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How to Make it Rain.

Waco, Tex., Aug. 18.—C. L. delbridge who has made meteorology a study, said to The News reporter:

"I want to tell how these drouths can be prevented. In the first place all the rain that falls in Texas comes from clouds which originate in the Gulf of Mexico or from clouds which are caused by evaporation of the water which falls on Texas soil. Every blade of grass and every leaf is but an infinitesimal lake which draws water from below the surface and brings it up through the roots and stalks of the plant, and when the atmosphere gets dryer the leaf gives its moisture to the air and contributes that much toward forming a cloud which under proper and well-known conditions condenses and falls to the earth in the shape of rain. During the rainy season in this state enough water falls for all purposes provided the water could be better retained, or better still, if the clouds could be so controlled as to give out their moisture when needed. It is this latter proposition that I propose to discuss, and furthermore to show that it is practical, economical and very simple.

"You remember a few years ago Dymenfurth made an experiment in this state by sending up and discharging explosives high in the air. The explosion would of course create a vacuum and the rush of air immediately after the discharge, as was expected, did actually produce rain. This is all right so far as it goes, but in the first place that merely proved the correctness of the theory.

"In the second place rain produced in such a way comes in such small quantities as to be of no commercial or practical benefit.

"In the third place where there is no moisture in the air no amount of explosives will produce rain. A short while ago I made the following experiment: I was building a bathroom; the tub was in position; the roof, at a time one, was finished except the ceiling of the room. On a cold day when the roof was covered with snow I took a couple of large rocks which had been heated at a bath as possible and put them in the bath tub and turned a small stream of water on them. Of course when the water came in contact with the hot rock it was converted into steam and immediately rose and rested against the cold snow-covered roof above, and in a moment that bath room was enjoying just the prettiest rainfall you ever saw. It was just as true and natural a rainfall as any that ever fell from the clouds.

"After careful measurements and experiments in this state and Mexico I have found that on a warm summer day the atmosphere will drink out of a still lake a half inch of water per day. Every drop of this water is bound to come back to the earth in the shape of rain. Now if the people build, say 20,000 tanks, in size from one to a thousand acres, I venture the assertion that Texas will never have another drouth. They need not be deep, a depth of forty inches would be ample. In fact the shallower the better, for water evaporates more rapidly from a shallow and still body of water than from a deeper and more turbulent one. The counties and private individuals could to the greatest advantage and profit take hold of the work. The counties while repairing or making public roads could in low places elevate the road to a proper grade, which would be a sufficient dam to confine the surface water. Even where a little work was necessary it would be insignificant when compared to the benefits derived. Then there is hardly a farmer or stock raiser in this state but could find on his place a suitable site where a small amount of dirt thrown up would form a dam and confine surface water; then by having this small tank or lake he has always water for his stock. The moisture from the lake will keep the grass for a considerable distance around fresh and green, and besides the atmosphere over a body of water is always cooler and heavier than that over dry land, and the rainfall in the immediate neighborhood is heavier and more regular.

"A person might ask: 'What would be the result if I built a lake and my neighbors did not?' The following would be the result: The evaporation continually going on from your lake would cause the atmosphere above that lake to be always heavy and moist. The hotter the weather the more rapid the evaporation and the more moisture. Now, this moisture rising in the atmosphere would have a tendency to draw what little moisture there is in the surrounding air toward it. Of course the winds would have a tendency to drive away any moisture over a particular lake elsewhere, but the wind shifts and changes around and would be as liable to blow it back or blow other clouds in that vicinity, in which case a constant supply of moisture coming from the lake would attract passing clouds and would have a tendency to hold them, and when enough moisture got together to form a rain cloud it would be almost certain to fall in the immediate neighborhood of that lake. For instance, the heaviest rains always fall along the water courses. When light rains fall they are almost invariably in the immediate vicinity of a water course. The rivers of Texas furnish to the clouds but a very small proportion of the rains that fall. The rivers are too narrow and too few to furnish much surface to be acted upon by the sun's rays.

