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JOB PRINTING. The Job department of the Press is complete and affords facilities for doing the best class of work.

The Boss Turkey. Jack House, belonging to Mrs. H. W. House, of South Bend, Ind., is undoubtedly the largest turkey in the United States.

Elias Hartz, aged 84, the goose-bone weather prophet, of Reading, Pa., predicts the mildest winter on record.

Persons owning house dogs hear with dismay the startling things that bacteriologists say about their germ-carrying facilities.

Holiday and holy day are essentially one and the same word, yet they have come to mean almost exactly opposite things.

A professor who has made a study of children says he has discovered why the majority of people are right-handed.

GOT TO FIND A BONE.

We've got to hustle every minute. We've got to hustle every minute. We've got to hustle every minute.

If you belong to Bryan's band. Dig your toenails in the sand!

Twixt you and me I really think. Twixt you and me I really think. Twixt you and me I really think.

If you belong to Bryan's band. Hunt the alleys, scratch the sand.

SOUND AND SENSIBLE.

President McKinley Is Opposed to Office-Holders Being Delegates to the National Convention.

President McKinley is stated in a New York dispatch to have intimated to certain republican leaders that he would much prefer that no federal officeholder be chosen a delegate to the next republican national convention.

The national convention is the grand inquest of the party, charged with the duty of formulating the issues on which it will appeal to the people.

President McKinley is already assured of renomination by the republican national convention. He is thus removed from any possible temptation of securing his own success by packing the party grand jury with men under personal obligation to him.

COMMENT AND OPINION.

Many democrats who thought Bryan a brilliant opportunity in 1896 look upon him as a crushing necessity for 1900.

Every day brings good news for the republicans. Carl Schurz now threatens to take the stump for the democrats in 1900.

"Ah! money comes hard, nowadays," cried the free silver orator, savagely. He had just presented a check for \$500 and got paid in silver.

Marcus A. Hanna, more than any other man, managed the election of 1896 with success. The conviction of free silver papers that his continued prominence would be a source of weakness to President McKinley, were the latter renominated, would be pathetic, if it were not transparent.

A superstitious democrat points out the fact that Jefferson was defeated in 1796 and elected in 1800. From this he reasons that Bryan will see history repeat itself and become president-elect next year.

DISSOLUTION OF DEMOCRATS.

A Party Without a Mission Beyond Creating Public Distrust.

There is a growing conviction in the consciousness of certain of the party leaders in various states that the democratic party is suffering from some mysterious disorder.

And yet it is not a matter of difficult solution when intelligently considered. The party that originates nothing in progressive practice and holds lightly all allegiance to established principles, offering naught itself and opposing with unreasoning prejudice all of benefit to humanity and national advancement set forth by others, is without element of cohesion, and, in the very nature of the case fosters division and incites dissolution.

A party whose mission is the confuting of all these conditions through which comes peaceful employment in profitable pursuits is inimical to the interests of every class of citizenship.

That is true both as a specific and a general proposition. It applies in the present as it has applied in the past, as it will apply in the future.

Are not these sufficient reasons for desertion by the voters of the democratic party—a party, as now constituted—that stands for all that is vicious in public policy, bereft of principles and devoid of leadership?

Under Jefferson, its founder, the democratic party became a power and held unbroken mastery for over half a century. So long as it was loyal to honest government sound money, national progress and the flag, it was supreme.

After that, what? Bryan, with repudiation, anarchy and an aggravated assertion of isms, out of which was born popocracy as substitute for democracy.

Is it any wonder such a party is suffering defection of voters? In common reason, could there be any other result?—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Hot Shot from a Democrat.

Stick a pin here. The men who are making the most noise denouncing the United States for leaving its continental shores to preserve peace and protect life and property in the islands of the Pacific, which the fortunes and responsibilities of war have placed in our hands, are the same men who with equal noise demand that the United States shall leave its continental shores to meddle in a war in far South Africa, and gratuitously insult a friendly power by taking sides with its opponents.

THE BOER WAR.

Sickness Appears Among the Horses of Both Armies—Bullier Destroys a Bridge—Several Skirmishes Are Reported.

London, Dec. 26.—Nothing has arrived from South Africa that would indicate any change in the military situation there. The war office is issuing lists of further deaths and wounds, as well as accounts of sickness.

Four hundred British cavalry horses, it is said, have already been shot, owing to the occurrence of glanders. The disease is likely to spread with much greater rapidity among the British horses than among the hardy Boer ponies and this may mean a considerable prolongation of the campaign.

A dispatch from Chieveley, dated December 19, says: "The British naval guns have destroyed the Colenso ford bridge, thus preventing the Boers holding any position south of Tugela river."

The Cape Town correspondent of the News, telegraphing December 20, says: "Gen. Methuen intends to remain at Modder river about three weeks longer. From Boer sources I learn that there are 8,000 European officers and men skilled in modern military tactics, particularly artillery, now in Pretoria as a reserve."

