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The steel trust and the so-called independent steel men have entered into a "gentlemen's agreement" to pick the pockets of the American people. The Aldrich-Cannon-Taft tariff law prevents outside interference and this "gentlemen's agreement" heads off home competition. And the same thing is true in all other lines controlled by the big trusts and big interests. Is it any wonder that the cost of living is mounting higher all the time and that the common people are being reduced to a condition of serfdom?

Robert J. Aley the present superintendent of Public instruction is a Democrat. He has just turned into the state treasury \$1,200, the net earnings of the manuscript department in his office. That is the first time this was ever done. Mr. Aley's predecessors, it is said, regarded the examination fees as their private property and paid none of them into the treasury. It should also be remembered that Mr. Aley has been in office less than a year.

William R. Hearst has again become an independent candidate for mayor of New York, this time for the purpose of trying to elect Barnard, the Republican candidate. The Democratic candidate for mayor of New York, Judge William J. Gaynor, is a clean, able man. He has done more to bring about municipal reform than any other one man in the big city. But Hearst, since he abandoned the Democratic party, has made it his business to help the Republicans in every way possible. Strip Hearst of his mother's money and there is not much left of him except a grouch and a large stock of malice.

#### THE DEMOCRATIC WAY.

Robert J. Aley, state superintendent of public instruction, will, on December 1, turn into the state treasury approximately \$1,200 as net earnings of the manuscript department in the office. This is the first time in the history of the office, according to the governor, that the state treasury has benefited by the department, and the announcement that the office had been among the revenue-producing offices of the state occasioned considerable surprise about the state-house.

The money comes from a fee of \$1.00 which is collected from every applicant for state teacher's license. The money collected is allowed by an act of the general assembly for the purpose of defraying the cost of employing clerks to grade the manuscripts. No law requires that any balance resulting from the fund shall be turned into the treasury and it has been the practice in the past to consider any balance accruing in the department as a perquisite of the office, and as the property of the state superintendent.—Indianapolis News.

#### WRIGHT IN AERIAL THRILLER

Stops Motor and Comes to Earth After Manner of Bird.

College Park, Md., Oct. 26.—Right over the heads of a few hundred spectators, Wilbur Wright stopped the engine of this aeroplane and, 150 feet above the ground, allowed the machine to "navigate" under sail" only.

Slowly the machine settled to the earth, its wings standing straight out, like those of a bird alighting. A moment later Wright stepped upon solid ground a thousand feet from the shed above which he had shut off his motor.

#### TURF CHAMPIONS TO MEET

Keene's Maskette and Hildreth's Fitz Herbert in Race at Aqueduct.

New York, Oct. 26.—James Rowe, representing James R. Keene, and Sam Hildreth, speaking for himself, state they see no reason for keeping Keene's Maskette or Hildreth's Fitz Herbert out of the Aqueduct race in which they are entered today.

If these two leave the barrier on equal terms, turfmen will see the race they have been dreaming about. Fitz Herbert is recognized as the champion of his sex and Keene declares lovers of the thoroughbred have never seen a cleverer filly than his pet, Maskette.

The colt is carded to carry 129 pounds and the filly 126.

Try The Democrat for job work.

## SEPARATION SUIT BY ASTOR'S WIFE

New York Paper Says Colonel Has Sailed For Cuba.

#### CASE IN HANDS OF REFEREE

Statement Made That Proceedings Were Started Some Time Ago and That the Action Was Kept Secret. She Went to the Home of Friends in New York on Her Arrival From Europe—Basis For Complaint Known Only to Principals and Attorneys.

New York, Oct. 26.—Hearst's American this morning prints a story that Mrs. John Jacob Astor has brought suit for a legal separation from her husband.

According to the American, the case, which has been conducted quietly, is



MRS. JOHN JACOB ASTOR.

now in the hands of the referee C. H. Young. The basis of the action has not been learned.

