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DANIEL'S comet, which is now traveling with its tail foremost, may be switching from the system to some other line.

"FAKE food inspectors" are reported at large, and goodness knows there is plenty of fake food on the market to keep them busy.

IT is doubtful if even the three hundred million dollar Theatrical trust wil dare to make grand opera any more expensive than it is already.

SECRETARY ROOT gained over twelve pounds at William Muldoon's sanitarium That ought to be a good place to send Leslie M. Shaw's prisidential boom.

OOCE a mountain labored and brought forth a mouse when something larger was expected. Once a son-in-law labored and brought forth a temporary renaissance for a waning and ill-advised boom for a third term. Nothing larger was expected from the son-in-law. In fact nothing at all was expected from him, but his abortive attempt recalls that beautiful old song, "Alice, Where Art Thou?"

ON his return from Europe, Mr. A. B. Stickney, who is one of the most valued railway presidents in Chicago, has reported that Europe is well aware of the meaning of "Yankee antics" intended to induce it to unload, at its own expense, investments in permanent American prosperity. This is sound finance. Still it would sound better if Chicago financiers spoke more respectfully of financial methods in some other localities.

A METROPOLITON newspaper recently had this for a headline: "Oil men take big fine to heart," and the Indianapolis Sun (Republican) though it is, says in comment: "We should like to see the oil men taking that big fine to the clerk of the court." That clerk's bond should be increased at once in anticipation of the immediate custody of so much money. The public does not forget the danger to actual cash when guarded by any member of "the party which does things."

THE simple fact that Prof. Searson, of the Peru normal school, "is receiving hundreds of letters from prominent educators from all over the state expressing absolute and unqualified cofidence in the belief that he is innocent of the charges brought by Miss Hudson," does not indicate his innocence altogether. It's a poor profession that would not stand by each other in the hour of misfortune. There is always two sides to such cases.

MR. BRYAN and Secretary Taft continue their long distance debate. Mr. Bryan's latest shot is to term the mouth piece of the president the "Great Postponer." This is because Taft wants to postpone giving the people many of the proposed reforms until after the next presidential election. Twelve years ago the republicans promised reform after the election, and are still promising. Something better than promises ought to be forthcoming by this time.

Now comes a large array of eastern financiers with assurances that "there is not going to be any picnic." What Corporal Nym would call "the humor of it" lies in the fact that the west simply would not get panicky at Wall street's frantic efforts, and now that the fact has been demonstrated the Wall street men come forward with their "assurances." These prophets of the past will really have to excuse the western people if the thanks extended for their kind words are tempered with some irrepressible mirth.

To Make Living Cheaper

The New York World calls attention to the high cost of living and ten ways by which the cost may be reduced:

1. By lowering the tariff.
1. By further development of machine production and farming science.
3. By graduated income tax and graduated inheritance tax to shift part of the burden of taxation from weak shoulders to strong ones, and by local tax reform in cities.
4. By enforcing the "square deal" against monopolistic trusts.
5. By economical government, especially in cities.
6. By waging relentless war on "graft" in politics.
7. By enforcing honest methods upon retailers.
8. By a broad and intelligent forestry policy.
9. By enforcing the laws upon railroads.
10. By better and cheaper transit in cities.

The World places lowering the tariff first in the list, and there is where it belongs. The most effective means for reducing the cost of living is to reduce the tariff.

INSOFAR as the price is a factor, the Cotton Goods trust is doing all it can to make calico fashionable.

TAFT is on the western coast and the east has not tipped up yet. His hot-aired boom must surely have gone awry.

CHARLIE JORDAN, of Alvo, was in town Tuesday, and made a pleasant call at this office. Charlie is the democrat nominee for county commissioner, and is a mighty fine fellow for a democrat.

NOTWITHSTANDING the two cent law and the probable reduction of freight rates, the Missouri Pacific finds it is making so much money that it has increased the salaries of its station agents and clerks.

OVER at a neighboring town in Iowa they have organized a club whose members pledge themselves to attend to their own business and not gossip. The membership will necessarily be very small. We know it would be in Plattsmonth.

IT is not generally known, but the state officers draw their salaries quarterly in advance. That seems to be rather small business and can only be accounted for from the fact that they want the interest on the money they have not earned.

ARTIST EARLE, millionaire and otherwise disqualified, who put away his wife that he might marry his soul's affinity, was rotten-egged out of town one day last week. Three hit the mark and he was notified that the town was too small to hold such cattle as he.

SOME idea may be had of the estimated value of the farm crops of Nebraska, when it is stated that in the neighborhood of twenty-four tons of gold will be shipped out of the banks of Omaha alone within the next two months to care for the mammoth purchases of the local grain men.

AN Illinois judge has decided that "it is perfectly proper for a man to want to kiss a woman if she is pretty." And the ungallant Toledo Blade is mean enough to say, "if she isn't pretty we assume that a fine of ten dollars and costs would be about the proper punishment."

