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## SAYS WE NEED THE BLAIR BILL.

"I saw enough during my campaigning tour down in North Carolina to make me more convinced than ever that the defeat of my educational bill in congress was a lamentable mistake," said ex-Senator Henry M. Blair, of New Hampshire, at the Briggs House. "There is a vast degree of illiteracy in the Old North State, and the masses are in need of the elevating influences of education to lift them to a higher plane of citizenship. Federal aid is essential in a majority of the states, because the state government are not able to cope with the gigantic task of banishing ignorance."

The failure of the Blair bill did not sour the temper of its kindly hearted sponsor. He believes in his measure as strongly as in the days when it was "his hobby," as when it seemed almost certain of becoming law. More than once it passed each branch of congress, but favorable action was never taken concurrently, and when its author disappeared from the senate there was no one left to keep up the battle—Washington Post.

Commenting on the above the Charlotte Observer says: Old man Blair is not a very good authority as to the illiteracy in North Carolina. In the first place he has never gotten over the defeat of his paternalistic measure, and always keeps his eyes skinned on the lookout for illiteracy and the need of education, so that he can say "I told you so" to those who accomplished the defeat of his educational bill. He is a little too anxious to find illiteracy. In the second place he was not in North Carolina long enough to judge of its "need of the elevating influences of education." In the third place the learned ex-senator's audiences were not of the sort likely to afford him a glimpse of the most cultured or best educated people of North Carolina. We are fully aware of the needs of the state in an educational way but we do not care to have the retired patriarch of New Hampshire tell us what we must have. He is not a competent authority in these parts.

## AN ARMENIAN BISHOP TO DIE.

From the press dispatch of the 18th it is noticed that Turkish special tribunal has sentenced the Armenian bishop at Hossakein to death. He was condemned to death because during the late riots in Constantinople a loaded revolver was found in his house. The bishop was absent from home at the time and upon this ground an appeal was taken against the judgement of the special tribunal, but the Court of Appeal has confined the sentence imposed by the tribunal.

The "damnable" Turkish butcher is the Armenians by the thousand yet when a "loaded revolver" is found in an Armenian's home he is arrested and a farcical trial gone through with and he is sentenced to death. It is a wonder that an earthquake does not swallow up the Turkish government. It is a blot and shame on the civilization of this, the 20th, century.

## A RARE NEWSPAPER BIRD.

Henry Waterson, of the Courier Journal, is a rare newspaper bird of political plumage, which like theameleon "hide, change according to its surroundings. After having but the powerful influence of his paper to the many gods for their unholy purposes during the campaign, his observant one eye sees how badly our national house has been rent by the conflict, and fearful lest some of the debris may cover him when the structure falls, he whinically appeals to the corporate wealth for moderation. Bah!

## AN IDLE IMAGINATION.

The suggestion that President McKinley may ask some sound money Democrat to take a seat in his cabinet is heard here and there, and speculation has gone so far as to give the name of one who might receive such an invitation. It is an idle imagination. Such an innovation upon the established policy of the republican party, says the Boston Post, will never be made by William McKinley. And it is just as well that this should be so. No democrat would care to identify himself with the policy of a Hanna-McKinley administration. No democrat, indeed, could do this. A great many democrats, acting in accordance with the dictates of their individual consciences, aided in the election of McKinley; but they did so not from love of McKinleyism, but from hostility to the policy of free coinage, which his opponent represented. This is as far as they go in that direction. It is true that President Cleveland took into his cabinet Judge Gresham, a republican. But Secretary Gresham was at all points in sympathy with the democratic policy. The monstrous corruption practised in the election of 1888, the ruinous monopoly tariff of 1890, and the conquetting with free silver had in fact driven him out of the republican party. There is no democrat who could enter McKinley's cabinet as Gresham entered Cleveland's and loyally and conscientiously serve there.

## Bad for Winston.

WINSTON, N. C., Nov. 17.—Last night a mob of 100 men gathered in front of the jail and threatened to whip or lynch the jailor, S. E. Iglas. The sheriff and several of his deputies were summoned and they quietly caused the crowd to disperse. The trouble started last Saturday when the jailor dispersed a mob that was after his brother. During a negro dance in the north of Winston last night, a big row occurred in which a number of pistol shots were exchanged. Two young white men, Alex. Reed and Jas. Pitts, who were standing out in the yard, were shot and perhaps fatally wounded.