Mrs. Astor returned from Europe on Oct. 15, Colonel Astor sailing on Oct. 12, three days before his wife's arrival home, for Cuba on his yacht.

Upon her arrival in New York, Mrs. Astor went to the home of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Guiness, in Washington square west.

#### REPORT THAT MACK IS THROUGH WITH BRYAN

Belief National Chairman Has Mind Set on Harmon.

Buffalo, Oct. 26.—The National Monthly, owned by Norman T. Mack, chairman of the Democratic national committee, gives much space in its November issue to an article by Judge Harmon, governor of Ohio, in which he bitterly assails the Republican administration on account of the new tariff and other alleged political iniquities.

Governor Harmon was the chief speaker at Democratic day at the Texas state fair in Dallas and his address here, taken in connection with his article in Chairman Mack's national monthly, has given rise to the statement in political quarters that Mack is through with W. J. Bryan as a presidential possibility.

#### THE MARKETS

##### Cash Grain Market.

Chicago, Oct. 25.—Winter wheat by sample: No. 2 red, \$1.20@1.21; No. 3 red, \$1.18@1.19;

No. 2 hard, \$1.08@1.13; No. 3 hard, \$1.05@1.08. Spring wheat by sample: No. 1 northern, \$1.08@1.09%; No. 2 northern, \$1.07@1.08; No. 3 spring, \$1.04@1.07. Corn by sample: No. 2, 61 1/4@61 1/4c; No. 2 white, 61 1/4@62c; No. 2 yellow, 61 1/2@61 1/4c; No. 3, 61 1/4c; No. 3 white, 61 1/4c; No. 4, 61 1/4c. Oats by sample: No. 2, 40 1/4@40 1/4c; No. 2 white, 41 1/4c; No. 3 white, 39 1/4c; No. 4 white, 39 1/4c; standard, 40 1/4@41 1/2c.

##### Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Oct. 25.—Hogs—Receipts 24,000. Quotations ranged at \$7.90@8.00 for choice heavy, \$7.85@8.00 butchers, \$7.70@7.85 choice light, \$7.75@7.90 heavy packing, \$6.80@7.35 good to choice pigs.

Cattle—Receipts 27,000. Quotations ranged at \$8.25@9.00 for choice to prime steers, \$4.25@5.25 good to choice beef cows, \$4.50@6.00 good to choice heifers \$9.00@9.75 good to choice calves, \$5.00@5.50 selected feeders, \$4.00@4.40 good to choice stockers.

Sheep—Receipts 40,000. Quotations ranged at \$6.75@7.00 for good to choice lambs, \$4.40@4.50 good to choice wethers, \$4.00@4.60 good to choice ewes.

##### East Buffalo Live Stock.

Dunning & Stevens, Live Stock Commission Merchants, East Buffalo, N. Y., quote as follows: Cattle—Receipts 180 cars, market steady. Hogs—Receipts 90 cars, market steady: heavy, \$7.90@8.00; Yorkers, \$7.70@7.90; pigs, \$7.70. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts 80 cars, market strong; best lambs, \$7.15@7.25; yearlings, \$5.00@5.25; wethers, \$4.90@5.00; ewes, \$4.25@4.50. Calves—best, \$4.50@5.00.

## ANOTHER RAILROAD ON PAPER.

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know not, but presume it is the intention of the promoters to get franchises and rights-of-way and, perhaps, subsidies voted, and then try to interest capitalists into buying them out.

Everyone would like to see a north and south road here, and such a road will be built eventually, no doubt. Perhaps this proposition is the "it," but The Democrat has seen so many "paper" railroads that it must be shown a few shovelfuls of dirt thrown and a few ties and rails laid before it goes into extacies over the prospects.

At any rate, the members of the council who objected to rushing this franchise through before the people of Rensselaer had ever heard a thing about it, are to be commended. No one will suffer by the delay, and it gives the citizens a chance to learn what is being asked before voting away rights to their streets to unknown promoters. We believe also that the franchise should be limited to 25 or 30 years instead of 75 years.

