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## "Marse Henry" Comes Home.

(World-Herald.)

The greatest and most delightful of all the great and delightful Kentucky colonels, Henry Watterson of the Locisville Courier-Journal, has returned, again, to the Bryan fold. We are always glad to see him back. His setting forth is ever an omen of interesting times ahead, and his coming home as surely marks the joyous beginning of a season of democratic harmony and brotherly love. Colonel Watterson returns this time, full panoplied in shining democratic habiliments, astride a noble charger of sable hue, and bearing on the crupper behind him, tight clasp his ample waist, the Star-Eyed Goddess of Reform. And he proposes to devote dark horse and goddess as well as himself to the faithful service of "the man from Nebraska" henceforth till after the next election!

Welcome home, Marse Henry, welcome home! Never was such a happy family as democracy will be, now that the erring prodigal has returned. There have been other wandering but well-loved sons of democracy, and they, too, are coming home on the heels of their brilliant and distinguished leader. In the democratic household there is room for all. After the feasting and the rejoicing the hosts of the party of Jefferson and Jackson and Tilden and Bryan will be ready to take the field once more, with every gap filled, presenting a solid and united front to the enemy such as has not been seen since the day we quit electing democratic presidents.

Colonel Watterson's home-coming message will commend itself, for its sound good sense, to other democrats who, like he, have wandered afield. He yields none of his differences with Mr. Bryan, but for the nonce he is ready to forget them for the sake of the

ily from one party to the other, triumphantly electing Mr. Cleveland, who up to that time had no chance whatever of election.

"The practical and sensible thing for democrats to do now is to close ranks and keep step to the drum-beats of destiny which announce the third coming of the man from Nebraska. It is idle further to dispute his leadership. If he wins, all will be forgiven; if he loses, may the Lord have mercy upon him. The Courier-Journal has in the past had no reserves and has done its duty as it saw it. As to the future, casting never a lingering look behind, it will do its horns-waggled—'Angels can do no more.'"

The Dahlman democracy club held their first annual banquet Saturday night in Omaha at the auditorium in honor of W. J. Bryan. Nearly 6,000 people were in attendance and cheered heartily and enthusiastically speeches and toasts throughout the evening. It was the biggest banquet ever given in the state and nothing like it has before been seen in the history of Nebraska democracy. The Sunday World-Herald adds:

It was not only the biggest banquet ever given in the state, but it saw among its enthused and demonstrative auditors republicans to the number of more than a thousand. It furnished prompt corroboration of the statement of Mr. Bryan, when he said, "I am having some remarkable banquets. Last night in a city of 15,000 people, there were 690 guests who sat at the table at \$2 a plate, and over 100 of them were republicans."

Last night at the tables were seated 1,212 democrats who partook of the "dollar dinner." And democrats they were last night, every one of them, both in feeling and in manifestation of approval, though there were many who have been labelled republicans from their earliest memory.

So it was through the boxes and through the packed galleries, republicans elbowing with democrats, and all feeling exceedingly twin-like. There were hundreds of ladies in the audience, republican, too, if you please, and they were fired with same enthusiasm that pervaded every nook and corner of the vast auditorium.

Politicians there were of all parties, but it was not a gathering of the kind to which they had been accustomed. More than one of them was led to comment that it was not like the old kind of a demonstration, but that it "seemed somehow more like a gathering of the real people."

### His Profession.

In the midst of our tea drinking in the little Parisian restaurant, says Miss Betham-Edwards in an account of "Home Life in France," a gentlemanly individual wearing a tall hat and frock coat entered and, after a short colloquy with the young master, passed out.

"You would never guess that gentleman's errand," Marcel said, smiling, as he resented himself at the tea table.

"He looked to me like a rather distinguished customer," I replied. "Some government functionary on half pay or an owner of bonds."

Marcel smiled again. "That well dressed gentleman, then, supplies us with toothpicks, which his wife makes at home. He calls once a month and takes our orders. I dare say he and his wife between them make from \$5 to \$8 a week and contrive to keep up appearances on that sum. It is an instance of what one calls 'gilded poverty.'"

