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

There has been a movement on foot for the past two years to organize a First Settlers society in Illinois to perpetuate the history of the men and women who came into this state in the days when Illinois was a wilderness.

You have heard persons say: "I never read poetry." If this remark is made affectedly, as if to say: "Poetry is silly, and I am above such frivolity as reading it," there is no need to comment upon the foolish ignorance of anyone who knows no more than to talk so absurdly.

The twentieth century will have 24 leap years, the greatest number possible. February will have five Sundays three times—1920, 1984 and 1976.

Educated Chinamen. It is stated, declare that the accounts of the disturbances occasioned by the Boxers are greatly exaggerated, and that they are simply being taken advantage of by the great powers as an excuse for landing more troops.

The postmaster of Round Up, Kan., recently received notification from the department in Washington that he would be compelled to give a larger bond for the faithful performance of his duty.

According to Mr. Wilson, secretary of state for agriculture, the skins of superfluous dogs in Nebraska are tanned and made into gloves.

INCREASE OF WAGES

Results of McKinley's Policy of "Opening the Mills."

Two Hundred Factories Paid Out Twice as Much Money in Wages Last Year as They Did in 1894.

Akron, O.—"In the campaign of 1896 Mr. McKinley made one remark that went to the hearts of the people from one end of the country to the other. It was: 'Open the mills.'" said Gen. Charles Dick, secretary of the Republican national committee.

SHOO, BOSSY!



increase in the number of men employed by these same factories has been startling. In 1894 they employed 90,483; in 1897 they employed 169,600; in 1898 they employed 131,428 men, and last year they employed 174,645 men.

But the contrast is even more striking when applied to the amount of wages paid, and the following table shows the returns received from the 200 manufactories:

Table with 2 columns: Year and Wages Paid. Rows include 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, and averages for 1890-92, 1892-96, and 1897-99.

"The amount of wages paid by these same 200 manufactories increased steadily from 1890 to 1892, then there was a drop in 1893 and another drop in 1894. During the next two years wages picked up, but it was not until 1897 that these same manufactories were paying out as much money in wages as they had paid in 1892.

"Between 1894 and 1899 the 200 manufactories of the National association who reported to us had increased their pay rolls by upwards of \$38,000,000—in fact, the amount of wages which they distributed last year was almost double what they paid out in 1894.

"If this ratio of increase were applied to the whole country, without taking into account the number of new factories that have been started in the last few years, who can deny that general prosperity has visited the country? And what a depth of meaning those three words: 'Open the mills,' uttered by Mr. McKinley less than four years ago, has really conveyed."

When Our Credit Is Good. American credit stands higher than that of any other nation.—Republican Platform.

It was not so when the last democratic president was trying to borrow money in England.

Against American Labor. Boss Bryan's pro-pop party favors free trade, while the American labor...

TRADE BALANCES.

Apparent and Real Favorable Balances of American Foreign Trade.

Nothing so perpetuates the debtor condition of the United States as its annual payment to foreign shipowners of some \$200,000,000 each year. When to that amount is added the sum paid for insurance, banking and exchange to foreigners because they control the means of transporting our exports and imports, the cash or its equivalent in our products annually drawn from the United States largely exceeds \$200,000,000.

During the last four years the apparent balance of trade in favor of the United States has closely approximated to two thousand millions of dollars. Were that an actual rather than an apparent favorable trade balance we would soon cease to be a debtor nation.

ROBBING THE BOERS.

Democrats Collected Money for Widows and Orphans.

Only Eighteen Dollars Left Out of \$1,134.38—Congressman Sulzer Said: "Tear Up the Vouchers"—Big Wine Bill.

A short time ago, just prior to the adjournment of congress, there was a grand reception given to the Boer envoys in the nation's capital at the Grand opera house, when the British lion's tail was twisted, not to the queen's taste.

The sum of \$18 out of \$1,134.38 is all that is left. The treasurer, in defense of this strange showing, says: "Mr. Sulzer (a vocal Boer champion, and vocal contributor also) told me to tear up the vouchers and say no more about it."

The meeting was not prompted by charity, love for the Boers or anything of that sort, but was a plan to discredit the administration, and the result is that those connected with the scheme are to-day the laughing stock of everyone.

What McKinley Wanted. The president urged that the Dingley tariff duties should be so levied as "to relieve and encourage agriculture."

The whole business is pathetic, ridiculous and dishonest. Under democratic management it has taken \$1,116 to put \$18 where it belongs.

A Strong Team. In President McKinley, the people have a man of high character, unswerving reputation, unserving patriotism, and a stronger candidate than he was in 1896.

It is evident already in the campaign that the democratic party expects to depend on declamation rather than proofs, and expects the country to believe that it is going to the bow wows simply because they say so.

Supplies the World. Upwards of \$50,000,000 more of American agricultural products were exported in the fiscal year just ended than in 1899.

Something Like Groves. There is no serious danger that Bryan's military history will overload the ticket with militarism.

May Be Footless. Croker's \$4,000 bull pup will be an old dog before free silver carries in New York.

