

NEWS OF THE WEEK

A Weekly Resume of the Really Vital News by the Editor

A dispatch from New York says that the southern democrats who are spending their vacations and taking their outings at Saratoga declare that every southern state will be solid for Grover Cleveland at the democratic national convention. If one is to judge from the sneers and slurs at Bryan that are appearing in most of the southern papers, what these rich southerners at Saratoga say is correct.

Lord Salisbury, late English premier, is dead. He was the persistent, aggressive Tory of the last generation. He was born February 3, 1830. His aristocratic connections enabled him to hold office a great many years. When political exigencies demanded it, he has made concessions to the common people, but he never had any respect for them. When Gladstone introduced a measure to establish parish councils, Lord Salisbury exclaimed: "Parish councils! Much better give them a circus." In his long career he has done nothing that will be remembered favorably in history. The Boer war was the last great measure of his administration. His career has been marked with incredible tergiversations. He opposed the land act of 1881, and then favored it. He opposed Gladstone's Egyptian policy, and then advocated it. He opposed the extension of the suffrage and then secured its adoption. He fought the home rule policy of Gladstone with the ferocity of a savage, and then aided his party to pass an Irish land bill more favorable to Irish tenants than Gladstone ever proposed. He kept himself in office during the last years of his life by making a fusion with the liberal union party which Chamberlain headed.

The railroad republicans in Wisconsin are pushing Stevenson in opposition to La Follette and W. E. Curtis aids the movement with two columns of fine type in the Chicago Record-Herald. That was to be expected of Curtis. If the corporation republicans cannot prevent the nomination of La Follette, they will join their forces with the reorganization democrats under the lead of Vilas, a member of Cleveland's cabinet, and vote the republican ticket just as that kind of democrats everywhere do under similar circumstances.

Chicago is on a rampage, determined to have pure food. Some scores of milk dealers have been arrested for selling milk below the grade established by law and 800 warrants were sworn out in one day charging merchants with selling adulterated food. The fact is that very few articles of food are sold in these days of commercialism that are not adulterated in some way. Chief among these articles is process butter made by the creameries, the owners of which were so anxious that the people should not be deceived by buying oleomargarine.

The Chicago Public says: "If only a moderate proportion of the democratic newspapers of the country would throw off their allegiance to their plutocratic masters . . . they would soon give us a democratic party to be proud of." But they won't do it. Instead a whole lot of them, especially in the south, who declared that they had done so, are going back to the said plutocratic masters. You can't get them to stand even when they are hitched. The moment an agent from Wall street comes along and cuts the halter they run away. Mr. Post should look over his exchange list and notice the number of the Kansas City platform papers that have run to shelter under the Cleveland coat-tail. Not an assault has ever been made on Bryan in any populist paper.

A lead trust has been organized with \$27,000,000 capital, half of it in mortgage bonds and half stock. No actual money has been involved in the whole transaction. A large number of plants have sold out to a syndicate and taken their pay in stocks and bonds of the new organization. That is the way that most of this business of trust forming is done. What actually money is used goes to the promoters and the combined plants instead of being richer are actually that much poorer. It takes money out of actual production and puts it in the hands of gamblers to be frittered away in yachts and monkey dinners. How a nation can get rich that way is one of those things that no pop can find out.

That there is scarcely a place in the whole United States where the democratic party can be relied upon by those who wish good government and

are opposed to corporation rule is shown by the condition of affairs in Denver. The Denver News (Tom Patterson's paper) says: "The regular democratic organization has fallen locally into the hands of men who are controlled by the corporations and who are assuming to proceed through the action of a committee because they are afraid to call primaries or hold a convention to choose delegates to the state convention which will nominate a judge of the supreme court. They have broken the party rules and are ignoring the wishes of the voters of the party both in regard to the new charter, the state convention and the choice of a new committee for the city and county." The News calls upon the democrats who are opposed to corporation rule to form a new organization. Hadn't Tom Patterson better take his paper and himself and get back into the people's party.

