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Quoted for and Against Every Kind of Policy Advocated.

The differences among Jefferson's admirers in applying his teachings and his philosophy to issues of the day have had many counterparts in the estimates of foreign as well as American politicians, statesmen and writers regarding his character and work.

Stigmatized as an atheist by his enemies, Jefferson did more for religious liberty than any other public man of the early days of the government.

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IT IS THE WORK OF PROVIDENCE.

A correspondent asks the Atlanta Constitution whether it favors a policy of expansion. Replying, the Georgia contemporary notes that the correspondent...

Now it will be distinctly seen that all of this was the work of Providence. It was not the intention of the men who landed at Savannah, at Charleston...

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TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINANCES IN THE HANDS OF T. B. HOLLAND, Treasurer of Callahan County, Texas.

Table with columns: Description, Debit, Credit. Includes sections for JURY FUND, ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND, COURT HOUSE FUND, JAIL FUND, POLY TAX FUND, and MISCELLANEOUS FUND OVERDRAWN.

Balance to credit of said Jury Fund as actually counted by us on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1899, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 9th day of May, A. D. 1899...

Balance to credit of said Road and Bridge Fund as actually counted by us on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1899, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 9th day of May, A. D. 1899...

Balance to credit of said Court House Fund as actually counted by us on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1899, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 9th day of May, A. D. 1899...

Balance to credit of said Jail Fund as actually counted by us on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1899, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 9th day of May, A. D. 1899...

Balance to credit of said Poly Tax Fund as actually counted by us on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1899, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 9th day of May, A. D. 1899...

MISCELLANEOUS FUND OVERDRAWN. Balance to credit of said Miscellaneous Fund as actually counted by us on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1899...

Advertisement for 'Facts' newspaper. Text: 'Facts WORTH KNOWING. R. Phillips has just received a beautiful line of new wall paper... OUR PRICES PLEASE ALL, THEY ARE RIGHT.'

PUTNAM POINTERS. PUTNAM, TEXAS, May 11, 1899. EDITOR STAR: Putnam still booms and our real estate dealers are doing business.

TOTAL DEAD NOW REACHES TWENTY-NINE. Three of the Injured in the Week in Pennsylvania Are in a Critical Condition.

SENSATIONAL ARRESTS. Two Dallas Aldermen Indicted on a Charge of Bribery. Dallas, May 16.—Three sensational indictments have been returned by the Dallas county grand jury.

NEWS IN BRIEF. Donald McLean, a prominent railroad man, left two stories over the balustrade at the Palmer House in Chicago and was killed.

Card of Thanks. We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to our friends and neighbors who so faithfully assisted us during the illness of our little son Stanley...

WONDED INDEBTEDNESS. To bonded indebtedness of said County we find as follows, to-wit: 25 Co. J. Bonds \$500 each, running 10 years... 12,500 00

TEXAS LEGISLATURE.

The House Passes the Senate's Antitrust Measure. Senate Has Passed a Joint Resolution Fixing Tuesday Week as the Time for Adjournment.

Austin, May 15.—The senate antitrust bill passed the house on Friday by the unprecedented majority of 190 to 3. There were several amendments made to the bill, but they were all in the nature of making the measure more far-reaching...

The senate disposed of a number of bills and agreed to a resolution to adjourn on Tuesday week. Austin, May 16.—The end of the session of the Texas legislature is believed to be in sight.

The governor will sign the antitrust bill as soon as it is presented to him for his signature. The senate held no session Saturday, but the house passed the following bills.

Senate bill to amend the road law of Cass county. House bill to amend section 40 of the act of the Twenty-ninth legislature to provide a charter for the city of Houston.

Senate bill to diminish the criminal and penal jurisdiction of the county court of Tarrant county. House bill to amend title 2, article 3, section 5 of the Galveston charter...

Wade Wins His Case. Washington, May 16.—The United States supreme court has decided the case of Albert Wade vs. Travis county, Texas, in favor of Wade, reversing the circuit court of appeals for the Fifth circuit.

Advertisement for 'The Monarch of Strength is LIION COFFEE'. Text: 'Its strength is from its purity. It is all pure coffee, freshly roasted, and is sold only in one-pound sealed packages.'

Advertisement for 'THE WHITE' brand flour. Text: 'Look at it! Isn't it a beauty? It takes a gold medal at the Omaha Exposition. Call and see it at the Telephone office. Sold by J. M. ALLEN.'

TEXAS LEGISLATURE.

Antitrust Bill Will Be Strengthened to Stand Court Tests.

