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THE free silver issue is dead—
yep, in a horn.

GENERAL PROSPERITY again came to life last week blossoming over a supplement page in many republican newspapers.

THE DEMOCRAT can do you good as an advertiser. Merchants not in the habit of using printer's ink will profit by an investigation.

THE rooster isn't a bad looking bird after all. We hope to see more of his Royal Highness during the next few years to come. —Kokomo Dispatch.

THE wealth of Capt. J. B. White is estimated at half a million. This accumulation of wealth was made by frugality and safe investments.

DECATUR has been a real decent city this week, nothing violent or unlawful having been committed by any official. For this we all feel truly grateful.

DECATUR is pretty well known away from home, judging by the many exchanges who are ripping us up for lawless depredations committed during the darkness of night.

THE late W. D. Bynum rises from his political grave to remark that the silver issue is dead. If so, it is certainly the liveliest corpse ever seen—at least in this part of the world.—Sentinel.

THE re-election of Mayor Taggart starts his boom for governor in 1900. While many booms of this kind have been frost bitten, we predict nothing so serious for Tom Taggart. He isn't built that way.

TAGGART's boom for governor is something lovely right now. He is being credited as being the only man who can reconcile the two wings of the democracy. There is only one wing of democracy, however, the other is imaginary.

AFTER numerous meetings of that finance committee nothing has come to light, regarding a financial exhibit that was promised by one member of that officiate body. This long doleful silence isn't complimentary to the gentleman who made the promise.

MR. MCKINLEY has been in the presidential office only about seven months, and has seen a great deal on the country. Seeing the people from the end of a railroad train, however, is not a sure way of getting second terms in the White House.—Enquirer.

READ the DEMOCRAT advertisements. They tell you more about buying than anything or any one else can. It will soon be time to supply yourself for winter, and then advertisements privileges you to post yourself as to style, durability and price. Our merchants have in stock the latest and the best, and if you weekly read their advertisements it will ultimately mean dollars and dimes in your pocket.

THE little city of Decatur seems determined to make a stir in the world and doesn't care much how she does it. Her good citizens, who are by far in the majority, should take prompt steps to bring the hot-headed offenders to time and wipe out the stigma that has been cast upon their community. The power of the authorities and the efficacy of the courts there are no less than in other parts of the state, and are therefore ample to deal with all lawlessness that may arise without appealing to the violence of masked mobs.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

THE deaths of Capt. J. B. White of Fort Wayne, and P. E. Studabaker of South Bend, occurred Monday. Both were representative business men, being so actively engaged for a number of years. They were known by name and reputation over a vast section of territory, and accumulated wealth during their active business life which dates back over a long period of years.

TREASURY officials are beginning to figure on the government revenues and the prospect of heavy payments that are due next January. The available treasury balance is now \$215,000,000, of which \$147,000,000 is gold. The receipts are running high, and there is no telling when they will come within distance of the expenditures. Already for the fiscal year the expenditures have exceeded the revenues by \$28,000,000. At the present ratio of receipts the deficit for October will be \$10,000,000, and for the balance of the calendar year it is likely to foot up \$6,000,000 or \$7,000,000 additional, which would bring the treasury up to January, 1898, with a deficit of \$45,000,000. —Kokomo Dispatch.

THE editor of the Berne Witness last week must have had a bad stomach, judging by the manner in which the Stoneburner case was ripped before and aft. The court was criticised for ruling out evidence furnished by the state and Prosecutor Smith was severely handled for not over riding the verdict of the jury and sending the defendant to the penitentiary for a period of ninety-nine years. The reflections upon the prosecutor are denied by members of the bar who were present during the progress of the trial. A review of the court records proves that a conviction is rare in cases similar to the one in question. It is a difficult matter to get convicting testimony, and the fact that the jury in the Stoneburner case were twenty-two hours in convincing themselves that the defendant was innocent, is the best of testimony that a good case was made by the state.