## Bryan's Book.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 17.—William J. Bryan is preparing to publish a book about the first of next year, which will embody an exhaustive treatment of the silver question and bimetalism, emphasizing its importance as an issue in 1900. Mr. Bryan has authorized his publishers to announce that one-half the royalties received from the sale of the book will be devoted to advancing the cause of bimetalism during the next four years.

The Palmer and Buckner ticket polled less than 2,000 votes in Ohio. In the Columbus precinct, which boasts of Mr. Outhwaite, Palmer and Buckner manager, as a voter, not a single vote was cast for the Indianapolis ticket. There are some charitable people who profess to believe that Mr. Cleveland's conspicuous Ohio office-holder relented at the last moment and voted for Bryan and Sewall.

KANSAS, the wildest and most barbarous state in the Union, has kicked against the brutal game of football. The police regulations of that town of tough citizens, Cincinnati, will not permit it; The laws of Florida, where Sullivan and Kilrain battered each other like Mexican bulls, does not permit it. And it would seem that the time has arrived for the church colleges in North Carolina to call a halt on it.

## A TOBACCO PACKING MACHINE.

The Baltimore Sun of a recent date has the following to say in regard to an invention of a former Durhamite:

"An illustration progresses made in mechanical devices is afforded by the new and labelling machine on exhibition at the shops of Murrell & Keizer, 200 North Holiday street. It receives tobacco in granulated form through its feed tubes, weighs the tobacco automatically and accurately, packs it in to bags, affixes the necessary revenue stamp and trade labels and turns out the finished packages at a rapid rate. In the whole process the assistance of only two persons is required, one to place the bags over the tubes, and the other to tie the strings. One of the machines, it is said will perform the work of eleven persons. The machines are constructed for one of the largest southern tobacco factories, but they may be used for packing almost any article. The invention was patented by Mr. Rufus L. Patterson, formerly of North Carolina, but now of Baltimore, and has been assigned to the Automatic Packing and Labelling Company of Durham, N. C."

## The Boyhood of Grant

McClure's Magazine announces for publication in the December a paper of reminiscences of the boyhood of Grant. Mr. Hamlin Garland, the novelist, who has long had in mind the project of writing an intimate personal life of Grant, has gone down to Georgetown and Ripley, Ohio, and Mayaville, Kentucky, the towns in which Grant passed his life until he went to West Point, and by industriously talking with every man and woman there who had any personal knowledge of Grant, and by delving into the local records and newspapers, has gotten together a rare store of illuminating facts and anecdotes; and out of this perfectly new material he has written the paper which is to appear in the December McClure's. The promise is that it will do what has never been done before: exhibit the youth Ulysses Grant exactly as he was in his humble life and surroundings. In addition to collecting information, Mr. Garland also collected pictures, and something especially rare and interesting is promised in the illustrations of the paper. For example, there will be given the earliest known portrait of Grant, a portrait owned by Mrs. Boggs (the wife of Grant's partner in the real estate business at St. Louis), never before reproduced or published, and quite unknown to the public and even to members of Grant's own family.

## New Labor-Saving Machine.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 20.—A successful test was made here today of a machine that threatens to revolutionize the casting of radiators, and incidentally throw a large number of men out of work. It has taken a year to construct the machine, and its cost has been upward of \$2,500. By the old process one may could, with the aid of a helper, turn out twenty to thirty patterns per day. With a crew of ten men the new monster molding machine can turn out 105 molds for five-foot radiator loops in thirty minutes. The machine has never been tried upon other than radiator castings, but it can form the mold for anything of which a pattern is made.

The latest is that the deal by which it was said that the Southern Railway Company was to control the Seaboard Air Line is off, a majority of the stockholders refusing to ratify the contract. We are glad of it. The public interest demands competition in our through lines.

## JOHN R. GENTRY, the famous North Carolina horse, and the champion harness horse of the world, was sold at Madison Square Garden, New York, Thursday night for \$19,500.

He was bought by Louis G. Tewksburg, who also owns Robert J. and Mascot. This gives him three of the finest horses in the world. Mr. Holt, Gentry's North Carolina owner, sold him last year for \$7,500. He has a record of 2:01 1/2.

