

August Belmont's recent visit to Washington in the interests of Judge Parker's candidacy has stirred up Congressman Livernash of California to say some real "nasty" things about the gentleman who assisted Grover the Fat and Pierpy Morgan to engineer that bond deal a few years ago. Isn't it about time that some person with a long-distance memory should brush away a few of the cobwebs from his brain and tell the history of August Belmont, sr., and the campaign of 1868? From a party standpoint that was about the most damnable outrage ever perpetrated. Let Mr. Livernash look up the history of it. The Belmont family seems to be an old man of the sea of democracy.

The republican state convention of Massachusetts declared "that our monetary system is now on such a stable and satisfactory basis that men look black in wonder and amazement when they recall the wild vagaries and still wilder democratic theories of 1896." There's cheek for you! The republicans have taken up the wildest vagaries ever advocated by Bryan democrats or populists and put them into practice. What has become of the republican demand for the retirement of the greenbacks, the melting down of the silver dollars? What has become of their demand for a contraction of the currency? They have precipitated an era of inflation such as the country never saw before. It is a wonder that these Boston monetary mullet heads did not declare that we were "on the gold standard" and that there was now no money in circulation but gold.

To enable the student body to get their booze handy and cheap, the great 1,800 republican majority in this city not only largely increased the number of saloons, but the cost of licenses was cut one-third. Vote 'er straight.

The total distance from St. Petersburg to Port Arthur by the Russian trans-Siberian railway and the Russian lines in Manchuria is 5,913 miles, or practically twice the distance from New York to San Francisco.

Bro. Bodenhamer of the Dalton (Ga.) Herald says: "A little fatigued from our long dismal night of watching and fasting on half rations, and sometimes no rations at all. But that is over now, and the rising sun of populism makes the blood tingle with new life and vigor through every vein in this old body."

The senate committee washed away the sins of Senator Dietrich and now he is whiter than snow. Let the republican party of Nebraska demonstrate that it believes in the vindica-

tion that the senate gave him, by re-electing him to the senate.

At the meeting of the Iroquois democratic club in Chicago the other day, letters were received from Grover Cleveland and W. J. Bryan. The letter from W. J. Bryan was not read, but the one from Grover was, and the Cleveland letter was received with cheers.

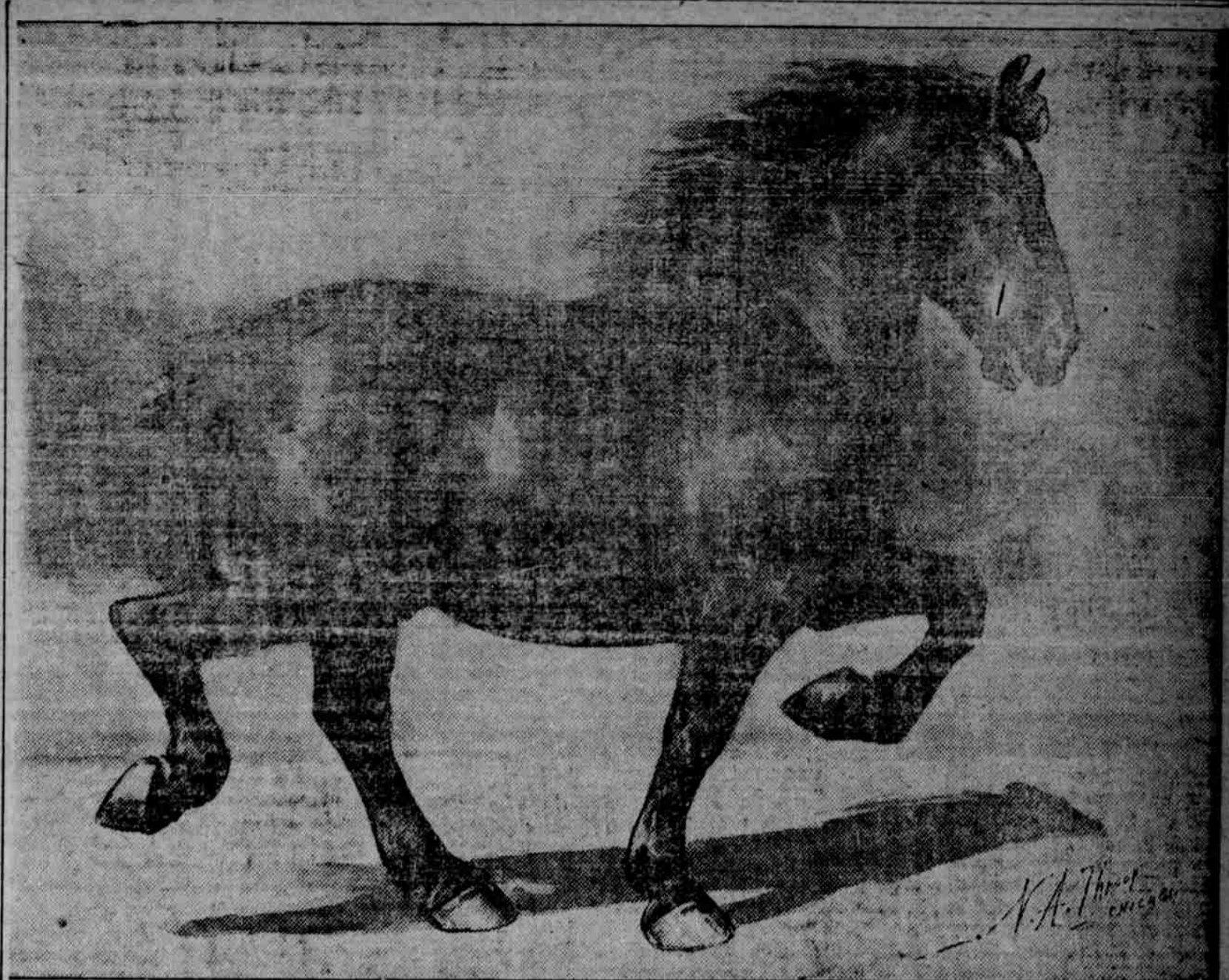
Sixto Lopez says that "the government in the Philippines is not for the Filipinos, but for a limited mercenary class," and therein Lopez told the truth.