"Then, again, the clouds which the evaporation from 20,000 lakes scattered over the state of Texas would produce would have the further beneficial effect of an immense opaque umbrella held over the state. Those clouds would shield us from the hottest rays of the sun; they could never strike through even a thin stratum of clouds and produce a temperature on the surface of the earth of 100 degrees Fahrenheit, as I see was the case in Dallas Aug. 14.—Dallas News.

Another Carlisle Deception.
The following exposure of another one of Secretary Carlisle's tricks in the interest of the gold standard is from the San Francisco Examiner, of Aug. 13th, and with other evasions and subterfuges practiced by this man who feeds high at the expense of the people and whose duty it is to work to their interest to the extent of his ability and give them honest information and advice, brands him as the arch traitor of the country and age. The Examiner says: "Secretary Carlisle's financial circular No. 123, issued under date of July 1st, was intended to have a considerable effect upon the political situation, and it has. This statement issued under authority of the United States Government and paid for by the people is fully intended to mislead the popular mind. It contains nothing but cold mathematical facts, but it omits two of the most important financial acts ever passed by the American Congress. Under the head of 'Summary of Monetary Events Since 1786,' this circular pretends to give the public a complete epitome of the financial legislation of this country. But it is not only remarkable but suggestive that the Act of June 25, 1834, is omitted. The circular is careful to state that up to June 30, 1873, but 8,000,000 of silver dollars were coined by the United States. It does not say, however, that under the Act above quoted, and which follows shortly, that until the Act of February 23, 1857, we had in circulation \$446,000,000 of silver. This includes the 8,000,000 of silver dollars coined by the United States; about five millions of subsidiary coin and the foreign coins made legal tender by the Act of 1834. This Act is as follows:

That from and after the passage of this Act, the following silver coins shall be of the legal value, and shall pass current as money within the United States, by tale, for the payment of all debts and demands, at the rate of 100 cents on the dollar that is to say the dollars of Mexico, Peru, Chile and Central America, of not less weight than 415 grains each, and those restamped in Brazil of the like weight of not less fineness than ten ounces fifteen penny-weights of pure silver, in the Troy pound of twelve ounces of standard silver; and the five franc pieces of France, when of not less fineness than ten ounces and sixteen pennyweights in twelve

ounces Troy weight of standard silver, and weighing not less than 384 grains each, at the rate of 93 cents each.

Section 2 directs the assay annually of the foregoing coins and a report to Congress.

Approved June 25, 1834.

In 1857, after the discoveries of gold in California and Australia, certain lightweight financiers advanced the same argument against the free coinage of gold that the gold men to-day offer against silver. Speeches made during the winter of 1856-57 by Silas Wright and Bullion Benton and other men of this kind would be a liberal education to the financial sharps of this day. After one of the most sensational campaigns in the history of this Government the Act of 1834 was repealed and an Act entitled "An Act to determine the legal tender value of foreign coins and for the coinage of cents at the mints of the United States," was approved February 21, 1857. In 1873, when silver was demonetized, there was still, according to the report of the Director of the United States Mint, a trifle more than \$120,000,000 in silver in actual circulation in this country. None of these facts are mentioned in Secretary Carlisle's circular and the inference is obvious.

That Fusion Proposition.

The special correspondent of the Dallas News who reported the populist convention recently held at Galveston on that paper, in writing on the treatment of the populist fusion proposition by the democratic convention at Fort Worth, seems to be very much amused and highly gratified at what he terms the political shrewdness of the populist leaders in catching the democrats napping and making them help them (the Pop. leaders) out in holding the rank and file in the "middle of the road" and also delivering the populist vote to McKinley in exchange for republican support of the populist state ticket. He says in unequivocal language that such a trade was made at Galveston by the populist and republican leaders, but that the matter was to be kept quiet until the leaders could in some way get the democrats to make the populist mad so that they would listen to the persuasion of the leaders to turn to McKinley, as they did not dare to make the proposition to the rank and file until some such contingency happened.