DO YOU know that under the new road law every taxpayer will be charged $2,50 in cash and will be paid to the county treasurer. Then the money paid in from each precinct will be turned over the one road supervisor in each precinct, and the roads worked by him or such men as he calls to do it.

IT is a hundred years since the slave trade with Africa was prohibited by action of congress under democratic administration at Washington. The news from the Pacific coast continues to show that in this hundredth year, with a republican administration at Washington, the cooley trade with Asia is in process of establishment.

THIS from the Kansas City Post: "A bank at Plattsmouth, Neb., was robbed of $2,000 in daylight. Perhaps there has been a 'reorganization' of the police force at Plattsmouth, also." There has been no bank robbery in Plattsmouth; neither has there been any 'reorganization' of the police force. And the bank robbed was at Manley, twenty miles away.

WITH clothing 22.9 per cent higher than in 1897, fuel and lighting 39.4 cent higher than in 1894, metals and implements 41.8 per cent higher than in 1898, lumber and building materials 41.4 per cent higher than 1897 and house furnishing goods advanced $21.40 on the $100 worth in ten years, there is another class of "fakirs" we are ready to have exposed from the White House. They can "believe three impossibilities before breakfast" if they really believe the speeches and messages they write after breakfast to persuade us that we will be happier, richer and more desirable as citizens by continuing to pay Dingley prices until they get ready unanimously to reform them.

O. W. MEIER, of Lincoln, who was a candidate for judge of the supreme court, before the primary, has issued the following statement: "George L. Loomis, of Fremont, has been elected as the democratic nominee for supreme judge. The aspirations of individuals should count for naught. The principles for which men stand should be the guide in political action. The men who participated in the primary election as democratic candidates for the nomination stand substantially for the same principles. There has never been any conflict between the aspirants for the democratic nomination. George L. Loomis possesses the qualifications, the mental and moral courage, the democratic spirit and stamina of character so greatly needed on the supreme bench. The object to be sought, regardless of party affiliation, is the elevation of the standard of the supreme court. The people of Nebraska will make no mistake in electing George L. Loomis supreme judge. He should have the united support of democrats and populists and draw added strength from the epublican ranks.

THE weather, not the calender, sounded the knell of the "nifty" straw hat.

NEBRASKA is experiencing a taste of the "advance sheets" of centralized government.

THE man who sends a telegram still has to guess whether it will be clicked over the wire or sent bo mail.

GOV. SHELDON threatens to call an extra session of the legislature to "fix the railroads" for their audacity.

THIS is an age of progress. What is Plattsmouth doing in the way of an effort to keep up with the processien?

PEOPLE who buy things to eat and wear at present prices are beginning to doubt the old adage that "what goes up must come down."

THE Order of Red Men has barred saloon keepers from membership. Probably got a tip from Uncle Sam, who has been trying for years to keep "redeye" and red men on different reservations.

CHARLES H. TREAT, treasurer of the United States, predicts that money will be easy by midwinter. The fellow who robbed the Manley bank yesterday in broad daylight seems to have found it very "easy" right now.

THE president's son-in-law, Nicholas Longworth, says his father-in-law will not accept the presidency for the third time unless tendered unanimously by the whole people of the United States. The son-in-law needn't worry—that'll never be done, and no one knows it better than Nicholas' father-in-law.

IT is reported that a Seattle girl rode 3,000 miles in an ox wagon to marry a Connecticut preacher. This waste of fidelity and loveliness upon a Nutmeg incensed the Nashville American to say: "Hang a pair of pants on the North Pole and it will become a fashionabie watering place."

EVERY democratic candidate with the exception of Miss Foster was present at the committee meeting last Saturday. And every precinct was represented by one committeeman and some of them by two. The meeting really resembled that of the old-fashioned county convention more than a committee meeting.

SENATOR BURKETT got turned down very beautifully last Saturday by the Lancaster county republicans. He asked to be appointed delegate to the state convention which meets in Lincoln September 24, but this was left to Judge Reese to say, and he immediately appointed W. B. Rose. Evidently Elmer is losing his grip.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, will be the political storm center among the cities this fall, as Oklahoma is among commonwealths. The republicans have nominated Congressman Burton for mayor and the democrats will nominate Tom Johnson, who has already been elected several times. Roosevelt is to speechify for Burton and Bryan for Johnson. This insures a hot time in that old town for the closing days of the campaign, and assures the election of Johnson.

NEXT Tuesday the election occurs in Oklahoma. Both sides are bending every possible energy to increase the chance of winning the fight. The national administration is backing the carpet-baggers by every means known to slick schemers and professional election crooks. The methods by which Cortelyou and his Teddy bears "carried" the national election three years ago will be invoked to "carry" the election down there next Tuesday. But it will shoot wide of the mark.

