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The recent deadly fire in Chicago, when two elevator men kept the elevators carrying living freight to safety while the flames crackled all about, is another illustration of the bravery that is so ingrained in American humanity.

Candles, candles everywhere. That is the lighting custom in Sweden, where one firm turns out for home use annually about 21,000,000 of candles of all sizes.

Arbitration will probably settle that Alaska boundary question between the United States and Great Britain. In the century and a little over the nation's existence the United States has had more than a dozen exciting controversies with England.

Dr. Willis E. Everett, of Tacoma, Wash., chemist and expert in the treatment of ores, ended 70 years of experimenting with the statement that under great heat, accompanied by explosions, he had produced gold, silver, nickel and copper from a combination of chemically pure sulphur, sodium oxide, antimony, iron, lead, oxide and carbon, with lime, silica and alumina.

Though 20 years have passed since Maximilian was shot in Mexico his brother, the emperor of Austria, always holds memorial services on June 19, the anniversary of that tragic event. At the castle of Miramar, near Trieste, on the Adriatic, the rooms occupied by Archduke Maximilian before leaving for the new world are kept, by the emperor's orders, just as his brother left them when he went to his death.

Some enterprising Maine men are doing their best to allay the fears expressed in some quarters that the supply of gold is becoming insufficient for the world's uses. They have been engaged in obtaining the precious metal from salt water and believe they have succeeded.

So much interest is at present being manifested in the United States army and navy that the relative rank of officers in the two branches of service is herewith given, lineal rank only being considered: General with admiral, lieutenant general with vice admiral, major general with rear admiral, brigadier general with commodore, colonel with captain, lieutenant colonel with commander, major with lieutenant commander, captain with lieutenant (junior grade), second lieutenant with ensign.

The attorney-general of Colorado has furnished an opinion that there is no law for women in that state dropping their maiden name on the simple excuse of a wedding. The question calling for the decision came from a woman notary public who was recently married.

The passing away of Sir Henry Bessemer has recalled the history of his great invention and its effect upon industries of the world. The production of steel in Great Britain increased many fold and there was a great reduction in the cost of manufacture.

H. O. Weaver, of the United States commission of fish and fisheries, has sent a report to Wisconsin fishermen on the fisheries of Lakes Michigan, Huron and Erie. He says that the herring catch of Lake Michigan for the last year was over 22,000,000 pounds.

HANNA ANSWERS HIS CRITICS.

The Ohio Statesman Defends Himself from Traitorous Attacks.

Almost every charge that malice can inspire and conscienceless ingenuity construct has been made against Senator Hanna by papers opposed to him in politics. Since the question of Cuban intervention has been under consideration by President McKinley these papers have persistently asserted that Senator Hanna has influenced the policy of the administration in the interest of Wall street stock speculators, including himself as one, and that he favored the settlement of the Cuban question upon a financial basis at the sacrifice of national honor.

Knowing the political motives which inspired these charges, Senator Hanna ignored them. Of late, however, they have been reiterated by papers of the same party to which the senator belongs, notably the Chicago Tribune, and these latter have elicited a reply, which, while referring particularly to the course of the Tribune, applies as well to all the papers which have misrepresented him by false accusations. Senator Hanna's reply to his critics is herewith given in full:

"So long as the attacks on me were confined to opposition papers," said Senator Hanna, "I did not care to pay any attention to them because they were either stories or purely political schemes. I feel, however, when a paper of the dignity and standing of the Chicago Tribune gives currency to such reports, possibly because I have failed to deny them, it is time for me to make an explicit statement as regards my position in the Cuban matter.

"First of all, I want to say that I am not a stock speculator. I never bought or sold a share of stock in Wall street. I do not to-day own a single share of stock in any railroad or commercial enterprise except those with which my name has been publicly identified and in which I have made investments. This being the case, I have no personal interest in a settlement of the Cuban question in any way except for the honor of the United States.

"I have never urged the president of the United States to settle the Cuban question on any financial basis whatsoever, nor have I induced any such proposal to him or to anyone else. I have been in favor of an exceedingly conservative course in regard to Cuba, somewhat on the principle that charity begins at home, but I can say positively that I have never been influenced by any financial consideration, either personal or for my friends and political associates.

"I do not believe in buying Cuba, and I am not and never have been interested in any syndicate for that purpose. I have frequently urged the president to be cautious in his movements and not to interfere with the affairs of a foreign nation until he had demonstrated the necessity of such action.

