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WOOD WANTED.

Subscribers intending to pay the Statesman in wood will please haul the same as early as possible.

Some of that money recently offered for school bonds ought to be put into a flouring mill in Salem.

A friend at our elbow suggests that the small boy whose representations concerning the jam closet have been discredited naturally wants to paragon some other question.

Forty ears of harvesting machines were recently sidetracked in Kansas City waiting to get into the Kansas wheat fields.

Of the several nominees for the Presidency, Mr. Bryan is far the wealthiest, and he made all of his money during the prosperous times brought about by the McKinley administration.

The Salem cannery will in a short time be working from 150 to 200 people on Bartlett pears.

If the Democrats elect their candidate for President, and elect a Democratic Congress, this fall, they feel sure there will be nothing done to disturb foreign shipping in its present enjoyment of 10 per cent. of our foreign carrying.

The Legislature at its next session should by all means do something for the flax growing industry.

The State Engineer of Roads should be a man who thoroughly understands road construction.

Those Democratic papers that are trying to gully Teddy Roosevelt on his military record are painfully silent about the record of William J. Bryan.

It would have made dearer money, cheaper property, harder times, more people out of work, more people destitute, more people desperate, more crime.

The first ship subsidy act ever passed in the United States was a Democratic measure.

Some of our good friends are inclined to poke fun at the Statesman because it gives the news concerning the Belgian hare industry.

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edged that diversified agriculture is the chief hope of the Willamette valley. It will before long be acknowledged that Belgian hare raising is a valuable part of diversified agriculture, besides being a good thing for many suburban and even city residents.

THE FALSE PROPHET OF 1896.

If the prophecies and predictions made by Bryan had proven to be true, the gold standard, which has been in operation ever since he uttered them, would have produced the following direful results, to-wit:

It would have increased the purchasing power of the gold dollar.

It would have been as certain to make prices fall as a stone is to fall when it is thrown into the air.

It would have increased the debts of the people and lessened their ability to pay them.

It would have starved everybody except the money-changers and the money-owners.

It would have transferred the bread which one man earns to another man who had not earned it.

It would have made the rich richer and the poor poorer.

It would have decreased the number who are happy and increased the number who are in distress.

It would have destroyed the hope of the toiling masses.

It would have destroyed the opportunity to work.

It would have increased the number of idle men.

It would have decreased the volume of standard money.

It would have encouraged the hoarding of money.

It would have made it more and more difficult for the farmer to live.

It would have injured the wage-earner.

It would have made employment less certain.

It would have discouraged enterprise.

It would have paralyzed industry.

It would have lessened the ability of savings banks to collect their assets.

It would have increased the danger of depositors losing their deposits in savings banks.

It would have compelled depositors in savings banks to withdraw their deposits to pay living expenses.

It would have lessened the salaries of those engaged in business occupations and would have lessened the permanency of such salaries.

It would have injured those who have permanent investments in railroad stocks and other like enterprises.

It would have injured or destroyed the manufacturers of agricultural implements, wagons and buggies.

It would have lessened the ability of the masses to buy goods and thereby would have lessened the number of commercial traveling men.

It would have made it impossible for husbands and wives to pay off the mortgages on their homes.

It would have made it necessary to advocate the closing up of our public schools.

It would have made it more profitable to loan money or to hoard it than to invest it in enterprise or property.

It would have made dearer money, cheaper property, harder times, more people out of work, more people destitute, more people desperate, more crime.

It would have lowered the standard of civilization in this country.

It would have been writing the future in blood, crushed out by gold.

All these prophecies and predictions about the evils that would befall us if the gold standard were adopted have utterly failed.

Mr. Bryan said in a speech delivered at Lincoln, Nebraska, July 7, 1900:

"The fight this year will be to carry out the sentiment of that song we have so often repeated, 'My Country 'tis of Thee.' If we lose, our children and our children's children will not succeed to the spirit of that song, and celebrations of the Fourth of July will pass away, for the spirit of empire will be upon us."

ATLANTIC GLOBE SIGHTS.

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The more worthless a man, the more children he has.

A man is always suspicious of his wife's comforters.

People who like to "talk" about others soon get talked about themselves.

There are never as good things in a

neighbor's refrigerators as the visiting boy imagines.

A man who takes a good deal of interest in politics never takes a good deal of interest in business.

A new kind of a person is one who does not hold you responsible today for what you said yesterday.

It is easy for a girl to get a steady, who will make a loafing place of her house, but it is hard to land him.

One of the most lonesome persons in the world is well-behaved man when his family is out of town for the summer.

