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were nearly double what they were in 1895, the price of beef had increased from \$1 to 14 cents a pound, pork was exactly at the same price—11 cents a pound—and other leading articles advanced a fraction, while wheat flour declined from \$5 a barrel in 1895 to \$4 in 1896. In the same time sugar dropped from 16 cents a pound to 6, and tea from 35 cents a pound to 10, though coffee advanced from 27 cents a pound to 30. These figures seem to disprove the popular fallacy that the rich are growing richer and the poor poorer—unless, indeed, the American artisan is ranked with the former, a position which his brethren in other lands are very much inclined to accord him.

It is not yet decided whether the Democrats will continue McKinley financially as a weak-kneed straddle-bug, to be opposed at Chicago by a gold-plated and Cleveland, or as a stiff-backed gold-bug, controlled by the Shylocks of Wall street, to be naturally opposed by a 16 to 1 platform and Island or Botes. Until the fight at Chicago has been determined, some hesitation in the Democratic placing of McKinley on the financial question may readily be understood and forgiven. In the Republican ranks, as the St. Louis convention draws closer and closer, the stronger grows the conviction that on the money issue McKinley is sound. After the nomination there will probably be no Republican doubts on the question.

With Tillman, the ideal of the South Carolina Democrats, as a free silver presidential candidate, and Senator Teller as Colorado's favorite son, there will be no lack for white metal standard-bearers should they decide to set up shop on their own account. Here is a candidate out of each of the two big parties. You pass your silver and you take your choice.

AN ENGLISHMAN MADE OUR SEAL.

This Country Indebted to a Baronet for the Design Adopted by Congress.

New York Herald. The great seal of the United States is of peculiar interest from the fact that it is the only one in the world that was designed for a government by the subject of an opposing government. We owe our coat-of-arms to Sir John Pringle, a Scotchman of the West of England, who was a warm friend of America, and an accomplished antiquarian. His admiration for Washington undoubtedly influenced his design, as the Washington arms are rather similar to our seal. Originally the selection of a seal was left to a committee appointed by congress, and composed of Benjamin Franklin, John Jay, and Thomas Jefferson, and they employed a French West Indian named Du Simitiere, not only to furnish designs, but to sketch such designs as were suggested by themselves. In one of his drawings the artist designed as a shield armorial ensigns of the several nations from whence America had been peopled, embracing those of England, Scotland, France, Germany and Holland.

After several other committees had vainly tried to perfect a seal which should meet the approval of congress, Daniel Webster then being secretary, ten years later, received from John Adams, then in London, an exceedingly simple and appropriate device suggested by Sir John Pringle. It consisted of an eagle, with wings spread, perched on a shield, and holding in its talons a bundle of arrows, and a scroll with the motto, "E PLURIBUS UNUM." This seal continued in use up to 1835, when the seal now in use was adopted.

WHAT SHE DID. Detroit Free Press. Please state to the court exactly what you did on the 21st of May, 1895, at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning, said a lawyer to a delicate looking little woman on the witness stand.

While a good many of the consuls under Mr. Cleveland have had the political sagacity to send in consular reports that are calculated to destroy the force of protection arguments, Consular General Max Judd, who resides at Vienna, says the Chicago Times-Herald, deals with the recent great strike of the tailors which involved 50,000 operatives in the principal cities of the German empire. Mr. Judd's candor is so unusual that it is positively delightful. In touching upon the industrial aspects of the strike Mr. Judd inadvertently reveals the fact that the wages of German cloakmakers have been gradually reduced until an operative is compelled to pay rent and purchase clothing and food on \$125 per week. We have "weathers" and sweatshops in this country, but this is sweating close to the starvation point. Free traders in this country have answered with cheers the alarms of the protectionists with reference to the "pauper labor of Europe." But Mr. Judd has indignantly and wantonly contributed valuable material to the protection literature that will be made available in the coming campaign by giving official testimony to the fact that there is such a thing as the "pauper labor of Europe." It is true that we have sweatshops of our own, but the most indifferent friend of American labor will not fail to see that there is a grave danger in such competition as German cloakmakers that are paid \$125 per week.

OF INTEREST TO CYCLISTS. Buffalo Sunday Times. New Woman to St. Peter—Take that wheel in and house it carefully. Tell the servants to be careful of it. She's a rascal. St. Peter—You'll find the cinder path on the right, ma'am. Searchers go below.

PRECARIOUS POSSESSION. Romarville Journal. Gavage—How much does your bicycle weigh? Fifty—Fifteen pounds, the agent said, but so long as the last installment isn't paid, it weighs about two tons on my mind. There's more clothing destroyed by poor soap than by actual wear. "Hoe Cake" soap contains no free alkali and will not injure the finest linen. Try it and notice the difference in quality. Ross, Higgins & Co.