"So far as I know the president has never seriously considered settling the Cuban question on a money basis, and if he has ever done so it has not been at my suggestion. I have advised with him as a friend and as a senator, but I have endeavored not to go beyond that. I can deny in the most sweeping manner the stories which originated in rabid democratic papers that I was using my influence to delay action in regard to Cuba in the interest of alleged financial organizations. I am sorry that these stories have been taken up by the republican press, and I hope the Tribune will accept my denial in the spirit in which it is offered.

"I have differed with the Tribune as to the necessity for immediate action in the past, but this is a matter of opinion only, and I feel that my motives are beyond suspicion. I do not care for the views of my political enemies, but I am respectful of the opinions of my friends, and the Chicago Tribune's position as a great republican newspaper entitles it to this statement from me."

This is a denial which denies. It not only exonerates the senator by showing the untruthful character of the attacks upon him, but it is the best proof, aside from an official statement by the executive himself, that the president has not been influenced in the settlement of the Cuban question by any considerations other than those of humanity and national honor.

The attacks which have been made upon Senator Hanna have been in reality attacks upon President McKinley. It has been the favorite method of those who could find no reason for a direct attack to strike at the president over the shoulders of the senator from Ohio. That style of warfare is on a par with the Spanish method of a stab in the dark or from behind.

Whether or not Senator Hanna's reply will silence his slanderous critics, it nevertheless will render them harmless. —Chicago Times-Herald.

Now They Are Mums.

The silver combine is not quoting Dun's and Bradstreet's to the farmers as much just now as it was in 1896.

Spring business seems to be opening well throughout the country. This might have been expected as the natural result in a land which has been doing so great an export trade and, under favorable administrative conditions, reopening workshops that had suffered from depression. The United States has wealth and enterprise. With a restored confidence nothing is lacking. And fortune always favors the brave.—Troy Times.

Mr. Bryan says that congress should have made it \$100,000,000 instead of \$50,000,000. That shows Mr. Bryan's heart is all right for Cuba. But if we had free silver dollars instead of gold standard dollars now we would have to appropriate \$125,000,000 nearly in order to make the value of the present \$50,000,000. When it comes to buying war materials and even wheat, Uncle Sam has to pay in gold which is the money of the world.—Iowa State Register.

The popocratic pirates in Kentucky who have saddled their state with a force bill to enable them to hang on to power irrespective of the number of votes which they may get, are betraying a fear of the people which is ominous for them and for their party throughout the country. They concede that the majority will be against them in the coming elections, and that they will have no chance to hold their own in a square canvass. This is a fatal confession. A party which makes this confession proclaims its own unworthiness, and, in a democratic country, prepares for itself a crushing defeat which no election machinery that rascality can devise will be able to avert.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A REPUBLICAN YEAR.

Growth of Business, Decrease of Failures and Fewer Idle Men.

The year which has passed since the republican party has gained control of the government has been notable in many respects. It saw a controversy with Japan over the question of Hawaiian annexation, which at one time promised to be embarrassing, but which was soon settled to the satisfaction of both parties. It has seen the Cuban question reach a stage which threatened, and which still threatens, trouble between the United States and Spain. The Cuban issue was handed over to this administration from its predecessor, but the situation in several respects has changed. Spain has been forced to withdraw Weyler and to abandon, so far as she could in the interval which has passed since his recall, the more barbarous features of his concentration policy. She has also been constrained to offer the Cubans home rule. These improvements in Cuban conditions were forced by pressure from the present administration, and it will continue the work until it causes her to relinquish her hold on the island.

In the country's domestic affairs the record has been exceedingly creditable. The Pacific railroads have been disposed of in a way in which the people's interests were amply protected. A tariff bill was enacted early in the administration which has made a steady increase in the revenues ever since it went into operation. In the month ended a few days ago it furnished a surplus over disbursements. Probably in most of the months hereafter, unless war comes, there will be surpluses. The treasury gold is constantly increasing. When the fiscal year began the net gold in the treasury was about \$140,000,000, while to-day it is close to \$168,000,000. In the preceding administration \$202,000,000 of bonds were sold to buy gold, and the country's interest-bearing debt was increased to that extent. The gold fund has recently been so high that it has been embarrassing to the government. The government would rather sell gold now than buy it.