ANTIFREE BILL DEAD.

The Measure Postponed Beyond the Time of Adjournment—Governor Signs Two Very Important Bills.

Austin, May 17.—Governor Sayers has signed two of the most important bills that have been introduced in the present legislature. One was the bill punishing by imprisonment the giving of rebates or discriminations in freight rates on the part of representatives of railroads and the other is what is known as the Missouri, Kansas and Texas bill. This latter measure is one of a number of bills introduced, and having for their object the consolidation of railroad lines.

There was a conference held Tuesday over the antitrust bill, and the decision reached was that it was best to send the bill to free conference, and this will be done. From all that can be learned, there will be no material changes made in the bill and the chief work will consist of shaping it so it may be able to stand the test when it goes up against the courts, where it is bound to go.

The first business before the senate yesterday was the joint resolution amending the constitution exempting from taxation for a period of 10 years manufactures in Texas, with favorable majority and adverse minority report, was killed by having the minority report adopted—yeas, 14; nays, 6.

Miller secured final passage of his bill providing for the reorganization of the state militia, under the regulation in force in the regular army.

Sourry's joint resolution amending the constitution providing for organization of irrigation districts and for the levying and collecting of a tax for construction of reservoirs, dams, canals, etc., was passed to a third reading.

Hanger's bill prohibiting attorneys-at-law from becoming executors on wills and recognizances was passed to engrossment, but failed to receive the necessary vote to suspend the rules for its final passage.

Mr. Wooten's concurrent resolution endorsing the Transmississippi expedition to be held at St. Louis in 1900 was adopted.

Mr. Morris secured the engrossment of his bill appropriating \$700 for construction of a joint postoffice for the legislature.

Davidson secured final passage of his bill creating a more effective road system for DeWitt county.

The antitrust bill was postponed until next Tuesday, one week, which is equivalent to indefinite postponement, as it is expected the legislature will adjourn before that time.

Linn secured the adoption of a resolution petitioning the Texas members in congress to secure an appropriation looking to securing deep water in the Brazos.

Bill by Mr. Torney prohibiting parents from purchasing articles from children without written consent, was passed finally.

In the house the senate bill relating to bribery, which extends the definition of executive, legislative and judicial officers, so as to include judges of the courts of civil appeals and school trustees was passed.

Mr. Monroe's bill to prevent and punish unlawful marriages was taken up and passed.

On motion of Mr. Dean the house took up and passed the house bill to make it a penal offense for any person to alter, change, destroy or mutilate any public record or document authorized, required or permitted to be kept by any officer within the state.

On motion of Mr. Pfeiffer, his bill to require all manufacturers or dealers in manufactured wheat and corn products in original packages, and all manufacturers of flour and meal and feed from the above enumerated products, when offering the same for sale, to mark contents and net weight on each package, and providing a penalty for the violation of the provisions of the act, was taken up under a suspension of the order of business. The penalty provided is a fine of not less than \$25 and not more than \$100. The bill was passed.

House joint resolution by Mr. Jones to amend the constitution as to require foreign born citizens to take out final papers of naturalization before being qualified as a voter, was passed to engrossment. It applies only to such persons of foreign birth as remove to the state after Jan. 31.

Several bills of importance were passed by the house.

General Henry Returns. New York, May 17.—The United States transport McPherson, which left San Juan, May 9, Ponce 10, and Santiago 12, has arrived here, having on board General Guy V. Henry, the former military governor of Porto Rico and staff, 75 cabin passengers and 65 discharged soldiers, belonging to various regiments. All are well on board.

Bonilla at Mobile. Mobile, May 17.—Polyeapo Bonilla, ex-president of Spanish Honduras, has reached here. He will not tell his object but is stopping here. Some say he wants an interview with Drummond, the noted revolutionary leader.

Sunday School Picnic. A meeting of the different committees was held Tuesday night at the C. P. church. It was decided to have a picnic on the 24th of this month. The place decided upon was in the Richardson pasture, just south of town. The picnic is strictly a union Sunday school affair for the entertainment of the children of the different Sunday schools. Everybody is cordially invited to attend and bring a well filled basket of the goodies for the folks to eat. By a universal response a jolly good time is expected. The committee on arrangements are Messrs. Whitley Crane, Buckles, Brotherton and Stayton. Come one, come all, and let's have a good day of profitable enjoyment.

Notice. J. W. Miller, of Eagle Cove, requests THE STAR to state that he has a good blacksmith located at his store, who will do all work in his line.