He says that they placed their demand for fusion high, asking for seven of the fifteen electors, so as to make sure that the democrats would not accept the proposition and in order to provoke the strongest possible rebuff, and that it worked on the stupid democrats admirably as a consequence of which the Pop. leaders are tickled all over. They can now go to the rank and file and tell them that they offered everything that was fair, offered to meet the democrats more than half way, and were met by them with scorn and kicked out, so to speak, and the rank and file will "get on their ear" and hearken to their song. He (the News man) thinks if the democrats had been smart they would have met the proposition with equal duplicity and treated with the Pop. committee, even if they had finally evaded and declined their proposition. This correspondent in the course of his article lets an admission slip that the democratic leaders knew of the populist trade made at Galveston, yet he has the hardihood to say that a fusion proposition coming from them should have been considered. We do not

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"How to make it rain" is the title of an article which will be found in another column of the Free Press this week. The plan suggested is the building of tanks and establishment of pools of water all over the country. Some of our readers may receive the suggestion with a grain of faith, some will be skeptical and others, doubtless, will ridicule it. As for us, we have a good deal of faith in the theory, both as to its producing rainfall and modifying the heat of summer by charging the atmosphere with moisture. It is not a new idea with us; we advocated it years ago through the columns of the Throckmorton Times. The 20,000 tanks suggested in the article referred to would doubtless have an appreciable effect, but 100,000 in the countries west of the 100th degree of longitude, from the Gulf northward, would be better, and as to the depth, the deeper the better so the same area is covered. There are very few quarter sections in Western Texas on which a good sized tank could not be built, and it is a work that farmers and stock men could do when no other work was pressing them, and the outlay in actual cash would be very small. There is hardly a farm on which a tank can not be so located as to irrigate a small plot of ground below it, and from a quarter to half an acre highly fertilized and

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with proper cultivation and proper rotation of crops will furnish in vegetables, potatoes, etc., more than half the living of any family. Such use of the water will in no wise detract from its use as a rain producer and climate modifier for the reason that evaporation will go on as rapidly from the land where it is used for irrigation as from the tank itself.

Another advantage to be derived from building tanks all over the country is that an abundance of good stock water would be furnished and thousands of acres of the best grass which is present beyond the reach of cattle during a drouth, would be made available at all times, enabling the country to support more stock or to support a much richer stock for fish and fowl.

We believe that the press of Western Texas could do no better work for the country than to take up this matter and agitate it until the people take it up.

The gold people tell us that under free coinage silver will not rise to the value of gold and that, being a cheaper money than gold, it will be used exclusively, while gold will take flight to Europe. Grant for argument's sake only that they are right, and we then answer that for every gold dollar that goes abroad we will get an equivalent value in goods or in silver at its commercial value. This proposition being incontrovertible, we ask them, wherein are we injured?

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MRS. W. J. BRYAN.

until four years later that they were married. Then there was a little house ready for them in an Illinois town, and for this first home of their married life the Bryans have a great affection.

Their Lincoln (Neb.) household consists of Mrs. Bryan's father, who has suffered a great affliction in the loss of his sight. The three children, Ruth, Grace and William J., are all wide-awake school children. Grace attends a kindergarten. Mrs. Bryan believes in the system, and, indeed, is an advocate of all practical education.

Outside of school, the mother keeps an eye on the children's studies. While ago one of the children hadn't received the desired percentage in one study, and Mrs. Bryan ruled that until the necessary rating was reached the girl should not be allowed out.

is what the people, the great multitude, will gain by it that is in her mind. It is impossible to know the Bryan and not realize this. Even women who don't agree with the ideas on which Mr. Bryan stands admit that Mrs. Bryan believes entirely in them and their justice.

STARTLING PHOTOGRAPHY.

What a Young Woman Experienced After sitting for Her Portrait. An interesting contribution to the literature of the new photography is the account of Miss Elizabeth L. Banks' experiences, says the London Courier.

