

The New Age.

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BRYAN AND MCKINLEY.

The Democrats have been celebrating the Fourth of July by holding a national convention at Kansas City, wrestling with the free silver question, nominating and hurrahing for Bryan, and making speeches predicting what they are going to do next fall. If the Republicans had not occupied the best ground—in favor of sound money and expansion—in advance of them, they might make it very interesting for Mr. McKinley next November, for his policy and practices in many respects are not very satisfactory to a great many Republican voters. A large proportion of colored voters would not tire themselves out much laboring for McKinley's election, although they are straight and solid Republicans; but they would like a Republican president to remember the class of voters who made his election possible, and who may have held, and may again hold the balance of power in some states. It is not very much that McKinley has done in recognition of the eight or nine million colored people of the country, but the Negro voters are like a good many others—they can't very well vote for Mr. Bryan, although they may have a stronger liking for him personally than for the president. Some day the Negro voters of the country will become sufficiently organized and independent to show their strength, and then the politicians may pay some attention to them, after as well as before election.

NEW PUBLIC WORKS BOARD.

Mayor Rowe has started out well in his selection of the members of the board of public works. They are all business men or capitalists of recognized ability and personal worth. The appointment of Mr. Walter F. Burrell, who has been in business in Portland many years, and is a most estimable gentleman, will be especially pleasing to his many friends, and to the public generally. His recent defeat as a candidate for councilman from the Third ward, was not due to any lack of merit in Mr. Burrell, or of public confidence in him, but entirely to the wonderful "rustling" qualities of his successful opponent, and the voters of his ward will be pleased at his appointment as a member of the board of public works.

Mr. Richard Williams, another appointee, is especially qualified to serve as a member of the board, from the fact that he is a lawyer of long practice and great experience, and also because of his intimate acquaintance with all the city's affairs. Mr. Williams ranks among Portland's leading lawyers; he has served a term in congress, and several terms as school director; he is a man of considerable property and takes a deep interest in the city's welfare. Few, if any men in Portland are better equipped for the performance of the duties of this position.

Mr. A. L. Mills, is the well-known and popular manager of the Security & Savings bank, and as a sound and successful business man, has no superiors and few equals in the city. Like the other members of the board, he is a taxpayer to a considerable extent, and while progressive in his views will not allow any of the city's money to be squandered if he can prevent it. The other members of the board are also capable, responsible and well-to-do men, whose appointments should be entirely satisfactory to the taxpaying public.

MAYOR ROWE.

Under the present charter, Mayor Rowe carries a weighty responsibility, and it is believed from the appointments he has made, not only of members of the board of public works, but of police and fire commissioners, and his other initial administrative acts, that the responsibility has been well placed by the voters. The new mayor ought to be given an opportunity, under the present charter, to show the people of Portland what kind of a government he can give them. If he and his appointees perform their duties

well, as his acts indicate they will, it will be a serious mistake on the part of the legislature to divest him of his powers and throw the city government into the confusion that would necessarily result from sweeping changes in the charter. Of course the mayor's appointees are solid and square Republicans, but this is a Republican city by a very large majority, and all Republicans ought now to get together gradually and give those placed in authority a fair, square chance to make a record and do the public duties that have been conferred upon them.

Sheriff Frazier has entered upon his third term of office, as The New Age positively predicted all the time he would do, and has reorganized his force of deputies to some extent, though retaining a number of his former assistants, as the office is his, and he is solely responsible to the public for the way it is conducted, any changes he may have made are wholly his own affair; and the people generally are entirely satisfied with them.

The ever glorious Fourth of July was well enjoyed in Portland, in spite of the damp weather. The committees got up a good celebration for the money and deserve a good deal of credit for their excellent work in this respect. It was a happy thought to secure the assistance of the Chinese and to induce them to display their "dragon," which of itself, was worth waiting a considerable time to see.

Colored men and women ought to stand by each other in a business way whenever an occasion offers, not to exhibit a narrow race prejudice, but to help one another out with patronage whenever it can be done with mutual advantage. This course would ease the burdens of many a colored man and woman, and help to make their lives brighter.

Now if everybody will help, the success of the street fair and carnival in September will be assured. The colored population of Portland will no doubt contribute their share to make this a great and enjoyable affair, and their capability to do this ought not to be overlooked by the committees who have charge of the business.