Spring and Summer Dry Goods

H. SCHWARTZ, Mgr.



T. & P. RY SCHEDULE. EAST BOUND. WEST BOUND.

LOCAL NEWS.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

County Judge... B. L. Russell. County and District Clerk... W. P. Cochran. Tax Assessor... T. J. Norrell.

City Government.

Mayor... Arthur Young. City Marshal... C. H. Hildebrand.

Dog tag after June 1st, see notice. Baird school election Saturday, June 1st next.

H. S. Morgan went to Fort Worth Tuesday.

M. Summers returned to El Paso last Saturday.

Dr. H. H. Ramsey went to Waco Monday.

J. W. Tatum, of Deep Creek, was in the city Saturday.

See quarterly report of County Treasurer in this issue.

J. B. Cuthbert sold 200 steers to territory parties last week.

Several cases of measles are reported in different parts of town.

J. Y. (Cap) Gilliland sold some steers to L. M. and R. E. Hadley last week.

J. I. and H. A. McWhorter and Mr. Hinds were up from the Hayou, Tuesday.

Tom Windham and family, of Tecumseh, were in town a day or two this week.

Harry Cook came from Houston Tuesday to see his father, Justin Cook, who is still very low.

Jas. H. Walker made a flying trip to Putnam last Monday in the interest of the W. O. W. at that place.

No trouble to kill out ant beds with the perperation that R. Phillips puts up.

Harry Meyer has recently put in a windmill at his residence, and has a waterworks system of his own.

Dr. E. M. Biss and two little sons came down from Merkel Tuesday and returned on the evening train.

The Sunday school committee met Tuesday night to see about a union picnic in the near future. See proceedings in another column.

One of Mr. Whitcomb's little girls fell on a piece of glass bottle Monday evening and cut her left hand badly.

Mr. J. U. Johnson informed us Tuesday night that they had about one and a quarter miles of pipe laid up to that time.

Mr. T. B. Holland looks mighty lonesome since Mrs. Holland and children have gone to live on the farm at Eagle Cove.

Judge J. E. Thomas went to Austin last Sunday, where he was to appear for the defense in the Mott murder case before the criminal court of appeals Wednesday.

Charley Crowley, of Clyde, was in town Tuesday. He informs us that several of his and his neighbor's cattle have died lately, but from what cause he does not know. Some claim it is from eating oak leaves.

J. A. Wagner, of Cross Plains, was in town Wednesday. Mr. Wagner says he was in Austin a few days ago watching the legislature make laws. He says he don't see how some of the members manage to break into the legislature. He says, however, he has no reason to be ashamed of our senator and representative.

We are not ashamed of our prices. Read these: Headed domestic... 4 cents. 24-inch cotton checks... 3 "

Also plenty of other goods in proportion, too numerous to mention. Come and see for yourself.

T. E. POWELL.



Only 50cts at T. E. Powell's.

SPRING GAP SPECIALS.

Prof. Abe Martin, having finished his school in Coleman county, is now paying his 'folks' a flying visit.

At least from the sunny smiles that illuminate the countenance of his 'folks.' When they meet one would judge that he was 'flying.'

A certain substantial citizen of Admiration, while on his way home from prayer meeting one night, not long ago, witnessed a curious optical delusion.

He had lingered in the house until he was about the last one to leave, and as he stepped out at the door he saw that the night was dark as pitch, not even a star appearing to lighten the gloom.

After feeling his way a short distance through the dark he noticed just ahead of him in the road a beautiful female form dressed in white, clearly outlined against the surrounding darkness.

It is necessary to remark right here that the two weaknesses of this substantial citizen are a slight tendency to belief in the supernatural and an implicit faith in all the virtues of the fair sex.

He had hardly had time to take a good look at the fairy form ahead of him when, to his surprise and horror, the body seemed to come in two right at the waist. Then, to his further astonishment, the two disconnected parts of the body retained their relative positions and glided away as before, quite naturally, except that a strip about five or six inches at the waist was gone.

He was so convinced that the white spirit offered almost no objection to being thus cut in two by the spirit of darkness for a faint 'uh, uh, don't'—followed by something that sounded somewhat like the kiss of ordinary mortals, was the only remonstrance she offered.

The fork of the road was finally reached, and the 'apparition' disappearing down one road, the astounded beholder lost no time in taking the other, which, fortunately led to his home. Next day he related the circumstance to Recorder, who has no belief in the supernatural, and not as much faith in womankind as he once had.

