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NOT MUCH FAITH.

In this weeks issue the Caucasian criticizes Senator Pritchard and shows that they have not got much faith in him as a silver man. The following are some of the extracts of the editorial and will be of interest to our readers at this time:

"In the resolution signed by Senator Pritchard and sixteen other republican senators, he declares that the people of the United States can be rescued from impending danger—how? By the only method possible, which is the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, by the independent action of the United States."

"In the parallel letter, of February 13th, '96, he says: 'The republican party does not favor the free coinage of silver as an independent, single and separate financial policy.'"

"Now in one instance the senator declares for one thing, but in another he says his party does not favor it. And it must be noted that he adheres to his party, for he says he has an abiding faith in its honesty. Now, if the republican party does not favor free silver by independent action, and Senator Pritchard has an abiding faith in the honesty of the republican party, it is clear that Senator Pritchard cannot favor free silver by independent action without compromising his own honesty."

"Now, let it be remembered that if Senator Pritchard should be reelected, he will help the McKinley administration organize his senate, for his election will give the administration that power. With his election the administration will organize all the committees, and under the present declared policy of the administration, these committees will see that no silver bill will ever get before the senate. Hence Mr. Pritchard's declaration that he will vote for it (if it comes up) means nothing. With Mr. Pritchard in the senate, supporting the administration, such a bill would never come up."

RIGHTEOUSNESS WITHOUT TAXATION.

Under the above head the New York Journal says:

"He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord," says the Good Book; but he that lendeth to the Lord to escape taxation, how shall he fare? Here follows an extract from the testimony of John D. Rockefeller, of the Standard Oil Company, in the trial of the suit brought against him by the Rev. Daniel C. Potter in the name of the Tabernacle Baptist church:

"Who was the real owner of the lease obtained from St. Mark's Church?" Mr. Rockefeller was asked.

"I was," he answered.

"But it was held in the name of the church; why was that?"

"The reason for that," replied Mr. Rockefeller, "was to escape taxation. If I had held the lease in my name the property would have been taxed. If the church held it, it was exempt from taxation."

This astonishing statement is beyond belief. The Journal therefore, prefers to think that Mr. Rockefeller did himself injustice; that he did not put the property in the church's name to escape taxation, but that, remembering the text, "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of Heaven," he is beginning a transfer for the purpose of deceiving the recording angel, whom he doubtless conceives to be a kind of assessor."

SENATOR HILL has never advocated a better measure than the bill he introduced last week providing that all postmasters shall serve a term of four years, unless removed for cause, although its introduction at this late hour gives it small chance to become a law.

DECLINE OF DRUNKENNESS.

Although 1896 was a very bad year for manufacturing industries and the general business of the country, there was one notable exception to the almost uniform rule of depression. The manufacture, sale, and consumption of malt liquors steadily increased from the first day of January to the last day of December. With the exception of Cincinnati and New Orleans, in which there was a slight decrease, there was a large increase in every city where an extensive brewing business is carried on. And, although the times were harder in '96 than in '95, fully ten per cent more of beer was consumed in the former than in the latter. The official figures show an increase of 220,700 barrels in New York and more than 500,000 in Chicago, while the staid and decorous city of Philadelphia comes to time with an increase of 170,600 barrels in total output, or downward, of about two million barrels. And Brooklyn, the City of Churches, shows an increase and total almost as great as Philadelphia's superb aggregate. The Quaker City is, however, 1,200,000 barrels behind Chicago in total production, and has only two-fifths of New York's 6,900,000 barrels.

These figures, like the statistics of previous years, show a continued increase in the use of beer in the United States, and a comparison of beer statistics with the census tables of population proves that it takes more beer every year to meet the wants of a given number of persons than the quantity that sufficed for the year before. Naturally enough, the Prohibitionists take a pessimistic view of the situation, and contend that it bodes evil and evil only. It certainly is discouraging to any hope they may have had of being able to destroy the traffic in all kinds of liquors.

