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WOOD WANTED.

Subscribers intending to pay the Statesman in wood will please haul the same as early as possible. We can use some pole oak and some small fir.

The phonographs will talk for Bryan, anyway.

The people of the United States have no notion of electing a phonograph for President.

The people who went to Nome blame everybody and everything for their hard luck excepting themselves. They forget the most blameworthy.

When the dairy industry is fully developed in the Willamette valley, Eastern hams and bacon will quit coming here; and Salem will have to maintain a pork packing establishment.

The Railroad Gazette is authority for the statement that more freight is transported in the United States than in all Europe. From government reports and estimates it is concluded that the grand total of British and European railway freight traffic of 1898 was about 101,341,000,000 ton-miles.

At Chicago on Monday Bryan delivered a part of his speech of acceptance into a phonograph, and this will be ground out in different sections of the country, and become an important part of the campaign.

Don't be afraid the dairy business will be overdone. There is room at the top in this, and the conditions are favorable for the production in the Willamette valley of the very finest dairy products at all seasons.

One of the marvels of the Chinese situation is the perfect military organization of the Japanese. China has not a modern army, though some of her troops are organized and trained on modern lines.

country, and that the Mikado lacks only soldiers enough and money enough to make war successfully upon any nation in the world.

There are 10,000,000 people in the Philippine islands divided into at least sixty tribes or races. The Tagal race is the largest and most powerful, numbering about 1,500,000 people.

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GOOD JUDGMENT.

"When it was proposed to send United States troops to China to cooperate with those of other nations in an advance upon Peking, it was pointed out here that such a movement would probably fail in its purpose and that it certainly would mean war.

The above is the opening paragraph of an editorial in the Philadelphia Times of last Thursday, blaming President McKinley for not calling Congress together, and predicting all sorts of direful consequences on account of his Chinese policy.

A LIVE ISSUE.

Although the Bryanite organs say nothing about it, there is an issue involved in this campaign which is of more importance than the bugaboo of "impertinism," upon which they affect to set such store.

President he would give his sanction to measures which would reduce tariff duties below the protection line and remove many of them altogether.

The Republican platform declares that "we renew our faith in the policy of protection to American labor," and thus squarely joins issue with the Bryanites.

IT IS JUST AND RIGHT.

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Their expression is a good index to the feeling of the people who are to pass judgment upon the policy the nation has been pursuing for the past four years.

This conference in a very quiet and dignified manner says: "Whereas, Our country has been passing through a great crisis in its history and in its destiny requires steadfast loyalty of our people, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we appreciate the great courage and spirit of our nation, under the leadership of the President, his counselors and Congress, the unsurpassed bravery and ability of our army and navy, and the loyalty of our people, and further commend the onward sweep of our nation in its world-wide leadership, and we are proud of our flag.

"We rejoice that as our domain widens the beneficent institutions of our glorious country are carried to the utmost parts of the earth, which we approve.

"We convey our sympathy to our soldiers, missionaries and citizens and pray for their deliverance."

THE ONLY WAY.

The McKinley Administration is beginning to see that if the advance upon Peking is pressed the Chinese will have all the finishers dead before our soldiers can get there.

However, the McKinley Administration has pursued the only course that was open to it, in pursuance of a wise policy, which fact is growing more apparent daily.

DON'T WANT THEM TO GO.

"There is a call for Negro labor to proceed to Hawaii, Negroes of the South will do well to examine the offer very closely before entering into a contract to go so far from home."

The people of the South do not want the Negroes to vote. They make them ride in "Jim Crow" cars, and subject them to social ostracism. But they need them to do their work.

In the death of Collis P. Huntington the Pacific coast loses a good and strong friend. Mr. Huntington was a builder and not a wrecker, and a man of wonderful business sagacity, who had the confidence of the men who have to do with large affairs.

Peaches that measure twelve inches around, raised in the Willamette valley, will astonish the authorities of the Department of Agriculture. That Department has been paying marked attention to the peach, having in its investigations and experiments recently discovered a sure preventive of peach-leaf curl—a work of enormous value to the fruit growers of this country.

"Be Strong in the Battle of Life."

Happy is the person thoroughly prepared, by perfect good health, to win life's battle. This condition comes only with absolutely pure blood. Over 90 per cent. of humanity are troubled with a taint, impurity or humor of some kind in the blood, which should be removed by Hood's Sarsaparilla, the best specific for both sexes and all ages.