It was somewhat suggested that a little love making between a white dress and a black coat sleeve explained the whole mystery, but the superstitious citizen is still firm in the belief that he saw the disconcerted ghost of some disappointed maiden revisiting the scenes of her former existence, suddenly recalled to the land of spirits by the invisible genius that presides there.

As the Admiral Sunday school is now only a confused memory of dotted Swiss dresses and new spring hats, striped silk neckties and low-quartered shoes, the opinion of devotional turn of mind can find no better employment for the Sabbath day than to climb to the top of Spring Gap Mountain and look at the beauties of nature.

Something was said last winter about how a drive around through the Gap to the top of this same mountain was superlative bliss, happiness, ecstatic, etc., to the young people who made the trip, but a description of a walk the straight up the steepest side, with no compass but one's own thoughts and no purpose in view but the killing of a little time, would not require the use of any such extravagant terms.

The summit is finally reached, however, and the first glance at Deep Creek valley in the spring of the year more than repays the toll of the ascent. The light green of the mesquites, forming a beautiful background for the dark green of the live oaks, the cattle grazing on the luxuriant mesquite grass or standing contentedly in the shade of the live oak trees, the fields on which the growing crops are just beginning to show, the many neat farm cottages that are so many evidences of the prosperity of the owners, for am most delightful picture, to be sure.

Up toward the head of the creek, surrounded by one of the finest vineyards and orchards in the state, stands a substantial country residence, the home of the grizzled old Indian fighter who commanded a company of rangers, took scalps and hunted deer where his home now stands. He has lived to see the noble red man disappear, leaving the land and the fullness thereof in the hands of the full-sung pantaloons. He has also lived to see the popular party disappear from the face of the earth, leaving their platform and his scalp in the

Buggies! Buggies!

Just received a Car Load of Parry Mfg. Co. Buggies, CALL AND EXAMINE. Goods Right and Prices Right. Harry Meyer.



Notions, crockery, glassware, etc., at Racket Store. Kill out your ants. For 25 cents you can get the preparation at R. Phillips.

For Whooping Cough, Asthma, Bronchitis Consumption, no medicine equals Ballard's Horsehold Syrup.

In Constipation Herbine affords a natural, healthy remedy, acting promptly. A few small doses will usually be found to regulate the excretory functions that they are able to operate without any aid whatever.

Eggs from my prize winning pen of Barred Plymouth Rocks at half price during May and June. F. McQueen.

The best bargains, the prettiest and cheapest ladies and childrens slippers in Baird at H. F. Foy's.

Nothing has ever been produced to equal or compare with Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment as a curative and healing application for Piles, fissures, hemorrhoids, itching, external or internal, and itching and bleeding of the rectum.

I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war and have used all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found one remedy that has been a success as a cure, and that is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.—P. E. Gresham, Gaines Mills, La. For sale by R. Phillips, Baird; Y. A. Orr, Putnam.

Go to the Racket Store for bargains. Wristen & Co's, old stand. 164

Many a fair young child, whose paller has puzzled the mother, until she has suspected rightly her darling was troubled with worms, has regained the rosy hue of health with a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge.

No more credit subscriptions taken for THE STAR, GASH or no go.

Ballard's Snow Liniment cures Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headache, Sick Headache, Sore Throat, Cuts, Sprains, Bruises, Old Sores, Corns, and all pain and inflammation. The most penetrating liniment in the world. Price, 25 cts. and 50 cts. St. John & Powell.

Unless a woman eats sufficient nourishing food she can neither gain nor keep a good complexion. Food, when digested, is the base of all health, all strength, and all beauty. Herbine will help digest what you eat, and give you the clear, bright, beautiful skin of health. Price 50 and 75 cents. St. John & Powell.

Pay me 'any old time' lulls the sensibilities of some, but a wide awake man who wishes to save money, will do well to figure with us on hardware and tin work. Baird Hardware Co.

If you are troubled with ant beds, get R. Phillips' preparation and kill them.

Confederate Pensions. Applications are already being made to Judge Russell for pensions under the new law. Judge Russell says he cannot do anything until he obtains all necessary blanks from Austin, which will be about July 1st. It is useless for anyone to apply until he is prepared under the law as to proof of service. He will not be able to go through THE STAR when he needs for business, and will be allowed to use the law.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. This is to certify that F. McQueen covered my two stone buildings with tin, and that the material and work given me entire satisfaction. The roof positively does not leak, nor has there been any repairs required since the completion.

