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OIL.

The rumor that The Standard Oil Company which brings from Europe a daily average of one hundred thousand dollars in gold and pours the same into American circulation, is about to liquidate and die because the attorney-general of Nebraska has brought an action against it, is not credited except by Blarney Smyth.

Mean and malicious men remark that Smyth brought the suit against The Standard Oil Company because that corporation had boasted that it owned "the greatest gusher" on the globe. This boast Smyth regarded as a reflection upon Bryan to whom and sixteen-toneness the attorney-general is devoted with more than Blarney Castle fidelity.

FAILURE.

The attempt—upon the part of The Chicago Times-Herald and other hide-bound McKinley organs—to make the naval career of Dewey equal in valor and victories to the military career of Colonel William Jennings Bryan is a most miserable failure.

All these efforts to shut out from the gaze of admiring and dazzled citizens the refulgent and incandescent achievements of Colonel Bryan upon the field of battle, by hoisting the Dewey record must fail. Thus will Colonel Bryan go down the corridors of the ages, in full uniform, his flag aloft and emblazoned with the legend "Invincible in Peace! Invisible in War!" All attempts to belittle Colonel Bryan as a military hero will fail—fail utterly.

A POPULIST CERTIFICATED.

The red-hot reformer who namelessly edits the central organ of populism, fusion, illusion, confusion and delusion at Lincoln proudly proclaims in a recent issue that: "The editor of The Independent began his public life under the severest denunciations of the pulpit and public press. He was once court-martialed and sentenced to be hung upon charges of being an abolitionist. There was a reward offered for his capture and a warrant was issued by the federal court upon an information charging him with being a traitor."

Certainly that man is properly certificated to express the thoughts, uphold the fallacies and give circulation to the theories of Bryanarchy.

If that "court martial" which sentenced him "to be hung," because he was an "abolitionist," had unfortunately carried out the execution, what would Bryanarchy in Nebraska be doing today for a leading editor?

By the way, when and where did that court martial convene? Who were its officers? Why was the hanging omitted?

AN INDIAN LEGEND.

An old plainsman, speaking of the cattle business, pointed out that the raising of cattle on ranches at the present day is a different thing from the raising of buffalo on the same plains, since the cattle have to spend the entire year in one more or less circumscribed locality, whereas the buffalo used to range from Texas to British Columbia, keeping abreast of the green grass and making the migration twice in each year, once north and once south. He also told a curious and obscure legend of the Arapahoes, which he said he heard from them some time in the '60's.

He said the Arapahoes told him of a wonderful stone image on a river to the southeast, which, as he understood them, was the Smoky Hill. Not far from it was another stream which was great medicine, of which they told him something he could not clearly understand, about its making men's legs and arms out of salt; he supposed this to all be a reference to the Saline river. The wonder-working image was in the figure of a buffalo, which stood astride of a great boulder, its fore legs being on one side and its hinder legs on the other.

There had formerly been a demon or malignant spirit of some kind, which had haunted this spot, and getting upon the stone buffalo would kill any Indian who was so bold as to approach it. This demon was finally overcome by the warriors, who assaulted him in such numbers that he was overpowered and slain. The magical power of the stone buffalo consisted in this, that as soon as the returning sun in the spring had called the grass to life again it would turn its head to the north, whereupon the countless hosts of the buffalo would take up their ponderous journey northward; and when in the fall it was time for them to return to a warmer climate, it would turn about and head southward. By reason of this influence over the buffalo, the figure was held in great veneration by the Indians, and they made it one of their places of pilgrimage after the destruction of the evil spirit.

PATRIOTISM.

General Victor Vifquain, an old-time friend of President Cleveland's administration, is as generous in political life as he is game in war life. He has certificated the patriotic purpose that moved the great and unselfish mind of Colonel Bryan when he reluctantly resigned, gave up all "the big ambitions" that make war glorious, and denied himself the fierce felicities of battles and bullets in a hissing, tempestuous torrent about his courage inspired person.

General Vifquain writes rather at length but he sums up tersely and declares:

"Colonel Bryan resigned because he wanted the treaty of peace ratified; that treaty was in danger, he saved it; and this has been acknowledged by all the leading papers of the country."

When any experienced military chieftain really desires peace he can always secure it by the strategy of resignation. Jomini in his art of war may not mention this method of deploying one's self out of danger but it is nevertheless practical.

"Colonel Bryan wanted the treaty of peace ratified!" Therefore he resigned.

Colonel Bryan "saved the treaty!" Without his presence at Washington all would have been lost. He made this second hand war, and the payment of twenty millions of dollars therefor a possibility. "This has been acknowledged by all the leading papers!" Invincible in peace! Invisible in war!