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Table with 2 columns: Time Table, and 2 rows: WEST BOUND, EAST BOUND.

MILL PRICES FOR FEED.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Includes Bran, Shorts, Screenings, Chop Feed, Corn, Chop corn, Oats.

John Nicholson, Dentist.

Will be in Valentine on the 20, 21, 22 and 23rd of each month.

ETTA BROWN SUPT. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Examination Third Saturday of each month and Friday preceding.

VALENTINE NEBRASKA

Moses & Hoffacker. Simeon, Nebr.



On left jaw. H on left side. H on left thigh.

S. N. Moses. X=X left side. N right shoulder. O and hip.



The Commoner, Mr. Bryan's paper will be especially interesting and instructive during the present session of congress.

In addition to the editorial department, which receives Mr. Bryan's personal attention, the Commoner contains a Current Topic department.

Arrangements have been made with Mr Bryan whereby the Commoner can be supplied at a very low rate with THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT.

A MOST LIBERAL OFFER.

All our former readers should take advantage of the unprecedented clubbing offer we this year make.

NIORRARA BILL.

Too Generous. "What was the trouble between Arabella and her young man that they gave up the idea of marrying?"

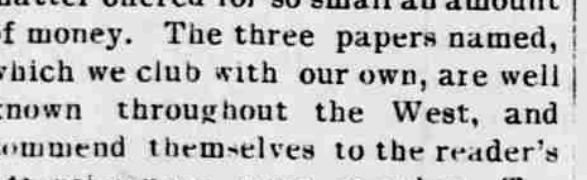
"Arabella was always techy," said the young lady's aunt.

"They kept having hitches all along, but come Christmas time Albert asked her right up and down what she wanted."

"Well, her feet aren't as small as some, but that wasn't his idea."

"Twas because he's generous and not literal. He sent her a five pound box, poor, deeded critter, and she up and broke the engagement, and his little sister ate the candy and enjoyed it, by what I hear."

MONROE DOCTRINE LAID AWAY.



It is interred in the Republican graveyard by the side of the Constitution.

FEELING THE TRUST PULSE.

We are informed by a Washington dispatch that the house judiciary committee will "not take hasty or precipitate action in the matter of regulating the trusts."

The Greatest of its Kind.

The excellent record of the "Mercantile" is attracting much attention. It now has in Nebraska over seven thousand policy holders and over six million dollars of insurance in force.

The Mutual Insurance people of the state can be proud of the fact that Nebraska has within its borders some of the very strongest Mutual companies in the world.

These companies are represented by I. M. Rice of Valentine.

Running Water. Lou Mosher was on the river Sunday.

Al Smith was on the sick list last week.

Bob Ellis went to town the first of the week.

The Niobrara Falls changed to Rocky Corner.

Samuel Heth and wife were visiting at C. Thompson's.

Charley Reece went to his brothers and brother-in-laws.

N. S. Rowley went out to his ranch with a load of freight.

S. L. Ellis went out home Sunday with a load of goods for his store.

The foot bridge in district No. 100 went out last Sunday, so there is no more school.

George Sedlacek just returned Sunday from the dance and he looked down at the lip.

The school in district 100 closed last week. The teacher was sick and she went to visit her stepmother.

STRICKEN FILIPINOS.

Thousands of Them Are Dying of Hunger and Disease.

The Secretary of War Describes the Terrible Conditions That Exist. Plague, Pestilence and Famine Are Devastating the Islands—Failure of "Benevolent Assimilation."

The once prosperous Philippine Islands have come to a sad pass. After war, murder, torture, rapine and fire have devastated the greater portion of these islands, the inevitable plague, pestilence and famine have followed in their train.

So desperate are the conditions that President Roosevelt has transmitted to congress a message inclosing a letter from Secretary Root describing the terrible conditions that prevail and asking that a special appropriation of \$3,000,000 be made for the relief of the destitute.

The great heart of the American people freely gave relief to the Cuban distress and now will respond with even greater liberality, for Cuba was only a neighbor in distress, but the Filipinos are our own people.

The government we have instituted in the Philippines collects all the revenues, and, sorry to relate, most of it is expended on our own officials who have been sent there to administer it.

