

The agitators of the next free silver campaign will, doubtless, be very bitter over the treachery of what to the party.

The best Republican campaign documents this year are the daily reports of increasing business and the general revival of prosperity.

The treasury figures show that there has been an increase of nearly \$2 per capita in the money in circulation in the United States during the past year.

JACOB S. COXIE was on Wednesday nominated for governor by the Ohio Populist State Convention at Columbus. The anti-fusion faction were in control.

The argument in the case to test the right of the State to tax foreigners three cents a day has been held in Pittsburgh, and pretty soon the Hun and Dago will know where he is at.

The Bryanites are deeply mortified at the continued rise in the price of wheat. It disrupts all their theories, hopes for the future. But the farmers smile.

SINCE the beginning of the year \$40,000,000 of indebtedness has been paid off by the farmers of Nebraska. In view of this fact it should not surprise anyone that the tide is turning against Bryan in that state.

WHEN a farmer can not help being prosperous, he is bound to cease being a Populist; and this is the situation of thousands of American citizens who voted for Bryan last year on account of the depression of agriculture.

SECRETARY SHERMAN has made two points in this Japanese-Hawaiian business pretty clear. He has shown that Japan has no intention of interfering in the annexation matter, and also that her interference would neither prevent nor delay annexation.

THE Harrison administration, under the McKinley tariff and Sherman reclamation, was in full career of proscription, and what a democratic election in 1892 that came forth, and stuck to the people like a burr.

SILVER has reached the lowest point in its entire history. But Director Preston, of the United States mint, says that it is to go still lower. This, he says, is simply the lack of demand by the world for silver as a money metal.

"Gold is appreciating," shriek the silverites. Oh, no. A gold dollar will buy less wheat or other farm products and fewer commodities in general than it did six months or a year ago. A gold dollar will buy less labor than it formerly did. Commodities and wages are "depreciating," and not gold.

THE more the perils of Klondike life are pointed out, the more people want to see those perils for themselves. In this case, as in many others, the generalality will decline to have any other teacher than experience, and will be sorry only when the cost of the lesson is presented for payment.

Nobody can tell what will be the fate of the administration's currency reform bill. It certainly will pass the House, which is the only branch of Congress the Republicans control. Probably it will be defeated in the Senate, but if it is defeated the Republican party will not be responsible. The way for the gold Democrats to get the currency reform they want is for them to pitch in and help the Republicans to carry the Senate as well as the House.

Two reforms are badly needed in the administration of our penal system. Electrostatic should be substituted for hanging as a mode of capital punishment, and the current practice of brutal murders and martyrs out of brutal murderers ought to be sternly stopped. Brutality should be eliminated from all treatment of criminals, but there is positive danger to society in going to the other extreme and sympathizing with those criminals as mere unfortunate.

This Republican State convention will meet in Harrisburg on August 20. There is practically no opposition to Major Levi G. McCauley, of West Chester, for Auditor General and James S. Beacom, of Westmoreland, for State Treasurer. Congressman Robbins of Westmoreland, will nominate Beacom, and Colonel H. H. Gilkison, of Philadelphia, will place McCauley's name before the convention. John P. Elkin, the present popular chairman of the state committee will be unanimously re-elected.

At the recent session of Congress Mr. Gray, by request, introduced in the Senate a bill to grant pensions to every soldier, sailor or marine who served ninety days or more in the late war and to the widows and minor children of such. Under the provisions of the bill all honorably discharged men are to receive monthly a cent a day for every day of service, but none to receive less than eight dollars a month; all soldiers' widows are to receive twelve dollars per month, and minor children of deceased soldiers are to receive two dollars per month. Should this act pass it will do a great deal of good for worthy and deserving people. Many an old soldier is struggling along now with barely enough to live on, and there is want in many a home occupied by a soldier's widow and orphans. In many cases the old soldiers do not possess the necessary proof that they were disabled in the service, and this bill will help them to do it, and it is only necessary for them to show their honorable discharge to get the pension that they richly deserve. There are also many widows and orphans who have long been in want, but who will now see the wolf driven to the door forever. It is a good bill to pass, for Congress can do too much for the old soldier and those of his family who survive him.