### Not Too Crazy.

Jones, the tailor, is informed that one of his clients has suddenly gone insane.

"Oh, the poor fellow! But he'll pay my bill at least, won't he?"

"Oh, he isn't quite insane enough for that."—Paris Journal.

### Answered.

"Where shall the weary find rest?" exclaimed Rev. Dr. Fourthly, with dramatic emphasis.

A short score from the pew occupied by Deacon Hardisty was the only response.—Chicago Tribune.

The test of political institutions is the condition of the country whose fortunes they regulate.—Beaconsfield.

**Terrapin.**  
Terrapin begin laying about the middle of May and hatch in about thirty days. The female terrapin scratches a hole in the sand with her fore paws, deposits her eggs, from thirteen to nineteen, in it and then covers them up and leaves the heat of the sun on the sand to hatch out the young terrapins. They are not much bigger when hatched than a man's thumb nail and are as soft as dough. They crawl around pretty lively and begin to hunt for their food, consisting of small fish, crabs, etc. The first summer they are quite small, and about the first to the middle of November they go into their winter quarters. These consist of some soft mudhole in the marsh or on the bottom of some stream. Here they sleep until about the middle of April or later, when they come out and are of quite respectable size, say four inches in breadth. The next year they are six inches and the third seven inches in breadth. It is undoubtedly while the terrapin slumbers in the mud that he acquires the peculiar qualities for which we admire him. It is the only flesh known which one can crush in his mouth with his tongue without the aid of his teeth. The other animals run about, teething only at night. The terrapin sleeps night and day for six or seven months of the year and takes his night naps, too, for the balance of the year.—Baltimore Sun.

**Pan Portrait of Grieg.**  
Here is as vivid a picture of Grieg the man as any that has yet been drawn. A correspondent who saw the noted Scandinavian composer when he received his honorary degree at Cambridge, in England, in 1894, makes it for the Manchester Guardian: "It was a sad and a strong face that we saw, one might almost have said a grim face, but that there was nothing of hardness in it, a face which must have inspired both respect and affection in all who met him. Yet as the little, old looking man stood there in the red and yellow gown of a doctor of music there was something incongruous about his appearance, the head, encircled with long, straight, white hair, appearing above the still stiffer, straighter lines of gaudy brocaded silk, which descended to the ground in the form of a regular cone, and the smile of one visitor, who remarked that they made him look just like a penwiper, was irresistibly accurate."

**Beer Capacity of a Munich Porter.**  
An English family touring in Bavaria called at the world famous Hofbrauhaus, the pride of Munich, writes our correspondent. To the waitress serving them the head of the family in a matter of fact way simply held up his five fingers. To the family's astonishment, the waitress came back with five quart pots filled to the brim with beer. The visitors bravely struggled with the beer, but managed to dispose of only about a quart between them. Knowing that it would be considered an insult to leave beer, they called a porter and ordered him to finish it. In less time than it takes to relate it the Bavarian accomplished the task. Wiping his mustache, he demanded sixpence for the "job" and, having obtained the money, instantly ordered and emptied yet another quart pot.—London Mail.

**A Waiter's Amazing Wait.**  
The waiter spoke indignantly. "Men go about," he said, "complaining of being mistook for waiters, but it is on the other foot really that the shoe rests. Us waiters are the real complainants in these cases of mistaken identity. Our ticks are sincere. The others' ring false. For at dances and balls and such like crushes many a young man makes money by being mistook for a waiter. How does he make money? Why, he is tipped, and all them tips he pockets, never thinking of handing them over to their rightful owners. At every big affair we count on a loss of 5 per cent through the dishonest advantage that impudicious young swells take of being mistook for waiters."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

**Ohio's Pioneer Town.**  
Marietta was founded in the spring of 1788 by New Englanders, chief among them being General Rufus Putnam of Massachusetts, Samuel Holden Parsons of Connecticut and James M. Varnum of Rhode Island. The town was named after the unfortunate Marie Antoinette.

**U. S. Weather Bureau Report for week ending Dec. 11.**  
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