## A DISGRACE TO CIVILIZATION.

We are glad to see that the German House of Representatives (the Reichstag) has taken up the question of the brutal attitude of the army officer toward the civilian. This attitude has frequently been a cause of scandal and disgust to enlightened people everywhere, says the Washington Post, and has, within the past few days, received an illustration from peculiar force. We refer to the cold blooded murder by Lieut. Baron von Brusewitz of a workman, Herr Siebemann, at Carlsruhe.

The circumstances were, simply, that the Lieutenant Baron happened to be in a restaurant or music hall simultaneously with Herr Siebemann, and the latter, in moving his chair back from the table at which he was seated, had the misfortune to touch the chair occupied by Lieut. Baron von Brusewitz. It was wholly unintentional, and was at best a trivial thing. The Baron, however, arose in a great rage and demanded from the workman an abject apology. This Siebemann refused to give, alleging that he had committed no offense, and was under no obligation to humiliate himself upon such slight grounds. At this the honorable and chivalrous Baron drew his sword and ran the unarmed workman through the body, killing him outright. A more infamous and cruel assassination was never heard of since the days of Nero. And, worst of all, this has been indirectly condoned if not approved in a recent speech by the German Emperor—a speech that reads more like the raving of a blood-thirsty maniac than the utterance of a humane and civilized sovereign.

## GENERAL MILES ON A WAR CLOUD.

General Miles is fearful that this nation will be plunged into war with some foreign power before very much longer. A dispatch from Washington on the 17th, says:

While Secretary Lament predicts peace in all his public utterances, General Miles predicts war in the conclusion of the annual report of the board of ordnance and fortification, of which he is the president, which he evidently wrote and which was made public today. General Miles sees the menace of war and he asks for more money for coast defenses, that "we may be ready to meet the emergency which may arise at any time." He continues: "In view of the present serious aspect of European politics it is only common prudence for this nation to be on its guard, for should a conflict arise we are liable to be embroiled with some power whose navy, in the present defenseless condition of our coasts, might destroy or exact enormous ransom from our chief cities." He says, moreover, war will come without much warning and that it is about due now, if history counts for anything.

"We should have a great war at least once in a generation," says General Miles, and it has now been 30 years since we had one. The comment in connection with the known relations between this country and Spain is significant, and in view of the efforts of the War Department authorities to suppress all reference to impending trouble, has excited much remark."

Key West, Fla., Nov. 18.—Passengers by the steamer from Havana, which arrived very late, reported that General Luque has been wounded in Pinar del Rio. A report was current in Havana that Captain General Weyler will return at once to the city. The Spanish merchants and others on Muralla street are very indignant over the report.

## TIME TO STOP.

Some of the thin skulled, crack brained editors of the east are still crying out that those who voted for Bryan and silver are "anarchists" and that they voted for "repudiation," etc. It is enough to disgust any honest American, whether he be for gold or silver.

It would be well for these editors to remember that nearly, or quite, one half of the voters in these United States voted for silver and when they accuse this number of being "anarchists" they tell to the outside world that our country is in a terrible condition. Recently the New York Advertiser had a very libelous article on those who voted for the white metal and the Washington Post, one of the most honest gold papers in the nation, voices our sentiments exactly in the following paragraph, which was taken from the Post's reply to the Advertiser. It is as follows:

The six millions of men who voted for Bryan did not "vote for repudiation and anarchy." The Southern people and their fellow citizens in other states who voted for Bryan are not repudiators or anarchists. If what the Advertiser says were true this republic would be in imminent peril. If six-thirtieths of the men in the United States were in favor of "repudiation and anarchy," the outlook would be darker than it was in the gloomiest hour of our civil war. The Southern States that voted for Bryan have very little of the foreign element. There are more anarchists on an acre in New York City than in all the South. The men of that section believed that they were acting not in opposition to, but in accordance with, "the time-honored principles of Jefferson and Jackson."

It seems to us high time for a cessation of epithetical warfare over the Presidential election. If the European press—the great journals of London, Berlin, and Paris—should set down the six millions of Americans who voted for Bryan as repudiators and anarchists every decent American would resent the insult. Is it less outrageous in the metropolitan press of the United States?