The Most Pleasant Institute. The Western Pennsylvania Classical and Scientific Institute offers exceptional advantages as a school for the training of the young. There are seven courses of study, including Music and Art, \$300 cash prize. For full information write the principal, H. C. Dixon, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

BATTLE WITH OUTLAWS.

Sheriff's Force Exchange Shots With the Hatfields.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Aug. 15.—Capt. Hatfield, the notorious desperado, whose hands are said to be red with the blood of many men, is still defying the law, and has successfully eluded the officers who have pursued him since his escape from jail at Williamson, several weeks since.

Sheriff Keable and Detective J. H. Baldwin, who were heading a posse of about 20 men, spent several days in the forest at Hatfield's camp, and several days in the mountains at Williamson, several weeks since.

The shooting was near a large rock cliff known as Devils Backbone, and Hatfield's men retreated to these rocks, and it would have been disastrous for the officers to have closed in on them.

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That independent school districts now existing may be abolished by the courts whenever a majority of the taxable citizens of any school district, out of which any independent district may be created, petition for such action.

That in cities of the third class whose school districts are co-extensive with the city, school taxes shall be levied on the assessment made for city purposes.

That school boards may levy a special tax once a year not exceeding the regular tax for the year for other purposes than to purchase or pay for ground and to erect buildings thereon, namely: (a) for the accumulation of a fund for purchasing and erecting buildings; (b) for the payment of a debt contracted for grounds or buildings; (c) for completing school buildings; (d) for fencing and improving grounds in connection with the erection of buildings; (e) for the payment of fuel and janitors.

That school children shall have the use of the books of the board without rent for a year or select school, provided the teacher has a valid certificate.

That the indebtedness of school districts in boroughs and townships, created in excess of the limit of one per cent, seven per cent on the valuation of property, with the assent of the electors thereof, where such assent has not been first obtained, shall be valid.

That the school boards shall be authorized to provide transportation for school children, and that the board of directors of the public schools of the district in which they reside or to the schools of neighboring districts.

That teachers of elementary and type-writing instruction in the act of Assembly, requiring a teacher's certificate, providing such teachers teach no other branches and have the approval of the proper superintendent, which approval must have been given in writing by the superintendent.

That school boards may purchase flags and shall display them whenever they deem proper.

That the compulsory school law be so amended as to increase the compulsory age to 16 years, to require attendance continuously during at least 70 per cent of the term, which period shall begin at the beginning of the school term, or at a time to be fixed by the school board for that organization; that between the ages of 12 and 16 a child shall be exempt if he regularly attends school.

That the appropriation shall be distributed as follows: One-third on the basis of number of teachers, not including substitutes; one-third on number of children under the age of 16; and one-third on number of taxable property.

Dr. Bois, Pa., August 12.—One of the most remarkable imported epidemics of disease in the annals of the Pennsylvania State Board of Health, which body is understood to be investigating as to its cause, has compelled the shutting down of the tannery at Falls Creek, two miles from Du Bois. Four of the employees at the tannery, who have handled hides from China, had died of this strange malady within the last few days, and several others are reported to be critically ill, while a score or more of cattle have died.

The investigation has revealed the fact that some time ago the tannery company received the first invoice of 100,000 hides, imported from China. The hides were stored in the process of tanning and the liquid drained into the creek. Not long afterwards several head of cattle, running at large, and drinking from this creek died, and to this date a score have gone to the home-yard. It was clearly established that all the sick and dead cattle had drank water from the contaminated stream.

When, therefore, some of the tannery employees were also subsequently taken sick, with symptoms resembling those that carried off the cattle, there was great alarm at Falls Creek. This feeling of apprehension was intensified when four of the tannery men died.

Investigation revealed the fact that the hides were infected with anthrax bacteria. Only one man who has been afflicted has recovered.