At this point a tall, slender American with white hair and beard, who had been listening to the other with considerable emotion, interrupted with "Excuse me, though I am a stranger to you, but didn't that Southerner tell you that the quinine was for his little daughter, who was down with fever?"

THE WORLD'S NEWSPAPERS.

A statistician has learned that the annual aggregate circulation of the papers of the world is calculated to be 12,000,000,000 copies. To grasp any idea of this magnitude we may state that it would cover no fewer than 19,450 square miles of surface.

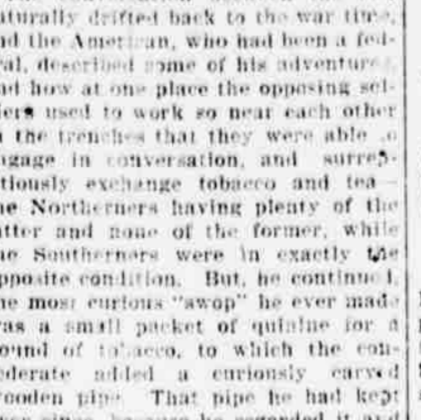
weight of the person to whom the bones belong; so I, with no weight or stature to speak of, was a comparatively easy subject. Miss Banks was painfully surprised by the pictures of her foot.

Another signal honor has been conferred on Miss Dorothea Klumpke, the young California astronomer, in the invitation given her to accompany the British expedition to Norway to observe the eclipse of the sun on August 9.

TO ALASKA FOR GOLD.

A MAD RUSH NORTHWARD TO THE RICH YUKON FIELDS.

January is filled with Adventurers—A Shave Costs 50 Cents—Jack McGregor Paid \$100 for One Sack of Potatoes.



THE rich discoveries lately made in the Alaskan gold fields make no improbable another such epidemic of gold fever as swept the country nearly half a century ago, says the New York Journal.

In 1880 two prospectors, Juneau and Harris, pushed northward from Sitka and landed on the mainland opposite Douglas Island. Gold was found and others followed.

The Englishman who was present says that there was then such a scene of handshaking, introductions and congratulations as must have made people at the other tables think that the company must have been visitors from Bedlam.

A HUMAN FACED HEN.

A human-faced hen was found last week in a lot of 10,000 chickens shipped from Michigan to Washington Market, New York City.

Crime is already beginning to break out and as the stress of conditions increases the immemorial and simplest way of distribution between those who have and those who have not may be expected to grow in popularity.

Prospectors fit out at Juneau and go north by boat to Dyea. This is a hamlet at the entry to the Chilkoot pass, at the head of the sound. Thence by pack or dog sled they make their way twenty-seven miles over the mountains to Lake Lindeman.

IN THE ODD CORNER.

SOME ODDER AND CURIOUS FEATURES OF LIFE.

Strange Tale Told by a Dreamer Who Said He Was Robbed—A Remarkable Diamond Story—How He Cured Himself.



It touched the eye, A hidden fire Upstung With heaving breath And strange unrest He sang.

And round again Each painful swirl To war, In fitful burst The notes at first Arise, Then swept along As river strong Onflows.

THE OBOE. A Medical Authority Says Death Obees to the Instrument. (New York Journal) It has been discovered that the oboe is the most dangerous instrument that is played on dangerous to the player.

THE OBOE.

With serrated rank A dread phalanx Appears, With Saxon hordes And Saxon swords And spears.

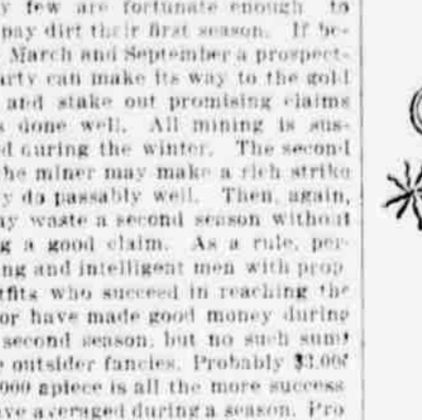
With battle cries They rend the skies And close, The clamorous clang And loudly twang The bows.

