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WHAT ABOUT THE PLUTOCRAT.

In the speeches of William Jennings Bryan and the crew of silver orators who follow in his wake plutocracy and the gold standard have been indissolubly linked together as were silver and wheat until the changed industrial conditions of a year ago decreed an absolute divorce between these two commodities, which we had been told were riveted together by natural law.

What now will the silver oracles say when they are told that in Mexico, that fabled silver elysium, the plutocrat is proportionately just as numerous and just as odious as he is in the gold standard United States? Will they denounce the assertion as merely another gilding fiction...

I discovered a most pestiferous class of plutocrats in Old Mexico. The Mexican plutocrat is a good deal like the American plutocrat—he is out for all he can get and he doesn't care much how he gets it.

Free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation, then, holds out no relief from the plutocrat. If the plutocrat can flourish in Mexico under a silver standard the restoration of free coinage in this country would not lose his grasp or make him less pestiferous.

TALK OF CUBAN ANNEXATION.

Senator Proctor, in his talks with business and professional men in Cuba, found some who favored the annexation of the island to the United States. Referring to this in his statement to the senate of the information he had obtained in Cuba Mr. Proctor said he was not in favor of annexation, not because he would apprehend any particular trouble from it, but because it is not wise policy to take in any people of foreign tongue and training and without any strong gulfing American element.

There is undoubtedly a widespread feeling in this country in favor of annexing Cuba in the event of a war with Spain. This is especially the case in the south, where the idea of that island ultimately becoming a part of the United States has been nurtured for many years—formerly in the interest of slavery and latterly from geographical, political and commercial considerations.

But while there are much stronger reasons for annexing Cuba than for annexing Hawaii, there are still objections to the acquisition of the former which will have weight with the conservative judgment of this country.

Mrs. Henrietta, president of the Federation of Woman's clubs, is publicly opposing a national university at Washington, because in her opinion it would be impossible to keep such a university free from political influences.

ent country and the privilege of making their own laws and regulating their own affairs. Undoubtedly they would welcome intervention by the United States in order to free Cuba from Spanish rule, but not with the condition that their country should become a part of this republic.

It may become necessary, if not in the present at some future time, for this nation to drive the Spaniard out of Cuba. Perhaps this is inevitable. But if ever it is done it should be with a view to allowing the people of Cuba to establish their own government and to enjoy independence in their own way and not for the purpose of territorial aggrandizement.

THE PASSPORT TO SUCCESS.

The common assumption that without the leisure made possible by accumulation of wealth in the hands of a few there would be no culture in the world is wholly unwarranted. While it is true that many very rich persons have devoted their lives to uplifting humanity and encouragement of the arts and sciences, the men who have made the best use of wealth have been those of moderate resources with affections and sympathies just like those of their poorer neighbors.

Whether or not it is settled that the struggle against want and privation is the mainspring of life, history will never cease recounting the noble deeds of poor people, or to tell what has been done for education, science, art, literature, invention, discovery, religion and statesmanship by those who knew nothing of fabulous wealth and cared less for it.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

The postoffice appropriation bill now under consideration in the house contains an appropriation for continuing the experiment with the free delivery of mail in rural districts, so far as has proved successful and satisfactory.

NEARING THE END.

Mr. Gladstone has returned to England and the indications are that the life of the "Grand Old Man" is near the end. It appears that he derived little benefit and that only temporary relief from his sojourn abroad and he decided to go back to Hawarden and pass his last days there.

The whole English-speaking world is interested in the veteran statesman, whose wonderful career has few parallels in history. His public life began sixty-five years ago, when most of the public men of this day were in their cradles or were yet unborn.

DOMESTIC CO-OPERATION.

A number of residents of the Kansas town of Burton have inaugurated an interesting experiment in co-operative living. Nine families have discarded their kitchen utensils and joined in support of a family club managed by a board of directors on a strictly co-operative plan where all get their meals, a club conveniently located and properly furnished for comfort, but not luxury.

According to reliable reports from Washington President McKinley is planning for a trip through the west during the summer in the event that governmental business will permit of his absence from the capital.

of domestic co-operation, resulting in substantial improvement of the condition of thousands of people.

The mistake of confusing co-operation with communism is too common. The purpose of co-operation is to effect a saving without interfering in any way with the individual independence. With this purpose kept steadily in mind co-operation in domestic affairs may be carried to a certain extent, although it can never survive when it oversteps the limit marks of the boundary of home life.

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The \$6,0000 trio of sincere state railway commissioners evidently think they see in the maximum freight rate decision complete justification for continuing their donothing attitude toward the Nebraska railroads and common carriers.

A KIDNAPING ASSAY.

Careful assays of some of the stories which come from Alaska show that they run about 3 per cent gold and 97 per cent fiction.

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lively the Chinese are supposed to be cowards. For centuries their great empire has had no real military strength and their armies have never stood against an invader.

Captain Abercrombie, who will undertake to drive the big government herd of reindeer over the passes and into the Yukon country, is entirely familiar with Alaska, as he was with Lieutenant Schwatka when the latter traveled all over Alaska fifteen years ago.

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The regular quarterly ministerial crisis is on in Newfoundland, and the governor and the ministry are at loggerheads over a railway bill. Not many years ago Newfoundland legislature passed a resolution of annexation to the United States, but serious obstacles to the consummation of this plan prevented adding to the numerous troubles of Uncle Sam.

Very Peculiar.

Some of the criminal lawyers are peculiar. If the jury is not out long enough the members are accused of not giving proper consideration to the evidence. If it is out for a long time the judge is charged with coercing it.

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BLASTS FROM BAW HORN.

There is no music for the old like an old tune. Owls have their orgies while doves are asleep. The dew of grace fall during the night of the peacocks.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

Boston Globe: A New York clergyman is preaching against dancing. He might as well preach against the ebbing and flowing of the tide.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTIES.

Somerville Journal: Once in a while a woman dreams that her husband gives her money to take her shopping with, without her asking for it.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Mules are increasing in this country while horses are growing scarce. It seems to tend to the survival of the "kickier" if not of the fittest.

THE NEW CUBINE.

We used to have old-fashioned things, like hominy and split chicken soup, made out of pork and beans; but now the bouillon, consommé, and things made from a bouillon.

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We have a lot of salad things, with dressing mayonnaise; in place of squash, blue points, fricasseed potatoes, a dozen ways.

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EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION.

Teaching Civic Patriotism in the Public Schools. Following New York's example, a movement has been started in the public schools of Omaha to enlist the children in the work of keeping the streets and public places in better order.

It is not of so much matter what we may think, or what we may intend to do, or what we say. What we DO tells the whole story after all.

In the matter of fine clothing, it is not enough that some one says that he makes the best or that his prices are the lowest for the values. What about the goods themselves? That is the proof of the boast.

Our claim is that we make good clothing. There are others. But we make the best garments that we know how to put together, and we guarantee them to be as represented. We make and sell more clothing than any other concern in the country.

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