

gets highest prices for his wheat; exactly when the manufacturer sells most wares, exactly when the man who toils with his hardened hands is rewarded with highest wages. When do bank dividends decrease and finally fail?

"Exactly when the merchant dare not buy because he cannot sell; when factory wheels are motionless and factory fires are ashes; when the farmer burns his corn for fuel; when the miner starves at the mouth of the silent shaft; when hunger sits at the table of toil."

## POOR OLD KENTUCKY.

Man born in the mountains of Kentucky is of feud days and full of virus. He fisheth, fiddleth, cusseth and fighteth all the days of his miserable life.

He shunneth water as a mad dog and drinketh much mean whisky.

When he desireth to raise h— he planteth a neighbor, and lo! he reapeth twenty fold. He riseth even from the cradle to seek the scalp of his grand-sire's enemy, and bringeth home in his carcass the ammunition of his wife's neighbor's wife's cousin's father-in-law, who avengeth the deed.

Yes, verily his life is uncertain and he knows not the hour when he may be jerked hence.

He goeth forth on a journey half shot and cometh back on a shutter, shot.

He riseth in the night to let the cat out, and it taketh nine doctors three days to pick the buckshot out of him.

He goeth forth in joy and gladness and cometh back in scraps and fragments.

A cyclone bloweth him into the bosom of his neighbor's wife and his neighbor's wife's husband bloweth him into Abraham's bosom before he has time to explain.

He emptieth a demijohn into himself and his shotgun into his enemy, and his enemy's son lieth in wait for him on election day, and lo! the coroner ploweth up a forty-acre field to bury the remains of that man.

Woe, woe is Kentucky, for her eyes are red with bad whisky, and her soul is stained with the blood of innocent moonshiners.—Martin (Tex.) Democrat.

Under the caption of "Riches are Relative," J. Sterling Morton gives a pleasing picture of pioneer life in Nebraska. It is an interesting relation in that it is a graphic description of a life experience; it is more than that; it is an experience that will be useful to any young man who will work out his destiny on the same high plane that was followed by the author of the sketch. The Independent reprints the article from THE CONSERVATIVE. It is such experiences that the young men of today should study and copy rather than to grumble and fret at conditions.—Ottumwa (Ia.) Independent, Feb. 16.

## THE GREAT DANGER.

A prominent anti-imperialist says that Mr. Bryan is sure to be the next president. Better McKinley and imperialism than Bryan and anarchy. Bryan's sole chance depends on this, if he and McKinley should be the only two candidates, and between the time of nomination and election that which should take place before should then occur—a wave of constitutional patriotism against McKinley usurpation—then Mr. Bryan might be elected. Otherwise not. It is generally believed that there is a financial umbilicus binding Mr. Bryan to the republican central committee, especially to prevent any independent democratic uprising in favor of strict constitutionalism in opposition to McKinleyism. The task before all true Americans is to bury McKinley in his own corruption and enshroud Bryan in his own red flag and organize a party with the enacting clause of the constitution as its only platform and the sole slogan of comfort: Constitutionalism, not usurpation. Honesty and not anarchy.

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## GLORY FOR ATCHISON.

Kansas has no other city so well advertised as Atchison. In that agreeably located and commercially prosperous town live John J. Ingalls, who is richer and more certain in intellectual crops, from year to year, than the best lands are in cereal outputs; Bailey P. Wagoner, a famous lawyer; and the Atchison Globe whose editor is famous wherever good newspapers are read. In fact long before Kansas was organized the name of the editor became a household word, a bar-room greeting, a toast at banquets, when with clinking glass the hilarious banqueters cried "How, How!" and on the plains all the Indians said "How!"

## A CAMPAIGN OF EDUCATION.

There is grave need of a campaign of education to prepare the American mind for adoption of the policy of highest wisdom in respect to the isthmian canal; and it is plain that the campaign should begin at once in the senate of the United States. The wisest policy, the safest for us, the best for the civilized world, the perfect neutrality of the canal under the guarantee of all the maritime nations of the earth as a waterway which shall be open at all times, in war as in peace, to ships of every kind under any flag, is embodied in the treaty before the senate. We think there is the gravest reason to fear the failure of the present treaty. We are confident that it would not fail, but would be promptly ratified and would have the cordial approval of the American people if both the senate and the people had a clear understanding of the

principles involved, and of our true relations in peace and war to the canal. It is for the administration to undertake the campaign of education in the senate. It is the duty of every enlightened person who has sound ideas upon the subject to contribute as far as lies within his power to the preparation of the popular mind for the acceptance of the policy embodied in the treaty—New York Times.

## PLAINT OF THE GORED OX.

By no process of reasoning can President McKinley and his advisers find an excuse for the destruction of the sugar and tobacco interests of this country for the benefit of the people of Puerto Rico. The entire population of Puerto Rico is less than a million souls, and it is not a very high class population at that. The domestic sugar industry alone gives employment to more than a million of the most intelligent and thrifty people in the world. It would be manifestly an outrage to sacrifice a million and more of good Americans for a mongrel population of less than a million having nothing in common with us, not even friendly sentiments.—New Orleans Picayune (dem.).

"The Philippine Commission recommends that the Philippines be made into a territory with every power of local self-government except the power to vote in either branch of congress," premises the Boston Record (ind.). "This is a straightforward admission of their capacity for self-government. It puts them on a par with the intelligent American citizens in every state of the Union, outside of the original colonies and California, all of whom at the start have been organized as territories. If this recommendation is still thought of, all our talk that the Filipinos needed our interference in order to protect them from anarchy is ridiculous.

An old pioneer, who had tried life on the prairies of Nebraska in his log cabin, later in his little cottage, and afterwards in his palatial mansion, tells grandchildren and friends as they gather around him his experience in poverty and affluence. The whole matter is summed up in the following sentence: "The men and women are richest who have the fewest needs." We glean from THE CONSERVATIVE. This pioneer and his wife were happy in the log cabin, in the cottage and in the mansion. Contentment is happiness, but it does not bar progress, for this couple, while ever enjoying the present, were constantly progressing, and their needs never outran their circumstances. When led out of the log cabin into the cottage they were not sighing for greater worlds to conquer, and the mansion came to add to their comfort and enjoyment in old age.—Clay Center Sun.