A long felt want in Portland has been supplied to the satisfaction and even the delight of the patrons of public eating places by the opening of Alisky's Winter Garden on Third and Morrison streets. It is the most complete, perfect, satisfying and gratifying grill room buffet and place of refreshment and entertainment in the Pacific Northwest, if not on the Pacific coast. Nothing equal to it in appointments and excellence of the cuisine and management has appeared before in Portland; and considering the superb character of the place and the refreshments it furnishes, the prices charged are astonishingly low. Mr. Alisky was extremely fortunate in securing as manager of this palatial resort Col. J. F. Harvey, than whom no caterer to refined appetites in the country is the superior in this line of business. Colonel Harvey not only knows exactly how to please the public in the matter of first-class refreshments, but besides that he is one of the most agreeable and deservedly popular gentlemen in the country. He has built up an excellent and enviable reputation, not only as an expert manager of a thoroughly first-class resort of this kind, but also as a gentleman whom it is pleasant to meet and become acquainted with. He has made the Winter Garden a success already, and it is certain to grow in popularity as long as Colonel Harvey and his experienced assistant, Mr. W. C. Blank, retain charge of it. Mr. Blank is also an experienced and expert caterer, whose knowledge and skill in his art are of much service to Colonel Harvey, and of advantage to the patrons of the splendid Winter Garden. This is destined to become the most popular and successful place of its kind in the city.

"Unique"—"Dollar a Month."

When you send your clothing to us you can rest assured that it will receive prompt and careful attention. Our "Dollar a Month" system is becoming more popular every day. We call for, sponge, press and deliver a suit each week, sew on buttons and sew up rips for one dollar a month. Unique Tailoring Co., 347 Washington, opposite Cordray's. Both phones.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executor of the estate of Francis Weiss, deceased, has filed his final account in the matter of said estate in the county court of the state of Oregon, for Multnomah county, and an order has been made and entered of record directing this notice to be given and published, and naming Monday, the 24th day of September, 1900, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon thereof for the hearing of objections to said final account and for the final settlement thereof.

C. BIRCHER,
Executor of the estate of Francis Weiss, Deceased.

Topics of the Times

The Empress Eugenie has entered her seventy-fifth year.

M. Edouard Bocher, for many years the friend and confidential adviser of the Orleans family, died recently in Paris, at the age of 90.

Richard Croker, Jr., has paid \$4,000 for the bulldog Rodney Stone. The Croker family insists on acquiring all the prime hang-on talent.

At Damascus the wall of the city is reported to have discovered a library which escaped annihilation when Tamerlane destroyed the town in 1401.

Complaint is made that Grosvenor Square is losing its aristocratic tenants, whose houses are falling, one by one, into the hands of African and Australian millionaires.

Great Britain's new minister to Denmark, William Edward Goschen, is a brother of the first lord of the admiralty, and was formerly attached to the British legation at Washington.

Consular officers are expressly forbidden by regulations to report to private inquirers concerning the financial standing or commercial repute of business men or houses in their districts.

Every year a number of boys are sent from Siam by the King to England to learn different things. One learns upholstery, one learns typewriting, one learns languages, one learns science, and so on.

China does not seem inclined to be impressed in any great degree as the path of civilization widens. Attacks on foreigners are reported in almost every newspaper received from the Celestial Kingdom.

The highest court of appeal in Great Britain has sustained the decision that a circulating library can be held peculiarly responsible for libelous statements contained in any of the volumes which it circulates.

A Chicago man climbed a telegraph pole and sang "A Bird in a Gilded Cage." Neighbors testified that he could not sing even on the ground, and the magistrate sent him to the Bridewell for adding insult to injury.

Veteran Wall street men who knew "Jim" Fisk say that in facial appearance John W. Gates strongly recalls the man who was slain by "Ed" Stokes. Fisk was a heavier man by many pounds, but in features there is a strong resemblance.

John Adam, Paradise, Mo., has written a letter of inquiry to the Chicago police department. They say in Chicago that this is the first time information touching the first name of Adam and their first knowledge of the exact location of Paradise.

Mark Twain's next book, it is announced, will appear early in the fall. It is a collection of stories, sketches and essays which have been published in various periodicals, and will bear the title of the opening story, "The Man Who Corrupted Hadleyburg."

The Austrian emperor, Francis Joseph, who is 70 years old, was recently advised by a high court official to take the baths at Gastein as a cure for rheumatism. He replied: "I have too much work to do now to think of going to a watering place. I shall begin to think of that when I grow old."

Henry Clay Frick, the Pittsburg iron magnate, who recently had a falling out with Carnegie, has his own mushroom garden at his splendid Homewood residence and daily gives away \$20 or \$30 worth of the delicacies. His gardener, David Fraser, is a recognized authority on the growing and treatment of mushrooms.

Dr. George F. Shady of New York said at a recent social gathering that no matter what happens in other cities, the society girl of New York does not smoke. The ladies present sent up a chorus of delight, but the doctor cut short their thanks by adding: "It's not what is called good form. Besides, the New York girl would sooner drink a cocktail."

