

TART, TERSE AND TIMELY.

It is now generally conceded that Col. Bryan will be nominated by acclamation by the Kansas City Convention.

James R. Keene, the big New York speculator, who supported McKinley in '96, called down a Republican bluffer the other day by offering to bet \$7,500 to \$10,000 that Bryan would defeat McKinley.

How comes it in these times of piping prosperity, and good stealing in Cuba, that the Lincoln Republican club, of Cincinnati, has gone into bankruptcy? Senator Morgan hit some Senators when he demanded an investigation of the New Panama Canal Company, organized under the New Jersey laws. Such an investigation properly made would unearth some sensational crookedness and would show why canal legislation favored by nine-tenths of the people of this country has been repeatedly hung up in Congress.

More than one-third of the total receipts of the island of Cuba is spent in salaries of civil employes. How is that for a bit of Republican extravagance?

Some rather plain hints have been given in Congress of the existence of the belief that official stealing in the Philippines has been even worse than in Cuba. Yet the Republicans refuse to allow Democratic propositions for a Congressional investigation to be adopted. If this attitude of the Republicans isn't a disposition to shield somebody, what is it?

Mr. McKinley would be excusable for becoming disgusted and throwing up the whole business, allowing Hanna to take the Republican nomination and the licking that will follow it.

Mr. Wharton Barker has been giving Hanna's game away, by telling that his nomination was intended to take votes away from Col. Bryan. This isn't new, but it ought to be a useful hint to some voters.

Six Republican members of the Ohio delegation in the House have been defeated for nomination, and two others are making a doubtful fight. That doesn't indicate the presence of "peace and hominy" among the Ohio Republicans.

Instead of talking about what they are going to do to the trusts at the next session, why do not the Republicans in Congress do something to them now; they have a majority in both branches of Congress, and they ought to know that the people are anxious to see something done to the trusts.

Mr. Clark, of Montana is finding the Senatorial road a hard one to travel; he has enemies at both ends.

The Cigar-Shaped Train Not a Success. Baltimore Special to Philadelphia Record.

An official trip of the Adams air-splitting train on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, between this city and Washington to-day, was not a success so far as speed was concerned. On the run from Washington to Baltimore the cigar-shaped train of one baggage car and five passenger coaches, made the trip of 40 miles in 40 minutes and 15 seconds.

The same locomotive that drew the train on this trial run had earlier in the day taken a train of three regular cars from Baltimore to Washington, 40 miles, in 38 minutes. The engineer said to-night that he believed in another trial with the cigar-shaped train he could make the 40 miles in five minutes less time. Mr. Adams, the inventor of the "air-splitter," has been hoping to make a speed of 100 miles an hour.

Honor to Whom Honor is Due. Progressive Farmer, Populist.

No one has more severely condemned the present election law than the Progressive Farmer. We believe, however, that it should have credit for each and every fair provision it contains. It is being charged that it gives to the Democrats all the judges of the election. The charge is untrue. The law says that the county board of elections shall appoint two persons "who shall act as judges of the election at each place of holding elections in their respective districts, each of whom shall be men of good character and able to read and write, and they shall be of different political parties."

A Cyclone at Beaufort.

BEAUFORT, May 24.—A cyclone struck Morehead City depot this morning at 6 o'clock. Its approach was unnoticed and it only lasted five minutes, but during that time it tore planks from the depot, turned over and broke the masts of the Samuel Buchanan, a large two-masted schooner which was tied to the wharf, and the men who were on the wharf only saved themselves by clinging to posts. It raised boxes of fish weighing 200 pounds as high as a man's head, and dropped them with such force that they were crushed to pieces.

No Chance for Populism. Our Home (Pop. Organ.)

We are a Populist. We would like to see Populism win, but we will be candid by saying that the chances of success this year are not such as to throw up our hands for a negro's nomination.

If this is true, why will any white men in Polk county vote to put 500 negro magistrates in office in Eastern North Carolina? Isn't it as bad to have negro magistrates in Wilmington, New Hanover county, as in Mill Spring, Polk county? Every one who votes the State Republican ticket is a negro.

STATE NEWS.

The city of Newbern has voted \$80,000 of bonds for a system of water works and sewerage.

The board of aldermen of High Point have elected a lady, Mrs. L. Flagler, clerk and treasurer of that town.

Cleveland county Democrats have renominated Clyde R. Hoey, editor of the Shelby Star, for the Legislature.

Dr. W. C. Tyree, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Durham, has been offered the presidency of the Baptist Female University.

Postmaster C. T. Bailey, of Raleigh, has received official notification from Washington that this postoffice has been placed on the first class list.

James H. Ennis died in Raleigh on Tuesday, aged 77. He was born in Petersburg, Va. He had for 33 years published Turner's North Carolina Almanac. He established the North Carolina Farmer.

The North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will meet in Newbern, December 5th next. This date was fixed by the College of Bishops. H. C. Morrison, of Louisville, Ky., will preside over the Conference.

The employes discharged from the Proximity mill at Greensboro have sued the company to recover 30 days' wages, alleging that the company could not discharge them without notice. The cases were thrown out of the court by the justice, but an appeal was taken.

The Greensboro Telegram says: "It is learned at Republican headquarters that Chairman Holton has accepted Populist Chairman Butler's challenge for a joint canvass. A joint canvass between the Republicans and Populists will be regarded as in the nature of a huge joke."

Clint Williams, the negro who murdered young Ed. Bost at the Salisbury Cotton Mills last fall, will not hang. Instead he is now in the State penitentiary and will be there thirty years unless executive clemency or death step in between him and justice, as the court hath seen it.

August 14th is the date set for the annual meeting of the State Farmers' Alliance, but it appears that there is a strong sentiment in favor of postponing it for two or three weeks, in order that there may be time for the political feeling due to the August election to subside or at least abate.

