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To the query, "Where are all the square pianos of 50 years ago gone?"

Where some of them went to? A Tremont street dealer responded the other day in the Boston Transcript with a story of the great potato crop in Maine a few years back.

A skipper from the far-down Maine coast arrived in Boston with a solid load of the big Aroostook tubers.

For return cargo he took down a full load of old Boston square pianos.

The dealer had cleared off his entire stock of four-legged instruments, of all degrees of decrepitude, that had been taken in exchange and part payment for many years, and had even scurried about among other dealers to fill up the schooner's hold and deck.

The Aroostook potatoes were thus presently transmuted into pianofortes.

Some of them were sold at a profit by the enterprising skipper at extremely low prices.

In some cases the tones of the aged strings were lower still—so much so that the Machiasport Orpheus was soon obliged to make restitution or stand suit for peddling pianos under false pretenses.

"Talk about trusts," said a Cincinnati business man to an inquirer representative, "the grind organ trust in this and other big cities beats them all.

I have taken the trouble to inquire, and I find that the Italians pay one to two dollars a day for the use of the instruments on the streets.

Some of the men who handle the organ from place to place work from 15 to 18 hours a day.

Each has a regular run, and knows just where he can pick up the pennies and the nickels.

If these organ grinders don't pick up one dollar a day they must make good for the instrument.

One of these men had already paid \$200, and when he had paid \$100 more he would own it.

He is an exception to the rule, for most of the men do not make enough to buy their meals and pay for their rooms.

The syndicate which controls these hand organs is getting rich fast, if the stories of those who haul them around is to be believed."

John McConville, of Bayonne, learned the other day, when he used profane and vulgar language in public, and then insulted a woman who remonstrated, that what is every one's business is sometimes some one's business.

Mr. McConville, according to the New York Sun, was in a street car when he indulged his inclination to be vile, and it appears that about all the other passengers in the car fell on him and punished him.

Then a policeman arrested him and a wise and just judge fined him. John is vulgar and stupid, and we doubt that he ever was as much used in the world before as he is now.

He is a living monument of the fact that it pays to be decent. Many John McConvilles have not been punished yet, but their time will come.

A tenor singer, who declares that his throat and lungs were so irritated and injured by smoke in the atmosphere that he could not fill a professional engagement, recently brought suit against the city of St. Louis to compel it to abate the smoke nuisance forthwith.

On the same day the statement was printed another dispatch announced that certain firms in Chicago are "being fined regularly" for permitting their factory chimneys to transgress the ordinance.

The smoke-clouds that overhang most communities are offensive to every sense, destructive to property and dangerous to health, and the wonder is that the needless nuisance, so easily remediable, should so long have been tolerated.

Crowding the street cars has reached a point in Indianapolis where the News feels called upon to promulgate these rules: "Passengers, on entering the car, will take the first strap toward the front. Holding straps for friends who are to board the car farther up the street is not permitted. No one will be allowed to hang on to more than one strap, the one getting hold first has the right to use as much of it as he can."

THE TILLMAN OUTBREAK.

Abuse of Republican Senators by the Howling Knight of the Pitchfork.

The more the case of Senator Tillman is considered the less occasion for charitable judgment. He is always abusive, forever making charges and attacking the motives of other men.

Even in the speech in which he lately assailed McLaurin he said to all the republican senators: "Politically you are the most infamous cowards and hypocrites that ever happened."

That is not fit language for the senate, and the wonder is that the man who speaks it is permitted to utter it about as often as he speaks in the senate.

In his so-called apology he repeated in less vehement language the same sentiment. It is an apology and an insult.

If he fails to agree with other senators they are "more or less despicable" and will be the objects of his free abuse.

In fact, he is in the senate as a protest against the educated and better element of his state.

He came into public life by making war upon such men in the senate as Gens. Wade Hampton and Butler.

His domination in the affairs of South Carolina meant the overthrow of the better element. His is a case of the survival of the unfittest.