Whatever disposition is to be made of the Philippine Islands will be settled hereafter. The present is no time for quibbling on political conditions when thousands are dying of hunger and disease.

The Republican administration of benevolent assimilation for the islands is a failure—our chief officials acknowledge it.

Is it to be wondered at that ladrones are organized into bands, even for plunder, with gaunt hunger stalking through the land, up to the gates of Manila?

Government of the people without their consent has always been disastrous to the governed and usually brought misfortune to those who have attempted it.

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TRUCKLING TO TRUSTS.

Treasurer Roberts' Deception as to the Cause of High Prices.

As a rule the present heads of the government departments and bureaus recognize the trusts as the real power behind the Republican throne and understand what is required of them if they wish to hold on to their jobs.

Treasurer Ellis H. Roberts was undoubtedly right when he told the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science that, with all other things equal, large additions to the currency carry up the prices of commodities measured by it.

He then said that "notable advances have taken place in the prices of articles of necessity during the last five years." His estimate of the increased cost of living as 25 to 30 per cent is undoubtedly too low, however.

Treasurer Roberts would have us infer that these increased prices and higher cost of living are due entirely to the additions to the currency of the country.

The increase in gold alone in this country, he said, had averaged \$107,733,639 a year since Jan. 1, 1896.

He said nothing about the marvelous growth of trusts since the passage of the Dingley act in 1897 and the probability, amounting almost to a certainty, that most of the advance in prices is due to the monopoly of our markets by these protected trusts.

It seems to me that the conditions resulting from the destruction by rinderpest of 90 per cent of the carabaos, the draft animals of the islands, and the consequent failure of the rice crop, followed by an epidemic of cholera, are so serious and distressing as to call for action by congress beyond that for which the commission specifically asks.

I think the occasion for relief in the Philippines is now greater than it was in Cuba when congress appropriated \$3,000,000 for the payment of the Cuban soldiers out of the treasury of the United States.

Never before has a message of a president to congress presented such a sad and disastrous condition as existing in any of the territory of the United States—worse than Cuba after the iron despotism of Spain and the brutality of Weyler had devastated that fair island.

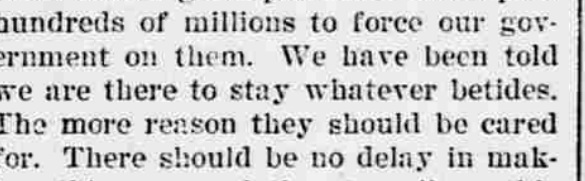
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It is up to Treasurer Roberts to tell us why, with greatly increased currency both here and abroad, prices have not risen almost as much there as here.

With all other things equal," he said. Will he please tell us what other things that might affect prices were as unequal in this period as the growth of trusts here and abroad?

No, he will not. He prefers to play the sycophant and to apologize for the trusts.

TURNING ON THE BATTERY.



Coal Trust—Give 'em all he'll stand!

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He will allow the party to hold a convention next fall and endorse his selections for governor and other candidates.

Quite a number of Republican editors of that state want the party to hold an old fashioned convention and make the nominations in the ancient way.

These are supposed to be sympathizers with the ambition of Congressman Dick, whom Boss Hanna placed at the head of the state committee.

For the past seven years Boss Hanna has had undisputed control of the Republican party of Ohio.

As the Republicans of that state evidently like to be bossed, the objections of these Republican editors will probably be futile.

What is the use of holding Republican conventions in Ohio anyway? They are expensive luxuries and under the modern boss system entirely unnecessary.

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This is a mean performance which no end of gifts to Dr. Harper's Chicago Institution can excuse—taking advantage of the stress of the people who, in the scarcity of coal, are obliged to resort to such substitutes as oil to keep warm.

If the Standard Oil trust were a poor corporation, struggling to earn no more than 6 per cent on an honest capitalization, its conduct would be viewed with more leniency.

But when it raises prices which had sufficed to yield 45 per cent on a watered capital the popular sense of decency and fairness is outraged.

THE MATRON'S SPEECH.