The whole daily press of the United States is in a state of wonderment over the discovery of a congressman who has refused railroad passes. His name is Baker and he lives in Brooklyn, N. Y., and was elected by the democratic reform movement which fights Dave Hill and Grover Cleveland.

Notwithstanding the efforts of the republican literary bureau located in the statistical offices at Washington it is generally conceded by all intelligent persons that our export trade to the Philippines is no longer increasing, but actually declining, and that what little trade does exist is due to the presence of our own people in the islands, a great silence has fallen upon the imperialist newspapers regarding the material advantages of this far-off conquest. A few are beginning to reiterate the benevolent assimilation ideas and one or two the God and manifest destiny talk of three or four years ago. One has taken the position that it was never expected that the trade of the islands would amount to anything, but they were gobbled because we wanted a foothold in Asia to push our trade with China. They don't attempt, however, to tell how the subjugation of those islands is going to aid us in selling goods to China. They leave that to the imagination.

The republican dailies have been telling us lately very much about the glory, magnificence and honor that has been achieved by John Hay and the state department in getting two more ports opened for trade to all nations in China. What these great Chinese cities are like to which we have been admitted to trade is shown in a cablegram to the London Times. One of them is described as follows: "On the Chinese side of the mouth of the Yalu is the town of Ta-tung-kau, with 5,000 inhabitants. From the anchorage to the shore it is a distance of four miles by a narrow channel, or rather ditch, which is dry at low water. This is the port which America desires China to open to foreign trade." The other one is like unto it. The whole press of the United States being practically under the direction of plutocracy, the people are made to believe that a great and glorious thing has been done. The obvious duty of every reformer is to push the circulation of the few papers left that dare to print the truth.

Miss Ruth Bryan, daughter of W. J. Bryan, will take up college settlement work at Hull House, Chicago, under Miss Jane Addams. Mrs. Bryan and her daughter recently visited Chicago and Miss Ruth became very much interested in the sociological work that is carried on at Hull House. Miss Bryan is nineteen years and has for some time been deeply interested in sociology and economics.

The soft coal trusts have been advancing the price 15 cents a ton each month since the first of July and intend to keep up the practice until the first of January. As long as the government refuses to enforce the criminal section of the anti-trust law the trusts will continue to multiply in numbers and increase their exactions.

Another evidence that the boom in business is on the decline is that the Pennsylvania railroad will lay off 1,500 men on September 1, to reduce expenses. That is the way the thing has begun every time.

The sultan of Turkey made prompt submission to all the demands of the czar of Russia and then turned his troops loose in Macedonia where they proceeded to massacre the inhabitants of twenty Christian villages, not spar-

ing even a woman or a child. Every Christian government in the eastern hemisphere is guilty of these murders, one as much as any other, for they have allowed this barbarian government of the sultan to exist and duplicate all the horrors recorded in ancient history.

Tom Johnson captured the Ohio state democratic convention. He was able to do it by having all the credentials of the delegates referred to the state committee under a rule adopted a year ago and that committee was composed mostly of Johnson men. The platform mentions the money question only in an indirect way. The summary of the platform sent out by the Associated press is as follows: "We, the democrats of Ohio, reaffirming the declaration on national issues of our platform of 1902, adopted at Sandusky, hereby renew our allegiance to the democratic party of the nation and again avow our devotion to the principles of its last national platform. We accordingly condemn colonialism and imperialism, denounce trusts and trust fostering tariffs, repudiate government by injunction and oppose financial monopoly, together with every other legalized monopoly and legalized privilege. Adhering to these principles of the Kansas City platform, we repeat our condemnation of all efforts to renounce or ignore them."