A Good Tonic — "On general principles I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla as a needed spring tonic. It is a most excellent medicine." Hakon Hammer, Engineer, Pottstown, Pa.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Never Disappoints

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

The lands in this state that are especially adapted to the growth of this fruit. This mammoth variety, the Charlotte, was originated in Salem, by the late O. Dickinson, the seed grower and dealer.

There is room at the top in the dairying business, and a lot of it. The Oregon dairymen are going to occupy some of this space, by using separators, grading up their cows, and giving them the proper kinds of feed.

The publications that go out of the Statesman building pay three-fifths to four-fifths of all the periodical postage at the Salem postoffice. And the sum is going to be at least doubled in the course of the next year or two.

The Tsung Li Yumun is so called because it is a large and representative body of lying tongues.

Said the workman to the storekeeper: "Give me a dinner pail, McKinley size."

A LONELY SPOT.

Cable Station on a Rock in the Middle of the Pacific Ocean.

Uncle Sam is about to build a home for lovers of solitude on one of the far-off Midway islands, where there is to be a cable station when the cable from San Francisco to Manila is laid.

The largest of the two Midway islands, Sandy Island, is only about a mile square. The other one, known as Eastern Island, is half a mile square. The other one, known as Western Island, is half a mile by three-quarters.

The United States tug Itoupsis, in charge of Lieutenant Commander Pond U. S. N. is about to leave Honolulu to make the surveys and charts that are necessary before the government can go ahead with the plans.

There will be no monotony of weather during the winter months for the two or three cable operators and attendants who will make their homes in this outlandish spot.

Midway islands are near nowhere. The men will go mail once a week. Uncle Sam sends a vessel with supplies. They will have one occupation, day and night, year in and out, the cable will have to be watched.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY ADOPTED.

After testing wireless telegraphy for a distance of 60 miles the French government has ordered its Mediterranean squadron to be equipped with the wireless appliance.

Mrs. Glessner Moore Brady, of Nevada, Mo., has been nominated for a second term as circuit clerk of Vernon county, Missouri. Mr. Brady, her husband, who had held the position previously, died two years ago and was succeeded by his wife.

"What shall I sing, Clarence?" "Sing that lovely old-time song, 'Lorena.'" "Oh, I see; you're fixing to get a good long nap."—Chicago Record.

Free trade, one of the greatest blessings which a Government can confer on a people, is in almost every country unpopular.—Macaulay on Milford's History of Greece.

SOME KITCHEN CONVENIENCES.

Up-to-date Conveniences Which Lessen the Work and the Worry of the Housekeeper to an Appreciable Extent.

While some old-fashioned housekeepers cling to the kitchen paraphernalia with which they have become familiar through years of use, the younger generation gladly welcomes every practical invention that tends to lessen the labor of the houseworker or adds to the comfort or convenience of the family; and these inventions are many.

Gas stoves and gas ranges have made the summer days in the kitchen less dreary by the occupants than the old-fashioned coal stoves and the modern cooking utensils have proved an added comfort to the house mistress and maid.

The asbestos griddle, with a sheet iron top and twisted wire handles, is among the latest conveniences, and then there are asbestos plates that are so handy for toasting bread over a small gas stove. Perforated pie plates, which guarantee the crust being well done and brown, and cake rings, with movable bottoms, belong to this list.

Unless an egg is perfectly fresh and fresh eggs are not always attainable in the city—it is difficult to poach it satisfactorily according to the old-fashioned method, and, in spite of liberal additions of salt and of vinegar to the water, the yolk and the white will frequently spread out in an unpleasant mass.

Salads are an essential feature of the dinner menu in the summer, perhaps more than at any other time of the year, and in the preparation of the dressing there is nothing so useful as a salad mixture. A maid of ordinary intelligence can be taught to use it after a few lessons.

The divided steamer is one of the most compact utensils imaginable for use on a gas or oil stove, and perfectly arranged. A valve is fixed so as to carry all odors down into the stove, a whistle steam escape tells when the water is low and a narrow opening covered with singlass makes it easy to tell when enough water has been added.

Many of these modern kitchen conveniences are the invention of women, and with a good many others they are valuable aids for the housewife and her assistants in their efforts to acquire a maximum return of comfort for a minimum expenditure of labor.

MONOPOLY IN CAMPHOR GUM.

Entire Trade of the World in the Hands of a Strong Syndicate.