Eloquence That Quelled a Riot in a Military Hospital.

In the "Memories of a Hospital Matron" a writer in the Atlantic Monthly, who was head of a Confederate hospital during the war, relates this exciting incident:

"Our steward, a meek little man, came to me one day, pale with fright, and said that the convalescents had stormed the bakery, taken out the half cooked bread and scattered it about the yard, beaten the baker and threatened to hang the steward. I hurried to the scene to throw myself into the breach before the surgeon should arrive with the guard and arrest the offenders.

I found the new baker leveled to the ground and 200 excited men clamoring for the bread which, they declared, the steward withheld from them from meanness or stole for his own benefit.

"And what do you say of the matron?" I asked, rushing among them. "Do you think that she, through whose hands the bread must pass, is a party to the theft? Do you accuse me, who have nursed you through months of illness, making you chicken soup when we had not seen a chicken for a year, forcing an old breastbone to do duty for months for those unreasonable fellows who wanted to see the chicken; me, who gave you a greater variety in peas than was ever known before and who lately stewed your rats when the cook refused to touch them? And this is your gratitude! You tear down my bakehouse, beat my baker and want to hang my steward!"

"To my surprise the angry men laughed and cheered. A few days later there came to me a 'committee' of two sheepish looking fellows to ask my acceptance of a ring. Each of the poor men had subscribed something from his pittance, and their old enemy, the steward, had been sent to town to make the purchase.

Accompanying the ring was a bit of dirty paper on which was written, 'For our chief matron, in honor of her brave conduct on the day of the bread riot.'

THE COOKBOOK.

To prevent eggs from cracking when they are boiling, place a pin in the saucerpan.

If you get too much salt in the gravy, a pinch of brown sugar will remedy the saltiness without hurting the gravy in the least.

When onions are of too strong flavor to be pleasant for sauce, boil a turnip with them, but remove it before using the onions.

Never fry more than six oysters at once unless you have a very large kettle of fat. If more are cooked, they will soak grease and take a long time to brown.

Don't forget that mince-meat is a great deal better to be made a week or ten days before it is to be used. The spices and cider, etc., have thus time to percolate the apple and meat.

Peanut salad is an excellent accompaniment for roast duck. Soak a cupful of peanut meats in olive oil, drain and mix lightly with two cupfuls of finely cut celery and a dozen pitted olives. Serve with mayonnaise dressing on lettuce leaves.

PLEA FOR THE WOODEN SHOE.

"We have wisely taken to wearing sandals," says a Philadelphia physician. "I hope that before long we will learn the advantage of the wooden shoe, or sabot. Do you know that a great many diseases are due to leather shoes, due to the wearing all day long of tight leather that is often, in bad weather, water soaked? And do you know that by the wearing of wooden shoes, which keep the feet dry and which do not 'draw,' all those diseases might be avoided? I have several pairs of sabots, and so have my wife and children. They cost about 30 cents a pair and keep the feet dry, without cramping them or making them unhealthily tender. I believe that the wisest thing Americans could do would be to take up the sandal and the sabot, discarding altogether the shoe of leather."

DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT CASHBOYS.

Uncle Podunk (shopping in town, to saleswoman)—How much fer them socks?

Saleswoman—Twenty-five cents a pair.

Uncle Podunk (putting his hand in his pocket)—All right. Gimme a pair.

Saleswoman—Yes, sir. Cash, here! C-a-a-a-h!

GALVANI'S DISCOVERY.

It is to the wife of Professor Galvani of Bologna that is due the credit of having discovered the electrical battery which bears his name.

Some skinned frogs lay upon the table, and, noticing a convulsive movement in their limbs, she called her husband's attention to the strange fact, who instituted a series of experiments, and in 1791 he laid the foundation of the galvanic battery.

THEIR LUCK.

"Just my luck," said Borom. "She's always out when I call."

"So she was telling me," said Miss Peppery.

"She told you the same thing, eh?"

"Yes. Only she said it was just her luck."—Philadelphia Press.

HARD LUCK.

She—Because I cannot marry you do not be disheartened. You must face the world bravely. He—It isn't a question of the world; I've got to face my creditors.