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**WORDS OF WISDOM.**

When Thomas H. Huxley, the eminent English physicist and thinker, was visiting this country in 1876 he delivered an address before the John Hopkins university in which he spoke as follows, in regard to the great social and political problem which confronted the American people and which they must solve either for good or for ill: "You are making a novel experiment in politics on the greatest scale which the world has yet seen," said Mr. Huxley. "Forty millions at your first century, it is reasonable to be expected that, at the second, these states will be occupied by two hundred millions of English speaking people, spread over an area as large as that of Europe, and with climates and interests as diverse as those of Spain and Scandinavia, England and Russia. You and your descendants have to ascertain whether this great mass will hold together under the form of a republic, and the despotic royalty of universal suffrage; whether state rights will hold out against centralization, without separation; whether centralization will get the better, without actual or disguised monarchy; whether shifting corruption is better than a permanent bureaucracy; and as population thickens in your great cities, and the pressure of want is felt, the gaunt spectre of pauperism will stalk among you, and communism and socialism will claim to be heard. Truly America has a great future before her; great in toil, in care, and in responsibility; great in true glory if she be guided in wisdom and righteousness; great in shame if she fail. I cannot understand why other nations should envy you, or be blind to the fact that it is for the highest interest of mankind that you should succeed; but the one condition of success, your sole safeguard, is the moral worth and intellectual clearness of the individual citizen." These words of the great Englishman sounded like the warnings of a pessimistic prophet twenty years ago, but before we have fairly started on the road to our second century we find many of the evils which he said would come up to embarrass our social and political institutions right here upon us. Now, in spite of the fact that universal suffrage is in a certain sense tyrannical and is perhaps a prolific cause of "shifting corruption," we believe that "government by the people, of the people, for the people" is the best, noblest and highest form of government yet instituted among men. The American people will yet solve the problem of free government to their own honor and aggrandisement and the uplifting of all other peoples and nations of the earth. There is food for thought in Professor Huxley's warning.

It is indeed unfortunate for the people of this country that the government is forced to issue bonds to replenish the gold reserve. Not since the resumption of specie payment has the United States been in so desperate a strait for money of final redemption. The financial condition of the treasury is not only strained, it is critical. The great banks of the country are hoarding gold and forcing bond issues for the deliberate purpose of driving gold to a premium. There can be no other satisfactory reason assigned for the unprecedented hoarding of gold now going on. No sane person believes that the present bond purchase of \$65,000,000 in gold will afford the treasury only temporary relief. There will be another sale of bonds within four months, unless there is an unexpected and improbable increase in the revenues of the government. The "endless chain" process of drawing gold out of the treasury will continue with increased acceleration, and the present congress appears to be impotent as a newborn babe to give the government any financial relief. It is a sad commentary upon the statesmanship of the democratic party that it has signally failed to develop a leader with the ability to crystallize its disorganized forces into an intelligent and harmonious body and by wise legislation bring financial order out of financial chaos. The country needs a Jackson at the helm of the ship of state or a Hamilton at the head of the treasury department. If the present congress fails to act, and there is apparently no more hope for it than there is for the salva-

tion of Dives, the president should convene congress in extraordinary session immediately after the 4th of March next. It is simply an act of prudence and humanity to call in a second physician when the family practitioner has not the skill to diagnose the patient's disease, or the courage to apply the remedy.

A bill was defeated in the house yesterday that ought to become a law. It aims to amend the law of criminal libel so that before an action shall lie against a newspaper for a libelous publication, the party claiming injury thereby must notify the publisher, pointing out the portion claimed to be libelous, and if the publisher shall print and publish a retraction of the charges it shall be a bar to prosecution therefor. This gives the newspapers a fair chance. An editor may, upon information he considers trustworthy, publish an untrue report or statement relative to a citizen's character and he certainly ought to be given an opportunity to retract it in a manner as public as was its promulgation, before prosecution. In all sense of fairness the vote ought to be reconsidered and the bill passed.—Daily Statesman, February 14.

The above opinion does not appear editorially, but occurs in the Statesman's reportorial column of legislative doings. In our opinion the legislature acted wisely in setting down upon this particular bill. Such a law, if enacted, would give unbridled license to malicious defamation of character. No person would be exempt from libel, so far as legal restraint is concerned, under such a statute. Of course no self-respecting publisher or editor would take advantage of a "scape-goat" law, but unfortunately the newspaper profession has its ghouls and vampires the same as other professions, and this class would take a mean advantage to vent their venom upon real or oppositional enemies, restrained possibly to some extent through fear of personal accountability. Civilized society has no use for a law that might be the means of forcing an honest man to use the shotgun in vindication of the outraged honor of himself or family. It is impossible to make a retraction of libel "as public as was its promulgation," for "a lie will travel around the world" to quote a truism from blunt old Ben Johnson, "while truth is putting on her boots."

