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GOOD OLD-FASHIONED DEMOCRATIC TIMES.

A great many men and women of this country are too young to remember having seen what is known as the "good old-fashioned Democratic times," and if it was not explained to them they would hardly know it when that exhibition arrives. When labor gets down to about 50 cents per day; when money gets so scarce that most people will hardly know what it looks like, and when it is so worthless that they don't care; when American manufacturers shut up shop and British looms supply our clothing and British mines and forges furnish our iron and steel; when we become hewers of wood and drawers of water for the world, and take as our recompense whatever it may please monied Europe to give in return, this will be "good old-fashioned Democratic times." That these times are coming there is no doubt. The advance guard is arriving and the noise of the bursting banks and the quiet of the stopping mills and factory wheels announce that these times are drawing near; and when the McKinley tariff law goes down under the relentless attacks of Cleveland and his Congress about to come together for that purpose, good old-fashioned Democratic times will be upon us in full force. The advance agents have been along and we see in the telegraphic dispatches evidence of their work. Following are some of the examples:

Norwalk, Conn., manufacturers are experiencing the duldest season they have ever known. Hutchinson, Cole & Co., shirt manufacturers, have been shut down three weeks. Roth & Goldsmith, corset manufacturers, employing nearly 500 operatives, one of the largest concerns of the kind in this country, are idle.

Several hat shops, employing hundreds of men and women, are doing practically nothing, and to-night the Norwalk Lock Company laid off 100 men indefinitely because of dullness in trade.

Many large mills in New England, such as the Manchester mills, the Pembroke, Webster and China mills, and the New York Manufacturing Company, of Saco, will soon shut down.

The closing of the Amoskeag mills will undoubtedly be followed by the closing of other large manufacturing concerns in New England and perhaps New York.

The agent of Waumbek company at Milton, N. H., has issued orders for the closing of the mills for three months as soon as the goods now in process of manufacture are finished. The reason assigned for this action is a lack of orders, except at ruinous prices. This is the first time in the history of this company that work has been ordered to cease on account of the condition of the markets and the result of the present action will be a serious blow to any employees who are dependent upon their earnings in these mills for support.

At a directors' meeting held in Portland, Me., last Thursday, it was decided to shut down the mills of the Westbrook Manufacturing company, makers of gingham, from July 29 to September 4.

The Chateaugay Ore & Iron Company, whose iron and ore foundries are located at Lion Mountain, N. Y., closed down last Thursday, as did also the Crown Point Iron Company, miners and iron makers at Crown Point. The cause is dullness in the iron trade. About 1000 men are thrown out of employment.

A Fall River, Mass., dispatch of July 30, says: Odd goods are selling in this market on a basis of three cents for 64 by 64s, but few sales of any moment are reported. A local paper says: "Predictions are made that some mills will have to break or sell below cost to get money to pay their help if the looms are to be kept in motion. The air is full of talk of a shut down or a reduction in wages."

The only manufacturing establishment at Fonda, N. Y., is a knitting mill, and in consequence of the prevailing depression in business it has shut down until further notice. The Pettigill paper box factory at Fonda, N. Y., is also closed. It is the only manufacturing enterprise in that village.

These are the signs of the coming of "good old-fashioned Democratic times," and they will be soon on us in full force. The poor man will be able to feed and clothe his family and himself at a great deal less money than

now, but the trouble will be to get the money. The mills and factories will be closed, railroad construction will stop, farm products will go begging at starvation rates, and about the only lively employment will be that of the constable, the sheriff and the assignee. "Good old-fashioned Democratic times" have not been here for a quarter of a century and when we get it turned on in full force, the most hide bound victim of this Democratic hallucination will be glad to bid them good bye forever. The raider of 14 cent wool will, in his misery, have the company of the producer of every article produced by the fields, the mines and the mills. "Hurrah for Cleveland and Reform!"

MISCELLANEOUS.

"I know you believe in ven fishing just because he said he do you?" "No, but he brought home a bag full of whisky."—*Inter Ocean.*

"A Slight Mistake.—Turner.—'How did Weeks come to write poetry?' Wells.—'He had dyspepsia, and for a long time thought it was inspiration.'—*Truth.*

"I know a girl who can do the serpentine." "Nay.—'That's nothing; I know a girl who can step into a trolley-car without climbing up on her hands and knees.'—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

"The Beauty's Friend.—'I'm so glad to hear you are to marry Jack Cronan. It's really a golden engagement for you.' The Beauty.—'Exactly so—it's my fifth.'—*Kate Field's Washington.*

"Footpad.—'Gimme your money!' Mr. Lushforth (disgustedly).—'Do you suppose I would be goin' home at 9 o'clock if I had any money?' You see the biggest cheap I've met in a month of Sundays.'—*Indianapolis Journal.*

A strong man in Vienna made a wager with an American that he could stand under a Hrs of water while it fell, drop by drop, upon his head from a height of three feet. At the 49th drop the strong man gave up, the pain being intolerable.