THE JESTER TRIAL.

A romance is spoiled by the verdict of the jury that Alexander Jester is not guilty of the murder of Gilbert Gates.

This was one of the most extraordinary murder trials of recent record.

The period of a generation had passed between the crime and the trial.

That the prosecution should fail to establish the guilt of the accused after so long an interval is not surprising.

It is impossible at this distance and from the meagre reports to judge whether the jury was satisfied of his innocence or only not satisfied with the proof of his guilt.

but the effect is the same and it destroys all the obvious reflections upon the inevitableness of retribution that would have accompanied Jester's conviction.

The case is even more curious if Jester be supposed innocent than if he is guilty.

It was in 1870 that a young man named Gates started south on the trail from Wichita and disappeared somewhere in Western Missouri.

Some weeks later Jester appeared at Wichita with a team that was recognized as Gates, and other property that was said to have belonged to the missing youth.

Jester was arrested but made his escape and was not afterwards seen.

The boy's father spent time and money in a vain search of some trace either of the murderer or of his victim and dying left the quest to his son, who is John W. Gates, the iron man.

Years after a man named Hill was involved in a land dispute in Oklahoma and got into jail and somebody there identified him as Alexander Jester.

Mr. Gates read of this in a newspaper and forthwith started detectives out to gather evidence concerning his brother's murder.

They seem to have got all they looked for, including a skeleton supposed to be that of the murdered man, but most remarkable of all was a letter from Jester's sister accusing him of the murder.

The man admitted his identity, but denied the crime, and his sister's denunciation he ascribed to jealousy and madness.

He had been married three times in the interval and was proposing to marry again.

The case has attracted a great deal of attention in Missouri and Mr. Gates had spared no expense to secure a successful prosecution.

It is quite likely that he overreached himself by giving to the prosecution the appearance of personal vengeance.

The accused was an old man who had led a reasonably respectable life for thirty years, and the jury of farmers, with no particular desire to gratify a Chicago millionaire, would be very likely to give this Eugene Aram the benefit of any doubt.

TROUBLE WITH THE GENDER.

What is the gender of an automobile? That is the question which has just been decided by the French Academy.

The Immortals have come to the conclusion that she is he.

This will be interesting to the students of French grammar.

The genders have bothered them a little already, and like mosquitoes, they are likely to plague them for some time to come.

but not one of them peeped over in future trouble himself about the atrocious word, "automobile."

In French it has five syllables, just one more than the language of Shakespeare allows to it.

and the motorists cut three syllables from the new word and make it simply "auto," when they do not call it "teuf-teuf."

However, the decision of the Academy has not given general satisfaction.

Many French purists insist that if "locomobile" is feminine, "automobile" should be put upon the same roll of honor.

The word being strictly an adjective, closely related to the widow, "voiture," it should be feminine, according to the opposition.

But, on the other hand, it seems very proper to make a rattling and rushing combination of oil, iron and fire take its place on hard masculine lines.

New York English speaking people do not have the trouble with gender that bothers either the French or the Germans.

though there are some words in our language upon which there is room for discussion as to whether they should be treated as male, female or neuter, or common.

"I was a Democrat and a bolter in 1896," declares the Hon. Thomas M. Waller, of Connecticut.

"and as the situation has not changed, I am a Democrat and bolter still."

The Democratic editors have devoted many columns to object failures to answer this Connecticut Democrat.

Were it not for the creameries, the hops, fruit, sheep and goats, hogs and beef cattle, chickens, hay, and a few other things besides wheat, this would be a good Democratic year in Oregon.

As it is, the present is not nearly all darkness and calamity, and the future is bright.

In one breath the Democratic orator will assure his hearers that McKinley has no backbone, that he is a creature

"The Laborer is Worthy of His Hire."

But a wage-earner can get more for his personal services if in strong and vigorous health. The blood is the life-giving and strength-making part of the system. If it is pure, all is well; if not, it should be purified with Hood's Sarsaparilla, which makes the weak strong.

Can Eat - "Was tired out, had no appetite until I took Hood's Sarsaparilla. It built me right up and I can eat heartily." Ella M. Hager, Athol, Mass.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Never Disappoints

Hood's Pills cure liver, the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

controlled by those around him, and with the next breath will accuse him of shaking the Republic to pieces in order to erect a throne on the ruins thereof.

The progress of the international relieving column on its way to Peking is distressingly slow.

The world is impatient for the rescue of the ministers of the civilized powers.

But perhaps the work is being done with as much dispatch as comports with safety.