It is a far call from the gallant and courteous Wade Hampton to the bullying and foul-mouthed Tillman.

It is sad to feel that the people of South Carolina find a better representative in Tillman than in Wade Hampton.

The senate is the judge of the qualifications of its own members. It has expelled members for treacherable conduct and utterances and for holding seats obtained by bribery.

It would be justified in unseating a man who is constantly assailing the motives of those with whom he does not agree, and also on the ground that the senate is no place for a man who exhibits Tillman's characteristics.

He should have been expelled, or at least censured, for declaring that he and his friends suppressed the negro voters in South Carolina by shooting them.

A man who glories in the murder of American citizens should not be permitted to sit in the national congress.

If all the democrats stood by Tillman the two-thirds necessary to expel cannot be obtained.

Unable to do that, the republicans should investigate the charges he has made, and in connection therewith, if not sustained, they should declare that the man who makes such charges against senators and charges American soldiers with the practice of cruelties upon Filipinos is not fit to sit in the senate.

Years have passed since the senate has been disgraced by a personal collision between senators. In fact, there is but one case on record, when Senator Foote was the aggressor in an assault upon Senator Benton.

Those were the days when differences were settled by the duel. The American people have made progress in refinement and public morals, so that such an outrage as that which occurred in the senate the other day causes much more indignation than a similar offense years ago.

The senate should recognize this fact and make the punishment as severe as possible, to the end that blackguardism shall cease in that body.

Bryan Bourbonism. Mr. Bryan has resolutely accepted bourbonism as his portion.

The man seems to have made up his mind that he will never learn and never forget. In his speech at the dinner of the Albert Williams Democratic club in Ionia a few nights ago the peerless leader once more exalted the silver gods above all the other gods.

"If the silver question is dead, why be afraid of a corpse?" he asked. "If there is enough life left in it to scare a goldbug, there is enough life in it to be saved."

The Bryanic method of argument has become as well defined as the Socratic. In the logic of Mr. Bryan the truth of an economic principle varies inversely with the square of the opposition.

The more general the opposition the more true the principle is. Its political utility varies by the same law.

The more opposition there is to the principle the more available it is for political purposes. The ideal platform, according to Mr. Bryan's scheme of things, is one that nobody favors and everybody opposes.—Detroit Free Press (Dem.).

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS. The democratic ring might as well admit that it has lost the key to harmony in Kansas City.

As a last resort a Nesbit law may be clapped on the town.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

David B. Hill has fixed up a platform for the democrats. The fact that he could stand on it himself will make a large percentage of the democrats regard it with suspicion.—Chicago Record-Herald.

There are those who know so little about the matter that they call reciprocity free trade. Did they ever hear any discussion relative to a reciprocity treaty with Great Britain?—Indianapolis Journal.

It is hardly to be expected that intelligent young men will join the democratic party after witnessing such exhibitions as are seen in congress and studying its record for the last ten years.—Albany Journal.

President Roosevelt has evidently given the Schley case a careful study, and, therefore, his finding will be accepted by the country as the judgment of an honest, conscientious man, anxious to do his duty.—Indianapolis News (Ind.).

A DEMOCRATIC MISTAKE.

So-Called Leaders of the Party Do Not Read the Right Dope on the Philippine Question.

The Nashville American, one of the prominent democratic newspapers of the country, has no delusions as to the Philippine question.

Alluding to the situation as developed at Washington, where certain democratic senators and representatives have assumed an attitude of hostility to the administration's policy in the islands, the American remarks: "If the question of surrendering the Philippines is not made the leading or a leading issue in the next national campaign, it will not be the fault of some of the senators of the democratic minority. It seems to be the misfortune of the democratic party that it has fallen into a condition in which it is possible for those to assume to be leaders, and to be so recognized, who, in better and braver days of the party would have been among the last to be selected as material for leadership."

