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**THE CORN STATES.**

President Harrison may not have surprised his friends, but he certainly has bewildered his political enemies with the facility, felicity, and practical sense of the speeches he has made in his tour of the country. That his utterances have been carefully and critically examined with a view to converting some sentiment or phrase into political ammunition may be taken for granted, though no one has succeeded in convicting him out of his own mouth. His little speeches, each dissimilar from all the others, have been peculiarly apposite and timely, and have indicated a knowledge of the conditions and characteristics of places and communities at once flattering to the people interested and complimentary to the President. Nothing tries the quality and character of a man more unsparingly than the making of three or four offhand speeches every day that shall satisfy expectation without repeating the good things said elsewhere. President Harrison has proved himself already a man, a full man, and one of great mental resources, so that the croakers and gibbers who sharpened their pencils to make merry over his "junketing trip" have been forced to admire the fertility and power of the man.

One of the longest of his speeches was that made in Omaha Wednesday in which he sounded the praises of the corn growing states. Having seen all the beauty and the luxuriance of our semi-tropical sections south and west, examined the industrial centers, and surveyed the mining regions, understanding and delighting in the marvelous resources and enterprises and pursuits that employ to happiness and prosperity the intelligence and brawn of our people, he returned to the land of the cornstalk with increased affection and believing that "the states that raise corn are the greatest states in the world."

This was the first declaration made by President Harrison upon which the quidnuncs may leap with triumphant brays. This declaration, however, is the recognition of a fact that is incontrovertible, corn being a more important staple than wheat itself in the providence and economy of nature. The corn growing states are in reality the most powerful in the Union, the conditions that make a good corn-raising soil being precisely those that make the best general agricultural and man developing localities. The latitudes where corn flourishes are most favorable to the substantial prosperity of a strong, self-reliant, active, and aggressive people. The most populous, the richest, and the most representative states of our Union are the corn states. There is sound science in President Harrison's eulogy of the corn states, and when it is appreciated more attention will be given to building up a home market for all the products of these states.—Inter Ocean.

**WHAT WOULD A YANKEE TAR DO?**

While it was, no doubt, a discourteous act on the part of the commander of the steamer Itata to steam out of the harbor at San Diego while under seizure of our government, we are inclined to believe that the people of the United States would entertain an exceedingly poor opinion of the enterprise of Chilian naval officers if any other course had been followed. Transpose the conditions, and consider what would be expected of a United States naval officer if, when a war was going on in this country, and his vessel was loaded with supplies which his countrymen desired, and a foreign government, ordering him not to leave its port, put but one official on board to hold the vessel in arrest? If, under these circumstances, a United States commanding officer did not take advantage of his opportunities, he would be generally condemned by his fellow-countrymen, and would be dismissed from the service, if, indeed, a much harder punishment was not meted out to him.—Boston Herald.

THE Presidents wonderful tour across the continent was brought to a close yesterday by his arrival promptly on time at the city of Washington, where the slow going down eastern people tried to eclipse the west in the enthusiasm of a royal welcome.

WHAT is this Denver Commercial Congress that meets in that city May 19th? To a man this distance away it appears to be a cheap advertising scheme for the city of Denver largely at the expense of a thoughtless community. Kansas City had a commercial congress only a month ago and if there has been any benefits derived therefrom we are unable to hear of it.

ENRIQUE MENOCAL, of the Nicaragua canal enterprise, is in New York. He has been in Greytown and on the canal ten months. He complains that canned food grows horribly monotonous, but looks for relief when the railroad taps interior. Of President Warner Miller he says: "Senator Miller went through an amount of fatiguing exploration while he was with us that was marvelous for so large and heavy a man. The Greytown people said to me, when we started out on foot, that they did not see what I could do with him if he broke down, as he was too big to carry in the forests. But I told them he was not the kind of a man to break down, and I was right about it. He tramped over thirty-five miles on foot without showing any more signs of fatigue than any of the rest of us who were used to it."

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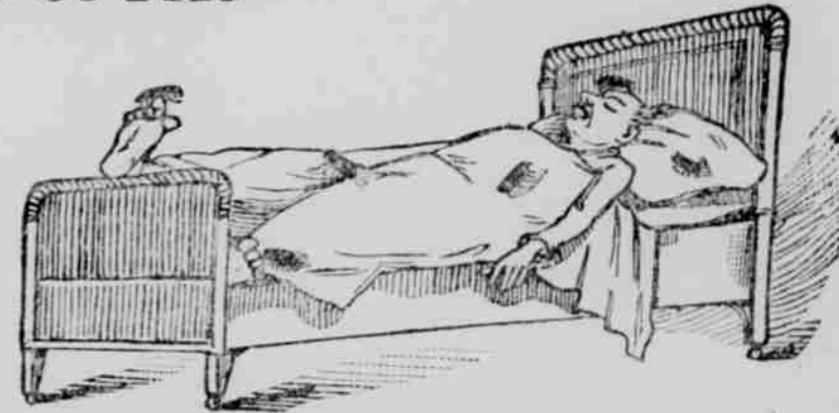
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