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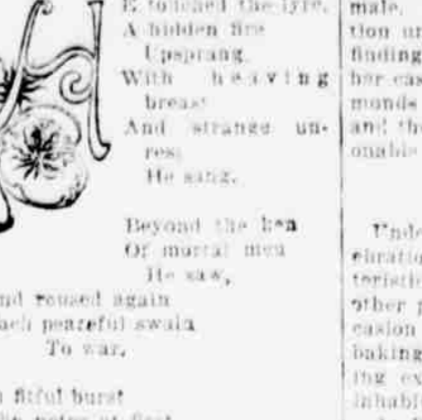
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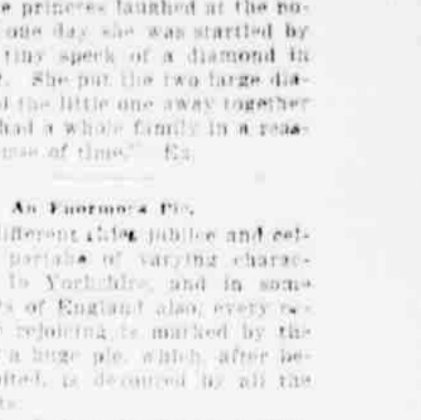
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LOCAL DOTS.

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—Judge Isbell and daughter of Knox county were visitors in Haskell this week.

—Spend your cash with S. L. Robertson and save money.

—Mr. M. S. Pierson left this week to look after his interests at Emory and Winsboro.

—Miss Margaret Corrogan of Missouri is visiting the family of her uncle, Mr. L. B. Agnew at this place.

—Mr. Z. M. Marney of the Sand Hills neighborhood had a cow killed by lightning on last Saturday evening.

—Judge McConnell and Mr. Wat Middleton left on Wednesday for San Saba county to look after some land matters.

—Charley Long says he went down to Fort Worth and caught it.—We had asked him about that new-fangled belt he is wearing.

—If you have an idea of buying a buggy, call at the Free Press office and see how cheap you can get one.

—Misses Etie DeFrance and Lera Kiddel were being attending a protracted meeting this week at the Spring Creek church near Avo, in Jones county, and also closing up their school contracts in that neighborhood.

—Leave your watch work at the McLemore Drug Store. Promptness and satisfaction guaranteed.
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Wichita Falls, Tex.

—If you want something to eat call on S. L. Robertson, he has the best and freshest of everything.

—Mr. John Jones of Coleman county, brother of our townsman, Mr. Abel Jones, is here with his family visiting the latter.

—Dr. Coil is here this week fixing up the grinders of our people so that they can masticate sorghum and other hard times provender.

—Pants to fit MEN—just received by Carney & Courtwright direct from the New Orleans factory. Very cheap. Come and see 'em.

Messrs Will Sherrill, Will Hills, Jim Baldwin and Percy Lindsey went to Abilene Wednesday to attend a meeting of Knights of Pythias.

—Judge Hamner went to Anson Thursday evening to close up the present term of district court in Jones county.

—Messrs W. M. Towns, John Agnew and Capt. Fields and sons are out trying their luck with the finny tribe of the Clear Fork this week.

—They had a pretty stiff blow out in the Mesquite neighborhood Saturday evening last. It is reported that a vacant house on Mr. J. H. Hicks' place was blown down and his granary overturned.

—Watch our stock for nice, new goods and the best and freshest of everything to eat that it is possible for us to get in this market. If we don't please you it must be your fault not ours. Respectfully,
CARNEY & COURTWRIGHT.

—Mrs. S. J. Fields of Wills Point, who has been visiting relatives here received a letter Thursday informing her of the serious illness of her eldest son and she left at once for home.

Misses Addie and Maggie Massey returned on Wednesday from Pecos City, where they have been residing for about a year with relatives. Their many Haskell friends are pleased to welcome them back again.

