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A Department of Agriculture.

The passage by the senate of the bill creating a department of agriculture, to be equipped officially as are the other executive departments of the government, makes it probable that the great agricultural interest of the country will speedily have a more conspicuous representation in the government, it is to be hoped with larger benefit to that interest.

The Weather Bureau.

The rejection by the senate of the proposition to transfer the weather bureau of the signal service from the war department to the proposed agricultural department may not be a matter of very great importance. The country cares very much less as to which department the bureau is attached than it does for an improvement of this service in the matter of predictions.

Art Culture in Omaha.

Art and art culture have up to this time received but indifferent attention in Omaha. It was too much to expect art culture in a comparatively young city whose activities were all centered in commercial and industrial enterprises.

A National Nuisance.

The blunt old soldier, General Sherman, says that of all the nuisances on the earth the American style of hand-shaking is the worst. He has accordingly adopted, when in large assemblies, the Chinese fashion, as he calls it, of shaking his own hands, a practice long ago adopted by George Francis Train on all occasions.

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shaking ordeal upon public men by great crowds made up of all sorts of people is one that ought to be consigned to "innocuous desuetude," and if the example set by General Sherman shall come to be generally imitated he will have performed one of the most important services of his useful career.

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The Columbus Journal concludes a laudatory editorial on the democratic vilification of Governor Thayer, as follows: "The talk concerning Thayer being a monopolist is bosh. To be in public life as long as he has, with the high positions he has occupied, and to be worth only about \$2,000, is, of itself, almost enough to refute the 'Himy' lie."

The Madison Reporter still keeps the name of G. L. Laws at the head of its editorial columns as its candidate for secretary of state, but remarks: "Secretary Laws, by using his influence to delay the action of the board of transportation puts money into the pockets of the railroads and empties the pockets of the people and at the same time asks them to elect him again this fall, that he may repeat the operation. Every voter, regardless of party, should be that he well snowed under. Teach him to be honest at least."

The Ulysses Dispatch sides up Laws' action as follows: "Secretary of State Laws will lose the votes of a considerable number of anti-monopoly republicans by his sudden flop to the railroads, just at a time when Treasurer Willard and Attorney-General Leese needed his votes to reduce the freight rates in this state. And he deserves to lose them."

The Nebraska City Press has discovered another postmaster who is an "offensive partisan." It says: "The Press is told that the postoffice at Syracuse is being used in an improper way to assist the democratic cause; that 'spurious activity' is apparent to the patrons of the postoffice, and that copies of partisan papers for which they never subscribed and which they do not want, the party who handles the mails insisting on their taking them."

The Grand Island Independent touches on the state campaign in the following vigorous manner: "The proposition of the democratic state central committee to fight it out on their 'prohibition' and 'tariff reform' issues is perfectly ridiculous. It is no prohibition issue between the republican and democratic parties. The majority of both parties doubtless is against it, and only a minority of either for it. This issue, if it comes up at all in the legislature, will have nothing to do with the old party lines. Members of both old parties will be on either side."

The members of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland have just held their annual reunion at Chicago. General Rosecrans was elected president, and among the vice presidents General Harrison's name appears. The reunion of the army corps which achieved so much glory in the war was saddened by one thought only. The face of General Sheridan, for many years president of the society, was missed. In the tributes paid to his memory his old comrades recalled with pride his great achievements. It is in such gatherings as these that the flames of friendship kindled on the battle field burn all the brighter through the years of peace.

The efforts of a number of Omaha physicians to invoke aid for the yellow fever sufferers at Jacksonville, seconded by prominent citizens, must commend itself to benevolent and humane people. The rapid spread of the scourge to other cities and whole sections of the south may, however, require a broadening of the channel of substantial sympathy. It may become necessary to extend national and state aid to the stricken people, and provide the means for subsistence of all who may be in want and distress. The initiative has already been taken in congress and in the large cities.

Told in Two Lines.

Democrat platform. Free trade for the north and protection enough in the south to keep her "solid."

But It Will.

Four years ago the democratic cry was: "Cleveland and reform." To-day it is simply "Cleveland or bust."

Quits a Giddy Fellow.

Mr. Thurman is the only man who ever carried on a handkerchief flirtation with 60,000,000 people all at once.

A Split in Texas.

A break in the solid democratic delegation from Texas in congress is within the possibilities this year. Colonel Charles Stewart, of the Houston district, who is now serving his third term, failed to secure a renomination, and as the convention broke up without putting a candidate in the field, Colonel Stewart and a democratic rival, State Senator J.

be a bill and fraud generally. Such a committee would have more business in thirty days than the bar examiners are likely to have in twelve months.

