amended the arbitration treaty to wreck it, why did the four most pronounced jingoists on that committee—Morgan, Mills, Daniel and Cameron—vote against the amendments?

SECRETARY FRANCIS, of Missouri, has not been in charge of the interior department long, but his action in moving the pension offices from Topeka and Des Moines to St. Louis indicates that he learned very quickly what he was there for.—Sioux City Times.

CONGRESSMAN DE ARMOND'S semi-humorous attack upon Secretary Morton was bad enough, but when he accused the secretary of "triangularism," he crossed the limit by making the longest word, aside from technical terms, ever seen in English.

If an implied recognition of the Monroe doctrine be the cornerstone of the arbitration treaty, as claimed by Secretary Olney's friends, why should Secretary Olney object to the specific recognition made by the amendments to the treaty?

SENATOR PEPPER will find no magazine editor willing to give space to his financial ramblings after the third of next month, notwithstanding his having been recently paid for an article of that nature.

APPOMATOX battle field is to be converted into a sheep farm by its owners. A few years ago a syndicate purchased the field, including a tract of about 3,000 acres, and efforts have been made to get the government to establish there a national park, but in vain. All members of the syndicate have sold out save two and they are going into the sheep raising business.—Sioux City Times.

The populist legislature has been in session about a month, and the only thing they have done is to unseat four republicans and put fusionites in their places so that they could declare the amendment providing for five judges of the supreme court, carried, and thus seat the populists. What a just party of purity and reform this is! If they have no precedent to govern them they make one. If there is no law under which they can do something for their party, they enact one. They are bound to make themselves famous if possible.

Eggs are worth 12½ cents a dozen and corn is worth 10 or 11 cents a bushel. And see the pile of work it takes to raise a bushel of corn. You have to plow and plant and cultivate, and hoe and shuck and break your back in forty-seven places. On the other hand, eggs cost no human effort. You have a few scrawny old hens; you feed them once a week, or oftener, if you can think of it; you place a box with some hay in it for them to occupy and they do the rest. Wonderful, wonderful! And the eggs are worth a York shilling at the store. Where's the sense of monkeying with corn? Let us cultivate hens, and sure, ah sure will the harvest be. Eggs in the darkness and eggs in light, eggs in your weakness and eggs in your might.—Beatrice Express.

The present session of the Nebraska legislature is a screamer. They have got a streak of economy, and are now trying to cut the rates for the publication of legal notices about one-half. It would be more in keeping with the eternal fitness of things if they would cut the per diem of the members of both houses to \$1. Then when the popocratic solons would assemble (if Nebraska should ever be so unfortunate as to again allow them to guide the ship of state) they would not try to make the people believe they were all Bryans or Allens, and that their only mission was to be eternally speechmaking. They would not feel like paying for the privilege of staying in Lincoln all winter to hear themselves spout, but would transact the necessary business and return home. There is fame and fortune awaiting the man who introduces a bill of this kind.

SILVER! SILVER! SILVER! Great heavens! Are we to be compelled to listen four long years to a constant thumping on that one key on the piano—silver, silver, silver? Is there no balm in Gilead for the bruised and battered ear? Is silver to be the Aaron's rod of the reform movement? Are we never to hear anything from orator and book writer except the continual beating of the same strain in the vain effort to say something about silver?

Is silver the Alpha and Omega of human life? Can't a belabored citizen be allowed to toddle from the "big house" to the kitchen without being bombarded with books and speeches and pamphlets about silver? For mercy's sake touch some other key for a little while and let the suffering nerves have peace. Give the other issues a chance.

We don't know how you feel,

comrade, but we are sick unto death of seeing the people's party swung around by a handful of utterly selfish millionaire silver mine owners.

It was a day of infinite woe to our movement when we allowed a few place hunters to place populism on the shelf in the interest of silverism.

This scribe is glad to be able to say he was not ashamed to talk populism and not afraid to expose the insufficiency of silverism wherever he went during the recent campaign. Did it even in Nebraska and Colorado, and was cheered while doing it.—Tom Watson in his Peoples Party paper.

FOREIGN TRADE.

Some of the eastern free trade journals are wearing mourning over the prospect of a great decrease of "foreign trade" to be brought about by the return to the principles of protection as exemplified under the rule of the last republican administration. But this is a rather amusing excuse for grief. Let us look at the figures.

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, the last year of republican rule, the total exports of domestic goods and products was valued at \$1,015,732,011. The total of imports was valued at \$827,402,426. Total for foreign trade \$1,843,134,437.

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896, the last year of the democratic administration, the total exports were \$863,200,487. Total imports \$770,724,647. Total foreign trade \$1,642,925,134. Falling off in foreign trade \$200,209,312. Decrease about 12 per cent.

The total export of agricultural products in 1892 was \$799,993,343. The total in 1896 was \$571,899,345. Falling off in agricultural exports \$228,093,998, a decrease of 30 per cent.

The excess of agricultural exports over agricultural imports in 1892 was \$372,726,721. The excess in 1896 was \$189,761,690. Falling off of excess \$182,965,031, or about 50 per cent. A little better protection of our agricultural products will possibly not come amiss.

And, by the way, it might not be impertinent to suggest to Mr. Bryan, who so loudly proclaimed that the object of the tariff reform that he advocated in the Wilson congress, was to "increase our" foreign trade" to explain why it didn't increase our foreign trade. He will perhaps say it was the "crime of '73," but the crime of '73 was getting in its nefarious work just as efficiently in 1892 as in 1896 so far as anybody can conjecture.

Mr. Bryan explained on every stump in the first district, when he ran for congress in 1892, that the reason our farmers were suffering so much was because of the McKinley tariff, which prevented our European brethren from making enough money out of us by the sale of their manufactured goods, to enable them to buy our agricultural products. All of which looks quite ridiculous in the light of these official figures.

And it is respectfully submitted that a man who made such a huge economical blunder in 1892 isn't entitled to the role of a prophet in

1896 and 1897. Nothing, so far, has ever turned out as he said it would, "on his honor and reputation as a statesman." It is not to be wondered at perhaps, that Mr. Bryan has most religiously excluded from his book all intimations of his glorious promise prophecies in 1890 and 1892. They would look quite lame alongside his similar prophecies in 1896. Read in parallel columns they would be great fun for the boys.—State Journal.

SOME person who was desirous of creating a sensation wrote a sensational article to the Sioux City Times last week, having for its subject the Barrett Scott tragedy. It was a fake.

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