

# THE DAILY FREE PRESS.

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With the next semi-weekly issue THE FREE PRESS begins its nineteenth volume. It is on a more substantial basis now than it has ever been.

For eighteen years THE FREE PRESS has labored unceasingly to keep its readers informed of the news and to help advance the interests of the community in which it is published.

For a little more than fourteen years the present editor has been in charge of its columns and has endeavored to run a newspaper independent of any rings or cliques.

We think that the advice of THE FREE PRESS has induced more of our farmers to raise home supplies and to diversify their crops, causing this to become a more prosperous farming section.

THE FREE PRESS has constantly urged the people of Kinston to engage in manufacturing enterprises, and Kinston has grown from a town of 1,750 to fully 5,000 population, largely a result of manufacturing.

THE FREE PRESS has tried to act fairly and squarely by everybody, and has more friends than ever before.

THE FREE PRESS will continue to improve as the patronage given it increases.

The publisher has no promises to make for the future, except to continue to publish as good a paper as the means at his hands will warrant. We are thankful for the liberal patronage given the paper and hope for still larger patronage in the future.

Congressman Grosvenor made a speech in the house a few days ago stating that Hon. W. J. Bryan was equally responsible with the Democrats who voted for ratification of the Paris treaty, and was estopped from opposing any of its effects because Bryan went to Washington and used his influence to have the treaty ratified.

Mr. Bryan says that while advocating ratification of the Paris treaty of peace he coupled it with advocacy of a promise of independence to the Filipinos; that the Bacon resolution, if adopted, would have prevented the Philippine war.

Mr. Bryan further said: "The bloodshed in the Philippine Islands is upon those who refused to deal with the Filipinos on American principles. It is cowardly for the Republicans to attempt to evade the responsibility. If they favor the war of conquest, they should have the courage to avow it and give their real reasons for it, namely, that they desire to give the syndicates a chance to exploit the islands. The thing that surprises me about Mr. Grosvenor's charge is that he lays the blame on the Democrats. Heretofore the Republicans have laid it on Providence."

The conference committee between the house and senate have agreed on the currency bill. It provides for a single gold standard, for the gradual retirement of greenbacks as the silver bullion now in the treasury vaults is coined, and places the supply of money, other than gold certificates, entirely in the hands of national bankers.

It is an infamously unjust measure, designed for the purpose of robbing the debtor and enriching still more the immensely wealthy.

The effect of its operations will be to gradually make times harder, to pinch, squeeze and crush the poor and moderately well-to-do. It may be compared to a slow machine driving four walls together upon people who cannot escape—its effect will be slow but sure.

The Republican party, which is responsible for this pernicious law, should be hurled from power by an outraged people.

Hanna says that it will take a great sum of money to elect McKinley. Doubtless! And there is a good fighting chance to defeat him.

It is worth more than 10 cents a week to run over every day to your neighbor's house and borrow his paper. Take THE FREE PRESS and stop bothering your neighbor. It's a sight cheaper.

## FIRST WIG IN HISTORY.

It Was Worn by the Daughter of Saul, King of Israel.

The first wig mentioned in history was made of a goat's skin and worn by the daughter of Saul, king of Israel. The first artistic wigs were made in the south of Italy for the Gapiens, who lived in Apulia and were known for the luxuries of their toilet. These people were, they say, the first who painted their faces. This they did with the juice of strawberries.

The Persians wore wigs. Xenophon relates that little Cyrus, when he visited Astyages, his grandfather, whose eyes were framed in blue paint and who wore an enormous wig, threw himself on his knees and cried, "Oh, mother, what a beautiful grandfather I have!" Aglais, a maid of honor, was so struck by the appearance of the old gentleman that she remained with Astyages as a slave.

The Phœnician women, who were proud of their hair, having been ordered by their priests to offer it up on the altars dedicated to Venus after the death of Adonis, obeyed, but with murmuring. Soon after they were consoled by a Greek merchant, who told them that he would give them the means of hiding their bald pates under luxurious curls. In his chariot he had hundreds of wigs of all colors.

Wigs were in vogue in Rome toward the end of the republic and so well made that, says Ovid, "no man could know if his wife had any hair at all before she had given him an opportunity of seizing her by the tresses."

Teutonic peasants were the providers of blond hair for rich Roman princesses, who loved the contrast of its flaxen hue with their black eyes. They even had morning wigs, small and tightly curled, of any color, and they kept the beautiful fair ones to receive their admirers at night. Messalina had 150 wigs to disguise herself. — Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

## THE SAMPLE FIFND.

It Takes Lots of Material to Supply the Sampler's Demands.

Coming suddenly upon a salesman in a retail store who had a number of yard long lengths of new piques liberally sprinkled with those little price tags (the pins all stuck through the several thicknesses and bent down), one understood all at once the full import of the demands of the sample fiend. Marked off evenly like a check-board, with 17 price tags lengthwise and seven to the width, which made 119 to the yard, the salesman was going over the lot with a pencil, setting down the width and price on each.

At one store the one who is at the head of each stock attends to the preparing of the samples of his particular stock. Thus the plique samples would be cut by one, samples of swiss by another, of organdie by another, and so on. In the silk department one man, who is kept for the purpose, does it all. And it takes all his time.

For people from a distance who do their buying by mail this is of course a very good method. But the part to which all sane people take exception is the senseless sampling of those who wander aimlessly about, evidently gathering samples as a thoughtless child sometimes pulls twigs in passing bushes. The worst of it is we have to pay for this senseless woman's foolishness, it being often observable that the biggest samplers are the smallest buyers. One clerk says that he has actually seen thrown upon the sidewalk the samples given to a woman after showing her his whole stock, her purchase being ostensibly postponed because of her fear that the goods will not match something or other.

The time is past when these scraps went to feed the insatiate crazy quilt fiends. — Philadelphia Record.

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