But to those who take a broader view than seems possible to the political Prohibitionist there is nothing disheartening in the facts and figures we have cited. While the consumption of beer and domestic wines is increasing, the statistics show a decreased consumption of distilled liquors of all kinds. While the Prohibition Party is wasting its energies on an impracticable scheme; while it refuses to accept the lesson of its long series of failures, the good cause of temperance is going ahead. The substitution of beer for whiskey is undoubtedly promotive of temperance, but the greatest agency to that work is the strong, healthy, public sentiment condemnatory of drunkenness. While the Prohibitionists are making a farce of their scheme in every State where a prohibitory law exists, public opinion is forcing men to be temperate, by shutting the intemperate out of public offices and responsible private stations. It is not in evidence that a prohibitory law has ever reformed anybody, but it is a fact clearly discernible to any honest investigator that habitual drunkenness is on the decline.—Washington Post.

IS THIS HANNA'S DOUGH?

The Greensboro Record of a recent date says: "Much has been said about Mark Hanna's money in the last campaign, and that a big pile of it was left over, some of it to be used in the election of a United States Senator from this state."

"Of course this has been denied by the republicans, the reply being that they had but little at the start and that none was left."

"However this may be, whether it is Hanna's money or not, there is money yet left in their hands, and what is more, some of it was used right here in Greensboro not many days ago. The check was signed by A. E. Holton, chairman of the republican state executive committee, and was cashed at one of the banks here."

WELL GREASED DOWN HERE.

The Washington Post of yesterday says: "Mr. Hanna seems to have had everything well greased for the senatorial occasions in North Carolina and Idaho." Yes, he seemed to have his own way down here but he has not elected his man yet by a long sight. If Pritchard is elected it is clear that Hanna paid the price and somebody will be called to account. Any body, who belongs to a party that has declared straight for silver, and then goes and votes for a gold bug like Pritchard clearly proves that they are not working for nothing.

New York's Greatest Scene.

Dew York's famous thoroughfare, Broadway, has been the scene of some wonderful events. But the one scene which still stands as the most remarkable, in point of enthusiasm, is Louis Kossuth's famous ride up Broadway, in 1851. Kossuth had already seen and passed through a crowd of 500,000 people in his triumphal ride up the great thoroughfare. The culminating moment, however, occurred when the great Hungarian patriot reached the corner of Broadway and Ann Street. The sight that burst upon him staggered him for the moment. In the open square directly before him was massed together a quarter of a million of people, and when this vast concourse broke into a united cheer Kossuth was fairly bewildered. No man saw this great event so well and advantageously as did Parke Godwin, the veteran New York editor, and Kossuth's closest friend in America. Mr. Godwin was with Kossuth, and for the first time he now tells the story of the marvelous event in the February Ladies Home Journal. The actual scene at Ann Street will also be shown in a picture by De Thulstrup, showing Kossuth in his carriage as the great "pe" burst upon him.

Frank Leslie's for February.

A particularly bright and attractive number of Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly is that for February. It has a long list of good articles and capital short stories, and almost everything is illustrated. The opening paper is a sketch of "Life in Russia," by Sophie Friedland, describing a month's visit at a Little Russian country house. There is an excellent article on "The University of Pennsylvania," by Dr. Lewis R. Horley, forming the fourth paper in the Monthly's series on "American Universities and Colleges," which has previously treated of Yale, Cornell and Bryn Mawr. Other good things of this number are: "A visit to the Syracuse Salt Works," by S. Turner Willis; "Ants of the Tropics," by A. James Miller; "The Development of the Modern Hotel," by John P. Ritter; "Some Stories of Cats," showing their habits, characteristics and affections; "The Character of General R. E. Lee," by Edmund Jennings Lee; "A Railway Ride from Edinburgh to Baltimore," by M. E. Leicester; Addis, etc. There is an installment of Edith Sessions Tupper's serial story, "Father John"; some interesting matter about new plays, with portraits; a young folks' department, containing a Cuban war story, and other things; and gossip about the new books.