## Wholesale Murder, Not War.

There is no probability that Weyler can crush the Cubans before Congress meets, but there is every probability that his efforts to that end will so rouse public feeling in the United States that a renewed and insistent popular demand for intervention will be made. Weyler is desperate. He knows that a crisis has been reached, and that only some measure of military success which can be made to bear in the dispatches the appearance of brilliant victory will save his reputation and give President Cleveland an excuse for continuing his policy of inaction. How determined the Captain General is to make head against the patriots is proved by his order to the inhabitants of Pinar del Rio Province, where he is now operating, to leave their homes immediately and move into the garrisoned towns on pain of being classed and treated as rebels. This means simply that the rural population are given the choice of being murdered by the Spanish soldiers or dying of starvation or pestilence in the towns. It is an infamous, a barbarous order, and worthy of Weyler "the Butcher." He takes no prisoners, and were it not for fear of the United States he would set about suppressing the rebellion by exterminating the inhabitants of the island. As it is, the chances are that he will do enough in the way of outrage and slaughter during the campaign which he is prosecuting to shock civilization. That is Weyler's specialty. But that weapons and ammunition cannot be readily obtained, all Cuba would be in arms against this modern Claverhouse.—New York Journal.

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WITH corn at 21 cents., side meat 3.75, in Chicago, and cotton at 7.38 in New York, the western and southern farmer may be excused for not putting on his Christmas smile yet awhile

JUST to keep history straight it is well to remember that in the late election Bryan got in North Carolina over 150,000 votes. The Palmer and Buckner electors 575, the gold prohibitionist 635. The Southgate prohibition vote 851, or 276 more than Palmer and Buckner got.

THE news from Cuba yesterday was good. The arrogant and inhuman Spanish commandant who so recently took personal command of the forces opposing Maceo's patriots has had his pride and fame broken in the first onslaught. He has been badly whipped, and report says, is on a retreat to the entrenchments of Havana. We rejoice.

NOBLE county, Indiana, claims as citizens four unique characters. It has within its borders the smallest married couple in the United States, and also the largest and smallest men from a physical standpoint in Indiana; the former weighs 560 pounds, and the latter is but 3 feet 3 inches high and weighs only 75 pounds.

McCLURE'S MAGAZINE for December will contain an account of Nansen's hard adventures in getting 195 miles nearer the North Pole than any other man. It will be written by Cyrus C. Adams of the New York Sun, one of the best geographical authorities in the country, and it will be illustrated with portraits of Nansen and his associates, views of his ship within and without, and other pictures.

THE old adage, that misfortune never come singly is again exemplified. No sooner than Bryan's defeat was announced, but the public must again suffer from the writings of Mr. Edward Atkinson of "Boston"—the man who professes to be up in political economies—the man who knows more things which are not true than the balance of this country's vast population. From such tiresome sophistry as he writes, may the good Lord deliver the widows, orphans, and all unfortunates—the country included.

## "NO DEMOCRAT HAS ANY SHOW."

Col. Harry Skinner, who was recently elected from the First District to succeed himself, is in Washington, D. C. The Washington Post quotes him as follows: Representative Harry Skinner, of North Carolina, is at the Ebbitt. "Politics in North Carolina," said Mr. Skinner, "have taken a back seat, and business has again resumed sway. Considerable interest is, of course, taken in the coming election of a United States Senator, and there will be several candidates. I would not say that Senator Pritchard can be re-elected, but I am confident no Democrat has any show. It is generally regarded as certain that the republicans and populists will be able to elect the candidate they decide upon."

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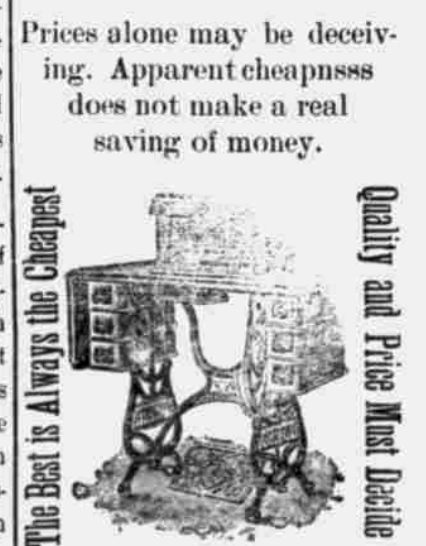
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