A dispatch to the News from Ladysmith, dated December 25, by helicopter, says: "Another sortie last night. Gen. Hunter, with 500 men, destroyed one six-inch gun, one howitzer and one Maxim. One Briton killed. The Boer gunners fled."

London, Dec. 25.—Winston Churchill's new arrival at Chieveley camp is perhaps responsible for some over-coloring of the gravity of the situation, but all to-day's news conveys the impression that Bullier may be intending another attack upon the Boer position. Certainly the Boers are not inactive.

The Boers continue fortifying the hills. Gen. White, however, believes that all was well in Ladysmith on December 26. Competent military critics in London regard the campaign as at a complete deadlock for the present, owing to the dispersal of the British forces and the lack of adequate transport.

Ladysmith had a busy morning Monday shelling the Boer position on Umbulwana mountain. The bursting shells were plainly visible at Chieveley. Our scouts having reported Boers in force on this side of the Tugela river, three regiments of regulars, supported by artillery and all the available mounted volunteers, under the command of Lord Dundonald, advanced.

London, Dec. 29.—During a lull in the military operations in South Africa the papers are filled with letters and articles criticizing the government and the campaign and suggesting remedies, improvements, alterations in the plans and the like.

The Transvaal government, according to information supplied by Boer sympathizers, threatens to "reduce the rations of British prisoners if England stops the entry of food into Delagoa bay."

The British government now evinces a marked change from its attitude in the early stages of the war and shows a disposition to accept assistance from any quarter. The yeomanry committee has issued a statement to the effect that the government considers the formation and dispatch of yeomanry as one of the most pressing needs of the situation and has intimated that it is now prepared to accept from 8,000 to 10,000 yeomanry, instead of the 3,000 originally asked for.

Chieveley Camp, Natal, Dec. 29.—A heavy Boer gun on Bulwana hill fired steadily on Ladysmith all Wednesday morning. Ladysmith did not respond. The enemy having been again detected attempting to improve its trenches facing Gen. Bullier, the British heavy guns opened upon them and the Boers scampered back into the hills.

The British patrol sighted the enemy in force on the extreme left. Nine Boers were killed in a skirmish that followed, and six Boer wagons were captured.

A Mission of Mercy. Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Philadelphia will send a hospital ship and a large corps of American physicians and surgeons to Transvaal. Subscription lists will be circulated and a pro-Boer public meeting will be held at the academy of music with that end in view.

Unable to Pronounce It.

The neighbors of a certain well-known Memphis Irish family say that the good housewife and her lord never know what domestic discord is except when the old man goes home slightly in his cups.

"Moike to quit it?" The storm, according to the story, have grown less violent of late years, and for that matter the tipsy periods of "Moike" are not of such frequent recurrence as formerly. Not long ago, so the story goes, the old man went home pretty well tanked, and his wife met him.

"You are fortunate," replied the chemist. "I represent that concern," said the young man.

"You flatter me," she said. "After all, beauty is but skin deep, you know."

"True," he replied, "but just think of the vast number of girls who haven't got it half that deep."—Chicago Daily News.

Through the South to California.

To those contemplating a trip to California, particular attention is called to the Sunset Limited service from New Orleans to Los Angeles and San Francisco via the Southern Pacific Company's Sunset Route.

After all, the question which disturbs men most, is how to earn more and work less.—Atchison Globe.

THE MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various commodities including flour, wheat, corn, oats, and other goods. Columns include item names and prices per unit.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions.

Every Friday night, at 10:35 p. m., a through Tourist Car for Los Angeles and Southern California, leaves the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Union Passenger Station, Chicago, via Omaha, Colorado Springs and Salt Lake City, for all points in Colorado, Utah, Nevada and California.

In addition to the regular Pullman porter, each car is accompanied by an intelligent, competent and courteous "courier," who will attend to the wants of passengers en route.

Knave in Ligh. A certain Pennsylvania Sunday school teacher, questioning her class, "Where was Christ born?" she asked of Willie. Willie pondered awhile and finally announced: "Mauch Chunk!"

Winter in the South. The season approaches when one's thoughts turn toward a place where the inconveniences of a Northern winter may be escaped.

Customer—You sell cracked eggs at half price, do you not? Clerk—Yes'm; we always make 50 per cent. reduction on cracked goods. Anything else to-day?

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O! Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee.

Her Modest Hint. He—Were you ever caught beneath the mistletoe? She—Perhaps you had better come around on Christmas and see if I act like one who has had experience.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Lane's Family Medicine. Moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25c and 50c.

The person who gives a note is allowed three days of grace—after that how many of disgrace we are not in a position to state.—Philadelphia Times.

The Queen & Crescent. Only 24 hours to New Orleans. The Queen & Crescent is the shortest line South.

An old bachelor says that some women are born foolish, some achieve folly and the rest marry fools.—Chicago Daily News.

Babies Will Not Laugh. When noxious drugs are given them for Croup, Coughs, Colds and Bronchitis, Hoxsie's Croup Cure is the best. 50c.

Advertisement for Captain Gridley's Mother Peruna. Includes an illustration of a ship and text describing the medicine's benefits for various ailments.