There has been a striking improvement in the business field in the past year. The balance of trade in the country's favor has been larger recently than it ever was in the past. Gold is coming into the country notwithstanding the immense stock of it which is on hand. The banks have as great a plethora of that metal as the treasury, and the tendency in both is toward larger and larger hoards. Bank clearings are making new records. Those for February, 1898, were smaller than they were for the longer month of January, but they were 51 per cent. in excess of those of February last year, the month before the present administration came into power, and they were 6.4 per cent. greater than in February, 1892, which was the largest previous record for that month. Railroad earnings are at the highest figures ever touched, and here, too, the drift is still upward. Iron production is breaking all records. Coincidentally with the great growth in business which these figures reveal there is a falling off in the number of business failures. All the country's productive energies are at a high stage of activity. The number of idle men in the country is smaller than it has been in many years. In every field, political, financial and industrial, the first year of republican sway has brought striking changes and improvements.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

The offset to yellow journalism, so-called, is the silver-plated journalism of the far west, a wretched dead-alive condition whose sixteen to one shouts are varied between times with denunciations of the administration in the present crisis. Any kind of journalism is preferable to the latter kind.—Philadelphia Press.

Treasury receipts, which averaged over \$1,000,000 a day in February, are likely to be considerably heavier than that in March. The first ten days in March produced \$11,000,000 of revenue, and it is probable that the month will show receipts higher than those of any March since the repeal of the McKinley law.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

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WOMEN AND THE WHEEL.

From the Gazette, Delaware, Ohio.

The healthfulness of bicycle riding for women is still a disputed question between eminent physicians and health reformers.

Used in moderation it surely creates for women a means of out-door exercise, the benefit of which all physicians concede. Use to excess, like any other pastime, its effect is likely to be dangerous.

The experience of Miss Bertha Reed, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. J. R. Reed, 335 Lake St., Delaware, Ohio, may point a moral for parents who, like Mr. and Mrs. Reed, have experienced some concern for their daughters who are fond of wheeling.

In the fall of '96 Miss Bertha, who had ridden a great deal, began to fall in an alarming manner. She grew steadily paler and thinner, and it appeared she was going into consumption. Rest and quiet did her absolutely no good.

A physician found in her pulse a rate of 120, a very high rate. Thinking this may have been due to temporary nervous excitement, he examined her, but her pulse continued at that rate for two weeks.

She was satisfied then, from her high pulse and steadily wasting condition that she was suffering from anaemia or a bloodless condition of the body. She became extremely weak, and could not stand the least work or excitement. In this condition of affairs they were recommended by an old friend to get some of that famous blood medicine Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

They did so, and almost from the first dose Bertha began to improve. She continued to take the pills and by means of those pills made entirely well, and more grateful people than her parents cannot be found in the whole State of Ohio.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have proved a boon to womanhood. Acting directly on the blood and nerves, they restore the requisite vitality to all parts of the body; creating functional regularity and perfect harmony throughout the nervous system. The pallor of the cheeks is changed to the delicate blush of health; the eyes brighten; the muscles grow elastic, ambition is created and good health returns.

A CURE FOR FOOLISHNESS.

How Buffon's Family Got Him to Resign from the Buckers and Kickers.

Buffon is rich and proud. He comes of a good old family and is a recognized society leader. He has with some of his well-bachelor friends, organized the "Buckers and Kickers," of which he was made grand high contortionist. The order had no object but fun, yet it maintained a show of mysticism and announced its meetings in a way to arouse general curiosity.

Buffon went east for a rest and change. His immediate family and friends did not like his belonging to a fraternity with such a name and such doubtful aims. They say he proceeded to get even. The first day at a New York hotel he received a dozen letters, and on the envelope of each, in big type, was his name and his title as grand high contortionist, followed by the address to which the letter was to be returned, if not called for. The clerk noticed it, and others who were getting their mail could not but see what was as plain as a hand bill.

He was indignant at this use of his official envelope, and indignation became explosive when a Gotham theatrical manager called on him, asked if he belonged to the "perfish," and if he were open to engagements.

Buffon fired a hot letter home, bearing an immediate delivery stamp. He informed the folks that it was in the worst taste to send private correspondence in a business envelope. He wanted no more of it. It had cost him a great annoyance and he was going to change his hot act one. But that "grand high contortionist" pursued him like an avenger until he returned home, raked all his relatives over the coals, resigned from the Buckers and Kickers and made a bonfire of the stationery which he held as grand high contortionist.—Detroit Free Press.

Reading Aloud is Beneficial.

Reading aloud is a beautiful practice in the home circle, and medical authorities agree that it is a most invigorating exercise. Persons who have a tendency to pulmonary disease should methodically read aloud at stated intervals, and even recite or sing, using due caution as to posture, articulation and avoidance of excess. Here is where our scientific professors of vocal culture, in elocution and song, should find immense service in the establishment and development of health as well as in the ravishment of sweet sounds.—Boston Herald.

Twinges.

