

HARDY'S COLUMN

A man was hung the other day in our state penitentiary for murdering his wife and his wife's father. Many seem to think that it is wrong to permanently fix murderers so they never can murder any one else and so they never can be pardoned and turned loose again. Criminals are not punished because a crime has been committed, but to prevent crime in the future. Criminals certainly dread hanging more than any other punishment for they always plead for a change to imprisonment.

Congress has adjourned and special session of senate also. During the last two sessions of the same congress many expensive laws have been passed and most of them in the interest of corporations, trusts, banks and millionaires. A new bankruptcy law was passed and so constructed that a rich man can clear himself from common creditors and remain rich. \$80,000,000 were appropriated for navy building and \$47,000,000 for rivers and harbors. About a half billion more money was appropriated than by any congress before. The chief object seemed to be to use up the tariff money so the tariff could not be reduced. A civil government law was passed for the Philippines, which amounts to a promise that we will be more civil than we have been toward them, but not civil enough yet to let them govern themselves or to let them govern us. A new bureau of commerce and labor has been established which is going to cost millions and give the president another cabinet officer and adviser. A law was passed requiring all railroad companies to supply all their cars with automatic couplings. After long speech-making, some of them four or five days long, the Panama canal treaty was ratified. Now we will see if the government will dare to run the railroad across the isthmus without letting corporations make millions. Up to this time neither government or state has dared to own and run a railroad. One of the unexpected laws passed was the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquor in the capitol building in Washington. The most important measures discussed failed to pass. The admission of new states was thwarted and the three territories were left out in the cold. The reciprocity treaty with Cuba was also thrown overboard. The tobacco and sugar men want to make a few millions more out of the trade with Cuba. Then the same men opposed free trade with our fellow citizens in the Philippine islands. Millionaires are the only animals the past congress has worked for. After killing thousands of workmen and working cattle, starving the people comes next.

The anthracite coal diggers are to receive an increase of wages, 10 per cent, since November 1 and also in the future. When coal advances 5 cents at tide water the wages of the diggers are to advance one cent. In future a board of conciliation is to be organized to settle all disputes in coal regions.

We buy millions of dollars' worth of tea and manufactured goods from China every year and why can't our government receive such goods on our war claim instead of silver? The goods could be brought over and sold here for gold. But then that might spoil some of the fun of our wealthy importers.

It is reported that the president has decided to call congress the 9th of November. He don't dare to call them before for fear their cussedness would thwart next fall's trust election.

The love of the English lion has not all faded out of the Yankee race. Respect for the American eagle remains, but the big American bird has not crowded out the lion. The noblest wild animal in America is the buffalo. He lives on grass and not on other animals as the lion does. The lion is not an English animal anyway. He fairly represents the eater of foreigners and that is what England lives on. The Americans should drop the lion sentiment pertaining to the Philippines and feed on grass.

Why not let government issue fiat money, each dollar all fiat, of paper, instead of silver and only a little over half fiat. Every bank bill today is over half fiat; they are redeemable in silver, and over half of the silver is fiat.

What is the difference between watering railroad stock with a little paper and watering butter with tallow. Then strained honey, maple sugar and maple syrup are watered nine-tenths with beet sugar. Water in all these

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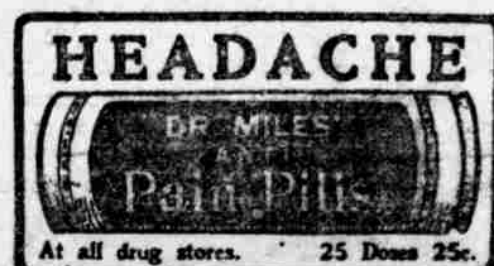
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cases is exchanged for money. Why not extend the olemorgarine law to all these cases?

It is clear to see that Cleveland and Hill are bound to kick Bryan and other western democrats out of the democratic party. It is also clearly seen that Rockefeller and Pierpont Morgan are bound to kick Roosevelt out of the republican party; then these four eastern kickers will all pull the same string. H. W. HARDY.



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