—Attention is directed to the school book advertisement of Mr. T. J. Wilbourn in this issue. It has been several years since any of our merchants have handled school books and it has been necessary to order them as needed from the publishers or dealers at a distance, often entailing vexatious delays and additional expense, so that it will be a convenience and a saving to have them right at hand.

—Our customers know that we have sold them goods cheaper than they could get the same goods elsewhere in town. NOW we will do still better—for the cash you can have any goods in our house, except staple groceries, at 10 per cent. under our former prices. Everything marked in plain figures.

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—A very interesting and profitable meeting has been going on at the Baptist church at this place during the past week. The Stonewall Baptist association, composed of the ministers and delegates from the churches in this district, convened here on Thursday night and will continue over Sunday, the ministers meantime aiding in the revival meeting. We were promised a list of the ministers and delegates but it failed to reach us in time.

—Sheriff W. B. Anthony is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Bumgarner, who became dissatisfied and left this county with his family a few weeks ago. He writes from the Indian Territory and says he has traveled over a good deal of country since he left here but has been unable to find employment or see any prospect of supporting his family, and that he is working his way back toward Haskell county and don't intend to stop until he gets here and when he gets back will stay here. He thinks Haskell people had best stay where they are and make the best of it they can.

The Drouth Broken.

The drouth in Haskell county was broken by a fine rain last Saturday afternoon and night, followed by another good shower on Wednesday. It greatly diminished the heat and was in time to make a good coat of grass for winter, help out the top crop of cotton and mature the late crops of sorghum, millet and kaffir corn sown after the rain early in July.

BILL DOOLAN, the noted outlaw who has operated in Texas, the Indian Territory and Kansas, was killed by U. S. Marshal Heck Thomas and deputies near Clayton, Kansas, Monday night.

—The name of Mr. John A. Sauer is presented to the voters of Haskell county in our announcement column this week as a candidate for the office of tax assessor.

Mr. Sauer is entitled to rank as one of the pioneers of this part of Western Texas, having located in Throckmorton county in 1875—twenty-one years ago, from which he moved to Haskell nine years ago, during all which time he has borne the character of an honest man and quiet citizen. In view of this long residence and the fact that there are many old citizens who can speak as to his character and standing it is not necessary for the Free Press to pronounce an eulogy upon him.

Mr. Sauer asserts his competency to perform the duties of assessing and preparing of the tax rolls in a correct and satisfactory manner, and adds that if, he fails to do so, he will willingly step down and out.

It is but right to ask that you give his claims due consideration when you go to make up your ballot.

IT HAS BEEN ARRANGED for Mr. Bryan to address the wage earners of Chicago on labor day, Sep. 7.

MR. HOKE SMITH, secretary of the interior department, having decided to support the democratic ticket nominated at Chicago, and being thus thrown out of affinity with President Cleveland and the rest of the cabinet, has tendered his resignation to take effect Sept. 1st. It is stated that the president will appoint Ex-Gov. David Francis of Missouri to fill the remainder of the term, about six months.

JUDGE LOCK MCDANIEL, of Houston, who became a Republican in reconstruction time and has been one ever since, has a correct appreciation of the political situation and puts patriotism above partyism. He says in a recent interview:

"My view of the situation may in a homely way, be stated thus: Success for McKinley means masters, mansions, mortgages and misery for the people. Success for Bryan brings business, beef, bacon and biscuit for the people. Obeying what I conceive to be a patriotic duty, I shall cast my vote for the Bryan electors in Texas."—Williamson County Sun.

If a silver dollar is a full legal tender for all government dues and taxes of all kinds and in the payment of debts, its power is—within the limits of the United States, at least—as great as that of a gold dollar, for it will perform every office and function that a gold dollar can possibly perform. If this proposition can be refuted we would like to hear the proof. Then, if this proposition is true, why should not our legal tender silver dollar (or its paper representative) be good in any foreign country to the extent of our trade with that country, for the reason that the foreigner can send it here and buy as much with it or pay his bills to the same extent that he could with a gold dollar.