And then it adds: "If such leadership, if it is leadership, is to continue and is to be followed, the party will be finally forced to put up its shutters and go out of business, or the continue as the sad remnant and enfeebled ghost of a once great and powerful party. The mistakes and blunders of the last two campaigns seem to have taught nothing to some of the leaders of the party, or who assume to speak for the party. Is it because they are incapable of learning? Or is it because they prefer personally to pursue a cheap and easy course which requires neither ability nor courage and which has brought them into some notoriety, as the wave of populism brought obscure men temporarily to the front? These seem to be able to view with some degree of complacency continued national defeat so long as they are permitted to parade as party leaders and patriots during the campaigns, and to occupy the few best offices which the comparatively few democratic states and districts still have at their disposal—the governor, senator and congressman. But while this situation may be largely satisfactory to them it is rather rough on the party as a whole.

"If any democratic leader, so-called, thinks that the American vote will rally to the standard of any party on the proposition to surrender the Philippine Islands, which are as much the property of the United States as the District of Columbia, he is inexorably ignorant of the temper and spirit of the American people. The noisy few who are clamoring for a policy of surrender may deceive a few individuals, but if any party allows itself to be deceived and misled as to their numbers by their noise it will not fall to meet with a rude awakening."

That is talk straight from the shoulder, says the Troy Times, and it reflects the opinion of a great many earnest and honest democratic newspapers. It would seem, from the course most of the democrats in congress are pursuing that the only periodical they read is the Commoner, published at Lincoln, Neb. It would pay them to glance now and then over other of their party papers, or if they haven't time for that, get in connection with a wide-awake clipping bureau. The democratic statesman who thinks he is making himself popular by proposing a cowardly abandonment of the Philippines doesn't interpret aright the signs of the times or understand the temper of the American people.

NO FEAR OF A COMBINE. Ex-Assistant Treasurer Vanderlip Says There is No Danger of European Tariff Reprisals.

The best judgment in Europe and America is, I believe, pretty well agreed on the futility of a European tariff alliance against the United States, says Frank A. Vanderlip, in Scribner's. Not one of our ambassadors or ministers believes it is a feasible programme for the European states, no matter how antagonistic European statesmen may become toward us on account of our commercial success in foreign fields.

I found no important banker or manufacturer who thought it probable that the conflicting interests of the various states could be brought to any harmonious point of view from which to formulate such a tariff.

Undoubtedly it is a dream in the minds of many people who have not a clear idea of the difficulties involved, but certainly the best judgment of the two continents seems against the feasibility of the idea. Conflicting interests can never be harmonized so that an agreement will be reached among the nations. Indeed, conflicting interests in the dual monarchy itself can probably never be harmonized so as to support Count Goluchowski's programme. Austria is a manufacturing country. Her people have highly developed artistic faculties and a deftness and skill which make her a leader in certain of the finer lines of production, and she has some standing as a producer of iron, steel and machinery.

Hungary, on the other hand, is as yet almost altogether an agricultural country. Austria wants high tariff and cheap food; Hungary would like to exclude foreign food and have the advantage of cheap foreign manufactures. The two parts of the monarchy are held together by a slender thread and the fretful people that compose the two nations will only agree that that bond may hold them for ten years at a time. The Ausgleich expired in 1897, and for four years the two states have wrangled over its renewal, industry and commerce being all that time greatly perturbed.

"A simple declaration in favor of the general principles of bimetallicism" strikes David B. Hill as sufficient for the democratic platform of 1904. Then, after surrendering on the sacred ratio of 16 to 1, he knocks out the populist branch of the party by declaring unalterable opposition to irredeemable paper currency. David may run for president, but he will never get 5,500,000 votes.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Valuable Feature.

"No," said the father, to the principal of the cooking school. "I don't believe I'll send my daughter to your institution. I expect to be able to provide for her so that she shall not have to work in the kitchen after she is married."

"That's all very nice," said the principal, "but the most important part of our curriculum is that which instructs young ladies how to boss the cook, and to discharge her, if necessary."

