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Why do not some of these people who object so strongly to imperialism try wearing crownless hats?

A Seattle husband and wife, aged respectively 76 and 70, are seeking a divorce and accusing each other of reckless flirtations with persons of opposite sex. The giddy young things!

The average newspaper paragraphist who sits down to evolve something brilliant in regard to the strike of the copper plate engravers, who receive \$100 a week wages, ends by contemplating his depleted pocket book and passing the incident by in silence.

Remember, fellow citizens, you cannot avoid voting by failing to deposit your ballot. To do this is merely to cast a half a vote against the side you would have voted for. If you can't make up your mind, vote for a president of one party and a congressman of the other.

Porto Rico is coming along finely. Four people were killed in a political row down there the other day. At this rate, the island will soon attain the proud eminence of Kentucky.

An Ohio woman seeks a divorce on the ground that her husband, a wood-carver, has fallen in love with a wooden figure of his own creation. Would she rather have him in love with something alive? Some women never know when they're well off.

A Georgia young man having discovered that his fiancée is bald-headed, declines to carry out his promise to marry her. If she has a big brother of the regulation down-south pattern, the faithless one may shortly have an opportunity of meditating over the comparative disadvantages of being bald-headed or dead.

The next queer election bet we are likely to hear of will be that some western Populist has agreed to shave every day if McKinley is elected.

The election will be determined by the vote which will remain doubtful until the last moment. There are probably a million men in the United States who will start for the polls wanting to vote one way or the other and yet fearing to do so—fearing either for the future of the country or for the future of their jobs. No cause is lost until it is won.

Having banished Prince Tuan, the Chinese government should confer upon him a salary which will enable him to end his days in peace and ease. Thus, it would parallel the United States in its treatment of the Egan case and prove itself enlightened to an equal degree.

The Republicans say that a full ballot box means a full dinner pail, but they do not say what a stuffed ballot box means.

We can put up with Sir Thomas Lipton's success in cornering American pork, if he fails to corner America's cup.

The real question is, which is in the greater danger—Mr. Bryan's chances or the country?

If Mr. Bryan keeps on making sixteen speeches a day, the chances are that his oratory will soon be no better than the silver dollar at the same ratio.

What we should like to know is how Mr. Woolley can work up so much enthusiasm on a diet of cold water?

Talk about horseless carriages! They are nothing new! There are mighty few young married men who haven't pushed one.

Oh, well, it doesn't really matter to Bryan whether he is elected or not. He is entirely willing, if need be, to lecture for another four years and then run for president in 1904. In other words, the Democrats may lose the election but they can't lose Bryan.

Both has reaped a fresh crop of laurels by putting the Boer war down once more. Incidentally, the British losses to date aggregate 40,000 men, of whom one-fourth have died from one cause or another.

Hobson has made mistakes by talking and kissing. The only thing left for him to do with his mouth is to eat with it.

The Country Press.

Whatever the difference, if there has been any, between the country editor, so-called, of Oregon, and the Republican state or national committee, any person qualified to hold an influential position on such a committee ought to recognize and appreciate at once the value of the country press. Money would certainly be more worthily and effectively used in showing a little liberality to the country editors than in expending it on "boiler-plate" syndicate stuff that carries its machine manufactured mark in every paragraph. Few people realize the importance and value of party loyalty, under all circumstances, of the rural press. In every community numerous voters take only a country paper—and every voter ought, at least, to do that—and, of course, they take the paper that accords most nearly with their political opinions. This they read, week after week, year in and year out, until, perhaps unconsciously, they come to believe everything it says, at least in regard to politics. But, suppose that a considerable portion of these papers should become lukewarm; should begin to hint that the party was not more than half right, and was going in the wrong direction; should publish criticisms as well as encomiums; should adopt an independent tone and give their readers a view of "the other side," would not the result be many more doubtful voters?

But taking it for granted that the Republican papers of Oregon, for example, which outnumber the opposition papers two or three to one, are entirely sincere and candid, and take position they do regardless of any political reward, should not their long and continuous labor of love and patriotism be recognized and rewarded by those who manage the campaigns and disburse the legitimate campaign expenses? Is it right to act on the supposition that they will be loyal to the party, and keep "straight" anyway?