ONE of the most daring feats recently recorded was that of a locomotive engineer at Louisville, Ky., a few days ago. An engine escaped from the round house under full steam and went tearing down the main track. If not stopped it would inevitably crash into the incoming New Orleans express train. Engineer Murphy mounted his engine and went in pursuit on a parallel track, it being a double track road, and came up with it after a run of ten miles, when he leaped from his engine onto the runaway while both were going at full speed. He was just in good time to avert the collision. His fireman of course stopped his engine. It was a brave deed in which he risked his life to save others from death.

IT HAS COST the people of the United States \$262,000,000 in bonds to maintain the gold standard during the last three years and by the time the bonds and interest is paid it will amount to \$500,000,000. The election of McKinley means the continuance of the gold standard and the issuance of bonds to maintain it and to continue the payment of all coin obligations in gold. So that republicanism offers no relief, but a continuance of present conditions in an aggravated form, for we believe conditions will grow worse the longer the present policy is continued. And in addition to continuing on the gold standard the republicans propose to put in operation a high protective tariff, which will tax the masses for the benefit of the manufacturers and a few persons engaged in favored industries. Do you want McKinley and all that McKinleyism means?

H. L. BENTLEY SPEAKS.

He Is the Populist Nominee for Congress in this District.

Rock-Ribbed for 16 to 1 Silver and Against Fusion with the Republicans

Mr. H. L. Bentley, the populist candidate for congress in this district against Mr. J. H. Stephens, the democratic candidate, spoke here on Wednesday afternoon to a small audience composed of populists and democrats.

Mr. Bentley was more moderate in tone toward the democrats than is the want of populist speakers, according to their honesty in their views and purposes, except as to a few leaders.

He started out with the announcement that the financial question was the leading and paramount political issue and that the populist party so argued four years ago, and that it was to day unalterably opposed to the single gold standard as represented by Cleveland, Carlisle and Sherman.

He graphically pictured the hardships and dire results to follow the perpetuation of the gold standard, saying that if the republicans got in power it would be perpetuated and that the greenbacks would be retired, bringing a further contraction of the currency; that the legal tender quality would be taken from all money except gold once the money power got the reins fully in their hands and that then all government bonds and coin obligations, all state, county and municipal bonds could be paid only in gold, which, being in universal demand throughout the world would inevitably be scarce and dear, necessitating the payment of a high premium for it by the government, states, counties, cities and individuals in order to procure it to settle their indebtedness.

He said that to foist such a system upon the people of this country would be a crime, therefore the financial question alone was enough to decide the vote of every man who considered the welfare of his country, himself and his wife and children. At this point the question was asked: "Then, Mr. Bentley, you believe that a vote for the gold standard would be a vote to fasten a crime on the poor people of this country?" to which he replied: "I don't think there is any question about that, sir," continuing he said: "You may vote to fasten the gold standard upon yourself and your family, but if you fasten it upon me and my wife and children I will curse you the longest day I live!"

A question was raised by a gentleman in the audience as to the talked of fusion with the republicans by which the populist state ticket would receive the support of the republicans and in turn the populist vote would go to the republican presidential electors, and the threat of some leading populists in certain contingencies to support M'Kinley in Texas, and especially as to the official statement of committeeman Williams that if populist principles could be upheld by a fusion with the republicans he would be for such fusion.

Mr. Bentley prefaced his reply with an exhortation of the democratic leaders in the Fort Worth convention for refusing the populist proposition to combine on electors and attempted to throw the blame for the defeat of Bryan, should he be defeated, on the democrats. Being recalled to the point of the question as to populist and republican fusion in the state he answered directly, as follows: his words being written down by us at the time: "I don't believe that a combination with the republican party would help to perpetuate populist principles and I will not do it, and if my party does it, so help me, I God will not vote for McKinley."

He indulged in some strictures on the democratic party as to its record on the silver question and its platform announcement on the money question, which he said did not offer any increase in the volume of money whereas the populist proposed an increase that would bring relief and prosperity. We have not the space to give these points attention now, but will do so in the future.