BLACKWELL'S I WANT BLACKWELL'S DURHAM AND NO OTHER. SEE? You will find one coupon inside each two ounce bag, and two coupons inside each four ounce bag of Blackwell's Durham. Buy a bag of this celebrated tobacco and read the coupon—which gives a list of valuable presents and how to get them.

It is said of the late Colonel North that his manner was brusque, the usual amenities of civilization were forgotten in his presence, and after he had bullied a meeting through the business of the day, it was frequently the case that nobody felt sufficiently grateful to propose the usual vote of thanks. But the colonel would never be balked of his dose. "I wish now," he would shout, "who is going to give me a vote of thanks to me? I shan't leave this chair, you know, without a vote of thanks. Come along, some of you, and give me my vote of thanks."

IT'S ASTONISHING how Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription acts upon nervous women. It's a marvelous remedy for nervous and general debility, chronic, or St. Vitus's Dance, or Insanity, or Spasms, or Convulsions, or "Hysteria," and every like disorder. Even in cases of insanity, resulting from functional derangements, the persistent use of this medicine has been restoring the natural functions, generally effect a cure.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she became teething, we gave her Castoria. When she had worms, we gave her Castoria. When she was a child, she clung to Castoria. When she became a woman, she clung to Castoria. When she had children, she gave them Castoria.

ROYAL Baking Powder has been awarded highest honors at every world's fair where exhibited. After the Countess of Warwick had made an address at a meeting held in the interests of some British sailors recently, one bronzed old tar stood up in the audience, bowed to her, and remarked: "Good by, countess. We did not think that the likes of you took any heed of the likes of us."

When the Swallows Homeward Fly. People begin to ask themselves, "Where shall I spend the summer?" An ocean voyager, an island jaunter, or a coastwise trip, which shall it be? In either case, one of the most useful traveling companions, one that never fails in an emergency, is a bottle of Dr. Cassell's Tetter's Stomach Bitters, which remedies sea sickness, nausea, headache, biliousness and malarial complaints. Dyspepsia, rheumatism, nervousness and kidney trouble are also remedied by the great alterative and preventive. Tourists by sea and land, mariners, emigrants and western pioneers all adapt to its defensive and remedial efficacy. Bodily and mental fatigue are counteracted by it, and it prevents maladies which would otherwise befall the traveler. No one should start on a summer outing without it. It is the most genial and reliable of summer tonics, and suits the most fastidious palate.

The Weeping Daughter—O, I shall die! Papa says that Algy and I must not get of getting married for two years yet. "Don't cry so dear, said the judicious mother, "Perhaps you will not want to marry him at the end of two years. Who knows but that blunder husbands will be out of style then?"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A tired stomach is very much like a sprained ankle. If you suffer from any of the symptoms of indigestion, or if your stomach is tired, it needs a crutch. We must relieve it of all work for a time, or until it is restored to its natural strength. To do this, we must use a food which is already digested outside of the body, and which will aid the digestion of other foods that may be taken with it. Such a product is the Shaker Digestive Cordial.

LAXOL is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

Miss Fanny Edgar Thomas has been made officer d'academie by the French government in recognition of her work in musical criticism. She is said to be the first American to be so honored. She went to Paris about a year ago, entirely unknown. But a few weeks ago such musical criticism as she wrote for the Boston and Massenet recommended that the distinction be conferred on her.

A HOUSEHOLD TREASURE. D. W. Fuller, of Canajoharie, N. Y., says that he always keeps Dr. King's New Discovery in the house and his family has always found the very best results follow its use; that he would not be without it, if procurable. O. A. Dyke-man, Druggist, Catskill, N. Y., says that Dr. King's New Discovery is undoubtedly the best cough remedy that he has used in his family for eight years and it has never failed to do all that is claimed for it. Why not try a remedy so long tried and tested. Trial bottles free at Chas. Rogers' drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00.

Prof. Charles Lane Poor, of the astronomical department of John Hopkins university, has been honored with election as an Associate Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James D. Oliver, professor of mathematics at Cornell college.

DID YOU EVER Try Electric Bitters for your troubles? If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all forms of Rheumatism, Sciatica, Headache, Pain in the Back, St. Vitus's Dance, Nervous, Sleepless, Excitable, Melancholy, or troubled with Dizziness, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Health and strength guaranteed by its use. Fifty cents and \$1.00 at Chas. Rogers' Drug Store.

The family of Chief Justice Fuller, of the United States supreme court, is at Sorrento, Me., for the season. Pure blood means good health. Dr. Witt's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood, cures Eruptions, Eczema, Scrofula, and all diseases arising from impure blood. Chas. Rogers.

Consent in weakest bodies strongest works.—Shakespeare. Dr. Pierce's Cream Baking Powder Contains no Ammonia or Alum.

Table of land sales and auctions. Columns include names of parties, descriptions of land (e.g., lots, acres, sections), and dates. Includes sections for 'SHERIFF'S TAX SALE' and 'CARSON, LUCIA C.'.