It is not only during a political campaign that the country editors are at work for their party and its principles and policies; they stand by them through all the interim of four years, in defeat as well as in success, through thick and thin, most of them without hope or expectation of direct or immediate reward. And if, on the occasion of a presidential campaign, there is money to expend in a legitimate way for circulating party literature—facts and arguments and opinions favorable to one party, and its candidate, a liberal share of it ought to be distributed among the country papers, than which there is no more effective agency in the land for this purpose. Whether the country editor fathers the syndicate-supplement stuff or supplies something better of his own origination, he fairly deserves some reward for his continuous, tireless, faithful work as a partisan instructor and educator.—Portland Telegram.

Straw votes show the direction of the wind, but sometimes the land slide goes in the opposite direction.

Ex-President Harrison has spoken and Ex-Senator Gray has followed his example, but Grover continues to remark that we are having lovely fall weather and he doesn't care who knows that he thinks so.

We suppose its human nature, but it doesn't seem quite fair to grant leave to all Republican government clerks who want to go home to register and vote and then to notify Democratic clerks who apply for leave that their "services cannot be spared" just now.

It seems to have been proven that the mosquito is responsible for carrying malaria germs around the world with her. The only thing we can now hope is that she may suffer somewhat from the chills she carries.

The Republicans declared in 1896 that if we elected McKinley, we should hear no more about free silver. Yet you can't go to a Republican meeting today without hearing all about free silver. This doesn't seem right.

Considerable progress is being made in airships nowadays but the chances are that when they do succeed, they will not amount to very much after all. The power required to lift and propel them will most likely be greater than that required to overcome friction and propel vehicles on the earth.

Sing a song of penitence, a fellow full of rye, four and twenty serpents dancing in his eye; when his eye was opened he shined for his life; wasn't he a pretty chap to go before his wife? His hat was in the parlor underneath a chair, his boots were in the hallway, his coat was on the stair, his trousers in the kitchen, his collar on the shelf, but he hasn't any notion where he was himself, when the morn was breaking, some one heard him call, his head was in the ice box, which was the best of all.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 15. That the administration regards the crisis, so far as American interests are concerned, as past, in China, or that it is anxious to make the powers think it does, is shown by the withdrawal of American warships from Northern Chinese waters, in addition to the withdrawal of our troops from China. This indicates that the purpose for which the recent ordering of the battleship Kentucky and the cruiser Albany to Chinese waters was done has been accomplished. The only two American warships now remaining in northern Chinese waters are the Neocacy at Taku, and the Monocacy in the Pei-Ho. Those two will remain all the winter. Admiral Remy, aboard the flagship Brooklyn, is on his way to Manila, which is the headquarters of the Asiatic squadron of which he is commander. He will be in easy reach of China if he is needed.

Hon. John G. Carlisle, who was Mr. Cleveland's secretary of the treasury, said while in Washington a day or two ago, that he did not intend to vote for Bryan or McKinley, but he believed the latter would win.

The published story that Gen. Chaffee captured \$278,000 in gold in Tien Tsin and shipped it to Washington is amusing to official circles. Secretary Root was inclined to be facetious about it when asked whether the story was true. He said: "I never heard that Gen. Chaffee took any gold at Tien Tsin. If the treasury people got hold of it, they took advantage of my absence. I wouldn't have let them have it had I been here." The facts are ancient news. Some money was captured by Rear Admiral Remy's marines when Tien Tsin was taken, and it was about the amount mentioned. The other powers made a demand for the money, but Admiral Remy declined to give it up and deposited it in his own name in an eastern bank, subject to the order of the navy department, and it is there yet. This government has not decided what will be done with it, and it may be said to be held in trust at present. The Chinese government has made no demand for it.

Although there are no party politics in the Daughters of the American Revolution, it was brought out at the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the organization, in Washington, several days ago, that the leading candidates for president to succeed Mrs. Daniel Manning, of New York, whose re-election is prohibited by the constitution of the organization, and whose time will expire February 22, 1901, are Mrs. Bryan, wife of Hon. W. J. Bryan, of Nebraska, and Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of Gov. Roosevelt, of New York. The election will not take place until the 22d of February next. Both ladies have active partisans, but the election for president of the U. S. will probably be an important factor in determining the winner. The Daughters being fully aware of the social and other advantages of electing either the president's or vice-president's wife to be president of their organization.

Acting Director Sullivan, of the bureau of engraving and printing, says the series of postage stamps to be issued in commemoration of the Pan American exposition, at Buffalo, will not only be different from any ever issued, but will be the handsomest work of its class ever turned out by the bureau. Each denomination will have the body of the stamp printed in the color prescribed by law, while it will be surrounded by an artistic border printed in a contrasting color. They will be the first stamps printed in two colors ever issued by the government.