It was plain to be seen by the apathy with which the speeches made by Senators Mills and Bacon last week, on the Cuban resolution of the former, were received that the senate has about arrived at the conclusion that the Cuban question is dead, so far as this session of congress is concerned,

QUEER PENSION CASE.

There are some peculiar pension cases that come up before the committee on pensions sometimes. One of these queer cases was reported to the House recently, says the Washington Post. It was a Pennsylvania case; where a soldier enlisted as Harmon Francis, a name he assumed for the correct one of Hiram Francis. He fought through three years of the war in Company K of the Ninety-seventh Infantry Volunteers. At the end of that term of service he was veteranized and re-enlisted for three years more. But soon, by the consent of his company and regiment officers he was allowed to go home, and his brother, George Francis, took his place in the ranks.

Now, the brother Hiram is dead. George served to the end of the war and received honorable discharge in his brother's assumed name. He was wounded in the mine explosion at Petersburg, for which he drew a pension under his brother's enlisted name until the latter died, when it was stopped. But George wants a pension for his seventeen months' service. Hiram's widow now receives pension for the service of her dead husband. This was too much for the Bureau of Pensions, and so the matter was taken to Congress, where the committee on Invalid Pensions decides that both soldier and substitute's widow are entitled to government aid in their declining years.

A PATHETIC SPEECH.

Although the House killed the Pacific Railroad funding bill by an overwhelming majority, it showed its sympathy for one of the leading advocates of that bill by ordering a speech stricken from the Record which had been inserted under the leave-to-print rule by Representative Maguire, of California, and which contained references to the indictment of Representative Johnson, of California, in Syracuse, N. Y., more than thirty years ago for forgery; and emphasis was added by the refusal of the House to order Representative Johnson's speech, in which he made a very bitter attack on William R. Hearst, stricken from the Record. This action was taken by the House after Mr. Johnson had made one of the most pathetic speeches ever made in Congress, acknowledging that he had been indicted in New York and giving details of his going to California and working to regain his good name and to repay the money, in both of which objects he showed that he had succeeded. There were tears in the eyes of more than one man on the floor of the House when Mr. Johnson said in his speech: "I tell this to show what I am not ashamed of my life, that I have not concealed this blot upon it. Can every man in this House and this country say so much? In Sacramento I have built up a name and a fame that any man might be proud of."

Hold Up By Seven Bandits.

GUTHRIE, Okl., Jan. 17.—A party of emigrants en route from Missouri to Oklahoma by wagon train were held up and robbed of all money and valuables in the mountain country on the western line of the Creek Reservation. The robbers secured about \$1,000.

There were six bandits under the leadership of a man whom one of the Missourians recognized as George Taylor, the escaped murderer of the Meeks family. This is the same section in which a traveling man recognized Taylor a month ago, and is a rough, mountainous district, where the Dalton, Cook, and Dolan gangs formerly had their rendezvous.

MAY DEFEAT THE TABERNARY.

According to present appearances, a combination of diplomatic opposition, personal feeling, and small politics may endanger, if not actually prevent, the ratification of the arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain, which was signed by representatives of both governments and sent to the senate last week. In view of the known sentiment of the country in favor of the arbitration of international differences, it was supposed that the senate would promptly ratify the treaty. It was known of course, that the diplomatic representatives of European countries, especially Russia, would like to see this treaty fail, but it was not supposed that they would dare to engage in intrigue to bring about its failure; but they are doing that very thing. And the personal feeling of senators against Secretary Olney because of the position he maintains concerning the power of the president in recognizing new nations is helping them, and the small politics of those Republican senators who are willing that the treaty shall be jeopardized or even lost entirely rather than to see this administration get any credit for having brought it about is doing likewise. This situation is not creditable to the senate, but it exists all the same.

ADOPTED A NEW PLAN.