Delos Thompson, for W. F. Smith & Co., asked the council to improve Front street from Washington north to Susan street, by spiking up same with a steam roller and then putting on a covering of rock and smoothing it up. He thought the cost would be some \$300 to \$350; they would put the rock on at cost laid down here and 25 cents per yard for spreading on street, and \$10 per day for use of their roller. Some weak protest was made about the city having no money to do the work, but Thompson said he would take city orders—which bear 6 per cent interest—and he was ordered to go ahead and make the improvement. Twenty-five dollars expended for rock and the city team to haul it would put this street in good condition.

The trustees of Weston cemetery reported 18 lots sold since last report; report accepted and deeds ordered.

The fire chief reported 13 members in attendance at the W. J. Wright furniture store blaze, and they were allowed \$1 each for their services.

Election inspectors were appointed for the city election as follows:

First Ward, J. H. Perkins.

Second Ward, E. L. Clark.

Third Ward, Emerald Aldrich.

The following claims were allowed:

##### CORPORATION FUND.

W. S. Parks, marshal, \$30.00

E. M. Thomas, nightwatch, 25.00

Charles Morlan, clerk, 25.00

E. Warne, hauling horse wagon, 1.50

Scott Bros. mdse for fire company, 28.50

Mose Leopold, express, 40

##### ROAD FUND.

Bert Campbell, labor with team, 25.00

Earl Chestnut, work on street, 10.50

Omar Elder, same, 10.50

Jean Smith, same, 9.00

Wm. Halstead, oak lumber, 58.19

##### LIGHT FUND.

C. S. Chamberlain, salary, 50.00

Mel Abbott, same, 30.00

Dave Haste, same, 30.00

Tull Malone, work on line, 20.58

Western Electric Co., supplies, 41.85

Standard Oil Co., oil, 11.22

Shoal Creek Coal Co., coal, 82.81

Scott Bros. mdse, 3.70

Mose Leopold, freight, 67.17

##### WATER FUND.

Ed Hopkins, salary, 30.00

John Hordeman, work on main, 4.50

Roy Thomas, same, 4.50

G. B. Carpenter Co., paint, 26.25

A. Leopold, rebate on water, 36.00

##### FINANCIAL REPORT OF HORSE SHOW

How Much Money Was Received and How It Was Spent.

The promoters of the recent Horse Show present the following report:

##### RECEIPTS.

Donations, \$83.00

Show and stand privileges, 121.30

Left over Home Coming fund, 4.40

Cash in place of flour, peas and corn at Home Grocery, 5.40

Total, \$514.10

##### EXPENDITURES.

Max Kepner, three days labor, 4.50

Fred Bird, same, 4.50

S. S. Moore, same, 4.50

Volco, same, 175.00

James Degering, ballast, 55.00

W. E. Leek, rent hitch barn, 6.00

Roth Bros., three hams, 6.00

Rowles & Parker, goods to make stuffed clubs, 1.00

Scott Bros. set double harness, 39.00

L. C. Rhoades, prize best decorated window, 5.00

John Carmichael, set single harness, 5.00

F. E. Babcock, printing, etc., 10.00

Healey & Clark, same, 23.00

E. D. Rhoades & Son, wire and rope to wire off street, 7.40

Everet Warne, going 9 miles for balloon, 2.50

Chas. C. Dickey, judge of horses, 25.00

Clifford Hanes, prize steer pony, 3.00

Kiplinger & Harmon, 4 boxes of cigars, given as premiums, 7.00

Mrs. Fred Arnott, 2d prize for prettiest baby, 2.60

Warner Bros., 4 boxes of tacks, 4.00

A. Larsh, brush and paint, 1.50

Hubert Zeh, painting banners, 1.75

White & Hickman, posting bills with auto, 5.00

Ed Duvall, same, 5.00

Wm. Nowels, posting bills, 2.00

G. E. Murras, Co. muslin, .50

G. B. Porter, same