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GOLD PAYMENTS FOR FARM DEBTS. The great majority of the loans now being negotiated on western and southern farms and agricultural property are made payable in gold or at a gold valuation.

Boyd, the usurper, is still holding on to the governorship. The weather prophets say we will have ice making weather before the winter closes.

The representative of the Canadian Liberal party who is visiting this country in the interest of reciprocity ought to receive the assurances which he seeks.

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WILL SOME FREE TRADER REPLY? Mr. W. Farrar Ecroyd, a member of the manufacturing aristocracy of Great Britain, commences a letter to the London Times in these words:

To the editor of the Times:—Sir: The grievous injury inflicted by the McKimley tariff on many of our industries will probably hasten the decline of the Cobden Club; for it will be difficult to go on much longer proclaiming the approaching world wide triumph of free trade, or the impending ruin of protectionist nations, in face of the great and continuing prosperity of the United States—the most resolute and impatient of them all.

Will our American free traders who predict ruin and disaster to this Republic "on account of the tariff" take notice of these words? Mr. Ecroyd is a free trader and manufacturer who proposes a retaliatory tariff on the part of England. He does not think that the McKimley bill will ruin American industries. What he prophesies is "the decline of the Cobden Club" in face of the great and continuing prosperity of the United States of America.

Mr. Ecroyd in another part of his letter confesses that he does not object to a 15 per cent tariff on English imports to any country. Fifteen per cent can be paid by the English manufacturer as toll for entrance into a market where he can compete with the American manufacturer, whose profits, owing to higher wages and higher interest on money than are paid in England, are but 6 per cent on an investment of hundreds of thousands or perhaps millions of dollars.

Mr. Ecroyd also speaks of "China and Turkey, whose fiscal policy is a liberal one," admitting foreign goods free or nearly so. Won't some American free trader tell this English free trader to keep silent? For in America there are many school-houses, in each of which it is taught that "China and Turkey, whose fiscal policy is a liberal one," are about the most poverty stricken nations on the face of the earth, while the United States, whose fiscal policy is the antipode of that of China and Turkey, is admitted by Mr. Ecroyd, on behalf of the British free traders, to be in possession of "a great and continuing prosperity."

The typical newspaper man of today is well-dressed, well housed and well-fed. He has learned that Bohemianism, as exemplified by irregular hours, infrequent baths, and incessant rum, does not pay, and he has left that sort of Bohemianism to chronic bummers and greenhorns. The tone, the morale of the profession have changed within the last twenty years, and the public is only just beginning to find it out.

SENATOR MANDEBSON is said to have indignantly denied that he ever admitted that James E. Boyd was entitled to the governorship. He says Boyd was elected by fraud, and is an alien to boot.

A leading argument used by the free-silver demagogues in this part of the country in favor of their policy is that it will help the debtor at the expense of a creditor. It is a discreditable and dishonest plea, and so far as it affects the farmers, it is utterly false.

A RICHMOND dispatch says that the anniversary of General Lee's birthday, which has been made a legal holiday in Virginia, was celebrated "as no Independence Day has been since the war."

It is said there are at least two men in the "empire" state that do not think the election of Gov. Hill to the United States senate will shelve him in regard to the presidential nomination in 1892.

A BILL has been presented in the Kansas legislature giving the right to vote and to hold office to all women of legal age. The women of Kansas have enjoyed for several years the right to vote in municipal and school elections and to hold some offices.

A SHORT time ago an organization was formed in the state of New York called the "Anti-Kidnaping League," whose object is to rescue sane persons confined in asylums for the insane.

A NEWSPAPER is published at Prince Albert, a small hamlet in the center of the Canadian Northwest Territory, called the Prince Albert Britic. Its size is four pages. The paper has a circulation of several hundred copies, and is a specimen of what can be done by an enterprising journalist without a font of type.

FAIR FIGHT AND NO FAVOR. Mr. Sullivan, if you should desire to fight Corbett, where would the battle take place? "Guess we'd have it in the House of Representatives. It's do only place where goats kin fight widout de authorities interferin'."

AGAIN the democratic treasurer finds himself unable to handle public funds without stealing. This time it is Township Treasurer Vieth, of Sandusky, Ohio, who levanted with the contents of the treasury, leaving nothing but a mass of debts behind him.

EDITORIAL:—Your correspondent arrived in Beatrice this afternoon at two o'clock and took up quarters at the Paddock, a very large and well arranged hotel, though not near so fine or well-kept a hostelry as the Riley.

Beatrice claims 18,000 inhabitants and is certainly a very progressive as well as a handsome city. This county has been torn asunder by county seat contests many times, but they have finally settled their differences, and are now putting up a building that will cost \$100,000.

TRACHERY AND WEAKNESS. The republican senate has been demoralized by the treachery and weakness of its own members. Don Cameron joined the conspirators on Monday last and thus enabled the bulldozers of the South to gain a majority in the senate, while by the instructions of the platforms on which the senators were elected there is a clear republican majority of fourteen votes on the questions at issue.

The short duration of the cold wave puts our ice dealers to their studies now what to do for ice for the coming summer.

Mr. A. Hill, of King City, Mo., cousin of W. H. Smith of Rock Bluffs precinct, arrived last evening and will visit Mr. Smith for a week.

The three "Mutuals" of the Illinois legislature have decided to stick to Streeter for U. S. Senator, so that the prophecy of the local democratic organ is not to be fulfilled. In other words Palmer is already a dead duck.

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The editors are here from all over the state, about forty of them having registered at headquarters in the parlors of the Paddock, and as many more are expected in tonight. A brighter, more genial lot of men could not be called together from any other profession.

Tomorrow morning we take a free train to the paper mill and a carriage ride over the city.

There is no snow here and the two days rain has cleaned up their brick street pavements (which extend in all directions), adding much to the appearance of the city.

Tomorrow will be a busy day with the fraternity which will wind up with a grand banquet in the evening.

The Wabash News says that last Sunday morning Rev. N. M. Allen who had stayed over night with Mr. C. Le Masters near Elmwood, arose from his bed found that his vest, which contained his watch had disappeared during the night.

The job presses and other material of the Independent office were shipped last evening to the Great Western Type Foundry of Omaha.

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