Notice, Dog Tax. Each and every person owning dogs will take notice that, on or before June 1st, that each and every dog of which not wearing a collar with a tag on it, as a receipt for dog tax having been paid, the same will be taken up and shot. For each and every dog, 50 cents; for each and every bitch, \$1.00. Baird, Texas, May 16, 1900.

ORDINANCE NO. 40. An Ordinance levying a tax of within the corporate limits of the City of Baird, Texas, and Chapter 15, Article 120; as amended.

Be it ordained by the City of the city of Baird, that hereby levied, upon every dog within the corporate limits of the City of Baird, an annual tax of 50 cents upon every dog of each and every owner of said dog, which tax shall be the first day of June of each year, and to obtain from said tax; and any person failing to pay the provisions of this ordinance and articles 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200.

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MARTIN BARNHILL. Boot and Shoemaker. Repairing Promptly and Neatly Executed. Prices to Suit the Times.

City Barber Shop. WILSON & MILLS Props. Shave, Shampoo, Hair Located on corner 2nd door H. Meyer's Hardware BAIRD, TEXAS.

H. H. RAMS. DENTIST. BAIRD, TEXAS.

BUSINESS LOCALS. Go to A. Cooke's for Drugs. Go to A. Cooke's for paints and oils. Don't forget we are the people who it comes to write paper. St. John & Powell's.

FOR SALE. Large six room residence in Baird, cheap, or will trade for cattle, also Herford bulls. Apply to F. CLAGGETT.

FAT CATTLE WANTED. When you have cattle to sell call on W. F. Wilson, at Wilson's Meat Market. Top prices for good fat cattle.

FOR SALE. Gold mining shares for sale in Oregon, Colorado and California in monthly payments. Call on or address J. E. GILLILAND, 814

Many old soldiers now feel the effects of the hard service they endured during the war. Mr. Geo. S. Anderson, of Rossville, York county, Penn., who saw the hardest kind of service at the front, is now frequently troubled with rheumatism.

Only ONE N road to the By on at Louisa over THE TEXA

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

All local, or all matter intended to go among reading matter will be charged for at the regular rate of a cents a line, no matter how short or how long said articles may be. No discount on this class of ads.

All ads and local to run until ordered out, unless time is specified when ad is inserted. All transient ads must be paid for in advance. All such ads hereafter will be refused unless this rule is complied with.

Cards of thanks and all other matter of a personal nature will be charged for at regular rates hereafter, except where parties are unable to pay for such notices.

Correspondents and others who report weddings for publication in THE STAR are requested to be reasonably brief. Do not send list of wedding presents for publication as all such matter will be refused unless paid for at regular advertising rates. All write-ups of weddings of reasonable length (except list of presents) will be published free of charge.

Subscription.—The subscription price of THE STAR is one dollar, and must be paid in advance. The price is too low to allow credit. All subscribers in county will find date of expiration of their subscription printed on their paper. If any do not wish to renew please notify us promptly and not let paper run over time two or three months and then refuse it at postoffice as so many are in the habit of doing.

ADVERTISERS who want space on 1st and 4th page of THE STAR or daily change in ads on those two pages must notify us on Tuesday. Orders for ads or change for ads on 2d and 3d pages must be given not later than Wednesday evening each week. No change will be made in ad, nor will any ad be discontinued for the current week unless this rule is complied with. We must have sometime to make up forms, and to wait until the very last minute to order a large ad or a change in same not only works an unnecessary hardship on the foreman, but often delays the press work for several hours and frequently we are forced to run the press after dark because some advertiser delayed sending copy for his ad until the paper was up or took a notion that a little forethought on the part of advertisers will save us unnecessary work and enable us to give them better service.

DEFICIT STILL WITH US.

Government is still living on borrowed money. When the Washington correspondent of the Associated Press says that the increase in the national debt during April is accounted for by the payment to Spain of \$20,000,000 to Spain, it is fair to assume that he means it is partly or mainly accounted for by that fact. But there is no presumption in favor of the treasury department, for the payment to Spain was not made until the 1st of May. It may be that the treasury department turned over drafts to the state department the last Saturday in April, but they were in possession of the government until May 1. If the increase in the debt did not occur a good deal earlier, it did not occur until the drafts were turned over to M. Canlon as the representative of Spain, says the Chicago Chronicle.

It is a matter of fact, the debt was incurred the moment the queen regent of Spain affixed her signature to the treaty. From that time nothing but the actual transfer of the money remained to be done. Indeed, it was acknowledged by the states when the senate ratified the treaty. It was really a debt from the moment the treaty was signed, assuming that the increase of the debt in this account occurred in April. The treasury books will show, through the fact of a further increase of \$20,000,000, that the government is still living in debt. It is a fact that the government is still living in debt. It is a fact that the government is still living in debt. It is a fact that the government is still living in debt.

