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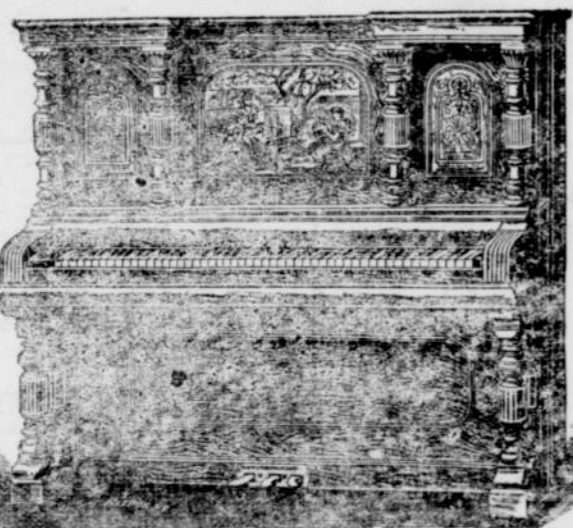
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The Money Question.

The administration is passing along a rocky road in its pursuit of currency reform. President McKinley, through Secretary Gage, is trying to keep the promises made to the people of the country in the last presidential campaign, but finds himself unable to deliver the goods.

Senator Allison, of Iowa, one of the oldest of the republicans leaders, has recently made the following statement: "I do not take the despairing view concerning our currency which the president presents. While there are some improvements which I should like to see made, I think we will be able to get along if we do not get any currency legislation, and as the situation presents itself now it looks as if it might be impracticable to secure legislation on the lines of the President's recommendations."

"Others of the leaders of the republican party are expressing themselves likewise and 'currency reform' in consequence is one of the impossibilities for the time being, at least. In spite of the fact that Secretary Gage is before a republican congress with a plan of currency reform which meets every demand regarding the financial question, upon which the victory last year was won, almost a deaf ear is turned to him and his plan will receive little if any support from that body."

A Bargain With the Bryanites.

Columbus, O., Dec. 24.—The State Journal this morning prints a story that the republicans, led by Charles Kurtz, in opposition to the re-election of Hanna. The story, the Journal states, comes from a man who claims that Hanna will be defeated. The Journal says:

"Conferences are being held in various parts of the state by democrats who have gathered at the direction of McLean and the free-silver leaders to plan for bringing pressure to bear upon democratic members of the legislature to vote for Governor Bushnell, and the argument which is used in these conferences to convince the doubting and bring conviction to the hesitating is that Bushnell has surrendered to the Bryanite idea of finance and will act with the free-silver party in the United States senate, if elected."

Novel Sagebrush Cutter.

Idaho Falls Times: August Larson, who lives on the west side of the river, near Basalt, has been at work for several days in LaRouch and Nagle's blacksmith shop, building a machine for clearing land of sagebrush. The plan of the machine is from an idea originated by Mr. Larson, and has been operated by him with perfect success. It consists of two heavy timbers, placed in the form of a V, on the lower side of which are fastened steel knives, similar to a mower sickle. From the center of the V shaped frame, and extending back several feet, is a heavy timber with heavy knives attached vertically on each end which hold the machine in place when in motion, by cutting into the ground. It requires four horses to pull it. Mr. Larson used a similar machine last winter in clearing 40 acres of land covered with heavy brush, and the result was very satisfactory, the machine cutting every brush off

as if cut by hand with an ax. He states that seven acres per day can be cleared with it.

A Quincy, Ill., baby is the smallest baby on record, having entered this vale of tears last week as a feather weight of less than one pound. When dressed in some doll's clothes, the young lady scored another ounce. Her face is not much larger around than a silver half-dollar; the wee fingers are no thicker than a darning needle; her feet one-quarter of an inch in length, while her legs are the size of mamma little finger. Never was there such a fairy child born in the state of Illinois, but the best of it she seems perfectly healthy, with the ability to grow larger every day.

A man made the mistake of getting in the wrong berth in a Pullman car. He was kicked in the face by a person already occupying the berth, and a very ugly scar was the result. He astonished all of his friends, who knew him "before" and "after," by explaining it was only "a berth mark."

A New York exchange reports the case of a man who was stabbed in the tenderloin. No miss steak about that.

The man who made \$10,000,000 out of cigarettes is finally going to join the army that his cigarettes have sent ahead of him.

A rural correspondent in Georgia, in writing to his home paper of the Christmas holidays, says: "This will be a sad Christmas to us. Only 15 of our children will be with us. The Lord took three of them from us last year."

A "new woman," typewriter and bookkeeper, too, has absconded from San Francisco, taking with her a large sum of money belonging to her employer.

The Coliseum building at Chicago in which the national democratic convention was held last year caught fire from electric wire contacts and is now in ruins.

"Matilda, I wish you would ask that young Mr. Peters to have his cuff button replated."

"Why, mamma what do you mean?" "They have black streaks on the back of your shirt waist every evening."

Youth—"I beg, sir, for the hand of daughter. I cannot live without her."

Old Grump—"Glad to hear it, sir. I can't live with her. Name the day, young man, and have it soon." Youth—"(backing off) Um—or—please give me time to reflect." The girl thinks papa does a mean trick.

"You say Jones is in clover? How so?" "He has just married a grass widow who got a \$20,000 alimony."

Lady—"But it seems to me you ask very high wages, when you acknowledge that you have not had much experience." Biddy—"Sure, marm, ain't it harder work for me when I don't know how?"—Traveler.

An anti swearing club has been organized in a Kentucky town, and each member pays a fine of 5 cents for every oath. A part of the club had a heated political discussion the other day and the treasury was swelled by additional sum of seventeen dollars and sixty-five cents.

Grant County News: The boys who are mining for Jack Chambers on the mountain, built a cabin and when leveling off the ground floor discovered a rich seam of quartz.

INDIANS AS STOCK RAISERS.

The Problem of the Race Seems to Be Working Itself Out.

Judge D. M. Browning, commissioner of Indian affairs, has been visiting a number of the coast Indian agencies and came to Salt Lake from the Fort Hall reservation.

"My observations on this tour and the experience of the bureau generally show that the Indian service is improving," the commissioner says. "The government is endeavoring, as fast as possible, and as far as treaty stipulations will permit, to make the Indian self-supporting. Of course, the task is a difficult one and many failures must result before the desired conditions are brought about, but we are satisfied with the progress being made. It is not expected that many Indians will become professional or business men, but it is believed that they can be taught to be fairly good farmers and stock raisers. Gradually the lands of the tribes are being apportioned in severalty and the tribal relationships broken up. Where the lands are fit for agriculture the Indians are given implements, weapons and seeds. They are aided in the construction of houses and then allotments are fenced. In the dry districts, where stock-raising only is possible, a few head of cattle are given each Indian and the sale of their stock is prohibited until they have a certain number. This plan has worked quite satisfactorily on the Shoshone lands. When a contract for beef has been awarded and purchases under it are to be made the Indians are invited to sell surplus cattle to the government at the contract price. Not long ago at the Pine Ridge agency 600 head of cattle were bought from Indians on these terms and the red cattlemen were naturally much pleased with their success as stock-raisers. I believe the Indian problem will work itself out in this way. The solution will take time, but the day is coming when the distribution of rations will cease and the Indian, having become self-sustaining, will no longer be a ward of the nation."

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