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A measure is up in congress proposing to establish a mint at Omaha.

The concensus of opinion is that Mr. Bryan's Commoner is a disappointment.

You can't measure a man's piety by the bowing of his head when the minister prays.

What Holt county pops expect to use for thunder next time is yet a mooted question.

The men who would like to serve their country in a county office are beginning to set stakes.

Alvord, who stole the First National Bank of New York blind for a series of years, is paying the fiddler to the tune of thirteen years in Sing Sing.

Missouri and Arkansas have adopted resolutions of sympathy for the Filipinos. Missouri and Arkansas cut a very narrow swath in American politics.

George D. Perkins, the capable and level headed proprietor of the Sioux City Journal, is out for the republican nomination for governor of Iowa. George D. is hard to beat.

Mr. Bryan says, "Silver dollars accepted at par," in soliciting your money in exchange for his paper. Would he have said it, could he have said it, if the silver dollar was not backed by the gold?

The wise populist dropped the imperialism scarecrow as soon as the votes were cast and is now too busy getting rich with the rest of the country to spend any time maligning the government.

There is one man in America that doesn't bow to the will of the railroads. In response to an emphatic request from Andrew Carnegie freight rates from Pittsburg to New York and Chicago were lowered.

On the theory that appearance is an index of character, the young man you see poised against a building exerting only enough energy to sprinkle the sidewalk with juices of mouth and tobacco is not the one you would pick for a responsible position.

Russia demands \$200,000,000 of China for damages done to the Manchurian railway. By the time China gets all her claims settled according from her refusal to accept European civilization she will find that the "powers" have the empire boots and breeches.

Some of the 16 to 1 papers are quoting the words of a celebrated publicist, "It is nobler to get right than to remain wrong." Although the right of 16 to 1, has been doubly disproven, it appears that those who quote these noble words prefer to remain wrong.

It is said the friends of the late P. D. Armour are disappointed that the will shows his estate worth only \$15,000,000. If the weary bones and lifeless clay of this humble pilgrim were laid to rest he thinks the surviving relatives would be satisfied to find an estate probated at that amount.

The veterans composing the Grand Army are passing away at the rate of over thirty three a day and today there are 276,000 of the Grand Army where ten years ago 400,489 answered the roll call. A few more years will remove all but the memory of those that waged the mighty war to preserve the nation.

The states of Arkansas and Missouri are in the territory that is looking for some substantial aid from the government in river improvements. By an act of the legislature these two states are opposed to the government in its efforts to put down rebellion in its colonies and therefore put themselves in a way to merit very little aid from the government. Besides an appropriation is asked to aid the St. Louis fair.

The impatient people that are tiring the legislature because it has not come to a focus on the senatorial matter will do well to possess their souls in patience. The selection of two United States senators is an important matter that should not be rushed through hurriedly. The history of the present session indicates that who were to go to the senate was not cut and dried before the legislature came together.

Inter Ocean: The young man's chance in this country today is better than ever before in the history of the world. There are, in fact, more good opportunities now than there are young men fit to seize them, though fit young men are by no means scarce. There is absolutely no excuse for the pessimists who declare that the young man is, by the new commercial conditions, denied a place in the world's work, and absolutely no excuse for the young man who fears to enter upon the struggle.

Boston Journal: An English trade review pays an eloquent tribute to one of the salient features of McKinley tariff when it warns the Welch tin plate manufacturers that they "may shortly find American manufactures competing in this trade as in others in Great Britain, and it was only a few short years ago the Journal's free trade contemporaries were vociferously assuring their readers that tin plate never could be produced in America—that American tin plate mills were all "myths."

Followed by the proper mark of punctuation, an exchange exclaims: "The principal one of the hazers—really the torturers—at West Point, the one who appointed the fighters, is also president of the West Point Young Men's Christian association!" If anything ever occurred in the life of the One from whose name this great society of men pretends to derive its calling that corresponded with the barbaric work at West Point it is not recorded in Holy writ. Tragic mockery.

Hastings Tribune: William Jennings Bryan, the so-called hater of trusts and monopolies, has practically joined the band himself as it were, for he has placed the circulation of his paper "The Commoner" in the control of the biggest news trust in the country, The Western News company. It's all right for Mr. Bryan to get on top of a political stump and shout: "Down with the trusts," until he is black in the face but when he does this he should be more discrete than to practically become one of them at the very first opportunity that presents itself.

Independent: When the divine injunction, "Thou shalt not steal," is read to a plutocratic, trust magnate congregation it is necessary for the minister to stop long enough to explain that this commandment simply means that you must not hold up a man at the point of a gun and pick his pockets or that a poor cuss should not take a ham from his neighbor's smoke house in the night to feed a starving family and to further explain that an organized raid for the filching of millions of dollars from the pockets of all the people is Christlike and strictly according to the gospel of Hanna.

On the same line of argument the esteemed Independent should have added that the law spoken from Sinai did not refer to populist editors who pad county bills, double charge on county printing, overlap contracts, connive with county treasurers to blot out judgments to head off an appeal to higher courts and parol public funds in the name of reform.

Governor Nash of Ohio has the essential sand for a man in authority and proposes to use it. A large body of citizens said to be reputable is bringing strong pressure to bear upon the governor to sanction a meeting of professional pugilists at Cincinnati. But the governor is in executive authority and sees that such a meeting would be clearly criminal and proposes to stand by his duty in administering the law, and positively declares that he will not allow the state to be disgraced by a prize fight under whatever guise it appears.

A significant cartoon appeared in Sunday's Inter Ocean. It tells the situation better than words. On barren hills, rocks and crags, is a child; across his cap is the proper noun "Cuba;" beneath one arm a roll with the word, "Independence." Uncle Sam, with a rifle in one hand, holds the child by the other. The child is crying. From among the rocks around rises the heads of the English lion, the Russian bear, Spanish wolfe and German eagle. In the mouth of Uncle Sam are put these words: "I guess you had better stay with me." 'Tis significant.