Mrs. Day—The doctor ordered your husband whisky for rheumatism. Does it do him any good? Mrs. May—He says it does him a world of good, but I notice the twinges come upon him more frequently than ever.—Boston Traveler.

A profitable religion never wanted proselytes.—Ital.

A pebble and a diamond are alike to a blind man.

The family with but one boy in it may be thankful if he amounts to anything at all.—Washington Democrat.

Overworked—"I think I shall have to discharge my office," says a man. "What's the matter with you?" "All there is for him to do at the office is to tear off the sheets once a month from the calendars hanging on the wall, and when he tore them off on the first day of March, he kicked because February was such a short month."—Chicago Tribune.

Some people even think they concede a great deal if they allow others to think as they please.—Washington Democrat.

When a man is not on terms with himself, he is not on terms with anything. The disaster that a single conceit can bring to everything; and much of his conduct, his treatment of others, his opinions, mysterious as they may seem, are but the inevitable outcroppings of his self-disturbance.—J. F. W. Ware.

Declined to Run—"What are my chances for reelection?" asked the state senator. "You haven't any," replied his lieutenant. "Are you sure of that?" "Positive." "Then, will you kindly convey the information to the press that my private business has become so pressing that, in justice to myself and family, I feel that I can no longer afford to neglect it." Consequently, I shall positively refuse to accept a reelection under any circumstances.—Chicago Evening Post.

NO RELIGION ABOUT FISH.

The Names of Several Are Used as Term of Opprobrium—Skates, for Instance.

"Didn't it ever strike you that it's highly inconsistent to associate fish with Lent, as the church does, Mrs. Grumpus?" said Mr. Grumpus at the breakfast table, as he picked dubiously into the suburbs of his fish cake with one tine of his fork. Mr. Grumpus' appetite had been sufficiently gratified at the club the previous night to make him a trifle critical.

"What put that ridiculous notion into your head?" inquired Mrs. Grumpus, with one eyebrow lifted in a suspicious and inquiring way. "Take that popular expression: 'You're a lobster,'" continued Mr. Grumpus. "Not that you are a lobster—"

"Oh, let remain, 'You're a lobster,' said Mrs. Grumpus, cheerfully. "Married, don't you see, is a term of reproach. That's one instance of the way the finny world is resorted to for an expression of censure. Another old phrase is 'as dumb as an oyster.' The very dumbest thing on earth or in the waters under the sea, Mariah, is an oyster. It's the very opposite of a woman, you know, ha, ha. That's one on you, eh, Mariah? Remember that other old term showing how a man looks to the scaly world when he wants a simile or a metaphor indicating contempt—I mean it is still common to call a bad lawyer a 'land shark.' Why, I could prove how low down fish are by a number of examples, and yet fish are associated with the most religious part of the year."

"John?" "Is there such a fish as a skate?" "Why—er—yes, I believe there is." "Is it ever used by men as a simile or a metaphor in describing other men—sometimes?" "You don't mean to be personal, Mrs. Grumpus?"

"Well, John, if I were a man I'd say 'You're a skate'—and now we are even." Mr. Grumpus grinned and ate his fish cake like a man, although it had grown cold.—N. Y. Sun.

He Didn't Want the Route.

"Senator Sulloway, of New Hampshire, tells a good one when he gets warned on the civil service question," said one of the statesmen who came to help the Michigan club celebrate Washington's birthday. "Somewhere in the south a bright colored boy appeared before the commission to be examined for the position of letter carrier."

"How far is it from the earth to the moon?" was the first question asked by those who were to determine the young man's fitness for the place he sought. "How far am I from de earth to de moon?" echoed the applicant. "My Lawd, boss, if you's gwine to put me on dat route I don't want de job."

"With that the young man grabbed his hat and left as though he were chased."—Detroit Free Press.

Shake Into Your Shoes.

Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, nervous, smarting feet and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, itching feet. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores, 25c. Trial package FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Evidence.

She—Wasn't John Calvin a married man? He—He must have been. Didn't he reject the doctrine of free will?—Puck.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c. An Atechison boy has such a wonderful memory in relating every old joke that he ever heard that his family is thinking of making a public lecturer of him.—Atechison Globe.

Piso's Cure for Consumption has no equal as a Cough medicine.—F. M. Abbott, 383 Seneca St., Buffalo, N. Y., May 9, 1894.

A mouthful of meat may be a townful of shame.

Gentle treatment. St. Jacobs Oil soothes Neuralgia and cures it. It fades away.

A woman with a wart on her neck looks better with high-necked gowns.—Washington Democrat.

Crutches and cruel pains from Sciatica. From St. Jacobs Oil the cure of it.

