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It has always been our idea that the fundamental principle of Democracy was the acceptance of majority rule, but after reading the utterances of some of our exchanges it would appear that this principle will only hold good should the majority favor "free silver."

A GREAT MANY so called Democratic papers and politicians are coming out boldly and announcing it as their idea of Democracy, that "should the Chicago convention declare for sound money, then the delegates who favor free silver will be at liberty to withdraw from the convention and be free to act contrary to the rulings of the convention and still call themselves good Democrats."

The leaders of the Repub-Pop-combination seem to be having some trouble in arriving at a solution of the "fusion" problem. It would be well for the Democrats to take warning now and steer clear of all entangling alliances. We have but one hope for victory in the coming election. We must stand firmly on principle and avoid all "sops" to disaffected opponents. If either populists or republicans wish to support the democratic ticket, their votes will be welcomed but the Democrats should never stoop to "a dicker." If we are to win let it be on principle, if defeat awaits us, let us at least die with the comforting assurance that we have engaged in no practices for which we need blush.

HOW TO BUILD UP A CITY.

The Lynchburg News of Friday contains an interesting article on the subject of "How to Build up the City," and much that it says might be studied by other cities with profit. Referring to its own city our contemporary points out the need of a public library, and sets forth the great advantages to accrue from the establishment of such an institution.

There can be no question that a public library is of an incalculable benefit to any community, and this has been demonstrated beyond all doubt wherever they have been established. It says that the business men of Lynchburg are earnestly and actively engaged in organizing for the purpose of advancing the material prosperity of that city, and that what has been done so far has been done thoroughly and wisely, and is sure to produce beneficial results. It thinks, however, that in this age of progress and intellectual development of a people are so closely allied and are so dependent one on the other that neither can be dispensed with, and it does not require much wisdom to understand that it is right. It is always important to push the material interest of every city, but the other interest should not be forgotten.—Exchange.

We have a few more of the World Almanacs left. This book is an encyclopedia and should be in every household. Its cheap too—25 cents.

LIBERAL APPROPRIATION.

The appropriation bill, as agreed upon by the sub-committee of the House for fortifications, and that agreed upon by the Senate committee for the navy are altogether liberal and meets the approval of everyone. The naval bill, provides for the expenditure of \$31,000,000, while that for fortifications amounts to \$11,384,000, or \$80,000 more than the estimate of the War Department. Our apparent need leads to the belief that these sums are necessary to improve the defenses of the country, and while they are unquestionably large no patriotic citizen will demur to them. Congress has been most liberal in these appropriations, thus indicating that it understands the need of the hour in the matter of naval and coast defenses, if it understands nothing else.

When the country shall have put its coast defenses in proper condition, and built a navy in keeping with the greatness of the country, it will be an easy matter to hold our own with any foe coming from whatever source it may.

Under such conditions the United States will be better able to hold its ground in the event of controversies than if it was otherwise situated.

It makes a great difference when it is known that a man is able and prepared to stand up against opposition, and the opponent will look a long time before either making or inviting an attack.

Nations are like men in this regard and hence it is needful that this country should put itself in a position of proper defense.—Virginian.

COSTLY BUSINESS.

Even supposing that Spain may in the end conquer Cuba, and compel the insurgents to return to their allegiance to the Crown, it would require years of peace and prosperity to restore the Island to the condition which obtained when hostilities were begun not many months ago. The devastation and ruin which prevails throughout the unhappy Island beggars description, and every industry is paralyzed.

There is no effort on the part of anyone to do anything in the way of business. The only effort apparent is simply to live and be let alone, and both are difficult.

The fact is the war has been a costly affair throughout, and when one comes to think of it there is no estimating the mischief it has done to both the Government and the insurgents. While Cuba has been well nigh ruined, Spain has also suffered greatly, and that which has been lost can never be regained. It would be infinitely better could Spain see her way clear to let Cuba go—the cost of holding her is too great.—Norfolk Virginian.

