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ASPIRATION.

To accomplish much in life there must be desires after the true and the good—aspirations for meritorious success.

The opposite of a noble aspiration is unconcern, indifference, carelessness, recklessness, unambitious aiming at nothing, and generally hitting the aim. A person influenced with little or no noble aspirations is content with present attainments and surroundings, even when those attainments and conditions might easily be bettered by work and skill of the hands or of the head, or both.

There are yearly improvements in all material things—in methods of doing business, medicine, agriculture, teaching, study, and a hundred other things, and the man that does not work and study to keep up will be, and deserves to be, left behind with the moss of the past upon his back.

A noble aspiration erects an ideal that may be reached in the chosen walk of life and earnestly strives with all the labor and skill possible to realize the noble aim.

In another year the mourner's bench will be crowded with the Bayards and Byrns, the Whitneys and Wattersons, and the whole corporal's guard of goldbug generals who see the handwriting on the wall will be anxious and eager to again revise their monetary convictions—provided always that they are given the chief places in the temple they sought so sedulously to destroy.

But to welcome these renegades back into the ranks of rejuvenated Democracy would not advance the cause of bimetalism a single iota. They can best advance the cause by opposing it. To allow them to be elected to office again would smack of treason.

Equally treasonable would it be to the cause of bimetalism—the cause of humanity, the cause of the farmers and producers of those countries (and chiefly this) that have suffered so severely from the evils of the gold standard—to permit Great Britain to be one of the leaders in a great tactical move to restore to a despoiled people a portion of their rights.

The interests of this country and the gold owners in England and America are antagonistic, and must always be so. We want none of their death-bed repentances, nor their leadership out of a slough into which they have placed us.

NEW YORK POLITICS.

The political campaign in New York city this fall will attract greater attention and prove more interesting than has ever before been the case with a municipal election in the history of the country.

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Will the farmer of McDowell who got a dollar for his wheat send a line to this office? The stock phrase "dollar wheat" is being used in the cities of Ohio with telling effect. The "farmers" of Cincinnati, Columbus, and Cleveland all sold their wheat for a dollar on the day that commodity paid its fleeting visit to the century point.

of government. The platforms of the four parties thus represented are interesting. The chief features of the Republican platform are the endorsement of the single gold standard, the Dingley protective tariff, and the Raines State liquor law. The significant features of the Tammany platform are the ignoring of the financial question while nominating only straight Democrats who supported Bryan last fall, a sweeping condemnation of the Raines liquor law, and the urging of various municipal reforms. The Reform or "Goo-goo" platform also condemns the Raines law, and promises local reforms, while ignoring general politics. The feature of the Henry George platform is a full and unequivocal endorsement of the 16 to 1 silver plank of the Chicago platform.

The real contest apparently lies between the Tammany and regular Republican tickets, and will be one in which organization and political experience will count. The result, it is generally believed, will have a national bearing, therefore the regular party tickets will undoubtedly draw the bulk of the vote. The consensus of opinion at this time seems to indicate the ultimate triumph of the Tammany ticket.

THE CAUSE OF BIMETALLISM.

The world at large is fast awakening to the fact that there is a serious shortage in the money of ultimate redemption. Even England, the arch conspirator of nations in the movement against silver, is gravely discussing the advisability of reopening the Indian mints, while the Bank of England has announced its intention of availing itself of its prerogative of keeping one-fifth of its coin reserve in silver.

This will be distressing news to the Cleveland-Carlisle mugwumps who worship gold and laud England to the skies for her disinterested efforts toward the defeat of Bryan as the exponent of bimetalism.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

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lows who took a fall out of one another in the wheat pit on the stock exchanges? Let us hear from the lucky fellows who sold any dollar wheat.