PEACE IN PHILIPPINES.

Native Paper Says Let War Cease at Once—Interests of the Country at Stake.

The civil commission presided over by Judge Taft will soon arrive at Manila, charged with establishing in the archipelago a provisional government, a preparatory step to the establishment of a permanent government.

Judging from the impressions set forth in the press concerning the plans of this commission, the questions which will be submitted to their consideration will be carefully studied, and as the chief of the commission is to restore peace as soon as possible, it will undoubtedly hear the opinions of all those who pretend to direct the politics of the country.

The different elements which now find themselves in opposite camps, into which Philippine politics are now divided, should blot out their differences in order to labor with the commission as soon as it commences its difficult labors.

Peace with such a solid foundation, peace prompted by love, is the peace which must bring to the Philippines the happiness desired, because it will be a perpetual peace, maintained and supported by the noble and magnanimous North American nation.

Let the war cease at once as it is a sarcasm in these times of civilization and progress.

Cubans Are Grateful.

Cubans can never be too grateful to Foraker for saving their island for them. Military officials are not competent to deal with questions which involve personal and public interests in such a peculiar manner as they would be in the matter of concessions.

The following table shows the per capita stocks of gold and silver in 13 principal countries in the world in 1873 and 1899:

Table with 3 columns: Countries, Gold, Silver. Rows include United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Austria-Hungary, Australasia, Denmark, Sweden, Norway.

Only France, Germany and Australia now have more gold per capita than the United States.

McKinley Encouraged Mining. President McKinley recommended that the Dingley tariff should be so levied as "to aid and develop mining."

The production of tin plate in the United States has been as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Long Tons, Short Tons. Rows include 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899.

The democratic platform forgot to point with pride to this young industry, which gives direct employment to fully 17,000 people, earning \$10,000,000 a year in wages in the United States.

Farm Crop Values. Note the difference in values of the following three farm crops in 1896 and 1899:

Table with 3 columns: Crop, 1896, 1899. Rows include Corn, Wheat, Cotton.

Against the Law. It is evident that the democratic platform builders forgot that there was such a body as the supreme court, whose business it is to interpret the constitution of the United States.

Prices paid for sheep in Oregon were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Price. Rows include 1894 Yearling ewes, 1895 Yearling ewes, 1896 Yearling ewes, 1897 Yearling ewes, 1898 Yearling ewes, 1899 Yearling ewes.

A FRIENDLY HAND.

Uncle Sam Will Mediate on Behalf of China.

Imperial Government's Request that American Statesmen Use Their Good Offices with European Powers Is Granted, with Certain Conditions.

Washington, July 24.—The president has listened to the appeal of the Chinese government as transmitted through Minister Wu, and has signified his willingness to mediate between the Chinese government and the powers, but only upon conditions which first must be met by the Chinese government.

It would not, of course, be possible to take even the initial steps toward mediation were either party to the negotiations to entertain open distrust of the accuracy of the statements of the other.

Washington, July 25.—The state department is again in a waiting attitude regarding China. It has frankly, promptly and fully answered the Chinese emperor's appeal for mediation, and the correspondence makes it appear that the next move is for the Chinese government.

The difficulties in the way of such an undertaking are likely to be many and serious, in view of the feeling in Europe. But it is said here that the United States will undertake the task, provided its conditions are met.

One fact regarded as now beyond need of further demonstration, in view of the Chinese appeal, is that the Chinese officials at the coast ports are in communication with whatever remains of the imperial government at Peking, and the text of Kwang Si's appeal appears to establish the fact that the Chinese government itself is sanctioning the resistance to the international advance upon Peking.

The state department does not expect a reply to the president's answer until six or eight days have elapsed. The Chinese appeal is an adroit production. The president's answer is equally clever and more sincere.

Report that Admiral Seymour Killed His Wounded Men Seems to Have Been a Fake. San Francisco, July 24.—There is nothing in the extensive report of Admiral Seymour which was received here Monday by the American Maru to prove the sensational story that was circulated the earlier part of this month to the effect that Admiral Seymour, who commanded the Pekin relief expedition, killed his wounded to save them from the Chinese.

Commander Very, U. S. N., who returned from the Orient on the steamer, and others who were at Hong Kong when Admiral Seymour returned from Tien Tsin, did not hear the story and the admiral's report, which is an elaboration of the cablegram published on the 30th of June, makes not the slightest mention of the affair, but, on the contrary, goes into particulars of the bravery of the allies in guarding the wounded, who were placed in flat boats and towed down the river by details of soldiers and marines, while the main body of the troops fought the Chinese off with rifles and Maxims.

Booked for Six Speeches in New York. New York, July 24.—The announcement was made at democratic state headquarters last night that Mr. Bryan will visit New York state after October 1, making six speeches in as many different cities. He will talk in New York, Brooklyn, Syracuse, Buffalo, Rochester and Utica. The details of the meetings in this city and Brooklyn will be made before he reaches the east, for which part of the country he will leave Lincoln October 1. It is said that an eastern branch of the national headquarters will be established in this city.