While the western movement of population in the United States for the country aggregates 500 miles, the extreme western and northern migration is a little under twenty-two miles, and the finishing point of the line is only some six miles south of the starting point.

Few negroes but believe that the left hind foot of a graveyard rabbit is a token of good luck, and the superstition is spreading among the white race. A firm in North Carolina, which makes a specialty of rabbit skins, has received an order for 100,000 of such feet.

To check the growth of the fisheries of the United States, and to promote those of their own colonies, the British government issued an order in council, July, 1788, prohibiting American fish from being carried to the British West Indies, which had been before the war one of the best markets for the New England trade in fish.

Foreign-born residents constitute 45 per cent of the population of Cleveland, 42.5 of New York, 42 of San Francisco, 41 of Chicago, 40 of Detroit, 33.5 of Boston, 35 of Buffalo, 35 of Milwaukee, 32 of Brooklyn, 30 of Pittsburgh, 25 of Philadelphia, 21 of Cincinnati and St. Louis, 14 of New Orleans, 11 of Baltimore, and one-eighth of one per cent of Washington.

There are 135,000 Scandinavians (Swedes, Norwegians and Danes) in the chief cities of the United States—65,000 (for just half) of them in Chicago, 16,000 in Brooklyn, 10,000 in New York, 6,000 in San Francisco and 4,500 in Boston. There are six times as many Norwegians as Swedes in Milwaukee, and four times as many Swedes as Norwegians in Boston.

Enthusiastic patriotism has made its record on the map of Westchester county immediately north of New York. Wakefield and Wakefield Heights are named in honor of the home of Washington's first ancestors in this country; Washingtonville is the Harlem station of which Wakefield is the postoffice, and immediately adjoining is the city of Mount Vernon.

The effort of the legislature of the state of Illinois to prevent ticket scalping has met a serious check, and it appears the law is futile, if not unconstitutional. Recently a decision was rendered in the circuit court, sitting at Chicago, by Judges Tenthill, McConnell and Dunne, in the case brought against several ticket brokers last October. Six brokers were indicted under the Illinois law, and the court discharged them.—*Buffalo Gazette.*

On account of the varying distance of the moon from the earth, she appears to us somewhat smaller at certain times than at others. If she passes between the earth and the sun when at the greatest distance from the earth, her disk will be smaller than that of the sun, and the eclipse will be annular. If the passage occurs when the moon is nearest to earth, her disk appears larger than that of the sun, and the eclipse is a total one.

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Two Hunters Meet Some Mean Vindictive Bears.

The Braves Had Learned the Art of Stone-Throwing and Practiced It to Their Bears' Content.—Dear-Bought Victory.

Samuel and Uriah Hepler, brothers, and noted hunters, who reside at "Bell's Kitchen," some twenty miles northwest of Hazelton, N. Y., had an exciting time of it the other day. The Heplers are among the most expert woodsmen in the state. They are veritable giants, possessing enormous strength and athletic prowess, and their skill with the rifle is remarkable.

Several years ago these two men, who had been reared in the wilds of Sullivan county, decided to abandon the scenes of their early conquests. Migrating to Brant valley, where game was, however, not so plentiful as in the forests of Sullivan, they purchased a small farm and tilled it for a livelihood.

With the exception of an occasional scrap with a bear or prother, nothing occurred to disturb the quietude of their surroundings until the other day, when Uriah, upon going to his pig pen, discovered that four of his eight porkers were missing. He informed his brother, and they proceeded to investigate. Their practical eyes soon detected the familiar bear tracks, and also revealed to the astonished men that two full-grown bears had been engaged in the theft.



THE BEARS HAD LEARNED THE ART OF STONE-THROWING.

It is a well-known fact that a pig becomes terrified and helpless at sight of a bear and would prefer to encounter the devil himself than old Bruin. He is unable to utter a single grunt or make any show of defense, hence he is absolutely in the power of his enemy.

The men decided to get even with the bears. They took their rifles, a supply of ammunition and the only dog they had at the time and started in pursuit. It took the dog only a moment to find the trail, and, with a prolonged howl, he bounded off in a north-

eastly direction, followed by the men. After traversing an intricate labyrinth of underbrush for three-quarters of a mile they came upon the dog barking furiously at the collapsed ruins of an old stone mansion, built many years ago by a rich but eccentric settler. The hunters, surprised by the actions of the dog that the bears were not far away.