The people are anxiously asking questions why the banks continue to hoard gold. The New York World, a straight out gold standard organ, recently put the question of gold hoarding directly to the New York banks, and the following is its comment upon their replies: "The World has asked the banks why they are hoarding \$81,000,000 of gold for which they have absolutely no use whatever. Their replies are evasive, shifty, insincere. They have no obligations payable in gold. Their notes are redeemable not by themselves but by the government, and not in gold but in greenbacks. The checks drawn by their depositors are payable in paper alone, and in fact are paid in nothing else. There is no possible reason for them to hoard gold except that they expect a premium upon it or that they wish to force the government to borrow money which it does not need. Their talk about country banks occasionally demanding gold remittances is folderl. They can go to the sub-treasury upon every such occasion and exchange greenbacks for gold in any quantity they please. The banks still owe to the public an answer to The World's questions."

The San Francisco Examiner commentarily remarks: "The exemption of this state from the icy storms that have wracked the rest of the Northern world will turn hither millions of capital and thousands of people." While the proud golden state has fortunately escaped the terrible frosts which recently devastated the citrus fruit and vegetable crops of Florida, she has suffered severely from flood and storm. Oregon has probably suffered less this winter from wind and flood and rain than any other state in the Union. And as for cold weather there has not been any. The season has been the most equable within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. This is a good country to emigrate to and a desirable place to live after you get here. Oregon's climate is all right.

The New York World says that "during January Eastern factories shipped 328,646 cases of boots and shoes, against 304,147 in the same month in 1903. The record is the largest ever made in any January. And this has been achieved in the face of an advance in prices. The January sales of wool in the three principal markets amounted to 23,157,065 pounds, against 25,727,150 in 1902, which was the record breaking year. The sales of woolen goods are reported by the trade journals to have been unusually large, though exact figures are not yet attainable."



**Ivy Poisoning**

Eight Years of Suffering

Perfect Cure by Hood's Sarsaparilla  
 "C. L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass."  
 "Dear Sirs:—We have tried Hood's Sarsaparilla and find it to be all you claim for it. My wife was poisoned by ivy when a young woman, and for eight years was troubled every season with the breaking out and terrible itching and burning. I thought here was as bad a case as anyone ever had. She was in this distressing condition every year until she began to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, which has effected a perfect cure, without leaving any scars, and she has had."

**Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures**

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No Sign of the Poison Since.  
 She is well and hearty. I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla after the grip with good results, and have also given it to our four children. We are all pictures of perfect health and owe it to Hood's Sarsaparilla." J. C. FREEMAN, Vandalia, Illinois.  
 N. B. If you desire to take Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to buy any other instead. Hood's Pills are had made, and perfect in proportion and appearance. 25c. per box.

The present legislature has been disappointing in many particulars. Its members were elected upon a platform that sounded the slogan of reform and retrenchment in state and municipal government. If these men were sincere and honest when appealing to the suffrage of the people, and we do not question their good intentions, the fierce senatorial brawl into which they have been precipitated has caused them to lose sight of the real issues upon which they were elected. Only a few useful laws have been enacted and hardly a single obnoxious law repealed. There now remains only three more days of legislation, including today, and it is quite probable that as much harm as good will be accomplished in the meantime.

It is folly to expect the present congress to give the country any remedial financial legislation. The democratic party is completely at sea on the currency question and it is too late in the day to harmonize the warring factions. The extreme goldites and the extreme silverites are the real obstructivists to conservative legislation on the money question. Under existing conditions it would be unwise legislation for the United States to attempt to carry any more silver than the coinage of its own product, and conservative men of both parties realize this fact.

Waxy that coveted English gold reaches the United States treasury. The Wall street sharks will come down upon it like the "African wolf upon the fold." Those lynx-eyed usurers are already whether their insatiable appetites in anticipation of the dainty morsel which the president and his secretary of the treasury are preparing for them.

The contentious quill driver of the Dallas Observer tries to cover up his poverty of ideas and gift of misrepresentation by the use of choice adjectives. Nature is very kind in limiting this editor's command of "the Queen's English" to a few harmless epithets. We cheerfully admit to going on a fool's errand whenever we pay attention to anything that the Observer has to say.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder  
 World's Fair Highest Medal and Diplomas.

**THE POLK COUNTY PRESS.**

News Items and Editorial Expressions.

(Transcript.)

Wild strawberries are in bloom along the by-ways and hedges.

Clint Moore is out again on the streets. He has had a long, tough siege of sickness, and we are pleased to see him able to be out. He will leave for California soon, on a trip for his health.