Never since white men began to roam over these plains, certainly not since the first great movement to the Rocky mountains and California in 1849, has there been such a season as the present in all these western regions. For two years before this there has been more rain than ever before in what is called the semi-arid regions, but this year goes far beyond all previous records. Far out from the Missouri river where it has been with difficulty that crops were raised at all for want of rain, there are thousands of acres of corn that have been drowned out and every low place in the flat plains is covered with water until the regions of sandy soil is reached. Even there, the wheat, the corn, the alfalfa grows as it never grew in any other place on earth. Then on the first three days of this week floods of water fell in the Missouri and Kansas river valleys, in some instances, as at Council Bluffs, to the depth of six inches in a few hours. Similar reports come from several Kansas towns. Immense damage has been done by these floods.

Notice To Non-Resident Defendant

Robert H. McC. Potter, defendant, will take notice that on the 13th day of August, 1903, Vinnie A. Hall filed her petition in the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, against the said above named Robert H. McC. Potter, with other defendants, the object and prayer of said petition being to foreclose a certain tax sale certificate in the sum of \$20.65 issued by the treasurer of Lancaster county, Nebraska, on the 8th day of November, 1900, conveying to W. H. Mendenhall for the taxes then due and delinquent thereon Lot six (6) in Block one (1) in Lincoln Driving Park Company's 2nd sub-division, an addition to the city of Lincoln in Lancaster county, Nebraska, which said tax sale certificate was by the said W. H. Mendenhall duly assigned for value to F. C. Hamer and said tax sale certificate was by the said F. C. Hamer duly assigned for value to plaintiff, Vinnie A. Hall, who is now the owner and holder thereof, and to foreclose the lien created upon and against said lot by virtue of the payment of prior and subsequent taxes paid under said tax sale certificate and to protect plaintiff's lien created by said certificate and upon said lot, the total sum of plaintiff's claim including the original amount specified in said certificate, and the prior and subsequent taxes paid thereunder, now amounting to about the sum of \$97.00 and the plaintiff prays that the said above described premises may be decreed to be sold to satisfy the amount due plaintiff under and by virtue of said tax sale certificate and for attorney fees equal to ten per cent of the amount found due the plaintiff, that you and all the other defendants named in said petition be barred and foreclosed of any and all right, title, interest, claim or equity of redemption in or to the above described premises, and for general equitable relief. You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday the 21st day of September, 1903.

VINNIE A. HALL, Plaintiff
By J. C. McNERNEY, Her Attorney.
Dated this 13th day of August, 1903.

Browne and Sidles—Attorneys NOTICE

In District Court, Lancaster County, Nebraska, Mary A. Reed Plaintiff, vs. O. L. Barber, first name unknown and—Barber his wife, first name unknown, defendants. Summons by publication.

The defendants, O. L. Barber, first name unknown, and—Barber, his wife, first name unknown, in the above entitled action will take notice that on the 7th day of August, 1903, the plaintiff filed her petition in said court and cause, the object and prayer of which is to cause a decree to be entered; in said cause, forever barring and foreclosing the said defendants from any title, claim or right of redemption, in or to lot eight (8) in block four (4) in W. A. Hackney's addition to the city of Lincoln, as shown by the recorded plat thereof, by reason of said defendants claiming to have an unrecorded deed to said premises executed and delivered more than 12 years prior to the time this action was begun, and of any other or further claim said defendants may have or claim to have that in any way affects or encumbers said premises and for such other and further relief as upon the hearing of said cause she may be entitled.

You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, September 21, 1903, or default will be entered against you, and trial be had, and judgment rendered accordingly.

MARY A. REED,
Browne & Sidles Attorneys for plaintiff.

J. McGowen, Glendale, Colo., says the populist revival caused his blood to leap to his head and heart. He will be in the Old Guard Edition.

Owsley Wilson, Attorney at Law, McMurtery Block, Lincoln, Neb.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANT

To Ida Beha, non-resident defendant: You are hereby notified that on the 15th day of August, 1903, George Beha filed his petition in the District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is to obtain a divorce from you on the ground that you have willfully abandoned him without just cause, for two years last past. You are required to answer the allegations of said petition on or before Monday the 28th day of September, 1903.

GEORGE BEHA,
Plaintiff,

By Owsley Wilson, His Attorney.

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