Another man, a malarial man, died in his bed upon man or beast, and when human beings are attacked by it they know that unless they can overcome its virulent germs in five to eight days they must die. Falls Creek settlements are consequently very much alarmed lest the infection should continue to spread and deal out death to the inhabitants. The tannery has been kept secret as possible, but it is understood that it has been referred to the State Board of Health and that an investigation is already afoot.

Unique Marriage Association.

LAVERGNE, Ind., August 11.—The W. L. Mose Marriage Association, with 280 members, will be incorporated next week. It is the only organization of the kind in the country and is the creation of Rev. W. L. Mose, a patriarch in the Indiana ministry. Its incorporators will be the couple he has married during his long career in the ministry.

Kept Captive by His Tribe.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—David McFarland, half-brother of the famous Carlisle Indian football team, told a strange story Tuesday night before leaving this city for Carlisle, Pa. The athletic young rookline declared that for five days he was held prisoner in Idaho by the Nezperces, to which tribe he belongs, and made his escape by mere chance.

His father is chief of the tribe, but he is growing old. Young McFarland is the popular choice of the members of the once famous tribe, and they want him to become their chief.

Therefore when he paid his annual visit to his tribesmen he was importuned to stay away from school and take his \$5000 cover for a year or two. He left the entire round trip, parlor-car seats, transfer charges, carriage hire—in fact, every article of necessary expense.

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SCHOOL LAWS OF THE STATE.

Some Things Which the Pennsylvania Statutes Require Concerning Education.

By acts of the Pennsylvania legislature it is lawful that school boards of districts, not cities of the first and second class, may give aid to any free non-sectarian library already established or to be hereafter established, instead of providing another public library.

That school directors may establish and maintain, out of the public school treasury, free kindergartens for children between the ages of three and six years, residing in the district.

That it shall be unlawful for any industrial establishment to employ any minor who can not read and write in the English language, unless he has attended in the preceding year, an evening or day school of a period of sixteen weeks.

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Money for the Farmers.

NEW YORK, August 14.—The Sunday World-to-morrow will print estimates, made exclusively for the newspaper by experts at the Agricultural Department, in Washington, of the amount of money which has been or will be soon distributed among the farmers as the result of a record of prices for the past year.

The figure is placed at \$90,000,000, and, while this seems enormous and is difficult to fully comprehend, shrewd experts, who are accustomed to know all about the crops of the world, say it satisfies every low. They unhesitatingly place the sum at \$200,000,000, and others more optimistic go farther to assert that the amount will fall not far short of \$300,000,000.

All authorities agree that this is a great year for the American farmer. The latest Government crop bulletins, from which the World's estimates are made up by the Agricultural Department, are invariably undated. They are always conservative, and it is more than likely that the experts of Wall street and the Produce Exchange are nearer right in placing the total at \$200,000,000.

Tough Steak Led to Crime.

NEW YORK, August 14.—Gustav Johnson, a carpenter, forty-five years old, was held to duty without bail to await the result of his wife's injuries. Last night he quarreled with his wife, and broke a large plate on her head. The blow struck her on the forehead, and she fell. She died the following day.

Wonderful Results in Eye Surgery.

THE unexcelled success of Dr. Sadler in eye surgery continues. Mr. Samuel M. Long, so widely known about Corbin, Pa., has been blind for some time. He was operated upon by the Doctor without an hour's pain. Mrs. Wm. Steiner, of Redoubt, O., also blind, was restored without pain and went to work in two weeks.

Mr. Enoch Thomas, of Atlanta, Ind., also blind from cataract, restored with little discomfort, and is at work in the rolling mill again. Mr. A. M. Cunningham, of Ottawa, Kansas, blind in the same way, lost one of his eyes in an unskillful operation in the west. In four weeks from the time he gave the other eye to Dr. Sadler's charge, he was back traveling the prairie of Kansas at his business. Mr. Geo. Staff, Leechburg, Pa., now at Atlanta, Ind., had one of his eyes, long out of his head by a bar of iron, gouged out permanently turned far west. Dr. Sadler (809 Penn. Avenue, Pittsburgh) replaced it in normal position.

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