Now is the Time to Subscribe. The great democratic rainbow chaser, Cal. Brice, did not hang out any sign on the democratic headquarters in Chicago, but every one of the faithful who visited him knew that the "insinuation" of his visit was "Now is the time to subscribe."

Pluck and Business.

Kansas City is steadily losing her claim to second place as a pork packing center. As compared with last season, that city so far this fall shows a falling off in its packing of 230,000. Omaha, on the contrary, is gradually pushing her way to the fore.

A Very Popular Man.

No citizen of the United States was ever called upon by such multitudes at his own house as General Benjamin Harrison, the republican candidate for the presidency. It is estimated that since his nomination he has had more than 100,000 callers besides those of his own town, and he seems never to be weary of receiving them, and shaking hands with them as they come.

Goss Back on Morrison.

It is high time that the executive department at Washington, as well as the chief executive himself, understood fully that, whatever his potency in a congressional district wherein he was beaten, William R. Morrison is discredited in northern Illinois as a self-important politician. His assumption of party leadership in Illinois never had countenance in Cook county. He never made a speech here. He is personally unknown in this section. Competent perhaps to direct the fortunes of a postoffice at Waterloo, in the place of his residence, he is a bull in a china shop when he attempts dictation concerning the federal offices at Chicago.

The New Voter an Element.

Let it be remembered that no party management knows, or can possibly know, just how many new voters there will be this year. A political dispassionate says that assessment rolls show an increase of 20,000 voters in that city. The new naturalization in all eastern cities will be large. The number of voters coming of age in excess of the number removed by death is about 8 per cent every four years—that is, about 500,000 in the country. The party which neglects or fails to convince the new voters may be sure that shouting and the flare of torches will not make up for that neglect.

Must the Old Roman Go?

There is a scheme, born of the desperation of the democratic party, to get rid of Thurman and streak Gray of Indiana on the ticket. The fact of the idea of abandoning the old bandana in the middle of the big road while it rains shows the condition to which the democratic party is reduced.

A Confidential Joke.

"Daniel," remarked the president this morning, as he looked out upon the lawn and watched the flowers shaking off the tears and smiling welcome to a long-absent sun. "Yes, sir," responded Daniel, serenely. "The flowers you have been investigating the relation of the two great parties from a politico-economic basis."

Cal Brice's Song.

How dear to my heart is the vote of Texas, Old Texas that nothing can sever from our side, Old Texas that's solid and sure for our party, though the enemy come like a fast-flowing tide; Old Texas, where shotgun discussions public questions, And where the six-shooter speaks up sharp and quick, Where they monuments raise to the late Colonel Bowie, And voting is apt to make niggers quiver quick; That old solid Texas, that certain old Texas, that moss-grown old Texas, that dead-sure old Texas, Democracy's king.

The Bravest of Battles.

The bravest battle that ever was fought, Shall I tell you where, and when? On the maps of the world you'll find it not; 'Twas fought by the mothers of men.

Political Points.

Miss Anna Dickinson made her first campaign speech in Indiana September 20. National committee over 5,000,000 campaign documents has been sent out. Congressman W. L. Scott positively declines a renomination in the Erie district, and declares that nothing can induce him to reconsider his determination. Mr. J. Randolph Tucker, of Virginia, is suggested as minister to Spain, and we are entirely willing that he should have the appointment if he will reform his name and no longer part in the middle. Joe Howard says in a letter to the Boston Herald that he has been practically decided by the national republican committee to leave the national republican visit New York late in October. This is impossible for a republican paper to live in the far south. We have before us a copy of the Jackson (Miss.) Republican, Vol. 2, No. 15, with the names of

C. Hutcheson, are running as independents. The republicans have also a man in the field, and as Stewart's last majority was 6,500 in a total vote of 17,255, the republicans are hopeful.

It seems that there are to be more than one "camp" man orator. Prohibition candidate General Fisk has had to shut up, too, and is now preparing a falling off in its packing of 230,000. Omaha, on the contrary, is gradually pushing her way to the fore.

W. P. Tauboe, of Kentucky, represents the largest congressional district in the country. It comprises all of western Kentucky, and extends from the famous Blue Grass region to Cumberland Gap, a distance of over two hundred miles. It is a backwoods district, without railroad communication, and is canvassed by the candidate for congressional honors on horseback over the rough and rocky mountain roads.

KINGS AND QUEENS.

King Jaw Jaw, of Obobo, West Africa, has gone to St. Vincent. The czar has started on a two months' tour of southern Russia. "Christopher" is the name just given to the little prince of Greece.

Queen Victoria's Visit to Scotland.

Queen Victoria's visit to Scotland have had a striking effect upon the minds of that country. "The learned and the unlearned" have been stirred up, and are now engaged in a heated controversy. A nephew of the king, the goldsmith's art at a manufacturing establishment in Berlin. The same manufacturer long since expected for the emperor of Japan a suit of armor for which the sum of 400,000 marks is said to have been paid.