He went from the financial question to railroad ownership, which question he presented in a greatly modified form to any we have heretofore heard from populist speakers.

IF DIVISION or the X rays could be employed to develop the workings of an active human brain the cerebral arrangement of the special correspondent of the Dallas News would furnish an interesting study to the scientist and mental philosopher. As

a mental contortionist he is unexcelled. As a skillful twister of facts and circumstances that mean one thing into what is an apparently elaborate and plausible presentation of a totally different state of things he is unparalleled and unrivaled in modern journalism. To those who understand and appreciate his ability in this direction (some others may be misled) the mental jugglery presented in his convention reports and political dissertations is as amusing and interesting as the stage illusions of the prestidigitator.

Among his latest achievements in this direction are his graphic picture of the late democratic convention at Fort Worth as "composed of professional politicians, tax eaters, pie hunters, wreckers of the commonwealth, criminal lawyers, etc. emphasized by the total absence of the farmers and laboring element," etc., and his equally graphic portrayal of the gold bug convention at Waco this week as "composed of the purely patriotic democrats, wool hat wearers, sure enough farmers—an assembly of men who have no personal axe to grind, men who have no personal ambition to gratify, men who hold no office and want none, men whose only mission here is to do what they can to preserve the integrity of the democratic party and promote the betterment of a state government which has been prostituted to the unholy ends of a small political syndicate." We haven't called the gentleman a liar, oh no! You can do that, if you want to.

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A level-headed exchange gives the following pointer to young men. It is only a little paragraph, but it points the finger of truth to the two roads that lead respectively to success and honor and failure and mediocrity, if not dishonor, in life as distinctly as a column dissertation could do it. Stop and think it over when you read it, young man.

"Every young man in a town is 'spotted,' and when vacancies occur in banks or in other positions of responsibility they do not go to those who hang around public places, nor to those who put in their time smoking cigarettes and aping the styles of the dudes and masher, but to the intelligent lad who has a clean record for industry, honesty, and sobriety, to the one who is anxious to do all he can for his employer. A straight, clean, manly boy never has to hunt long for a job. He is always wanted."

IF ANY one has a doubt that there is a big Bryan sentiment in New York state, they have only to read the accounts of how the people leave their farms, workshops and places of business and crowd around him at every hamlet, village and town where a train bearing him makes a halt and to note the eagerness with which they press forward to grasp his hand, the enthusiasm with which they cheer his utterances and the character of responses which they make to questions asked or advice sometimes given by him. We do not believe their conduct is that of people who do not intend to vote for him; a candidate's political opponents do not greet him in that way. The trip of Mr. and

Mrs. Bryan on Monday from Cooper Red Hook, N. Y., to Winnisook, a pleasure resort in the Catskills mountains, where they went to spend a day and night, was greeted by just such enthusiastic demonstrations all along the route as we have referred to above.

In reporting an interview with Mr. John Dwyer, a prominent member of the Alliance, who had just returned from the Corsicana meeting, the Dallas News gives what that gentleman said in regard to the existence of a cotton tie trust recently formed, which in effect was, that the Alliance has proof of the existence of the trust and that if it is not checked speedily will bleed the Texas cotton growers of about \$300,000 this year and the other cotton states of about \$900,000 more, and the News adds in parenthesis "(An amount of itself sufficient to carry democratic Texas for McKinley.)" Its evident intention being to make it appear to the careless reader as a part of the remarks of Mr. Dwyer. The News knows, as does every intelligent and well informed person, that the republican party is the father and fosterer of trusts, that they had their birth and grew to strong manhood under its administration and parental care, yet this brazen sheet has the moral turpitude to insinuate and convey the impression that the democratic party is responsible for the trust cancer.

The last democratic congress passed a far reaching and most drastic law for the suppression of trusts (as did also the democratic legislature of Texas) and we have no doubt that if there is an illegal cotton tie trust and the matter is brought to the attention of the proper law officers of the government or state it will be properly prosecuted.

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