Dr. Geo. E. Lane, of Portland, Me., who used to be an army surgeon, is in Washington. He said on a subject that has been widely discussed: "Although ours is a temperance state, more liquor has been sold there than in any other state of its size. The fees of the sheriff of Cumberland county the past year amounted to about \$50,000. The prohibition candidate for sheriff who was recently elected and will go into office the first of the year, has charge of the city mission in Portland. Republicans and Democrats united, giving him the largest vote cast in years, because he announced that he would take only \$3000 as his salary, turning the other fees into the county coffers." Dr. Lane says prominent Republicans are advocating legislation that will fix a salary for sheriffs and give the state a high license liquor law.

Secretary Hay, who was one of President Lincoln's secretaries, and joint author of a voluminous life of Lincoln, declares that language recently used in a public speech, by Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, and said to him to have been a prediction of President Lincoln, as to the ultimate destruction of our republic by the aggregation of wealth in a few hands, was never used by Mr. Lincoln, but was understood to have been invented by a spiritualist medium not long after Mr. Lincoln's death.

It was Josh Billings who said: "I think that notes might possibly be his predestinated to hit a man twice in a second at low range; but whenever I hit a man I say he was predestinated to do a certain thing. I have noticed the 'certain thing' was always a cussed man one. Mr. Billings also said, 'The milk of human kindness is the last kind of milk that ought to be watered; it is generally weak enough when it is first come.' He further said: 'It is said that a man can talk in his sleep; this may be so, but it don't look reasonable.'"

In the fullness of years and honors, John Sherman, lately secretary of state, passed away at his home in Washington, D. C., on Monday. Few among our citizens have risen to greater or more deserved eminence in the national councils than he. The story of his public life and services is, as it were, the history of the country for half a century. Judge William R. Day, who succeeded the late John Sherman as secretary of state, in speaking of his death said: "In the death of Secretary Sherman the country has lost one of its greatest statesmen and notable figures. Mr. Sherman has been continuously in national affairs for a greater length of time than any American now living. He became prominent in public life as far back as the 50's, when he was a member of the congressional committee that visited Kansas to investigate the troubles then prevailing there. He helped form the Republican party, and throughout his long career was one of the most trusted and able leaders. Perhaps his crowning work was as secretary of the treasury under president Hayes, when he carried to successful issue the act providing for the resumption of specie payments. In a great measure we owe to his firmness and courage, the high credit of our country abroad and the sound condition of its finances at home. He was indeed a great man, and his countrymen will mourn his loss and cherish his memory. His place in history is secure, as one of the foremost of American statesmen."

Dr. Withycombe, of the State Agricultural college, gives as the cause of the partial failure of crops the large amount of rain which fell during the spring and the manner in which it fell. He says that the land was packed so hard that it could not receive proper nourishment, and cites the fact that the more finely pulverized the soil of the summer-fallow last fall, the harder the ground was packed and the poorer the crop. Perhaps Dr. Withycombe is right, but the West Side man has noticed some of the plowing that is being done and finds in many cases that the plow boys turn over about four inches of soil. After the grain has commenced to grow sheep are turned in on it and the ground gets a good packing from the tramping of so many hoofs. Crops have been grown so easily heretofore that the average Oregon farmer is very lax in his cultivation. Thorough work usually brings good results in farming as in other lines.

The Examiner is telling despondent people how to recoup their fortunes. The latest is a piece of fatherly advice to a jack-of-all-trades, who tried everything, from reading philosophic books to making a type-setting machine, to better his condition. The Examiner cites the case of Senator Sharon to show that no one need despair. Senator Sharon, we are told, was forty-six years old, before he had anything. In the next ten years he raked in something like \$15,000,000. He did it by abandoning the law and going into banking and kindred pursuits. This is the first time we ever heard of an impetuous ex-lawyer going into banking. That line of business is generally followed by people who have something to bank on. Senator Sharon's complaint of poverty at forty-six must have been something like Miss Flora McFlimsey's wail about having nothing to wear—merely comparative misery.

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Notice to Creditors. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been appointed the executor of the last will and testament of John Stapleton, deceased, by order of the County Court of Polk County, Oregon.

Chilton. In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk. In the matter of the estate of Miranda Hill, deceased, intestate.

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Notice for Publication. U. S. Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, to wit: John Dyer, H. E. No. 10577, for the east half of west half of section 18, E. 9 S., R. 12 E.

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