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The Democrats in the senate will fight the confirmation of W. D. Bynum to that \$7,500 position McKinley gave him as the price of his treachery. It is said that he was appointed as a Democrat. He is a full-fledged Hannacrat, and should be made to quit stealing the livery of heaven in which to serve the devil.—News-Observer.

Russell is reported as being disgusted with Judge Clark's recent dissenting opinion. Loge Harris thinks Clark's opinion tends to anarchy. A leading member of the Asheville bar said when he had finished reading it: "It is the greatest opinion ever written by any member of the court during its history." It was great. It has made the big little men of the fusion party squirm. We pin our faith on Clark's opinion. He knows more law, we believe, than all the balance of the supreme court put together.

William Dean Howells was asked in Detroit recently to state his views regarding expansion, which he did as follows: "I am an anti-expansionist and anti-imperialist. I cannot see why we need any more territory, and I am against buying men, even at \$2 a head. A republic has no business with colonial dependencies. We can never handle them with our negligent, slap-dash methods of doing public business. The English colonial system has been the growth of centuries." He writes facts as well as fiction.

The Republicans have decided to endeavor to pass a bill making gold the standard. With the Republicans favoring the gold standard, imperialism and expansion, bounties, trusts, etc., and the Democratic party representing the opposite of all these evils, the only chance for the masses of the people and all except the immensely wealthy is to come together in the Democratic party and elect Bryan and a congress and senate holding his views.

The Republican party, now more than ever before, is the party of the few immensely wealthy. The Democratic party is more than ever, the party of the people.

The Wilmington Messenger says:

"When the war in South Africa was about to begin, newspapers jumped on Kruger with both feet and swore he was all wrong and was to blame for the critical condition. Reading an able paper in the Edinburgh Review recently on the recent 'Conference and Arbitration,' we were impressed with the following clear statement: 'The conference at Bloemfontein between Sir Alfred Milner and President Kruger failed partly because Great Britain refused to enter into arbitration on any terms.' That confirms exactly what Kruger said about it, but newspapers with British leanings said it was not true."

The Winston Journal is "kicking," as it has a right to, against the big advances in printing paper. It says:

The paper trust is getting in some pretty severe work on the newspapers just now. They have almost doubled the price of news and promise a still further advance. It does seem to us that the newspapers could enter into an arrangement to protect themselves from this imposition, for it cannot be properly termed anything else.

The paper used for newspapers is made from wood pulp, and the cost of this pulp is infinitesimal. The paper mills claim that the cause of the advance in paper is due to the trust putting up the price of pulp. This may be true and it may not be true, but in any event there is no plausible reason for it, and it should not be submitted to.

The newspapers and job printers of this country should get together and organize some plan to meet this bleeding process of the paper mills. With an advance of news of \$20 on the ton and double that amount on job paper, it amounts to an imposition that should not be submitted to, and need not, if the newspapers will combine for mutual protection.

If, on a small daily it amounts to hundreds of dollars, on the larger ones it amounts to thousands.

One way to help down the paper trust would be to make congress repeal the duty on all materials that enter into the manufacture of paper. Take the duty

off of wood pulp, for instance, and allow the Canadians to compete with the United States wood pulp trust.

Doing Penance.

A member of the mining exchange tells this story of a man doing penance: "I had a wagon and was driving out of Denver, on my way to the mines. The roads were fetlock deep in dust, and the weather was hotter than hades. A young fellow halted me a few miles out and asked if he might walk behind my wagon. It was the strangest request I had ever heard, and I said:

"Walk behind? No! Get up here on the seat and ride.' He wore a sort of sad look and replied:

"I don't want to ride, pardner. I ain't fitten to ride and I ain't fitten to get fitten. Just let me walk behind your wagon."

"I thought then he must be crazy and concluded to let him have his way. The dust rolled up in dense, suffocating clouds. I glanced frequently over my shoulder, but couldn't get a glimpse of him. As the team rattled on, however, I heard his voice repeating over and over again:

"Serve you right, confound you! Sell your claim for \$10,000, win \$1,500 at poker, go down to Denver, blow off the town and go dead broke! You blank blank blank! Ought to suffer! Got to go back and start all over again! Dust too good for you! Ain't half punishment enough!"

"At the end of the journey he was nearly dead, but still bravely anxious to do penance. I hired him, and he's here in New York now, doing well."—New York Press.

Admitted It Himself.

A story is told of two prominent Chicago lawyers who several years ago were regarded as being among the brightest lawyers the state had produced for a long time. There was great rivalry between these men, and one day they were having a heated argument on the steps of the state-house at Springfield.

"I'll agree to leave it to the first man we meet," said one of the wrangling lawyers fiercely.

"All right, and that will settle it once for all. Ah! Here is Charlie — We'll leave it to him."

"Charlie," as the man spoken of approached within hearing distance, "we want you to decide who is the best lawyer in Illinois. We agree to abide by your decision."

"Well," replied Charlie, himself an old practitioner and well known in the capital city, "I plead guilty to being the best lawyer in the state myself."

"Why, Charlie, how can it be proved?" inquired the first of the two Chicagoans.

"You don't have to prove it," replied the Springfield man, "I admit it, don't I?"—Detroit Free Press.

The Sweatshops.

It pays to own real estate where New York's laboring classes are concentrated. A man who owns a large, square building in the down town east side district says that it pays him more than 20 per cent net on the money invested. He never has to look for tenants and he has no trouble in collecting his rents. A prosperous saloon keeper has the ground floor, and, of course, his rent is guaranteed.

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The windows rent for \$5 each. This gives the man who hires the whole floor his window free, or sometimes a little more than that. The windows in this particular building are especially sought after, because there is a freight elevator, by which the heavy cloth garments can be hoisted and let down from the various stories. It runs by hand power, but even then it is far better than carrying the heavy burdens on the back.—New York Press.

Cause For Care.

"No," said the confident youth, "I shall not trudge along in the beaten track. I shall not devote my mind to humdrum duty."

"What are you going to do?" asked the schoolmaster.

"I am going to strike away from the beaten path. I'm going to leave footprints on the sands of time."

"Well, you want to be careful."

"I have energy and ability."

"Yes, but you want to be careful too. Trying to leave footprints on the sands of time has been the cause of a lot of people getting stuck in the mud."

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