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The Evolution of a Populist.

He muttered at the slowness
Of the House and Senate, till
They both had passed a tariff,
Then he muttered at the bill.
He muttered at the surplus
Monopoly had made,
He muttered at the hersey
Embodied in free trade.
He muttered, and denounced man-
kind.
And raved, with clinched fists—
Until, at last, in frenzied rage
He joined the Populists.

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A Man in the Morass.

Gov. Hoard tells a story of an Irishman who, going through a thick woodland, discovered a man in a sink-hole in the morass and he rushed up to a drawling yankee and shouted, "Come over, for heaven's sake, there's a man in the morass!" "Is that so?" said the yankee. "How far is he in?" "Well, sor, he's in up to the ankle." "Oh, well," said the yankee, "he will get out." "No, sor, he won't for bejabers I forgot to tell you he went in head first!"

Don't Get Under a Tree.

Although it has long been known to every person of any observation or intelligence that a tree is the very worst place to go to for refuge during a thunder storm, a large proportion of fatalities and injuries reported from lightning continue to come from those who seek its shelter. Near Wilson, several persons have been seriously burned or killed by lightning, all of whom had run under the branches of a tree to escape the storm. Few are the exceptions to this rule that the tree and the barn filled with new mown hay and the open door give to lightning its great majority of victims.

The steamer Empress, of Japan, just arrived at Vancouver, from the East, while on the way between Honkong and Yokohama, struck a large whale, cutting it almost in two. Parts of the animal stuck to the vessel and had to be taken off, as they impeded its progress.

In Senator Gordon's opinion the new tariff bill will save the people seven hundred and fifty million dollars the first year. Not so bad, after all, and just that much better than the McKinley bill, further steps, too, may be gradually taken towards the Democratic ideal of tariff reform.

FROM MAINE TO FLORIDA.

A correspondent of the New York Sun, says. "The happiest day at the Eastern Maine Fair will be Friday, when Gen. Adlai E Stevenson will run over from Bar Harbor to Bangor to see the stalwart men and women who keep the Democratic flame burning on the hearthstones of the Pine Tree State.

A party of brawny lumbermen from Old Town will present him with the finest—and keenest axe ever made in a blacke smithy, to take the place of the one Adlai used up in chopping off the head of Republican Postmasters when he served his country in the Post Office Department. The man who made the axe says: "Adlai will find it handy like, when we make him President in 1896."

Maine Democrats are solid for Stevenson, because he is an old-fashioned, straight hitting from the shoulder Democrat, who has never walked off the Jefferson highway to flounder in the stagnant pools of Mugwumpery."

Christian People In Europe.

Christian people who spend any length of time in Europe are often somewhat at a loss, avers the New York Independent, with regard to church attendance. In almost every important center there are Evangelical churches of various denominations; but they are not always widely known, and it is sometimes difficult to learn the full facts as to the provision for public worship. In Paris and Berlin the American chapels are well known. In Dresden where there is an English and American colony, chiefly American, of about 3000 people, comparatively few have known of the Presbyterian church, which is rather a union church under the care of the Rev. J. Davis Bowden, one of the most eloquent preachers on the continent. The church has no distinctive church building, but meets in a hall, and earnestly calls for the support of all Christian Americans who spend a time in that city.

The Washington correspondent of the Statesville Landmark reports Senator Jarvis as saying that he is going to make a personal canvass of every county in the State. He will speak at every important point.

An exchange says an Ohio farmer, who went to hear Coxey make a speech, tied his horse near by so securely that he couldn't get away. The horse stood the speech about an hour and then dropped dead.

DR. WORTH'S MONEY RECOVERED.

\$100,000 Was Taken, but the Lost Is Found, Including the Two Thieves.

A. A. Isley, deputy sheriff of Alamance, who has been working the case of the robbery of Dr. J. M. Worth, of Asheboro, on last Monday night about 9 o'clock, and who arrested the robber, was here yesterday. He says there is only one party connected with the robbery, and that is Sam McCray, a negro of about 19 years of age who originally lived in Burlington, but had been at work for Dr. Worth some time. The amount of money stolen was within a few dollars of \$475. Of this, \$401 have been recovered and a few dollars more can be accounted for, the boy having spent something like \$20. It is believed that the remaining \$50 will also be recovered. His brother Mack and his mother are both suspected of concealing the stolen money. The bonds papers and the box in which they were contained have all been recovered and returned to Dr. Worth. These amounted to something like \$100,000.

The boy has confessed and says that there was no one implicated in the crime with him and that his reason for the robbery was that he was in need of money.

Though the boy shot, it is believed that he did not try to hit Dr. Worth but to give himself light to find the door, as the ball buried itself in the ceiling.

The money was found in a cornfield buried in a cigar box. His mother was frightened into showing Mr. Isley where the money was.

McCray's brother and mother have also been arrested. The mother gave bond, but the brother is an escaped town convict and is now being worked on the streets of Burlington. Both he and his brother have served terms on the Alamance county roads.

Several other parties have been arrested but they were released when McCray made his confession. The boy waived examination and will be tried at Asheboro next Monday week.—News-Observer Sep., 9th.

The sapphire which adorns the summit of the English crown is the same that Edward the Confessor wore in his ring.

Wiggins has come forth again. He says that the people on the planet Mars are signaling to us. He adds that they regard us as their lost brethren. Of course Wiggins knows.

STATE FAIR NOTES.

The Raleigh papers have published several columns of extracts from letters from prominent people all over the State, who have announced their intention of making exhibits at the State Fair. In addition to these, large numbers of letters are being received from all sections of North Carolina in which it is asserted that the attendance will be very large from all sections.

One of the special features this year will be the racing. The purses will aggregate over \$2,000. A large number of superb running horses have recently been brought into North Carolina, and in deference to the wishes of their owners the State Fair has offered liberal premiums for running races every day. For trotting horses \$300 are offered for the 2:40 class, 2:35 class, 2:30 class, 2:25 class and the Freer-for-All class. The three minute class is offered a purse of \$200, and the three year old comes in for \$100.

The committee of prominent educators, appointed by the North Carolina Teacher's Assembly, met in Raleigh last Saturday to perfect arrangements for EDUCATIONAL DAY, which will meet Tuesday of Fair week.

It is to be regretted that Gen. J. B. Gordon will not be able to deliver his address on SOLDIERS' DAY, which will be Wednesday; but a great feature of interest to all old soldiers will be the Cyclorama of the Battle of Gettysburg. Maj. W. M. Robbins, of North Carolina, and Commissioner of the Gettysburg Battle Ground Commission, has written a letter commending the Cyclorama, and states that it will be a feature of interest to all North Carolinians.

The city of Raleigh is taking hold of the Fair with a zeal and vigor never before known, and it will be ready to greet the great concourse of people which will attend the Fair.

The South will have little to do with contests over the income tax. Few of her people have a taxable income, but all of them will share in the beneficial results arising from the resumption of business and the consequent flow of money through the channels of trade.

The difference between having a tooth drawn by a professional man and having it knocked out by a fall on the pavement is only a verbal one. The one is dental; the other accidental.