

Watson's nomination for vice president by the populists will not complicate things to the extent that some people are hoping for.

Mark Hanna's control of the second convention at St. Louis was not as absolute as at the first; not by a jug fall.

Senator Sherman is said to be anxious to make gold speeches in the west. He couldn't do anything that would give more pleasure to the silver men of that section.

When the big insurance companies enter the field against Bryan and Sewall, as some of them have already done, they merely open a way for some of their smaller rivals to get a big increase of business.

It is true that Bryan is a very young man to be elected President, but there are plenty of older men in the democratic party upon whom he can rely for wise advice.

Gov. Evans, of S. C., sized up the situation correctly when he said: "It makes no difference how many tickets are in the field, the issue is silver or gold, and the democratic and republican platforms make the fight open and square."

An indication of the general interest in the financial question is the daily average of about 1200 letters, asking for all sorts of financial information, which are received at the U. S. Treasury department. The people are studying this question harder than they ever did before.

The populists may not notify Bryan that they have nominated him for president, but he'll find it out just the same.

Mark Hanna isn't finding it easy to be everything and to boss the whole republican party. Ben Harrison isn't the only man that has snubbed Hanna.

Even McKinley must by this time be entertaining doubts about that cinch he thought he had on the presidency.

William Jennings Bryan is the only man ever nominated by three national conventions for president.

Hanna has been convinced that it isn't going to be a tariff campaign. He will be convinced of some thing else next November.

Bishop Newman, who owes his prosperity more to the friendship of Gen. Grant than to his own ability, has been at his old trick of preaching republican politics from the pulpit.

John Sherman confesses that he is alarmed, and we think he has excellent ground for his fears.

The spelling of "tranquillity" with one "l" on the new one dollar silver certificates is being widely criticized, but not of the critics has up to the hour of going to press refused to accept the new notes at their face value.

The proposition to shoot down non-union workmen who refuse to join the unions, which was recently made by John McLuckie, ex-burgess, of Homestead, Pa., would, if adopted, soon result in the extermination of unions.

Wall street is afraid to try the panic method, anxious as it is to defeat Bryan and Sewall.

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Inundated by a Cloudburst.

STUBENVILLE, O., July 30—A severe storm, like a cloudburst, occurred west of this city this afternoon about 4 o'clock, and within a period of 30 minutes a mighty torrent of water had spread desolation along both Parmer's and Fisher's runs, in the lower part of this city. No lives were lost, as there were persons along the creeks who saw the water come down the valley and ran from house to house warning the people. Everybody fled, many wading knee-deep in water to the hills which line both sides. Two hundred people are homeless tonight as a result of the flood. The damage will aggregate \$200,000. The water came down the creeks 20 feet high, sweeping before it the barns, houses, bridges, trees and outbuildings. Nine dwellings and one store were washed away and completely wrecked. Twenty-five other dwellings, were wrecked or damaged by the water and mud that settled over everything. All railway traffic through here is suspended tonight

Vicarious Punishment In India.

A student of life and manners in the Punjab has been struck by the large proportion of very old men in the Indian jails. In the prison at Mooltan there were last year seventeen life prisoners, whose total ages were found to amount to more than 1,100 years, two of them being patriarchs of upward of eighty years.

This remarkable fact is attributed partly to the great improvement in the economy of the Indian jails since the exposure of their mismanagement some years ago, but more directly to the prevalent practice, when a crime has been committed, of handing over the least useful member of the family as a sort of vicarious offering to justice.

On this point the Inspector General of Indian Prisons observed that the confinement which conviction entails is, of course, less irksome to the aged than to the young.

"More over," he continues, "the people know that a specially comfortable place in the shape of good food, simple clothing, a special dietary, the lightest of work, and a society not entirely uncongenial

await the old man in our jails. "A case has been cited in which a man had been strangled. The person to whom the crime, by his own confession, was brought home was a feeble old fellow who had been paralyzed in both arms for twenty years, and could not have committed the crime. But, as his family all said he did it, and he himself said he did, and as there were plenty of 'eye-witnesses,' the old man went cheerfully to the jail, and lies there still"—The London Mail

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