One mile of \$1 stamps was manufactured for the demand of 1898. Of the \$5 stamps they would reach a distance of one-fifteenth of a mile. In 1899 there were sold about 5,200,000 special delivery stamps. The distance traveled for special delivery was about 2,625,000 miles. A messenger boy to accomplish the distance would have to go about 1,100 times around the world, or five times to the moon and back.

In his later years Herbert Spencer has been afflicted with insomnia. A friend who traveled with him on a recent occasion was astounded at the elaborate preparations he made for sleep. Eyes were bandaged, ears stuffed with cotton wool, and other precautions taken to steep the senses in forgetfulness. After an hour or so of restlessness, however, these means were discarded, and all thoughts of sleep abandoned for the night.

Fish are great gluttons. That is probably the reason why fine-looking bait tempt so many of them to destruction. A single bluefish has been known to kill and devour ten cod each as big as himself in rapid succession. Birds are also blessed with fine appetites. The robin can easily devour two-thirds of its weight in earth worms in a day, and the ordinary pigeon can get away with his own weight in grain between sunrise and sunset and then go to sleep hungry.

CATARACTS MAY BE UTILIZED.

Power Now Going to Waste Might Be Made Profitable.

One of the natural resources of the great West which will in the future make for its greatest advancement is

the undeveloped water power. The melting snows on the summits of the lofty mountains rushing downward with resistless force in the spring form the headwaters of our mighty rivers. To-day the tourist views these cataracts and waterfalls amid scenes of primeval grandeur and wildness. In the to-morrow of Western progress the tourist may see these mighty forces chained and harnessed, moving the wheels of industry and promoting the good of new commonwealths. It is only in the East that anything like substantial utilization of the water powers is apparent. In the West there are but few rivers which do not offer a cheap and practical water supply. But the far West is almost an unknown country yet, and capital, except in a few isolated cases, has invested little in enterprises of this sort. The first utilization of this vast water supply for power has almost invariably been made by mining corporations, but this represents only an infinitesimal portion of the latent forces. A few Western cities like Minneapolis, St. Paul, Great Falls and Spokane have harnessed their rivers and are forging to the front.

The dweller in the West, inhaling the ozone atmosphere of that glorious region, is naturally an optimist. He cannot help it. But his optimism is justified by the past records of that region, which reveal no halting in its onward progress. He travels on the finest railroads, he lives amid scenes of the greatest and grandest natural beauty; he views the settlement and growth of new territories. In fact, all that he sees and hears and breathes tend to make him optimistic. Therefore to him the vision readily comes of a transformation in this. He sees, in a future not distant, a new field for his efforts. All this power, now wasted and valueless, will be made useful and will materially conduce to the wealth of thousands of new citizens.

The Deschutes Falls, thirty miles west of Prineville, Ore., are wildly beautiful, though the sheer fall does not compare with that of many other Western cataracts. A peculiarity of the Deschutes River is the very slight yearly variation of only sixteen inches in its height. In some places the variation is not more than ten inches. Cyrus C. Babb, of the United States Geological Survey, gives as the accepted explanation of this that the winter snow of the Cascade Mountains, which supplies the water of this river, owing to the peculiar formation of the soil, percolates into the ground, and later finds its way into the river through springs.

Rainbow Falls are six miles below Great Falls and three miles below Black Eagle Falls, on the head waters of the Missouri in Montana. These falls are twenty-five feet in height, and will afford many thousand horse-power when utilized.

Twin Falls, in Idaho, are just above the great Shoshone Falls, in the Snake River. The rugged aspect of the country in this vicinity, its wildness, and the tremendous force of the twin cataracts make this a very impressive scene. Owing to the inaccessibility of these falls of the Snake, they are not often visited by the tourist, although the Oregon Short Line runs within thirty miles of this spot.

The Nevada Falls of the Yosemite Valley are among the most beautiful of the numerous waterfalls of the western part of our continent. The water springs outward from the edge of the precipitous cliff and drops down 617 feet with a mighty roar. The flow over the falls is 35,100 gallons per minute.—Minneapolis Times.

Wrong Man Bombarded with Apples

"My husband has a great joke on me," said a young matron at a porch party, "and I'll tell it myself, so it will be told without exaggeration. The other afternoon I went down town to do a little shopping, and when I came home, about 6 o'clock, I saw my husband lounging in our hammock, under the apple trees in our side yard. His face was buried under his straw hat, but I knew him by his excrecitating yellow shoes; he always will buy the brightest yellow shoes he can find, and I detest them. As I was feeling a trifle jocular, I picked up some green apples from the path and threw them at him, one at a time. Strange to say, one big apple hit him plump in the breast, and two others rattled sharply on his straw hat. He started up, but without looking at him I scampered briskly up the porch steps and into the house. As I ran in the front door I encountered my husband—yellow shoes and all—coming out. Of course I was petrified, and couldn't do anything but stare at him. He looked alarmed and exclaimed: 'Gracious, Louise, what is the matter? Are you going to faint?' 'I don't know,' I confusedly answered; 'who is that man out in the hammock?'"