Judge Samuel Maxwell died suddenly at his home at Fremont this week. The career of Judge Maxwell has been long and useful and in his death Nebraska loses a man who had for nearly fifty years been one of the leading characters of the commonwealth. In 1856 he came to Nebraska, then a territory, and began the public career which in later years marked him as one of the eminent jurists of the west by being elected a delegate to the convention that framed a state constitution in 1864. His splendid abilities have been felt in the state legislature, the supreme court, where for eighteen years he served as a member of Nebraska's highest tribunal, and in the halls of the national congress.

Minden Gazette: The people should remember that when the "anty" imperialists howl about the great standing army of the United States, their is not a soldier in the army of the United States today, except the man who is there by reason of his own personal choice. The fact that a law is passed establishing the limit of the standing or regular army at a figure above what it has been since the civil war, doesn't indicate that men are going to be drafted to reach the required number. There is no government in existence which doesn't maintain an army of trained soldiers, and there is not another as great as the United States that has so small a regular army, even with the increase. Not another nation maintains such great commercial relations with the balance of the world with few soldiers as Uncle Sam. Why all this howl against an army of trained soldiers in keeping with the position and dignity of the government. Let us have the navy; let us be "Johnny on the spot" all the time.

"God has come to me just this blessed minute. He shouted 'Victory' and commanded me to go to Chicago."

So said the excited lady from Kansas, as she routed from his couch the manager of the joint smashing aggregation as they were stopping at Des Moines the other night. Sane people will think this message is from the devil. The methods of Mrs. Nation will never enlist the efforts of more than a few hysterical people. The strongest friends of temperance are only disgusted with such work and anybody inclined to be friendly to the temperance movement would be driven to drink. The woman has an idea that she is being led by the divine hand, but if the Lord wanted to close the doors of America's saloons no more effectual way of keeping them open could be employed than by turning a temperance crank loose with a hatchet. It disgusts temperance people, makes drinkers mad and works far greater injury to the cause advocated than to the saloon.

HINTS TO THE COOK

(Contributed)

Grains, as commonly served, after ten or twenty minutes cooking, with the addition of large quantities of sugar, are very unwholesome, giving rise to fermentation in the stomach, leading to dilation of that organ and the train of evils which follow. The starch of the grain, not being sufficiently cooked, ferments easily, and the sugar assists the injurious work.

If grains are to be served for breakfast they should be cooked the day before. I know of no grains on the market which should be served with less than an hour's cooking. You may read on the package, "Can be cooked in five minutes," but they are little or no better than raw when served thus.

The ordinary grain preparations may be cooked in the inner cup of a double boiler, in a kettle on the back of the stove, where they will not burn, or in a pudding pan in the oven; in the two latter cases they will need to be replenished with water and stirred occasionally. If they are cooked in granite vessels they may be set away in a cool place in the vessel in which they are cooked. If iron- or tinware is used they should be emptied into an earthen vessel. They may be heated for breakfast by setting the vessel containing the preparation in a kettle or pan of hot water.

Oatmeal should be cooked three and a half hours; wheatling, Ralston breakfast food, etc., one to two hours; rolled wheat requires three hours' cooking; cracked wheat, from three to four hours; graham mush, one hour; cornmeal mush, seven hours if cooked in a double boiler, if in an iron kettle next to the fire, three to four hours.

Breakfast porridges should always be eaten with some substance that requires mastication, such as graham, whole wheat or oatmeal crackers, or "zwieback." The last mentioned may be made by putting slices of light bread—white or graham—into a moderately hot oven and keeping there until a delicate brown clear through. They will be crisp and palatable if made from good bread. Poor bread makes poor "zwieback."

Sioux City Times: Mr. Bryan also thinks he knows what Prince Edward ought to do. Prince Edward isn't likely to try the prescription, however, having no inclination to take chances of winding up his career as the editor of a weekly journal.

HOLD ON LIFE.

A Man Walks Twenty Miles with His Brain Protruding.

It would hardly be possible to find a case of remarkable vitality parallel to that recorded in a letter from a soldier in the Transvaal which is engaging the attention of the medical journals. The letter is from an officer of unimpeachable veracity. He says: "Yesterday we had another wonderful proof of the remarkable endurance and vitality of savage races. It is not very nice family reading, but I must tell it to you, as it seems to be such a really marvelous instance of endurance. Yesterday morning a Kaffir was admitted into our lines with his head lacerated most terribly. He actually walked into camp with a hole right through his head and his brain protruding through the wound and dried on to his forehead by the sun. He was a fearful sight. We handed him over to the doctor, to whom he afterward stated that he had walked all the way from a Boer laager about twenty miles away. He had had a quarrel with his master, who as a punishment had broken his thumb with a sjambok and afterward placed a revolver to the back of his head and fired a bullet through it. The native was left in a donga for dead, but after lying senseless for three days, exposed to the sun and flies by day and the cold by night, he actually walked the whole distance without food until he reached our camp. Our doctor takes it as an affront to medical knowledge that the man should be alive and has sent him to the hospital at Standerton for examination by the medical staff there." —New York Press.

Coal in China.

Professor Drake estimates that within the 150 square miles around Tse-chau there are about three thousand million metric tons of coal, and it must be remembered that this area is only a little of the ragged edge of the great coal fields of Shan-si. Most of Shan-si has been found underlaid by large coal beds. Richthofen estimates that the anthracite coal alone of Shan-si amounts to 630,000 million tons, and that the coal area is greater than that of Pennsylvania.

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