It seems that the question of state aid to higher education is assuming a new shape. The following taken from the Kingston Free Press says that those who are enemies to the University have adopted a new plan of operation. It is as follows:

"The anti-state aid to the University movement takes a new shape now. It is masked under a demand for a four months' term of the public schools. The plan is to try to force the legislature to act on the matter early in its session, and appropriate every cent, to the limit, on the common schools. Then the University, state normal school, etc., would have to shift for themselves. The result would be that North Carolina boys who wished a University education would have to leave the state. It would mean that farmers' and mechanics' sons who wished a practical education couldn't get it in North Carolina, because it would abolish the Agricultural and Mechanical college, one of the very best institutions in the Union. It would mean a long step to the rear in the making of big, broad, brainy and fully developed men in North Carolina."

Woman Shot by Robbers.

MACON, Ga., Jan. 14.—Mrs. Wm. Rowland, of Adams Park, 23 miles below this city, was shot in the stomach last night by some unknown parties who were attempting to rob her husband's store.

Mrs. Rowland's husband keeps a store at Adams Park to which is attached his dwelling. Some time after midnight one or more parties called to Rowland to get up and let them in but he refused. A demand was then made for money, but this was also refused. The parties then opened a regular fusillade on the house and kept it up for some time, although Rowland did not return the fire. Finally one of the shots struck Mrs. Rowland in the stomach. Her groans seemed to frighten the murderers off, as they then ceased firing and departed. A posse with bloodhounds in pursuit of the parties.

Gov. Adams, of Colorado, is making a personal investigation of the strike situation at Leadville, Colo. It is believed the non-resident militiamen will be withdrawn.

SAM JONES AND WATSON.

Rev. Sam P. Jones, the great sensationalist, who believes in using "cuss words" from the pulpit to impress what he has to say on his hearers, had the following to say in regard to Tom Watson, of Georgia, who has been raising such a racket because he was not elected senator, after he had two trials:

"I always liked Tom Watson. Personally, he is a clever fellow. I admire him now. After the democrats of the tenth district have counted him two or three times out of congress and treated him like a dog, I glory in Tom's spunk. If I was Tom I would give the democrats all the trouble I could. They thought they had Tom buried once, but Tom has turned out to be the liveliest corpse that ever came tumbling out of a graveyard. If I was Tom I wouldn't come down, and if they fooled with me I wouldn't fuse; but every opportunity I had I would turn the business end of a mule towards the whole gang and kick the filling out of them. I am for Tom Watson against the whole gang. He is a better man than any of his maligners. He is a purer politician than any of his companions and has got more sense than any of the big men in either party. Tom Watson can never act as badly towards the democrats as the democrats have acted towards him, I don't care what he does. Fight it out, gentlemen."

ARE THEY FOR SALE?

The Progressive Farmer in its last issue has the following to say that is rather hard on those populists who bolted the caucus and announced their intention of voting for the Gold Bug Pritchard:

"As we go to press there is no change in the Senatorial situation. Dr. Cyrus Thompson, Secretary of State, was nominated for Senator by the Populist caucus Friday night. Both sides seem confident. The only chance to elect Pritchard is for Mark Hanna to buy some Populist votes. If there are any for sale we hope they will go at once. We can then see who will do to depend upon."

Hanged a Highwayman Promptly.

WHITE CASTLE, Jan. 17.—Last night George P. Bruvais was waylaid, robbed, and beat over the head by a negro in the Pacific yards, the weapon used being a coupling pin. Bruvais reached the hotel and gave a description of the would-be murderer. Before midnight the highwayman had been arrested and brought before his victim and fully identified.

The negro was then placed in jail, but at daybreak this morning his body was found dangling from a convenient tree, where it remained for several hours. The coroner's jury investigated the case, and returned a verdict of death by hanging at the hands of some unknown parties.

Captured Maceo's Body.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 17.—A letter has been received by one of the representatives in this city of the Cuban junta confirming dispatches of Friday giving an account of the death of Gen. Maceo. The letter is from Lieut. Col. Hernandez, who was encamped with a company of cavalry and other forces near where Maceo was ambushed.

Hearing the firing, he hurried to the scene, and was told that Maceo was killed and his body was in the hands of the Spaniards. The insurgents charged the troops repeatedly, and finally succeeded in capturing the body, which was afterward buried secretly in a safe place. The insurgents are reported to be encamped within nine miles of Havana.

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