The dog, urged on by his master, roused the heap of stone, while the men remained below. Suddenly there was a swish through the air, and a rock weighing not less than ten pounds shot out from the aperture in the ruins, and the next moment the lifeless remains of their noble dog lay at their feet. The stone had knocked off part of the dog's head and spent its force against an oak tree close to where the hunters stood.

The men soon recovered their senses, and, after a hurried consultation, concluded that the bears had learned the art of stone-throwing to perfection. They were somewhat puzzled how to proceed. Uriah, after reconnoitering a short time, climbed the stone pile cautiously. When he reached the top he peered over the wall. It was almost a fatal move, for scarcely had he time to withdraw his head when a shower of heavy stones shot forth and continued to pop out at brief intervals for fully a minute.

Uriah escaped unhurt, and he had caught sight of the bears and also of his missing pigs, which the bears had killed and partly devoured. There was no further doubt as to the identity of the stone throwers.

Undecided what course to pursue, the brothers stood discussing the situation, when suddenly the rifle dropped from Samuel's hand as he received a crushing blow on the right shoulder. Looking around the men saw both bears on top of the stone pile. Just at that moment two more stones whizzed past their ears with such force as to break large limbs off trees in their course.

TRUE COSMOPOLIS OF EUROPE.

The Foreign Population of Paris Includes 4,000 From This Country.

The cosmopolitan character of the population of Paris has frequently been commented upon. The French capital is full of luxurious loungers all the time, men and women in whom the love of their own country is entirely extinct, or who find Paris a pleasanter sojourning place than any other. They are the butterflies of the world, the people who have more time and money than they know how to spend, and to whom the changing life of Paris has the charm that usually accompanies variety. They are drones in the busy hives of French industry. But according to the Rochester Herald the working bees are also foreign to a very great extent. In 1888 the population of Paris was 2,384,550. Just what proportion of this number were foreigners is not shown by available statistics, but a recent official statement gives the present number as close upon 300,000. These people are of foreign nationality, but hold a permanent residence in Paris. It is estimated that 80,000 are men capable of bearing arms. What a scattering of them there would be in the event of a general European war! It is stated that of this great foreign contingent, the 4,000 Americans form the aristocracy, since all the others belong mainly to the working classes.

A very large part of the labor of Paris is performed by aliens. Belgium furnishes 60,000 day laborers, hatters and domestic servants. Switzerland sends 55,000 butchers, waiters, painters and glaziers. Germany supplies 40,000 liquor dealers, hotel-keepers and clerks, while Italy is credited with a street number of plumbers, glaziers, list musicians and that characteristic Parisian class of labor, the artists' models. Russians to the number of 13,000 are largely tanners and saddlers. England, the ancient enemy of France, contributes 14,000 servants, most of whom are coachmen and groomers.

From this hasty summary it will be seen that nearly every department of labor has a large foreign element. Even the municipal gas works and slaughter houses, together with the sewer department, are employing so many foreigners that the propriety of restricting the public service to French citizens is being seriously considered. In case of war the danger to France of this great body of aliens, owing no allegiance to her, and many of them from nations naturally antagonistic, would certainly be great. The organization of a special police force to keep a sharp watch on the several foreign colonies would almost seem a necessity. Such action is said to be strongly contemplated.

THE POP WEED.

A Peculiar Plant Found Plentifully in the Dakotas.

A resident of South Dakota gives the following description of this strange plant: "It is of rank growth, but little less than marvelous in its way. It has a stalk like the cabbage plant with a large round top the size of a Hubbard squash and about the same color. There are thousands of acres of it on the Indian reservations. In the vicinity of alkaline beds it grows to a prodigious size."

"When the terrific northwest winds blow late in the fall the pop-balls become detached from the stalk and roll for miles over the prairies, until they reach uneven country or other obstructions, where they accumulate and pile up like high houses of snow. Behind these banks of weeds the wild buffalo found shelter in midwinter from the fierce blizzards. If the pop-weed ball comes forcibly in contact with any hard object while rolling it explodes with a tremendous report, a cloud of fine powder passes through the air, and thousands of sharp, fine needles are thrown out in every direction. These needles are the seeds of the pop-weed and are what produce the mischief with stock, for they are very penetrating. A 'critter' will run from a rolling pop-weed like a jack rabbit from a coyote.

"The Indians tell strange and interesting stories about the weed. It is said that the young braves of the tribe, for discipline and to prepare themselves to endure great torture, would fight with these pop-balls as school-boys do with snow-balls. 'The battle of the pop-weed' is held once a year, and is witnessed by the whole tribe with great pomp and parade. To the young braves the occasion is what the fourth of July is to the white American youth. There is the noise and smoke of battle to perfection, and the fine, sharp needles cause intense pain. The greatest exhibitions of bravery are rewarded by promotion in the tribe, and presentations of handsome bead work are made by the young braves' best squaws or maidens."

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