"A word to the wise is sufficient!" Possibly—but the man must be mighty wise and the word mighty sharp.—Rural New Yorker.

Don't snap in two. Limber up. St. Jacobs Oil will cure lumbago sure.

Let a big fish shave off his mustache and all the little fish follow suit.—Washington Democrat.

How to cure Rheumatism? Use St. Jacobs Oil. It subdues. It cures.

Lots of men have college diplomas hanging in their parlors and weeds growing in their gardens.—Washington Democrat.

Reports of Delegates Who Have Visited Western Canada.



The following letters have been selected from a large number of those sent by delegates to report on Western Canada to their friends in Michigan, and as a result of which hundreds of people expect to leave this spring for the Free Grant Lands of Western Canada.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 10, 1897.

Mr. M. V. McInnes, Chief Colonization Agent, Detroit, Mich. Dear Sir: We are pleased to state to you that we have found the country in the vicinity of Alameda fully up to what you and Mr. Keller had represented it to be. It is in fact an ideal location for mixed farming. The soil is the best we ever saw, and as the farmers were all busy at threshing, we had an excellent chance to see its productive quality, which cannot be surpassed anywhere. The cattle could not be in better condition. We saw two-year-old steers equal to three-year-olds raised in most places, and these, as all others are about Alameda, were fed on native hay in winter and herded in summer. As we had previous to this visited the Northwestern States in behalf of a large number of farmers, to locate suitable land for mixed farming, we are now in a position to say that the Alameda district of Western Canada surpasses them all. The country is equal to that about Farmington in Germany. We were rather skeptic before starting, and our intention was to settle in spring, if we were suited, but we have now decided to move at once—that is, as early this fall as we possibly can. We left Mr. Riedel at Alameda, and take back his report, and we will take his family and effects with us when we go. Yours sincerely,

(Signed) ALBERT MAI, FRED GOTTOWSKI.

Alameda, N. W. T., Aug. 31, 1897.

Dear Friends of Saginaw:

Those desiring to secure a good and sure home will do well to take our advice and examine the land in the neighborhood of Alameda, as we know that everyone who sees this land will be agreeably surprised. Before seeing this land we were partly in doubt as to moving here, but after looking it over we at once decided to make our home here, and we beg those of our friends who are desirous of securing farms not to let this chance slip by, as the soil is of the best and the water cannot be excelled. The finest wheat ever sown is also raised here. We shall return home in haste, straighten out our affairs and move here at once. Yours truly,

(Signed) WILLIAM GOTTOWSKI, ALBERT MAI, WILLIAM RIEDEL, (of Saginaw.)

Ludington, Mich., Nov. 1, 1897.

M. V. McInnes, Esq., Colonization Agent, Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir: We have just returned from the West, and were exceedingly well pleased with the country. We are going back to take up our homesteads in early spring. The finest wheat ever sown is also raised here, working for farmers, and the board was the best we ever had—the beef and mutton especially were excellent. The fine flavor is owing to the fine grasses which the cattle and sheep feed upon. The people are very hospitable and treat their hired help with much kindness.

The grain is much heavier than here, wheat being 62 lbs. to the bushel, oats 45 lbs. and barley once decided to make our home here, and we beg those of our friends who are desirous of securing farms not to let this chance slip by, as the soil is of the best and the water cannot be excelled. The finest wheat ever sown is also raised here. We shall return home in haste, straighten out our affairs and move here at once. Yours truly,

(Signed) CHAS. HAWLEY, JOSEPH DOLA.

Talking of weather signs, it is fair to suppose that, when allspice is adulterated with cocoon shells, the season will be mild.—Rural New Yorker.

Time counts, health gains. A quick, sure Cure—St. Jacobs Oil for sprains.

Married women think every unmarried woman must have a history.—Washington Democrat.

Better times come to all cured of aches And pains by St. Jacobs Oil.

A moneyless man goes fast through the market.

Advertisement for Bad Blood and Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Includes text: 'Bad Blood is a good thing to be rid of, because bad blood is the breeding place of disfiguring and dangerous diseases. Is YOUR blood bad? You can have good blood, which is pure blood, if you want it. You can be rid of pimples, boils, blotches, sores and ulcers. How? By the use of Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It is the radical remedy for all diseases originating in the blood.' Also features an illustration of a person and the text 'Take Ayer's Sarsaparilla'.

Advertisement for Candy Cathartics. Includes text: 'CANDY CATHARTIC. CURE CONSTIPATION. REGULATE THE LIVER. ALL DRUGGISTS.' Features a large illustration of a candy box.