At this the father immediately wrote a check for the full term's tuition.—Baltimore American.

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Maternal Love. Mrs. Mulligan—And so you have no mother now? Motherless Boy—No, mum. "Well, me boy, whenever you feel the want for a good thrashing come to me and I'll be a mother to you."—Tit-Bits.

Like Oil Upon Troubled Waters is Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar upon a cold. Pike's Toothache Drops Cure in one minute.

Soporific. Bramble—I used to be troubled with insomnia, but I cured myself. Thorne—How? "I joined a chess club."—Judge.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'Brien, 322 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

A Poor Heater—"There doesn't seem to be much warmth to her voice." "No. They said it had such a good range, too."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Stops the Cough and Works on the Cold. Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Price 25c.

If the donkey knew he was a donkey he would probably kick himself to death.—Chicago Daily News.

PURNAME FADELESS DYES are as easy to use as soap. No muss or failure. The less luck a man has the more he deserves it.—Chicago Daily News.

Silence is a virtue that is frequently overlooked by fools.—Chicago Daily News.

Don't believe all the good things you hear of yourself.—Chicago Daily News.

Diner—"I say, waiter, one of these eggs is bad." Waiter—"But it is in good company; the other one is all right. The bad one may reform, you know. Don't be too severe on it."—Boston Transcript.

"A case of smallpox has been discovered in a Massachusetts prison, the victim being a burglar." "Say, he must have been sorry he broke in when he broke out."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

When a girl hangs around a store to see a young man her parents should pull on the lines and yell "Vivian!" Many a disastrous marriage has begun in this way.—Athenian Globe.

Faux Pas.—Miss Koy (in street car)—"It's really very kind of you, Mr. Crabbe, to give me your seat." Mr. Crabbe—"Not at all. We men are getting tired of being accused of never giving up our seats except to pretty girls."—Philadelphia Press.

Have you ever noticed that on the eve of a pugilistic encounter both principals are always in the "pink of condition" and "confident of winning," but that after the battle one of them was "trained too fine" or "out of condition"?—Indianapolis News.

It Hit Home.—"Henry," his wife whispered, "there's a burglar downstairs in the dining-room. I just heard him rattling the silver." "Well," he replied, sleepily, "it's your silver." "Listen! That sounds as if he was sampling that decanter of whiskey." "Gee whiz! Wait till I get my revolver."—Philadelphia Press.

"See here!" cried the victim, "I thought you said that country was well watered." "Well," replied the real estate man, "Well, there's no water there at all, except artesian." "Then, my dear sir, if it's watered at all it must be well watered, mustn't it?"—Catholic Standard.



Mrs. L. A. Harris, a Prominent Member of a Chicago Woman's Political Club, tells how Ovarian Troubles may be Cured without a Surgical Operation. She says: "Doctors have a perfect craze for operations. The minute there is any trouble, nothing but an operation will do them; one hundred dollars and costs, and included in the costs are pain, and agony, and often death."

"I suffered for eight years with ovarian troubles; spent hundreds of dollars for relief, until two doctors agreed that an operation was my only chance of life. My sister had been using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for her troubles, and been cured, and she strongly urged me to let the doctors go and try the Compound. I did so as a last resort; used it faithfully with the Sanative Wash for five months, and was rejoiced to find that my troubles were over and my health restored. If women would only try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound first, fewer surgical operations would occur."—MRS. L. A. HARRIS, 278 East 31st St., Chicago, Ill.

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Advertisement for Tower's Fish Brand Pommel Slicker, featuring an illustration of a fisherman and a horse.

Advertisement for the Big Four Route to the World Famed Virginia Hot Springs, including details about train service and hotel accommodations.

Large advertisement for California Fig Syrup Co. featuring a woman in a long dress and the text "WOMAN'S GENTLE NATURE CALLS FOR GENTLE TREATMENT".