Isaac Ball was a good citizen and a liberal church supporter, being charitable alike to all churches, but was a member of the New Jerusalem church. Politically, he was a staunch old democrat. In all relations of life his conduct was honest and upright. He was the father of twelve children of whom five daughters. Mrs. Henry Black, Mrs. V. B. Sears, Mrs. P. C. Sears, Mrs. Geo. Comeges, Mrs. Wm. Comeges and his wife still survive him.

It seems hardly probable that the legislature will adjourn without electing a senator; and yet this

**SHOE SALE**  
 At Independence.  
 I wish to close out my entire stock of Boots and Shoes.  
 Any pair of goods in my stock at first cost and freight.  
 Goods are all new and bought at lowest prices. Now is the time to buy.  
**W. H. PATTERSON.**

would have been done in 1882, when Mr. Dolph was first elected, had not Senator Mitchell, the choice of a large majority come forward and implored the body if they could not elect him to elect somebody. Will Mr. Dolph return the compliment?  
 (Itemizer.)  
 The will of Grandpa Ball was read last Saturday, Van Sears being made executor without bonds. The property goes to Grandma Ball during her natural life, then to the heirs, share and share alike. A half acre was deeded to the public for a burial ground and a lot and church building to the Swedenborgian faith.—Ballston Cor.  
 J. C. McFarlane, of Falls City, has bought a ninety-acre farm six miles north of Salem, the consideration being \$3,000. He will move over about the first of July.  
 The city ordinance requiring boys to be off the streets after 8 o'clock at night is now being enforced.  
 The assessment roll will be in the hands of the sheriff for the collection of taxes by February 20.  
 During January Dallas merchants shipped to Portland forty cases of eggs of thirty-six dozens each or a total of 17,280.  
 Energy and a knowledge of how to deal with other men must exist or there will be but little headway, if you will go to the legislative halls and observe for a day, it will become evident that some of the peoples' representatives are but little more than figure heads.  
 (Observer.)  
 The Polk County Medical Association met in Dallas on Friday last. It was a good meeting, and the best of feeling was exhibited among its members.  
 As we go to press we learn the sad news that Squire W. S. Frink is high unto death. Mr. Frink's illness has been of short duration, and its seriousness was unexpected. Mr. Frink is an old pioneer, ex-county clerk, and has been engaged in public business for many years in Dallas.

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 W. W. WILLIAMS, Prop.  
 A first-class Hotel in all its appointments.  
 The best of accommodations for commercial men.  
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 Sash AND Doors  
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 For  
**Everybody.**  
 Prices reasonable and work guaranteed.

**DRESS MAKING**  
 Miss Sophia Goff.  
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 Promptly and neatly done by  
**H. A. FULLER,**  
 The Cash Blacksmith.

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 A Specialty.  
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Gentlemen:—I have been taking your Restorative Nervine for the past three months and I cannot say enough in its praise. It has

Saved My Life,  
 for I had almost given up hope of ever being well again. I was a chronic sufferer from nervousness and could not sleep. I was also troubled with nervous headache, and had tried doctors in vain, until I used your Nervine. MIS. M. WOOD, Ringwood, Ill.

**Dr. Miles' Nervine Cures.**

Dr. Miles' Nervine is sold on a positive guarantee that the first bottle will benefit. All druggists sell it at \$1.00, 6 bottles for \$5.00 or it will be sent, prepaid, on receipt of price by the Dr. Miles' Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

**Two Questions**  
 Are just now agitating the minds of the people of Independence. The first is:  
 . . . . . Who will be elected Senator?  
 The second question is where to get the best  
**Bargains in Groceries . . . . .**  
 The future alone will decide the first question. The second is being daily decided by  
**DOUTY & LOCKE**  
 The bargains we are offering right along are the best you'll find anywhere, and the goods cannot be excelled.  
 Headquarters for Strong's Bakery.

**New Year's Proclamation.**  
 THE people of Polk county will take notice that during the year 1894 the BANNER CASH GROCERY led the procession with fine groceries and low prices. This year they propose to put a still greater distance between themselves and all competitors. They will sell goods at bottom prices.  
**J. P. IRVINE,**  
 GROCER

**A Few Pointers:**  
 HAVE you ever considered that the appearance of the stationery used by a business man has a great deal to do with the opinions formed of him by those with whom he corresponds?  
 You have doubtless learned long ago that  
**Brains are used**  
 To make a good job of printing. So is conscience. A job made without skill and honesty is no good.

**THE ENTERPRISE**  
 Has the best equipped office in the county and employs the most skilled artists. Its reputation for fine work is becoming rapidly known.  
**Remember that it Costs No More**  
 To have your work done here than it does to have it done any other place.  
**The Enterprise also carries the best line of Legal Blanks in Polk county.**  
 They are correct in every particular. We solicit a trial order.