The Empress of Germany.

The Empress of Germany has sent to the czarina a beautiful fan of violet wood, which, when opened, displays the portraits of the four sovereigns of Europe. On the reverse side are biblical texts in the handwriting of the empress, which bid the great ones of the earth to be united in love.

Princess Eugenie, youngest son of the king of Sweden, is studying art in Paris.

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HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

Irish poplins are in high vogue abroad. Quite an effort is making to bring in velvet flowers among winter trimmings. Many of the new imported gowns are made with turn-down collars of velvet or moire. When broom strings are used to weave velvet, the broom is often used for them, but for trimming, blue loops of piece velvet give a much better effect.

It is almost impossible to go far astray in the choice of a dress.

A plucky little miss named Florence Morse, aged twelve, has succeeded in making the period accent of Mount Pleasant.

New gowns, female's hair goods, cushions are a victim of the fashion.

Yokes and yoke effects are multiplying on young ladies' fall costumes.

The rumor of longer walking skirts is having a good effect on the fashion.

Among the autumn styles are loose-fronted jackets, with waists cut and without made of matelasse and brocatelle fabrics.

Miss Leona Dabo, the famous artist, recently painted a beautiful picture of a young lady hanging by her feet from a trapeze.

The rage for white wool toilets which lasted all summer, will continue through the autumn.

The majority of dress skirts are made either with flat pleats down the front and sides that reach from belt to hem.

A soft silk wrap is added to many of the fine wool materials, imparting to their surfaces a gleam of astrakhan and making them gadding to their richness of effect in the color and graceful draperies of the new polonaises and long French tunics.

Miss Margaret L. Crumpton, M. D., of Pittsburgh, has been elected to the Pennsylvania Medical society of the state of Pennsylvania.

The duchess is a stately redingote designed for late autumn wear.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Rhea as Hester Grazebrook and Beatrice at Boyd's. The charming comedy of "An Unequal Match," one of the very best of the modern school, was the attraction at yesterday's Matinee at Boyd's, and it was seen by a fairly numerous audience in the character of Hester Grazebrook. There was good judgment in placing this part in her repertory, which if not the most successful, is certainly the most excellent with any of the others, while it gives a larger conception of the versatility and fine dramatic intelligence of the actress, than any other she has had. It was very highly appreciated.

Rhea's engagement closed last evening with the Shakespearean comedy of "Much Ado About Nothing," which was given with great gratification by a large audience. The role of Beatrice, the brightest, wittiest, and in some respects the most successful of dramatic creations, was portrayed by Rhea with decided success. Beauty, grace and elegance are the qualities of the ideal Beatrice, and Rhea's performance was considered simply as an impersonation her Beatrice is most charming—a being to capture the heart of a less fortunate man than Benedick is in her "swift and excellent wit," and to fully enjoy this all of it must be plainly and unobscuredly seen. Her Beatrice is a deficient, and therefore her Beatrice is robbed of the greatest delight which belongs to the role. The language of Shakespeare is full of wit. The fine character of Beatrice was quite acceptably acted by Mr. William Haines, who showed an extraordinary conception of his part and maintained it with commendable discretion. The Doberry of Mr. McManus was one of the happiest and most merited all the favor which the audience bestowed on it. Other members of the cast did well, and the evening's entertainment was the most enjoyable of Rhea's engagement.

Next Wednesday and Thursday nights will mark dramatic event in Omaha that will long be remembered. That brilliant young actor, Mr. Nat C. Goodwin, who already has a world-wide reputation as one of the most finished as well as the most realistic actors alive, will give an extraordinary engagement at Boyd's opera house on the evenings above named, being no less than four performances in all. "A Royal Revue" will be produced for the first time on any stage and if the personal assurances of Mr. Goodwin go for anything it will be the most successful of the season. It is wholly forgotten in Omaha. This play is written by a celebrated author and will bring Mr. Goodwin one step nearer his objective point, viz: The leading role of the most successful actor in the world. This play is a comedy, and is justified in cherishing such an ambition. On the same evening the comedy "Confusion" will be given. This play is a comedy, and is a very severe test of hard work, but does it to mark the event of the first production of his new play, as well as to give his theatrical friends a chance to see him in a diversified, and will give a splendid exhibition of the versatile powers of the actor. Seats go on sale Tuesday morning.

The Eton Musées.

The wonderful illusion Galatia, which has proved so satisfying wherever exhibited, will be given at the Eton Musées on Wednesday, September 25th. It is a marvel of deception. A new museum has been erected in all of the departments and the attractions promised are second to none in the world. The four plays are widely enjoyed.