Cost of Bad Roads.

According to statistics collected by the office of Road Inquiry of the Department of Agriculture, the amount of loss each year by bad roads of the country is almost beyond belief. Some 10,000 letters of inquiry were sent to intelligent and reliable farmers throughout the country, and returns were obtained from about 1,200 counties, giving the average length of haul in miles from farms to markets and shipping points, the average weight of load hauled, and the average length per ton for the whole length of haul. Summarized, it appears that the general length of haul is twelve miles, the weight of load for two horses 2,001 pounds and the average cost per ton per mile 25 cents or \$3 for the entire load.

Allowing conservative estimates for tonnage of all kinds carried over public roads the aggregate expense of this transportation is figured at \$946,414,600 per annum. Those in a position to judge calculate that two-thirds of this, or nearly \$531,009,000, could be saved if the roads were in reasonably good condition. At \$4,

000 per mile a very good road can be constructed, and if an amount equaling the saving of a year were applied to improving highways, 157,000 miles of road in this country could be put in condition. The effect of this would be a permanent improvement, and not only would the farmer be astonished in the sudden reduction in this road tax, but he would also wonder at the remarkable falling off in the cost of transportation. He would also find that he required fewer horses and less to feed them. He could make two trips to market a day instead of one, when ability to get his goods there at a time when high prices are ruling is a matter of great consequence. Farmers are beginning to apply a little simple arithmetic to some of these matters, and it is not too much to expect that in the near future we shall see a decided revolution in the condition of our rural highways.—New York Recorder.

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Dr. Talmage on Newspapers.

A good newspaper is or should be a mirror of life. It is sometimes claimed that newspapers report the evil when they ought to only report the good. They must report the evil as well as the good, or how shall we know what is to be reformed, what guarded against, what fought down? A newspaper that pictures only the honesty and virtue of society is a misrepresentation. That family is best prepared for the duties life, which knowing the evil is taught to select the good. Keep children under the impression that all is fair and right in the world, and when they go out into it they will be as poorly prepared to struggle with it as a child who is thrown into the middle of the Atlantic and told to learn how to swim. Our only complaint is when sin is made attractive and morality dull, when vice is painted with great headings and morality put in obscure corners, iniquity set up in great primer and righteousness in nonpariel. Sin is loathsome; make it loathsome. Virtue is beautiful; make it beautiful.

Every man in every profession or occupation ought to be responsible for what he does. No honorable man would write for publication that which he would be afraid to sign. But thousands of persons have suffered from the impersonality of newspapers.—Exchange.

Beware of Quinins for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

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Length of the Law.

Some faint idea of the bulk of the English records may be obtained by adverting to the fact that a single statute; the land tax commissioners act, passed in the first year of the reign of George IV, measures, when unrolled upwards of 900 feet, or nearly twice the length of St. Paul's Cathedral, within the doors. If ever it should become necessary to consult the fearful volume, an able-bodied man must be employed during three hours in coiling and unrolling its folds.—London Tit-Bits.

They Deceive the Brides.

The thousands of brides who have visited the Treasury on their wedding tours and have been allowed to hold in their hands for a few moments the big bundle of money so carefully done up in manilla paper, sealed with great blotches of red sealing wax marked "\$2,000,000," will realize what a deceptive world this is when they know that the real contents of the package was simply two old census reports. This innocent deception has been carried on for a quarter of a century. When people go into the vaults they always want to handle money. There is an irresistible tendency to feel of money—and the more valuable the package the greater the temptation. It wasn't considered good policy to allow a large amount of treasure to be passed around among strangers in such a way for fear some one might chloroform the guide and vault-keeper and make a break with the package. So curiosity was gratified and the government was protected from any possible loss by making up a dummy and giving it a proper appearance. The secret was well kept until Saturday, when a spiteful employe, who had been discharged, gave it away.—Wm. E. Curtis in Chicago Record.

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