Within a year the camphor trade of the world has become a monopoly, says the New York Tribune. The trees which yield this fragrant and useful gum are to be found all over Asia and the East Indies, but the principal production from them is confined to the island of Formosa, which belongs to Japan.

In deciding to exercise control over the production of camphor Japan has been actuated by two motives. In the first place she wants to obtain revenue therefrom, as France does from the match and cigar industries. But she also seeks to avert the killing of the goose which lays the golden eggs for her.

DON'T MENTION THE LOSSES.

You never see Monte Carlo referred to in any of the newspapers of the south of France except when somebody has won a large sum of money at the tables. These papers are bribed to insert reports of big gains by the players and to keep out news of big losses. The suicides are also not reported for the same reason.

NO BIRD ON HER BONNET.

Today the finest type of clubwoman refuses to wear a murdered bird on

her bonnet. More than this, she is cooperating with earnest Audubonites, by petition and bird program at the club, to save her feathered friends from the hand of the mercenary slayer, says the Woman's Home Companion. It may be surprising, but not only does thoughtless fashion lead the fair sex into a custom that borders on savagery, thus threatening the extinction of entire species of birds, but there is to be considered a serious economic side.

DEFENSE OF PLAGIARISM.

A Writer Who Claims There Are No Property Rights in Ideas.

(From Ainslee's Magazine.) "I began to see that thievery is the basis of all progress, while honesty is simply that which restrains others until we have had a chance to enjoy our plunder. Now this is an excellent thing as far as things concrete are concerned, but entirely harmful when applied to abstractions.

To state the matter briefly, truth and beauty are eternal, and the most any man can do is to become conscious of them. A truth is in no wise affected by man's discovery of it except inasmuch as he mars it by stamping it with his own individuality, but he is affected by it. It widens his mental horizon as it does that of every one who plagiarizes from him. The more it is stolen, the more it is increased, and it is entirely impossible for any man successfully to lay claim to it as being peculiarly his own. Every fundamental idea belongs to the race as a whole, just as does a word. Some man may be the medium through which it finds expression, but it is no more his own than his. He could not have thought out his new idea if he had not had the benefit of all the other thoughts of past generations.

Of course, I realize that in denying property rights in ideas I am advocating intellectual anarchy, but I am willing to abide by the consequences. It is every man's duty to make the most of himself, and he can do that only by laying hold of the truth wherever he finds it. In the realm of the intellect every thinker is a throned monarch, and ruled by divine right. The essence of thievery is simply to be guilty of lese-majesty. True genius recognizes no man's right to withhold any truth he may have discovered, and, indeed, it would be as unreasonable for a man who discovers a comet to try to get a title deed to it as it is for a man to lay claim to any idea, thought, or truth simply because he has been privileged to have it occur to him.

ENGLAND AND THE YANGTZE.

The English government is evidently striving to assume sole police control over the Chinese mesh-of-war now located at the mouth of the Yangtze river. The manifest object of the policy seems to be later on to establish the claim that, England having in this case exercised police control over the Yangtze with the approval of all the powers, the Yangtze is to be considered, by common consent, pari et portion of the English sphere of influence in the Chinese empire.

Such a monopoly could not under any circumstances, not even under an "open door" rule, be in harmony with the already large and steadily increasing commercial interests of the United States in the Yangtze bay. There can be no doubt that eventually some means will be devised to close one-half or three-quarters of the "open door," if England should at any time come to the conclusion that too large a portion of goods other than English are finding their way into the Yangtze district through the "open door."

It is of vital importance, therefore, that the American interest in this question should be guarded carefully and in due season.—From Today's Illinois Staats Zeitung.

IS SATISFIED WITH HIMSELF.

Self-Content Philosopher Who Thought His Appetite All Right.

Scropanhaner, the great German philosopher, was a man and an egoist, and like most men of his class had an abundance of self-complacency. His naive eulogiums on his own productions are almost beyond belief. In writing to the publishers of his work he says: "Its worth and importance are so great that I do not venture to express it, even to you, because you could not believe me, and he proceeds to quote a review, "which speaks of me with the highest praise, as the greatest philosopher of the age, which is really saying much less than the good man thinks."

"Sir," he said to an unoffending stranger who watched him across a table d'hote, where he acted the part of the local "hon" habitually, "sir, you are evidently astonished at my appetite. True, I eat three times as much as you, but then I have three times as much mind!"

PULP CLOTHING.

Wood-pulp paper as military clothing is used by the Japanese troops. It is marvelously tough and has a neat appearance.

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