The fall of the Ascarraga ministry of Spain will, it is supposed, result favorably to the Cuban cause. The liberal, able statesman, Sagasta, has formed a ministry that will likely be liberal towards Cuba. Weyler, it is reported, is to be recalled from Cuba to Spain; also, the Spanish minister to this country, Dupuy DeLome, is to be recalled to his country. Dupuy De Lome and Weyler have favored a too violent policy towards the Cubans, whose cause moves on to success with the turn of affairs. The Spanish nation, too, appears to be on the downgrade towards a second or third rate place among the most enlightened nations of the earth.

The New York World started out to investigate the silver sentiment, to learn whether it was dying out. That paper is a thoroughbred gold sheet. This is what it says after its investigation: The representatives of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Vermont align themselves with the committee of Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Kentucky and West Virginia in looking to Bryan as the leader of the party and in accepting free silver as its shibboleth.

Mr. Dingley in his answer to Mr. Bryan admits that "dollar wheat" will not last longer than the present season, and confesses that his tariff bill, which was intended to abolish deficits in revenue, will fall short of its purpose at least \$50,000,000 in its first five months of operation. And finally Mr. Dingley insists that his tariff measure is a fine piece of legislation. The answer will do. It would make a good campaign document for the Democratic party.

The Nicaraguan Congress has granted a concession to an English syndicate which conflicts with the vested right of American citizens to build a canal across the isthmus. It "Perfidious Albion" is hunting for trouble there is no better way of finding it in huge chunks than by displaying a disposition to interfere with American rights. Whipping England is a habit this country inherited from our forefathers, and inherited traits are the strongest of frail humanity.

Mr. S. Otho Wilson has revived his journal entitled The Hayseed. The paid organs of the gold monopoly have rung the changes upon the word "hayseed" in order to cast a reproach upon the farmers of this country, and the taste which inspires one who has been the recipient of many favors at the hands of the farmers of his native State to adopt the contemptuous term as a title for a newspaper is questionable, to say the least.

The Spanish political kaleidoscope is a trifle too sudden for the average weekly newspaper to keep up with. It looks as though the Sagasta cabinet, which recently succeeded the Azcarraga makeshift, would offer the Cubans some empty terms of peace, which those patriots will promptly reject. What will happen then will perhaps largely depend upon the exigencies of the pending Ohio campaign.

The overworked President, who has to put up with the daily pleas of office-seekers, is contemplating a trip into Virginia to escape their importunities. Meantime these same office-seekers (who are base enough to allege that Mr. McKinley has been a perennial office-seeker when not holding office) are quietly humming the ditty which begins: "There'll come a time, some day."

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the boss rule of Tom Platt, it would be a local and general gain. Tammany is both a help and a load to Democracy, if some good people do belong to it.

Nashville, Tenn., is threatened with a "reform" city government. It is feared that the City of Rocks has grown so proud as a result of her glorious exposition that the threat is a rebuke from on high.

Would the "advance agent of prosperity" be good enough to indicate a date for the forward movement in cotton? Or is McKinley prosperity intended only for McKinley constituents?

Out in Alton, Illinois, negro children have been excluded from the public schools. Illinois papers, however, continue to deplore the condition of the negro in the South.

"All coons look alike" to Mr. McKinley before election. After election, however, only those from the South are "dark, but not too shady"—to hold office.

Mr. Bryan continues to address vast audiences daily, and his remarks continue to throw the pharisaical press into convulsion.

Raw material transformed into labor, money and contentment—that is true progress.

GENERAL NEWS.

President McKinley will probably go to Canton to vote at the November election.

The Democratic county conventions now being held in New York State generally endorse the Chicago platform.

The European edition of the New York Herald asserts that the Indian Government declines to reopen the Indian mints to silver. The Boston baseball club was presented with the pennant as national league champions at the Tremont Theater, Boston, last week.

New York society people are all agog concerning the reported engagement of Miss Helen Gould, the daughter of the great capitalist, and Alonzo Potter, eldest son of the Episcopal Bishop of the Metropolitan See.

The New York commercial agencies state in a recent report that business failures throughout the country during the past three months were less than in any quarter since 1893. Crop reports aggregate, in putting the yield of wheat at about 580,000,000 to 590,000,000 bushels, nearly 200,000,000 bushels more than is needed for home consumption.

