

worst load the party has had to carry has been Clevelandism. "Do you want any more of Cleveland?" is the cry of the g. o. p. spell-binders in every campaign. We do not. If Cleveland was the nominee of both parties he could not be elected.

Nebraska City (Neb.) News: A Chicago paper that has been active in booming Cleveland for president a few days ago received a setback that it was not counting upon. This paper sent out requests to all the national committeemen asking them to give their opinion in regard to nominating Cleveland in 1904, and the result was that some half dozen favored his nomination, one or two were non-committal, while the remainder said that it would be suicidal to name him as the standard-bearer. That is a fair estimate of the case. Only a few want Cleveland and those who favor him admit that he could not be elected should he receive the nomination. So far as Cleveland is concerned the sooner his name is dropped the better it will be for the party.

Clifton (Ind.) Argus: The next democratic platform will not mince matters. It will not make two bites of a cherry. It will point out the source of plutocracy's power to rob the people and demand its removal from the statutes of the country and will challenge the plutocracy to mortal combat. And then it will place its banner in the hands of a man who knows the secrets of plutocracy who knows his men and who will lead a mighty host into a battle such as this old world has never seen and it will win and establish justice in this country so that honest toil may enjoy the product of its skill and legitimate capital may be secure in investment and enjoy its fruits free from the danger of exploitation. The Cleveland proposition contains no attraction for democrats. It is for the veterans of humanity's war to go forward.

Chilton (Wis.) Times: The Times regrets to see such an esteemed journal as the Madison Democrat trying to make out a case for one G. Cleveland. Mr. Cleveland deserted democracy in the interest of Wall street. It is true that he stood squarely on the democratic platform of 1892, which read: "We denounce the republican legislation known as the Sherman act of 1890 as a cowardly makeshift, fraught with possibilities of danger in the future, which should make all of its supporters, as well as its author, anxious for its speedy repeal." But he forgot the teaching of not only the democratic platform of 1892 and previous democratic platforms that stood out boldly for "hard money" without discrimination. There was never a democratic platform promulgated, since the birth of the party up to the present day, that has stood for the "honest money" that the Wall street syndicate is sponsor for. Give the dear people a rest on Grover.

In Praise of Prosperity.

They raised his salary two years ago last May, The said increase amounting to thirty cents a day; Of carrots and of beets, Of flour and of meats, Of corn and coal and fruits, Of babies' little boots, Of potatoes, milk and cheese, Of the product of the bees, Of hats and socks and coats, Of all that sinks and floats. He's paying out the money that he saved before his raise, But prosperity's upon us, and his heart is full of praise. —Chicago Post.

It is announced that Germany will be compelled to again import large quantities of American wheat, as the crop outlook in that country is said to warrant considerably less than the average yield.

A FEW ITEMS OF COMMON INTEREST

English has been made a compulsory subject of study in Austrian schools.

The duties on automobiles in Argentina are 25 per cent of the declared value.

Barely 10 per cent of the children of Brittany can speak or understand French.

Of over 800,000 women employed in the German industries less than 25,000 are organized.

Chicago is the best organized city of carpenters in the country, having a membership of nearly 6,000.

One hundred wealthy New York citizens have chartered the White Star liner Celtic for a Mediterranean cruise.

There is a likelihood of an extensive industry in fresh peaches being started between Great Britain and Argentina.

The international 'longshoremen's union now ranks second in membership in this country. It has 142,000 members.

A Milwaukee, Wis., tobacconist has been fined \$35 and costs for using the union label on cigars not made by union labor.

Chinese girls are being employed in San Francisco as telephone operators for the accommodation of Chinese merchants.

Another bottle-nosed shark, seven feet in length, has been captured in the herring nets of a Yarmouth, England, fishing boat.

Three hundred and sixty pickpockets are known by the Japanese police at Tokio. Two hundred of the thieves do their pilfering in trains.

Authorities of British Columbia have established traveling libraries for the benefit of the numerous lumber and mining camps in that province.

An engineer on a Kansas railway has made a request to be allowed to run faster than 65 miles an hour, because a jack rabbit has been making fun of him on his run.

Over 30,000 persons witnessed at Zurich the curious Swiss custom of burning out the winter in the shape of a guy and welcoming the spring with a carnival procession.

Cider is now so cheap in Germany Switzerland that it is being supplied in unlimited quantities in many cafes at so much per hour, the consumer drinking "at discretion."

The most prominent Austrian trade union, the Gewerbe Verein, of Lowe, Austria, has decided to send a deputation to the United States in 1904 to visit the St. Louis exposition.

Practically all the caviare merchants of Astrakhan, Russia, have declared themselves bankrupt. Not a single tenant has come forth to rent the rich government fishing stands on the Volga.

The honor of possessing the largest membership of any automobile club in the world rests with the Automobile club of Great Britain and Ireland, which has now no less than 2,180 members.

Mr. Jocifelson, chief of the Jessup North Pacific exploring expedition, states that the tribes which he studied in Siberia all possessed characteristics in common with the Indians of North America.

H. H. Cabaniss and Thomas W. Loyless have purchased the Augusta, Ga., Chronicle for \$40,000. The Chronicle is one of the oldest newspapers in the south, having been published continuously since 1785.

Russell Square, London, beloved of readers of "Vanity Fair," seems to be fast disappearing. Half of the east side has been torn down to make room for a mammoth hotel, and now the west side is beginning to yield to blocks of flats.

A man in Cincinnati applied to the courts for an injunction to restrain the tongues of the gossips of the neighborhood. He learned from judicial sources that there are some things beyond the control of the highest human power.

Bishop Coleman of Delaware has been telling an audience that crime in the United States has increased enormously since 1850. In that year there was one criminal in every 3,400 of population. In 1890, 40 years later the proportion had increased to one in every 715.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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