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Fortunately for mankind it will take several more decades for the financiers to corner hope.

A proper amount of mint sauce accompanied the lambs devoured by Wall street the other day.

Some men who start to lay by something for a rainy day are deceived by the first heavy fall of dew.

Of course MacArthur will not deport any Manila editors while that military investigation is under way.

It is noticeable that all of the republican tariff reformers do their best work while congress is not in session.

Lord Salisbury says Great Britain is a power to be reckoned with. He seized a religious banquet as the occasion for issuing this warlike cry.

The new cup defender is named "Constitution," and Sir Thomas Lipton is encouraged. He has learned that the Constitution does not go very far.

The indications are that Senator Mason is willing to compromise with his constituents by agreeing not to blush any more if they will reelect him senator.

THE COMMONER is obliged to the Advisor for its compliments and its advice. Advice is an easy thing to give and often, though not always, a good thing to accept.

Congressional visitors to the Indian territory have discovered that it has the making of a very rich state. This discovery may not prove fortunate for the Indians.

There ought to be a golden (or silver) mean between Professor Crook and Lieutenant Hobson—between total abstinence from kissing and osculatory dissipation.

Mr. Conger says thousands of Chinese are dying of starvation. And the cablegrams say

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that the indemnity China will have to pay amounts to \$313,000,000. Yet people of Christian countries wonder why the Chinese are so slow to accept the Christian religion.

Farmers who bought Northern Pacific and Union Pacific stock at the right time and let go of it at the proper moment are feeling good. The farmers who did not are still plowing.

In the last issue Norway was described as having secured a liberal constitution eighty-five years ago. It should have read eighty-seven instead of eighty-five, as May 17, 1814 was the date.

The pickpocket who touched Secretary of Agriculture Wilson should hasten to seek cover. He is likely to collide with a more skillful pickpocket who operates behind a broker's license.

The republican papers are beginning to express fear that the "McLaurin movement" will fail for "lack of leadership". As Senator McLaurin seems to be the only person in the movement so far he ought to have no trouble leading himself.

The fever of speculation on Wall Street is wearing on Mr. Gage. He does not know whether he will have to sell bonds to keep the market from breaking, or buy bonds to keep the speculators from going broke.

Senator Hoar is reported as saying that Harvard should confer the Doctor's degree upon President McKinley as a reward for his protective tariff work. If the title is to be cheapened by making it a reward for political services, why not offer it as a premium to all those who vote the republican ticket?

Two reports have been prepared by the Cuban committee having the Platt amendment under consideration. Both propose modification and one declares that the amendment does not express the wishes of the American people. The reports will be given in full as soon as they are presented to the constitutional convention.

Mr. McKinley's new epigram to the effect that markets are more important than maxims ought to be popular among those who believe that money is more important than manhood. It places the material above the ideal and ought to be preserved along with, "What are we here for?" and "What's the Constitution between friends?"

Reverend Jenkin Lloyd Jones of Chicago, commenting upon the craze for speculation says: "We have spent our time in lauding our Rockefellers and Morgans. They are the Napoleons and Bismarcks of finance. We seem to have forgotten Gladstone and Lincoln and their homely teachings. The craze for speculation is the result of the far reaching degeneracy of our ideals." There is more truth than poetry in Jenkin Lloyd Jones' statement.

The protectionists have always insisted that the foreigner pays the tax. And now it is suggested that China's import duties be increased so that China may be enabled to pay the indemnity. The spectacle of foreigners taxing themselves to pay a debt owed to them by China is rather humorous, but not more so than many other doings of the protectionists.

A reader of THE COMMONER, commenting on an editorial which appeared in the paper recently concerning the action of the government in regard to the New Orleans case, says that mules are contraband of war, and that instructions to this effect are issued by the government to the commanders of our war ships. If this be true, the cabinet may find it necessary to reverse itself on another question.

The Albany street car strike with its bloodshed as well as its pecuniary loss, is another evidence of the necessity for arbitration. Neither the corporation nor the employes can be trusted to decide without appeal the controversies which arise between labor and capital. The rights of the parties interested and the welfare of the public require that there should be a disinterested tribunal before which all may be heard.

The California readers of THE COMMONER will find profit in comparing the boom in railroad stock and trust certificates with the price of farms and fruit lands. Why is it that trusts can inflate the value of their property, while agriculturists cannot? The answer is simple. The farmer must sell in the market and buy at trust prices; the trusts can buy in the open market and sell at trust prices.

It seems that the English are having trouble with a new prophet in Africa, called the Mad Mullah. His people claim that he is impervious to bullets and cannot be injured by sword or lance. He is described as mad, probably because he is not covetous and is said to divide the profits of war among his followers, keeping but little for himself. It is unfortunate for England that she has to deal with another prophet before she gets through with Kruger who predicted that England could only conquer the Boers at an expense which would stagger the world.

A Maryland minister complains because a recent issue of THE COMMONER contained, among items of interest, the opinion of a Baltimore clergyman to the effect that preachers should not be admitted to the sick room. The opinion was printed because it was a very unusual, not to say unique, position for any one to take. The editor of this paper does not attempt to comment upon all news items, nor does he fear that words of Dr. Harcourt will receive serious consideration. It is probable that the gentleman quoted would be the first man to send for a minister if sick. Spiritual consolation in hours of sickness is as acceptable to those who are prepared for death as to those who are unprepared.