The Populist and Mr. Bryan. Baltimore Sun.

That the Populists are willing to vote again for Mr. Bryan is no reason why the Democratic party may not nominate Mr. Bryan as its candidate also. Mr. Bryan personally claims to be a Democrat and not a Populist. He cannot be both. He may have strong Populist leanings and sympathies, but thus far all his political affiliations have been with the Democracy. He was admitted as a delegate from Nebraska to the national Democratic convention at Chicago, which subsequently nominated him as a candidate for the presidency. That was on the 10th of July, 1896. The Populist convention did not meet at St. Louis and adopt him as the candidate of the People's party until July 12. This year the Populist convention, meeting in advance of the Democratic convention, signifies the willingness of that party to accept the same candidate again. If Mr. Bryan should again be the Democratic candidate, the more votes he receives the greater his chance of election. If the alternative is to be the re-election of Mr. McKinley and the endorsement of the McKinley policy of imperialism and militarism, it will be no objection to Mr. Bryan's candidacy that the votes of half a dozen different parties may be concentrated upon him as the most available candidate to arrest the tide of imperialism and rescue the country from four years more of McKinleyism.

Pointed Paragraphs.

Talk isn't always cheap. Sometimes it costs a man his reputation. Some people don't believe in hiding their faults under a bushel.

Men are naturally attracted by a woman who wears fetching clothes. The girl who wears her heart on her sleeve must expect to get it jostled.

No, Maude, dear, the top of the morning is not the correct time for giving a high tea.

Hoax—"He is very artistic, isn't he?" Joax—"Excessively so. The only butter he will eat is drawn butter."

To gain a reputation as a hero it is not so essential to remain cool under fire as it is to avoid being roasted afterward.

Tommy—"Pop, why do people say that truth is stranger than fiction?" Tommy's Pop—"Because it's so much more scarce."

Does Stevenson a Friendly Turn.

Is envied by Turn. Such should know that Life Pills, the wonderful St. Steven's Liver Remedy, gives a splendid sound digestion and a regular bowels that insures perfect health and energy. Only 25c. at Plymouth Pharmacy.

Wherever there is a man of sense, you will find him.

"Freely ye have received, freely give." They were to work miracles in name, the Lord thus confirming their money. It is also written in Mark 10, that after His ascension "they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word with signs following." All that gives is freely given, and through redemption, to whom He has given freely, He desires to give freely to others.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON X, SECOND QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, JUNE 3.

Text of the Lesson, Math. ix, 35, to x, 8.—Memory Verses, Chapter ix, 36-38—Golden Text, Math. x, 20. Commentary by Rev. D. M. Stearns. [Copyright, 1900, by D. M. Stearns.]

ix, 35. "Teaching, preaching, healing." This seems to have been His unvaried way. "Anointed with the Holy Ghost and with power, He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with Him" (Acts x, 38). As the Father sent Him so He sends us, and it is intended that the life of Jesus should be manifest in our mortal bodies (John xvii, 18; xx, 21; II Cor. iv, 11). But He was ever filled with the Holy Ghost and with power, and this too costly for the majority of Christians, for it means none of self, none of the world and a life wholly for Him.

36. "When He saw the multitudes He was moved with compassion on them." This means not simply sorry for them, but ready to bless them at great cost to Himself, even at the cost of His own life; yes, more than that, for He was ready to take their place as sinners and die in their stead, and this He did in due time. What are we ready for in the line of compassion that costs something? Two men stood by a third who was in trouble and in need. One of the two said to the third, "I am very sorry for you." The other of the two handed the poor man \$5.

37, 38. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest—that He will send forth labourers into the harvest." He had just said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." See what He said about harvest and reaping and sowing and fruit unto life eternal in John iv, 35-38. This seems a little strange, for the field is His, the harvest is His, and why is it that we are to ask Him to send labourers into His harvest field? He makes us joint heirs with Himself, laborers with God (Rom. viii, 17; I Cor. iii, 9), and we are expected to be interested in the field with Him. Father, Son and Spirit have made us one with themselves—that is, those who have received the Lord Jesus as their Saviour—and they are ever saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" (Isa. vi, 8, x, 1. "And when He had called unto Him his twelve disciples He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease." Compare Mark iii, 13-15; vi, 7; Luke ix, 1, 2; and see Luke x, 9, concerning the seventy whom He sent forth. The chapter in Matthew from which our lesson is taken is divided into three sections, each ending with the words "Verily, I say unto you" (verses 15, 23, 42), the first concerning judgment, the second concerning punishment of enemies and salvation of His people and the third concerning reward. Some think that the first section (verses 5-15) gives special directions for apostolic life; the second (verses 16-23) gives directions for the gospel ministry in all ages, while the last (verses 24-42) speaks of the service of Christ in its fullest and widest sense. He called these twelve that they might be with Him and that, going forth, they might go from Him (Mark iii, 14). Whatever power they had He gave it to them.

2-4. These are the names of the twelve: two Simons, two Jameses, two Judases, Andrew, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew. Bartholomew is by John called Nathanael; the other Simon is called Zelotes; James, not the brother of John, is called son of Alphaeus, and Judas, not Iscariot, is the brother of James and in our lesson Lebbeus Thaddeus (Luke vi, 15, 16). It would be profitable to consider what we know of each of these, but the great thing about each one was that the Lord chose them to bear His name and to bear abiding fruit to His glory (Acts ix, 15; John xv, 16). After being nearly three years with Him they did not know Him (John ix, 9; xxi, 15), and by all His teachings were not qualified to be His witnesses until they were filled with His Spirit (Luke xxiv, 49; Acts i, 8). In verse 1 they are called disciples and in verse 2 apostles. 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