THE Fremont Tribune, one of the leading republican papers in the state, has the following to say in reference to the democratic candidate for supreme judge: "It is a compliment to Mr. Loomis that his old friends at home appreciate no less than he. He has continued to grow in public esteem as he has given himself to public service. His work in the legislature four years ago added to his good name. He came out of that session a recognized leader of his party. Here in Dodge county he stands high for his real worth, and it is no longer regarded as a crime for a newspaper supporting another candidate and of another party to concede as much."

WHENEVER the Wall street gamblers and fat contributors to the campaign funds get into financial stress by reason of over-play in the games of highest finance they call upon the secretary of the national treasury for funds and he responds with alacrity and with a due sense of obligation for recent favors. And the expirating part of the whole thing is that the secretary always takes the country into his confidence and tells it that he does it to provide ready money to "move the crops." This has now become such an old ruse and time-worn subterfuge that none but the most ignorant republican can be fooled by it, while all the democrats and sensible republicans laugh the lie to scorn.

W. W. Gamble of Gretna, the father of J. W. Gamble, the superintendent of schools, came in this morning and visited with his son and family, departing

Loyalty to Bryanism.

It would seem that the tital wave in Idaho has reverted back to Bryanism, as the following from the Boise Evening News (Rep.) indicates. The News was under the editorial management of Milt Polk, formerly of Plattsmouth, until a few weeks ago, and has always been dyed-in-the-wool republican. This is the paper upon which Noel B. Rawles, formerly connected with the Journal, is doing reportorial work. Evidently the the following from a republican paper like the Boise (Idaho) Evening News, certainly "shows which way the wind is blowing:"

"The speech of William J. Bryan last night laid down a political doctrine which spells victory, at least so far as Idaho democracy is concerned, if the doctrine is not forcibly adulterated with some thing else that some individual regards as more important than Bryan and the national democracy.

"It must have been a delight and an inspiration to the democratic hosts of this state who have been hungering for so many years to be fed with such doctrine from a man like Bryan. They must have felt encouraged as they never felt encouraged before and they must have felt more like tightening up the belt and proceeding into the warfare for rights as democracy understands them than they have felt for years.

"There was no factionalism in what Bryan advocated last night, and there was nothing to create dissensions or discord in the ranks. It was a great, broad, inspiring speech—a democratic speech, something that the democracy of the state likes and wants, one that makes them line up, as one man for the party, and one that, when adopted by the democracy of the state, will make the republicans tremble as they never have trembled before.

"Not only was it a speech that met with the united approval of the democracy of the state, but it was one that republicans themselves could enjoy and in almost all of it, give hearty approval. Republicans of Idaho love Roosevelt for what he has done, only because he has done more that meets with their ideas than any other president and not because he has done all that they would like to see done. The great rank and file of the republican party would like to see Roosevelt do all the things that Bryan outlined, and they would love him more than they do now. This shows that between the great masses of the republican party of Idaho and democratic doctrines as advocated and explained by Bryan, there is but the difference that has divided the democracy of the state itself. When the democracy of the state is permitted to unite the Bryan platform alone, then will come to their aid thousands of republicans who have been but waiting for the opportunity to get in and assist in the triumph of principles that are elemental and fundamental in their character.

Let the democracy of Idaho adopt Bryan's platform and add to it only a pledge for economical, honest and just administration of state affairs and no campaign would be necessary to carry Idaho, but let it refuse to do that, and the republicans will again carry the state by an increased majority.

Should Not Kick

Speaking of prices, a farmer from Mynard, who has been a Journal reader from its infancy, remarked that he used to pay $1.50 for the paper when corn was only 16 cents a bushel. Corn is now worth three times that much, and if pblishers are compelled to increase the price of their papers the farmer cannot afford to kick. If the price of white paper keeps going up, this will have to be done to save ourselves. It will be compulsory on the part of the Journal if we raise the price.

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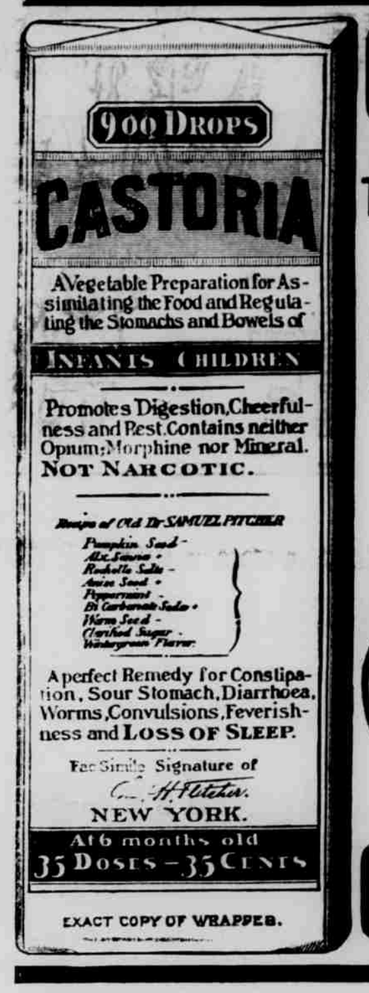

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