STERLING R. HOLT the renegade democrat, has won new laurels as a rebel to his party and to the laws of honesty as well. Last year while chairman of the democratic state committee he assisted in the election of McKinley by the use of valuable information ascertained by virtue of his connection with the state organization. After being freed from the chairmanship he went boldly to the house of his friends. For several years he has held a place on the Board of Public Works in Indianapolis, being appointed to that place by the Denny administration. Last week he was made to disgorge \$5,000, that amount of money having been paid him for his influence in accepting a sever contract, which failed to fill the letter of the plans and specifications. Mayor Taggart immediately demanded his resignation, and removed him from further deliberations with the administration.

THE single gold standard advocates composed the so-called monetary conference, which has reassembled in Washington after a recess, are, perhaps unconsciously doing the silver men a great favor trying to force the administration into the advocacy of a financial bill intended to perpetuate the single gold standard on the country, at the coming session of congress. Nothing would please the silver men so well as to see this issue forced to the front by an attempt to jam legislation through congress. Without the active assistance of the administration, it cannot be done. Left to himself, Mr. McKinley would let the financial question severely alone, but with this commission hammering away at him from the outside and Secretary Gage from the inside, he may give in and recommend financial legislation in his annual message to congress. If the support of Czar Reed be secured, any sort of a bill can be passed by the house, but there is where it will stop. The silver men command the situation in the senate, and nothing which they oppose can get through that body.

TAGGART!

A LANDSLIDE AT INDIANAPOLIS TUESDAY.

The Democrats Takes Everything in Sight and Demonstrate that Free Silver is Neither Dead nor Dying.



The returns from the Indianapolis municipal election Tuesday are very gratifying to the silver hosts of democracy. In that hot bed of gold-bug traitorism a silver victory now comes and is emphasized by a plurality of 5,000, the largest majority ever attained by any party in our capitol city. By this victory Thomas Taggart will continue at the head of municipal affairs and will give the people of that city good democratic government—a business administration as it were.

The campaign just closed was one of vile vituperation on the part of the republicans. They dragged the political dove through all the slush of falsehood and slander, and for their pains have been rebuked by all the decent and liberty loving people of Indianapolis. The entire democratic ticket was elected including eighteen out of twenty-one councilmen. It was a veritable landslide and a boomerang for the republicans who are trying to find something to bolster up the national administration and sound money.

The mayor and mayor-elect, Mr. Thomas Taggart, is known by nearly every democratic voter in the state. While chairman of the state committee he endeared himself to the party at large by his persistent work and generalship in guiding the democratic standard bearers to victory. It was his pleasure to do this many times and the party have learned to know and love him. His popularity has enjoyed a steady growth and we would not be surprised to find him heading the state ticket for governor in 1900. In that event much strength will be added to the ticket and the cause for which they will most loyally battle.

Hurrah for Taggart.

IT is enough to cause a smile on the face of a wooden Indian to listen to the official announcement that Mr. McKinley is going to Ohio to vote, but is in doubt whether he will accept either of the several invitations that have been extended to him to make a speech in the state previous to the election, when it is well known that Boss Hanna billed him weeks ago for a speech in Cincinnati.

In Sweden women vote for all elective officers except representatives; also indirectly for members of the house of lords.

The proportional number of unmarried women is greater in England than in Germany and the age of marriage higher.

In a Boston court a few days ago a man engaged in manual labor testified that he was obliged to work 21 hours out of the 24.

One-twelfth of the population of England suffer from gout. A Berlin physician, Dr. Fehlner, says that this malady is often due to the excessive use of meat.

Spain has more sunshine than any other country in Europe. The yearly average in Spain is 3,000 hours; that of Italy, 2,800; Germany, 1,700; England, 1,400.

Holy Hill, in Wisconsin, is a Roman Catholic shrine which is visited by about 25,000 pilgrims every year, many of whom say that they are cured of their ailments.

A healthy babe should cry three or four times a day to give its lungs needed exercise. So asserts a medical authority, but he doesn't say how long each cry should last.

It is asserted by Lyell, the geologist, that at a period comparatively recent all that portion of the United States south of the Black Hills was under from 500 to 900 feet of water.

