

Bats measuring nearly five feet from tip to tip of their wings have been found in a cave near Tangi, in East Africa.

Mme. du Barry's hotel in the Avenue de Paris, at Versailles, is about to be sold. Louis XVIII turned the palace into stables for many years past it has been disused.

India is rapidly becoming an important factor in the coal market. The output last year was nearly 40 per cent in excess of that of the year before, and a still further increase will be seen this year.

Over 50,000 acres of unoccupied lands in Nebraska, Wyoming and Kansas were disposed of during one week recently, the largest amount in any one week in the history of the land department.

A national fencing competition has just taken place at Bologna, and the championship was won by Signor Attilio Monferrito. This "maitre d'armes" is only twelve years old. He fought the most celebrated Italian fencers and beat them all.

The Zion Lutheran congregation at Lancaster recently made its annual payment of one red rose to the descendants of Baron Steigel, who over a century ago donated the land on which the church stands.

More people over 100 years old are found in mild climates than in the higher latitudes. According to the last census of the German Empire, of a population of 55,000,000 only seventy-eight have passed the hundredth year.

The submarine Narval, conveyed by the sea-going torpedo boat Zouave, has returned to Cherbourg from a series of deep-sea trials.

The statue of the late Empress Elizabeth recently unveiled at Godollo Castle, a seat of Emperor Francis Joseph, near Budapest, is a bronze figure of more than life size on a high pedestal in Gothic style.

It is hard to realize that the boot-black is an invention of the last half-century, yet he is now celebrating in London the fiftieth anniversary of his appearance. He came upon the scene in 1851, the year of the great exhibition in London.

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A Baltimore man, convicted on a charge of "having willfully neglected to supply a dumb animal—a horse—with the necessities of life," and sentenced to pay the costs, told the judge that he might have the horse for the fine, but the magistrate insisted upon paying the money, \$1.65.

The most curious cemetery is situated at Assouan, on the Nile. Here repose the mummified bodies of millions of people. Their names are also on the sides of the tombs.

WANTS PARTY AID.

NEW YORK SUN CALLS BACK DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

To the Position It Occupies in the Days of "Trophies" - Says That the Ally of the Populists Must Return to Plutocracy.

That Republican organ of the trusts, the New York Sun, voicing, no doubt, the general feeling of the "better element of society," says: "War upon plutocracy is hopeless. The democracy will never prevail until it satisfies the country that the Democrats, not the Republican party, are the friends and instruments of plutocracy."

This brazen echo of Wall street is as ignorant, as insolent in thus giving advice to the Democracy. The Sun evidently does not know what Democracy means or has forgotten it. Many years ago, when it was an honest sheet, it published an essay on the wide gap between Democrats and Republicans.

The war upon plutocracy will never be hopeless while the Democracy exists as now organized under fusion. If for a while a majority of the people are led away to worship at the shrine of plutocracy and are willing to pick up the crumbs that fall from the table of Dives they will soon find their mistake.

The rule of the rich cannot be a government in the interest of the people and any party that is "the real friend and instrument of plutocracy" and that appeals to the people to support it is a fraud, delusion and a snare that only the Sun editor could belong to.

But it is well to have this exposure from such high Republican authority of what the real purpose and plans of that party are. Before this if a Democrat accused his opponents of being in league with the plutocrats he was denounced as a demagogue.

Despite the blandishments and corruption of the plutocrats there are yet six million Democrats that have not wavered or bowed the knee to the golden calf they have set up in the Wall street wilderness.—A Fusion Democrat.

A FOREIGN COMPETITOR.

The steel trust is not going to have clear sailing in its efforts to export its productions to Europe. Not only will tariffs be raised to prevent its competing in Russia, but a combination of all the iron industries of that country has been organized to hold that market, according to a dispatch from London, which says:

American consolidation of industries has already borne fruit in Europe. We have news of the formation of a gigantic Russian iron and steel trust, whose purpose it is to compete with the American combine formed by J. Pierpont Morgan.

When asked what benefits the trust would bring to the consumer Mr. Traustoeur, the manager, could only shrug his shoulders and look wise. He added, however, that all the iron works of western Russia and Poland would probably combine to form a similar trust.

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THE EXPRESS MONOPOLY.

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ALLISON CORNERED.

CANNOT WIGGLE OUT OF A DIFFICULT POSITION.

The Web of the High Tariff Hobby is That American Goods are Being Sold for Much Less to Foreigners Than to Americans—Tariff Question the Issue.

Senator Allison was interviewed while in Washington and speaking of tariff revision and the Babcock bill, he said: "I can understand that popular sentiment will endorse the proposition that American manufacturers should not sell at lower prices abroad than they sell to the American people at a higher price."

These big pickings have induced George Gould, it is said, to bring his Pacific Express Company to the east with his transcontinental line and the three companies will combine to meet the competition of the new company.

FEDERAL CONTROL OF THE TRUSTS.

The trusts and corporations that are monopolies are quite willing to have a law passed giving national instead of state control of such corporations. They have seen the inter-state commerce law and the anti-trust legislation nullified by complacent Republican attorney generals.

It is a preposterous proposition that congress could take away from the states the control of corporations that have been chartered by any state, that would be an infringement of state rights that even the most ultra federalist judge would at once declare unconstitutional.

The federal way to curb the trusts is to take from them the protection that a Republican tariff law has given them and thus enabled them to control the market. Independent Republican newspapers like the Washington Post, take this view of the situation.

There could be no effective national control of corporations without amending the constitution so as to make provision for it. That is practically impossible.

No impairment of vested rights is, or ever can be, constitutional. Existing state charters could not be annulled by national legislation. As the trusts and combines now include nearly all the great industrial interests of the country, the proposed law would have but a limited sphere of operation.

There is no parallel between federal control of banking and federal control of all business corporations. The law does not in direct terms prohibit state banks to issue notes. It simply puts a tax on such issues.

THE FARMERS FOREIGN TRADE.

All this excitement about our enormous exports would dwindle to a small matter if it was not for the farmers, as our agricultural exports increased during the month of April nearly \$6,200,000 and made 63.55 per cent of the total.

The farmer who receives no protection on his productions, except on wool, has prospered in spite of protection and having to pay his share to make the manufacturers rich enough to be able to sell their wares in competition with the balance of the world.

The discord in Hawaii is increasing. Charges have been prepared against a judge by the Dole faction who charges him with oppression and anti-Americanism because he takes the side of the natives, which of course is a crime in the eyes of the exploiters.

STORY ON STOCKINGS.

Many Women Match Their Gowns with Their Hosiery.

This is the story of the woman and her stockings. It is a story that must be told in whispers, for the world in general is never supposed to think that the woman wears anything more personal than hosiery. But the stockings of the woman this year are something to dream about.

THE TRUSTS THREATENING LABOR.

The threat of the trusts to reduce the wages of their workmen if the tariff is taken off their production is an old tale and should excite no one. Reducing or taking off entirely the tariff on trust productions would have no effect on the surplus they sell abroad.

It is quite likely that the steel trust, for instance, might shut down its plants if the tariff is removed from its monopolies and its workmen refused to accept a reduction of wages.

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begins to tax the traffic all it will bear, will they be as pleased at the prospect? There is another matter that will perhaps take some of the pleasure from the full cup that Van Horne and his American partners are now quaffing when the new Cuban government comes into possession of its own.

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