

# THE DAILY FREE PRESS.

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Yes, the Republican gold standard bill is a good thing—for the bankers and money kings, who furnished the money to put the Republican party in power.

The Cincinnati Enquirer demands the removal of Attorney General Griggs, on the grounds that he is too friendly to the trusts. Upon the same grounds the people demand the removal of the entire McKinley administration, and will back the demand with their ballots.

The Raleigh Times-Visitor kindly says: "THE KINSTON FREE PRESS has entered upon its 19th volume and we extend hearty congratulations. No paper has done more for the farmers of that section than THE FREE PRESS. It is well edited and a first class paper in every respect. May it live long and prosper."

Col. Bryan showed how little truth there was in the report that he opposed the choosing of July 4 for holding the Democratic national convention by saying: "The party will proclaim a second declaration of independence this year, and I deem it especially appropriate that this be done on the nation's day of freedom."

Senator Tillman drives the Republican party into a hole when he corners Senator Platt, of Connecticut, and asks him to reconcile his position, which shouts for negro suffrage in the south and for negro disfranchisement in Hawaii. Platt's party, in this matter at least, faces both ways and wants a double standard.—Wilson News.

The presidents of the most important banks of New York seem to be agreed that the passage of the currency measure now pending in congress will materially increase the circulation of national bank notes.

Of course it will, and it will decrease the supply of other paper money. In fact put the control of the money supply in the hands of the national bankers.

The American Newspaper Publishers' association, which was in session in New York city last week, gave consideration to the increase in price of white paper, which has recently advanced from 60 to 100 per cent. The association found that there was no reason or warrant for this arbitrary advance in the price of paper, and resolutions were adopted asking congress to look into it. The Statesville Landmark says it expects no relief from congress, but if the newspapers of the country were thoroughly united—if they would form a trust of their own and turn their guns on every politician and every other interest which opposes them—they would soon get what they ask for.

### Afraid to Bid.

At an auction sale of miscellaneous goods at a country store the auctioneer put up a buggy robe of fairly good quality. An old farmer inspected it closely, seemed to think there was a bargain in it, and yet he hesitated to bid.

"Think it cheap?" asked the auctioneer, crying a 10 cent bid.

"Yes, kinder," was the reply.

"Then why don't you bid and get it?"

"Waal, I've bought heaps o' things in dry goods and so on," slowly rejoined the old man, "and I never yet took home anything that the old woman thought was worth the price. If I get that 'ere robe for even 15 cents, she'd grab it up, pull at one end, chaw on a corner and call out: 'Cheated again! More'n half cotton!' That's the reason I dasn't bid."—Ohio State Journal.

### A Leak.

She—What! Are you going to dine at the club? I should think you would hate to take dinner there.

He—Why?

She—Because, my dear, you will miss all the pleasure of complaining about what you get to eat.—Detroit Free Press.

Sailors' trousers, or "trombone pants," as they have sometimes been called, expand in bell shape at the bottom so as to be the more easily kicked off in case of the wearer's falling into the water.

**His Answer Was Reassuring.**  
Mgt. Calino, the simple hearted and ingenuous Frenchman, happened to be riding in a train in the same compartment with a lady who was in constant fear of a smashup.

At every sudden stop, every jar, every sound of the bell or whistle, she cried out:

"Oh! Oh! Have we run off the track? Is it a collision? Are we going to be killed?"

Calino paid no attention, but remained wrapped in solemn silence. Presently the lady said to him:

"And you, sir, aren't you afraid of railroad accidents?"

"Not I, madame," answered Calino reassuringly. "It has been foretold that I am to die on the guillotine!"

The nervous woman went into hysterics and had to be removed from the train at the next station.—Youth's Companion.

### At the Theater.

Fuddy—What do you laugh at that old joke for? When I told it to you three months ago, you didn't even smile, and now you laugh at it as though you would die.

Duddy—Yes, I know; I paid to get in here, and I'm bound to make the most of my money's worth.—Boston Transcript.

In times of scarcity the South African natives sometimes rob the ants' nests, and as much as five bushels of grain have been taken from a single nest.

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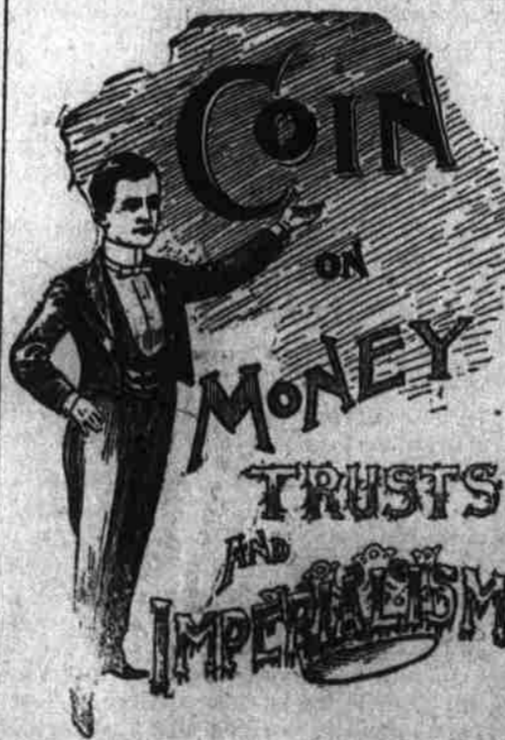
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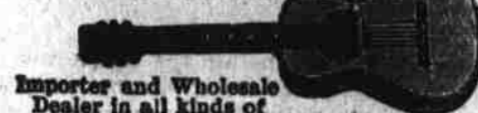
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