"That? Oh, that is Mr. Watkins—that clever New York traveling man you've heard me talk about. I've brought him to dinner. Anything wrong about that?"

"No, oh, no," I replied; "only I have been pelted him with green apples."

"But we had a merry little dinner after the bombardment of our guest had been satisfactorily explained."—Detroit Free Press.

Tortoise 150 Years Old.

The oldest living creature in the world belongs to Walter Rothschild. It is a large tortoise, weighing a quarter of a ton, and it has lived for 150 years.

Bicycle Factories in Germany. Germany has thirty-six fewer bicycle factories than it had last year, and only a few of the largest establishments are making money.

A little bird on a hat is worth two that tell tales.

DAINTY NEW DRESSES

USE OF HEAVY LACES IS STILL IN FAVOR.

Accepted Yoke Designs Hold Their Popularity—Summer Gowns Mostly of Familiar Materials Made Up to Put a Novel Side Outside.

New York correspondence:



O far as fashions are concerned, summer has come on with a rush. Already the resort to summery dresses has taken on a July swing. July and August are the months for summer toggery, though there may be quite as much call for it during most of September. The new dresses are very dainty, and though fluff and feathery frill are favorite features, there are endless varieties of gowns built for simplicity.

The use of heavy laces, the tendency to princess effects and the appreciation of washableness as a charm in the summer dress all tend to make for simplicity in outline. Cluny lace in all grades and torchon, which is, after all, a phase of cluny, and various laces that till they appear under fanciful new names are associated with curtains and tidies, are



IN LIGHT FABRICS FOR THE WARM SPELL.

much used flat either inserted or applied on summer frocks of prints, lawns and lightweight linens. A dainty yoke made of a pair of insertions over the shoulders and one across between these two, with a fourth added for collar may be the only elaboration of a white lawn except cuffs of lace to match. When the two shoulder insertions extend to the bust line and the cross piece is lace of the same width but not nearly so deep, the lawn that appears between the side pieces is prettily hand tucked. This is one of the dainty models of the season's simplicity, one on which may be rung many changes by using the same materials.

All the accepted yoke designs hold their favor. A pretty notion is to allow the lace of the yoke to seem to extend in an insertion down the top of the sleeve, as in the gown of the initial picture, which was turquoise blue grenadine over cream

colored organdie trimmed with insertion and an all-over lace brette. Two handsome gowns of all-over lace appear in the next illustration. The lace of the first was an ecru shade, and was over cream taffeta. The trimmings were a tucked mulle yoke and lace ruffles. Black and white duchess lace was used in the other. Its bodice belt was white surah. Last here is an ox-blood mercerized gingham. White insertion banded yoke and collar, which were white duck.

While it is still a bit early to take up the no-collar bodice for outdoor wear, it is moving toward popularity. It is well established for dressy gowns and house frocks, and doubtless a few venturesome women will display the fashion on the street. Just now and until the cut becomes more general it is desirable to moderate it a bit. In time all will become accustomed to the new contour and



GOWNS OF LACE AND GINGHAM ALIKE FOR SIMPLE OUTLINES.

surah. The under side of such a sleeve may be plain, or it may be broken by a series of horizontal insertions, or it may be entirely a series of horizontal insertions except for an under cap deep enough to allow for securing the protector. The fancy continues for a bow or rosette on the bust at the left. The bow or rosette—there is a tendency to spread it into a bow—is usually of black velvet, though with otherwise "all white" gowns delicate colors in chiffon or liberty are used, and the frequent choice of rose begins to make that shade marked among the favorites. A sash to match, either wound and with ends tucked under, or with scarf ends afloat, is often knotted at side or back. Necklaces of beads or of chain with ends weighted with larger beads or with crystal balls are knotted in front, the ends hanging loose. This idea is carried out in a band of black velvet, often with ends tipped with metal

to judging correctly the new lines of beauty displayed.

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Free Passes in France.

The legislative free pass is still universal in France. Every member of the Chamber of Deputies has free traveling on any railroad in the country, and is furnished with a medal of identification to make sure that he gets his privileges. In the matter of pay they are better off than the British member of Parliament, though their indemnity of \$5 a day is small beside the \$5,000 a year of the United States Congressman.

Shortening a Railroad Run.

The railroad time between New York and Boston has been reduced to four hours and twenty-three minutes.