Free rural mail routes will help Salem to grow. They will make residence in the country more desirable, and thus encourage the division of the large holdings.

They will build up the country, and this is the best and solidest way to build up the city.

Will the next Legislature, as the last one, refuse to put the flax fibre manufacturing industry on its feet? A beginning should be made, in some way - and the state is in better position than any individual or set of individuals to make it.

HOW A HORSE SAVED HIS MATE.

Vineland, N. J., July 24 - Harry Riley, a young farmer living near Woods-town pastures his horses in a field through which runs a muddy creek.

The other day one of the horses came up in a gallop to the fence surrounding the house and whinnied loudly.

Then it wheeled around and ran toward the creek, but no especial attention was paid to it by the family.

Again the beast appeared, dashing up over the hill, and neighed frantically at the fence.

Farmer Riley went to the horse and patted it soothingly on the nose, whereupon the animal seized him by the coat sleeve and pulled him up against the fence, as if to hunt him over it.

The horse soon released Riley and then ran a few feet toward the creek, wheeled and again came back, whinnying excitedly.

The strange actions of the horse finally convinced Riley that something unusual was the matter, and when he started to follow in the delight of the beast was manifest.

The intelligent animal led Riley to the bank of the stream, at a spot nearly concealed by bushes, and there in the quicksand, with only half its head visible, was the other horse, buried and slowly sinking out of sight.

Riley quickly summoned the help of neighboring farmers with shovels and ropes, and after several hours of hard work succeeded in extracting the horse from what certainly would have been his grave had it not been for the intelligence and faithfulness of his mate.

A NATURAL REFRIGERATOR IN SUMMER.

Hundreds of people are visiting a hole in the side of the mountain near Cloudcroft, in Potter county, which must be a delightful place in hot weather.

The hole was dug by a man in search of mineral wealth.

The farther he dug the colder became the atmosphere. At a depth of twenty feet he was compelled to quit.

The peculiarity of this mine is that about May it begins to form in it and continues to freeze until October.

There is no ice in it in winter. The warmer the day the more ice there is in the mine.

On approaching the opening on a hot day a strong current of cold air is felt. This air becomes more frigid the closer one goes to the cavern.

There is no water at the bottom of the shaft, but the water dripping down from its sides freezes. The ice begins to form less than a foot from the top, and coats the sides of the shaft several inches thick.

What causes the intense cold and where the air comes from are questions that have not been satisfactorily answered.

THE CAMPAIGN BUTTON.

We have heard the thrilling story Of the man behind the gun; We've applauded him and marvelled At the wonders he has done;

But the fearless hero's glory Is forgotten - put away - And the man behind the button Is in evidence today.

Let us candidly acknowledge The enormous debt we owe To that patient, plodding toiler, The good man behind the line;

Let us give due praise and credit To the man behind the plough, But the man behind the button Comes to save the nation now.

O, the hero's help is needed When the clouds of war descend, And upon the sturdy toiler Weighty matters still depend.

But how long, O friend and brother, Could our institutions stand If the man behind the button Were not rampant in the land?

-S. E. Kiser, in the Chicago Times-Herald.

Fine printing Statesman Job Office.

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 4. - The Department of Agriculture has issued a bulletin detailing the results of its experiments in preventing peach leaf curl, which annually costs the country several million dollars.

Lieutenant-General Miles is considering some changes in the uniforms of army officers so as to allow greater ease and greater economy.

One of the concessions made by Germany in return for the admission of her products at reduced rates under Section 3 of the Dingley law was the abolition of her "sanitary" inspection of dried fruits sent from America.

The Democrats have been slow in nominating their Congressional candidates this year, differing in this from the Republicans, who acted promptly upon the approval of their Congressional campaign committee for early nominations.

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NEW LITERARY DRINK. One tumbler of Byron's rhetorical splash. One dram of Macaulay's herculean dash.

GEOGRAPHICAL SUPERLATIVES. Asia still claims the highest mountain and the deepest valley.

MILITARY EMINENCE. "Papa," said Benny Beechwood, "what is the highest position in the army?"

JUST TO VARY THE MONOTONY. Many people get tired of being good and experiment in vice for curiosity.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.

with competition. As soon as the highways are constructed it would be wise to divide the island into six or seven districts, with San Juan, Arecibo, Mayaguez, Ponce, Cayey, etc., as the centres of the districts, and institute annual district or county fairs.

THE TRAVELING SIDEWALK AT THE PARIS EXPOSITION.

The traveling sidewalk, at the Paris Exposition, while by no means new in conception, is here carried out on a far larger scale than ever before attempted.

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