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THE very best that the people in this section hope for, in the way of weather, is that the coming winter will be as pleasant as was last winter.

IT IS announced that Senator Stewart has declared his intention to support McKinley. The report comes from the republican headquarters in New York, and the reason assigned is on the issue of imperialism.

NO railroad has done more towards advertising the country through which it passes than the O. R. & N., and it deserves that gold medal which was a few days ago awarded to it at the Paris exposition, for having the best grain display on exhibition.

MINES already in operation tributary to Sumpter are sufficient to support a camp twice the size of this, and the number of producing mines will be doubled within one year. Any citizen of this town who has "cold feet" is suffering from a constitutional ailment, not a disease superinduced by any local conditions.

ONE thing sure, Bryan's speech of acceptance forced imperialism to the front as the "paramount" issue of the campaign. Democrats of the West are not yet tired discussing the currency question—and can argue any gold bug on earth to a stand still—but they have faith in Bryan and are more than anxious to have him win on any issue, knowing that silver will get a square deal if he is elected.

"THE National Association of Hobos or Tourists Union" is one of the latest orders founded. This is the climax of the present day mania to organize a society and collect dues. The second annual meeting is now being held at Brett, Iowa, all outside delegates having traveled thither in box cars. The initiation fee is 10 cents for a button, but an applicant for membership must be willing to "pan-handle a dockie" and must prefer to ride on a brakebeam rather than in a palace car. Thousands have joined the union, and it is the most democratic society ever known. One of the by-laws forbids giving a brother more than 40 cents at a time—25 cents for food and 15 cents for drink.

THOSE Chinese soldiers are rank quitters. Much has been said of late about the great revolution that has been wrought in the army by the introduction of modern guns and the instruction of trained European soldiers. These moon-eyed leppers have doubtless been taught to handle repeating rifles and go through some evolutions on the parade ground, but they have not yet learned to fight, as their utter failure to prevent the allied forces from reaching Peking demonstrates. The fact of the matter seems to be, that the Chinese are a race or moral degenerates, and they never will nor can be made into good soldiers—for it requires a good people to make good fighters—for a cause, without the hope of a reward. If Europe wants to partition China, the Chinese won't prevent it, even if the

army is supplied with a million Mausers. Already these 400,000,000 people are begging for peace, while there are less than 80,000 foreign troops in the country.

IN THE London Mail of recent date Julian Ralph quotes a "diplomat of high standing," whose name is not given, who declares that Russia is vigorously endeavoring to secure American support and to break the harmony existing between the United States and Great Britain. "England," says the diplomat in question, "has no first-class power except America which offers her the slightest ground for hoping a friendly hearing of her case. The bitter feeling of today will generate war against her tomorrow. Russia's plan, which is encouraged by Austria-Hungary, France and Germany, is to strip Great Britain from all support—to leave her naked—before such a war begins."

Of course, all European powers want to cultivate the friendship of the United States, in order that they may draw on our granaries and "smoke houses" in case of war. But the "diplomat of high standing" omitted the chief point of interest in his ghost story, when he failed to state how Russia is proceeding in its effort to break the harmony between England and America. Such unsupported talk sounds foolish.

To the Faithful

KNOW ALL MEN: That many Princes of the Orient are now sojourning in the City of Sumpter and are meeting, for the purpose of instructing novices and diffusing wisdom, at 8 p. m. Wednesday evenings at Red Men's hall, and at such other places as the Grand Padasba may order. All Princes who have not made themselves known are cordially invited to present themselves, staff of life in hand, at the temple door, where they will be cordially welcomed.

BY ORDER

Grand Secretary Grand Padasba

I. O. R. M.

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