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STINGS.

The democratic party is still having trouble with its tail.

Politics, and not law and evidence, appear to control decisions of the Kentucky courts.

Will somebody name a single trust that the democratic party ever killed. Now don't break your neck trying to answer.

Yes, Billy Bryan is still sticking to his 16 to 1 policy—that is 16 words of sympathy for Aguinaldo to one for the United States.

We hope our subscribers will take notice and not send us stamps on subscription, for a while at least. We have more now than we can use.

Jerry Simpson says he would rather be U. S. Senator than Governor of Kansas, but as there is little probability of his being either his preference is not important.

Arthur Sewall, the sound money, Protectionist democrat who ran on the tail end of the Bryan ticket in '96 don't see much ahead for the 16 to ones this year. He says McKinley will be re-nominated and re-elected.

Gov. Johnston, Ala., may not get to the Senate, but he is giving Senator Morgan a warm run for his money.

London, Kentucky is a dry town. No wonder the democratic members of the Kentucky legislature object to meeting there.

There are a good many reasons why the democrats cannot win this year, but the main reason is that they haven't got enough votes.

The Queen of Holland has had some trouble in securing a cut of herself handsome enough to go on the coins of her realm. She needn't worry. Any coin looks handsome to the man who has it.

The man who can read the North Carolina Simmons Election law and then proceed to declare that it is an honest law and fair to all parties could eat a polecat for breakfast and never make a crooked face.

How far some Mississippi democrats are behind the political procession may be judged by the news that they are booming Dave Hill as a candidate for the Presidential nomination.

Forty thousand Mormons are about to move from Utah to Wyoming in search of "religious liberty." They will find that Wyoming is no more free handed with such religious liberty as they ask than Utah is.

Call such utterances what you may, but "Corporal" Tanner made a bull's eye hit when he said that "General Lawton's dead hand points an accusing finger at those persons calling themselves anti-imperialists."

This is a two billion dollar country. The value of the foreign commerce last year exceeded two billion dollars and now it is announced officially that the money in circulation in the country exceeds two billions.

Those democrats, including Mr. Bryan, who are making a specialty of black-guarding the newspapers appear to forget that newspapers exist solely by the favor of their readers; consequently that their views are in the main about the same as those of their readers.

The Hon. Col. Wm. J. Bryan has added the Boer cause to his free lecture repertoire.

The Hon. Sam Jones who failed to carry Ohio for himself last fall is now talking of carrying that state for Bryan this year. Scat!

Senator Pettigrew should now denounce the administration for its tyranny in preventing Aguinaldo from casting his vote for Bryan.

With a strong navy and fortifications at Porto Rico and the Galapagos islands, the United States must dominate the canal, no matter under what terms it is built.

"Gold and Glory" has been suggested by Chauncy Depew as the campaign motto for 1900. This glittering alliteration will doubtless appeal to the church-going people.

The Canadian government now proposes to exclude Americans and other Utlanders from the gold mines at Atlin, B. C. Yet Canada is sending soldiers to aid the British in preventing simple taxation of the Utlanders in the Transvaal.

Col. Watterson, who is a master hand at political jugglings, is now engaged in trying to put the blame for all of Kentucky's troubles on a railroad. The law-abiding people of the State have long ago placed the blame where it belongs—on the democratic bosses.

There are about fifteen States which have no democratic representation in the present House, and if the democratic party does not speedily change its tactics, the number of states that will send solid republican delegations to the next House will be increased.

The republicans of the Ways and Means Committee have the courage of their convictions. They have taken the wind entirely out of the democratic sails by boldly announcing that Porto Rico is on the same basis with Oklahoma, for instance, and then by stating that in their opinion neither Oklahoma nor Porto Rico is entitled to any privileges except by force of the treaty by which they were acquired or by the free grace of Congress. There is no shuffling nor evasion about this position.

Will you please send us a list of your neighbors whom you think might subscribe to this paper. We want them at once. The campaign is warming up and we want to reach all the boys we can.

Col. Willie Jenkins Bryan needn't depend on the people turning down prosperity and excepting democratic promises this year just because they did in 1892. The fact that a man has acted the fool one time is no reason he should do so again.

The road of democratic success is a very distinct trail. There is no chance of mistaking it for any other road unless it be the road to perdition. It is filled with tramps, ragtags and Coxe armies, and lined on one side with soup houses and idle mills and the other with business paralysis and treasury deficits.

Circumstances alter cases. "Law by Injunction," although so severely denounced by the democratic national platform, seems good enough for the Kentucky democrats. This somersault is easily explained. The Kentucky courts are part of the democratic machine.

It does not speak well for the Christianity and civilization of the Boers that they should have publicly executed a young Scotchman, in the city of Harrismith, Orange Free State, for no other reason than that he refused to take up arms to fight against his own country.

No better argument can be made for the continuance of the republican party in power than the official figures showing the value of American manufactures sold to foreign countries in the month of December, for the last three years—in 1897, \$23,000,000, in 1898, \$23,000,000 and in 1899, \$26,000,000.

The canal question is simply whether the United States is big enough and brave enough to trust its own ability to meet any emergency that may arise in the future, or whether it prefers to refuse to play unless it is allowed to line the canal with fortresses and look askance at all the nations of the world.

A New York yellow journal has announced that Ohio will go for Bryan next fall. Possibly, if "go for" be interpreted in its slangy sense.

It is now said that the people of Arkansas are claiming that it was Coin Harvey who discovered the circulation of the blood.

Owing to press of business this week we are compelled to supply our monthly readers with the Yellow Jacket printed from forms of the weekly edition.

It is claimed that Col. Billy Bryan is still gunning for an issue which will stick in the coming campaign. The coon which once remarked to David Crocket, "Don't shoot; I'll come down," has not yet put in an appearance.

Governor Taylor does well to hold to his post until he has some real assurance that the Goebel election law will be repealed. It is a serious question whether the legislature will agree to uphold the terms made for it by the unofficial peace conference at Louisville.

The brave action of representative Sibley of Pennsylvania, in leaving his life long allies who elected him to office and coming over to the republicans is significant of the change in party issues. All else is rapidly sinking into insignificance compared with the mighty question involved in expansion and the extent to which the Constitution applies to the new territory. The preliminary skirmish on this question is to be fought in Congress during the coming week.

The license tax which the North Carolina democratic legislature saddled on every man in the state who deals in lumber is \$10 a year instead of \$5 as we stated last week. It is reported that about a thousand bills of indictment have been drawn against as many men in Wilkes county for failure to pay this tax, and hundreds of these fellows are among our poorest men and work in the lumber during the winter to try to get money to pay their regular taxes and buy the necessaries they are bound to have. Oh isn't democratic legislation a glorious thing. Say Mr. Democrat, why don't you smile?