With the assistance of the latest machines a piece of leather can be transformed into a pair of boots in 34 minutes, in which time it passes through the hands of 63 people and through 15 machines.

The salary of the queen's chief butler, who looks after the beer, wines and spirits, is £500 a year. This functionary must have a palate of exquisite delicacy, as in him is vested the purchase of the wines drunk by royalty.

Chemical names are occasionally curious and long, as every one knows to his cost. Here is another to be added to the list, Diparaosiacetophenondiphenylpiperazine. It has been given by an Italian chemist to a new compound which he has discovered.

Another tribute to American manufacturing superiority is conveyed in the announcement that Japan is about to abandon the English steel rail on her imperial railway and substitute for it the heavier American rail, known as the Pennsylvania standard.

Eagle, Wis., is infested with an entirely new species of bug, resembling a large bee, that preys upon growing corn, destroying crops by the acre in a very short time, leaving the cobs clean shelled on the stalk. No remedy has yet been found for the ravages of the pest.

The Rhind manuscript, deciphered some 30 years ago, a hieratic papyrus now in the British museum, written by an Egyptian priest, Ahmes, about 1700 B. C., is the oldest intelligible mathematical work extant. Another and older roll on a mathematical subject exists, but has not been deciphered.

On an average two false coins are received every day for examination at the Paris mint. Those that are not too greatly spoiled in testing are added to a collection in the museum of the mint. This collection is said to be very large and very curious, but access to the museum is prohibited to the public.

Many Indian mounds have been discovered in southern Indiana and have yielded valuable finds. Stone axes were formerly plentiful in the farming districts of that state and were used for door props, but they have now almost disappeared. Arrowheads are the only relics that are even fairly plentiful.

The following item is reported in the southern correspondence of The Electrical World: "A curious thing is reported from Staunton, Va. The telephone people, whose experience with pretty telephone girls has not been altogether satisfactory, advertised for ugly girls, and there were 25 applicants."

The Lombardy poplar tree, it is said, forms a splendid natural lightning conductor, its great height and lack of spreading branches enabling it to conduct a lightning stroke straight downward. No house by which one of these trees has been reared as yet has been known to suffer from the severest storm.

Paris has, apart from two places where paupers can spend the night, 14 asylums for the homeless, which last year lodged 144,037 persons, of whom 15,557 were women and 2,606 children. Among the lodgers were 246 professors and teachers, 18 students, 5 authors, 5 journalists, 120 actors and singers, 30 musicians, 16 music teachers, etc.

The colony of Victorians likes its cartridges in packets of 25, but the infallible Britisher insists on supplying them in packets of 100. The result has been that it has opened a market for the wide awake Americans, who give the Victorian just what he wants. At Hongkong the British makers have lost their whole trade in candles because they will not alter their system of packing to that adopted by the continental makers.

He who stands in his own light

Holds ever in his pocket a poverty stricken purse.

We don't mean to say that you'll grow rich or poor by buying or not buying your Overcoats and Suits this fall from us. We do say, and say it with as much emphasis as printers ink can put into it, that you are doing yourself an injustice, that you are actually standing in your own light by refusing to see whether we can or can not do better by you on the Overcoat and Suit question than the others. We'll refer you to a few prices:

A fine brow Kersey Overcoat, with velvet collar, serge lining, well made throughout, at - - - - - \$5.00

A fine black Kersey Overcoat, silk velvet collar, farmers satin lining, sewed throughout with silk, at - - - - - \$8.00

Black and brown Kersey silk velvet collar, fine Italian lining, Skinner's sleeve lining, guaranteed to wear two seasons,—this is the BEST Overcoat in the land for the money, only - - - - - \$10.00

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Children's Underwear from 15 cents a suit up.

We will also place on sale 100 dozen Children's extra heavy ribbed Hose, double legs, at the low price, 10c pair.

Big Bargains in Ladies', Men's and Children's Gloves and Mitts, Corsets, Handkerchiefs and all kinds Notions.

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