IT ISN'T TRUE.

The oft repeated statement that the above follows the flag.

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DEAR MONEY VICTIMS. amounted to only 608,514. Thus it will be seen that leaving out these three states, Bryan received 132,292 votes more than McKinley in the electoral college. When it is further considered that McKinley received enormous pluralities in the states of Connecticut, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Rhode Island, all states controlled by the votes of wage earners, it will be readily seen that the mistaken notions of the wage earners are responsible for the election of McKinley and the continuation of the policy of gold contraction which has driven capital in nearly all lines to combine into trusts in self defense in order to avoid bankruptcy. We are forced to take a charitable view and find some excuse for the shortcomings of the ordinary toilers in furnace and factory when we consider the army of bankrupt merchants who have continued for years upholding the hand that was scourging them, and that other army of educated, high salaried men whose blindness and zeal contributed so much to their own undoing. Let us hope that these victims of gold monopoly will learn a lesson from the sad experience they are undergoing and join their Democratic brethren to rescue the government in 1900 from the control of the gold combination.

MR. BRYAN WAS RIGHT. Justified in Publicly Declining the Belmont Invitation. Some of Mr. Bryan's critics charge him with a display of bad manners in the Belmont episode. They hold that as he knew the political record of Mr. Belmont he should simply have declined the invitation with thanks and have allowed the matter to go at that. In other words, they take the ground that Mr. Bryan should have treated our invitation purely as an individual affair. This view of the case does not seem to be warranted by the facts. Mr. Belmont did not act as an individual, but as president of the Democratic party of New York. The function was to be public and political. Mr. Bryan was not invited as an individual. It may be said in truth indeed that Mr. Bryan, in such matters, now has no individuality. He is the acknowledged leader of the Democratic party and is so addressed at all dinners and banquets which he attends. He before the public in that capacity and in no other. He would have erred, therefore, had he treated the invitation otherwise than as a public matter.

That the end that Mr. Croker had in view chief—was to capture Mr. Bryan and make him the star attraction at the dinner. Had he succeeded the function would have been advertised as a party levee feast. The silver champion at Tammany's board, sitting at Mr. Belmont's right and in the immediate neighborhood of other gold standard men, would have suggested a compromise of some kind on the money question and that would not only have misrepresented Mr. Bryan, but injured him. He did right, therefore, to steer clear of the trap and to give the public his reasons for doing so.

The first man to approve of this action was Mr. Teller, and that fact is full of significance. One talks of the silver cause as worth more than a thousand Crokers or Belmonts. The Colorado senator brings grief to the silver mill. He carries his own state and influences votes in the surrounding states. But the Crokers and the Belmonts would dismantle the mill if they could and sow the site in salt. So that, leaving the matter of principle entirely out of the question, common prudence would teach Mr. Bryan to hold fast to Mr. Teller. The less he has to do, indeed, with the sound money Democrats the better it will be for him. If he would success is possible, it is to be achieved.—Washington Star.

Reed Will Be Misled. Reed is in accord with his party on the tariff, money and merchant marine subsidy questions, and it is admitted that these issues will have a rough time of it in the next congress unless Reed or a man who would be equally regardless of the rights of members is in the chair. It is just possible that the rejoicing over the czar's retirement from congress was a little premature. It would not take many mistakes of congress next winter to wreck the Republican party, for it will be held to account for the sins of omission as well as for sins of commission.—Kansas City Times.

Trusts Making For Free Trade. Trusts are the direct and laudable outgrowth of the high protective system of custom house taxation which has glutted the home market and shut us out from foreign markets that geographically belong to us, thus by artificial process of contraction forcing an artificial relief in combination to limit production and advance prices. In the end it will find its solution in free trade come in through the open door.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

One Phase of the Cost. The administration has decided that 35,000 regulars will be needed in the Philippines whether Aguirre gives up his fight or not—just for garrison duty. Just think of it! This country got along very well with an army of 35,000, and now 10,000 more are needed to garrison a few islands that we have seized under our imperial policy.—Indianapolis Sentinel. Same as our silver issue. "A subscriber," writes to know how Senator William B. Allison stands on the policy of imperialism. We do not know. Neither will the senator know for some time. When the policy is definitely settled and in full working operation, Allison will step forward without cracking an egg shell and state just where he stood all the time.—Omaha World-View.