OFFICE OF ADJUTANT L. O. B. BRANCH CAMP, No. 515, U. C. V. Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 15, 1897. COMRADES: It is the desire of the North Carolina State Fair Managers to make Wednesday, Oct. 20, 1897, Confederate Veterans' Day, when the portrait of Z. B. Vance, Harry K. Burgwyn and John R. Lane, colonels of the 26th Regiment North Carolina State Troops in the war for Southern Independence, will be formally presented to the State of North Carolina at the State Fair Grounds. This work of art will be presented, on the part of friends of these gallant officers, by Mr. John Burgwyn McKrae, of Jackson, N. C., and the reception speech will be made by the Hon. Walter A. Montgomery, Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

For the purpose of making the necessary arrangements, the matter has been placed in the hands of L. O. B. Branch Camp at Raleigh, and it has been agreed that all Confederate Veterans will be admitted free to the grounds on that day, upon the following terms: Each veteran will be required to file with the Adjutant of L. O. B. Branch Camp a certificate, signed by the Commander and Adjutant of his home Camp, certifying that the bearer is a member in full and regular standing in his Camp, when a ticket of admission will be issued to the bearer. No ticket of admission will be issued without this certificate.

By order of P. E. HINES, Commander L. O. B. Branch Camp, 515, U. C. V. J. C. BIRDSONG, Adjutant. According to previous arrangements, there will be three Sunday School Associations held in the Green River Association on the 29th, 30th and 31st of October. After a prayerful consideration, the three following churches have been given these meetings: viz., Halltown, Round Hill and Whiteside Valley. J. M. Walker will preach the introductory at Halltown, H. D. Harrell at Round Hill, and T. B. Justice at Whiteside Valley.

1. After introductory, organize and hear reports from schools. 2. Discuss the following queries: (a). Spiritual poverty—Rev. 3:17. (b). Entire consecration—Rom. 12:1. (c). What does the Bible teach on temperance? (d). What has the Sunday school done for us as individuals? Please send report to chairman of S. S. B. W. M. WHITESIDE, E. P. GEE, A. L. RUCKER.

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State fair at Raleigh October 18 to 23. One hundred bushels of corn to the acre were produced this season by two farmers in Henderson county.

Mr. G. W. Vanderbilt is now at his Billmore estate, near Asheville. He has been abroad for several months. The Secretary of State has this year licensed 36 life, and 78 fire insurance companies, while 11 have failed to renew license, and one has collapsed.

A party of Pennsylvania editors made a tour of the South during the past week, visiting a number of the cities of North Carolina. They were much interested in the extensive resources of this State. Evangelist Lee, who has been conducting a tent meeting at Winston for nearly a month, where over three hundred conversions resulted, has removed to Charlotte and begun revival services there.

Superintendent Smith, of the penitentiary, says in reference to the report that there are serious differences between him and the Board of Directors regarding the management of that institution that it is all news to him. It is nevertheless believed that a "shake-up" will occur there soon which will relieve the State of Mr. Smith's services.

William E. Breese, president, W. H. Peuland, cashier, and J. C. Dickinson, a director, of the defunct First National Bank of Asheville, were arrested Thursday last on indictments from the United States Court, charging them with embezzlement and conspiracy. Thirty thousand dollars bail was required in each case, which was given after a few hours spent in jail. The arrests were made on account of the discovery of \$250,000 of "accommodation notes," signed by insolvent persons, and filed out by the officials, and some forged papers that are in the bank. Some of the insolvent notes have been re-discounted at other banks. C. B. Leonard, the man who is supposed to have secured the note signers, comprising janitors, street-car motormen, plasterers, carpenters, and others of no financial standing, has fled to Mexico.

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The Spanish Government is so hard pressed for money that it is attempting to sell all the public lands and buildings that can possibly be spared. Not only have the soldiers been unpaid since last March, but the pension lists are in arrears.

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