Geo. A. Miles, who has succeeded Edwin S. Eves as publisher of the O'Neill (Neb.) Independent, gives his readers a column of editorial reasons why Hearst should be nominated and why it would be suicide for the populists to run a national ticket in opposition. He avers that if they do, "a few populist leaders and extremists might vote the national ticket, . . . but the average voter" will vote for Hearst. Well, then, what harm can there be in a populist national ticket? A few votes more or less won't cut any figure. Why argue so hard for a few paltry votes? But the populists won't have up a ticket against Mr. Hearst—so Mr. Miles needn't worry.

For a true blue fighting populist, J. A. Bodenhamer, editor and publisher of the Dalton (Ga.) Herald, stands at the head of the list these days. The editor of The Independent takes off his hat to him. If we had one like him in each state, there is no buliding in Springfield, Ill., that would hold the crowd that would assemble there on July 4.

Out in Colorado they have played anarchy, defied the courts, driven men out of the country, imprisoned others upon the orders of a militia captain and then to cap the climax they organized a Grover Cleveland club.

Cleveland don't like Tom Watson at all. He recently wrote a letter denying what Tom Watson said about Cleveland entertaining Fred Douglas at receptions at the White house. Tom gets back at Cleveland by quoting from Fred Douglas' book. Fred Douglas says of Cleveland: "He never failed to invite me and my wife to his grand receptions and we never



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failed to attend them." Douglas also says: "He (Cleveland) often wrote the invitations with his own hand." In this bout, it seems that Tom Watson has knocked the stuffing out of the old Stuffed Prophet. Cleveland's letter was read on the floor of the house. Will they dare to read Tom Watson's reply? Hardly. Perhaps they will conclude to call it a "closed incident" and then kick themselves for ever having introduced the subject of Booker T. Washington and Roosevelt's lunch.

Emperor William of Germany has declared war on John D. Rockefeller and announces that he will drive Rockefeller and his oil out of the German empire. To accomplish this feat the emperor has aided in the organization of a German oil company which is to have special privileges enough to undersell Rockefeller and if that don't do the work, tariffs, taxes and other things are to be resorted to. The kaiser has a big job on his hands.

The miserable fizzle that Roosevelt has made of every attempt at reform is exemplified in the way he was going to have the illegal fencing of government land stopped. We believe that there were some such fences taken down in Nebraska, but those ranches that belong to United States senators have not been interfered with. The other day Senator Warren rose in the senate in great indignation to denounce the statement that there were land frauds in Wyoming. Now the Rawlins (Wyo.) Journal declares that "he (Senator Warren) has one fence a short distance outside of Cheyenne which is thirty-five miles long in a straight line. There are many acres of government lands within that fence, and that those who wished to settle on these lands have been prevented from doing so by employees of his live stock company."

Secretary Taft has taken his position alongside of the apologists of slavery against whom Lincoln made his contest. He refers to the great truth first promulgated in the Declaration of Independence, that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, as "an impossible dogma" and a "rhetorical phrase." Such men as he generally call themselves "Lincoln republicans," and the mullet heads answer back: "Yep, that's so."

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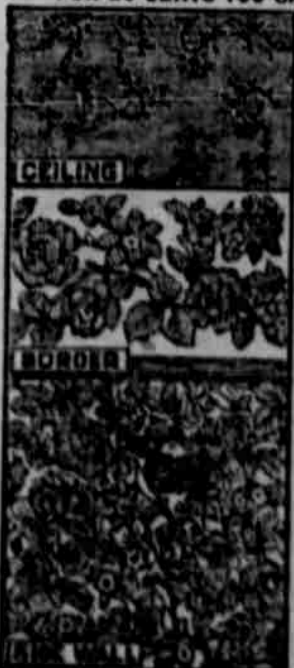
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