

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1897.

GROSS IMPERTINENCE.

Those Foreign "Protests" Against the Tariff Bill.

The Washington correspondent of the Troy Times justly holds that it is a piece of gross impertinence for foreign countries to file "protests" against the passage of a general tariff act by the United States...

It is interesting to note how the account stands between the United States and some of the countries which, officially or otherwise, have protested against the pending tariff bill. Prominent among the latter are Germany, France, Brazil, Austria-Hungary, Japan, Mexico, Spain, China, Switzerland and Turkey...

McKinley on Labor Unions.

The recent declaration of President McKinley with reference to labor unions in an interview with Mr. Compers, president of the American Federation of Labor, voiced the sentiments of all fair-minded men on this subject...

No fair-minded person will dissent from the views of the President upon this question. The encouragement of legitimate trades unionism is praiseworthy, because the fundamental idea of the organizations, if properly carried out, must exalt and dignify labor.

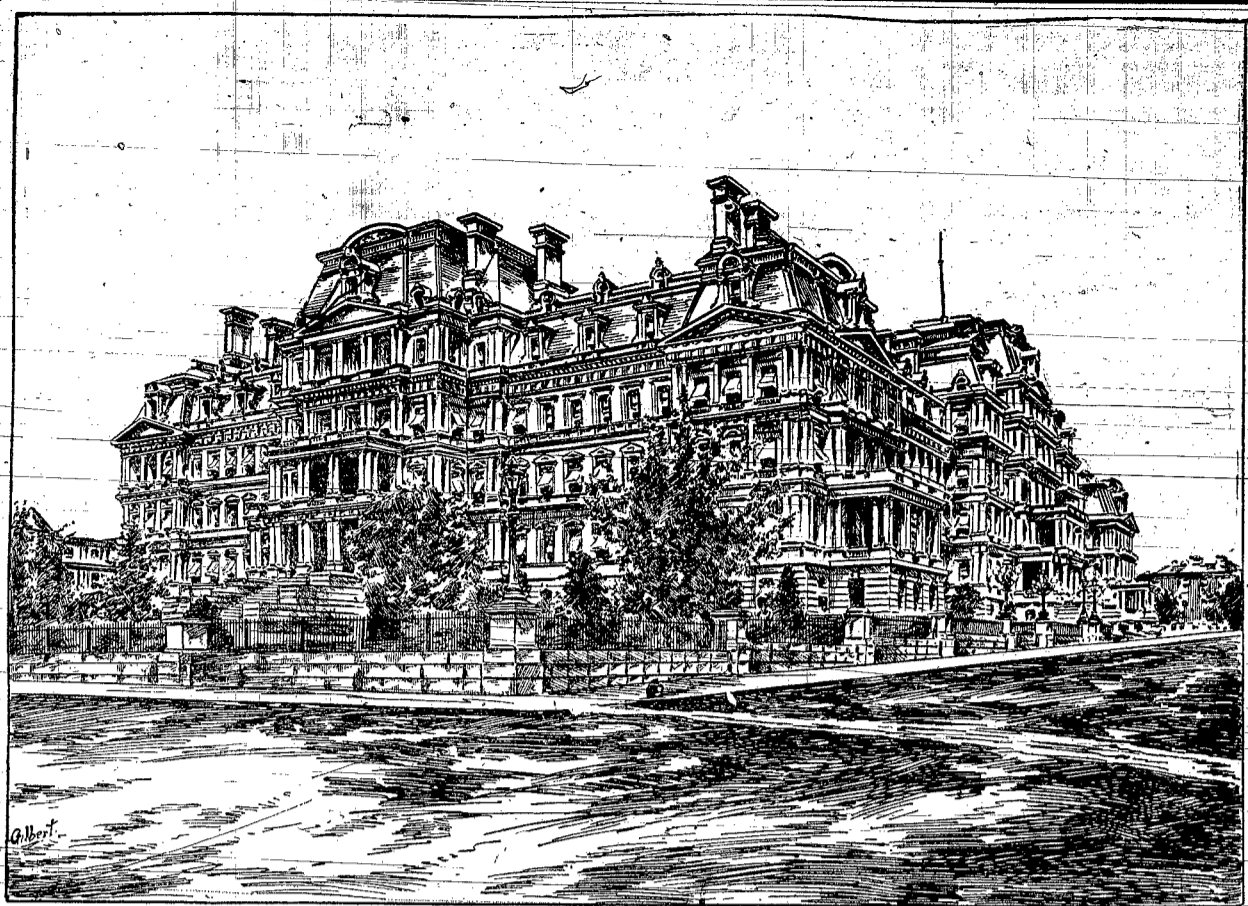
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Foreign Demand for Our Crops.

The preliminary data, however, suggest the probability of a considerable reduction in the yield of Russia, Bulgaria, Roumania and France, and the English crop is likely to be smaller than that of last year.

Tobacco and Silver.

The Louisville Courier-Journal reads a lesson to the adherents of free silver on the error of their assumption that the prices of staples follow the price of silver bullion.



BUILDING OF THE STATE, WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS.

THIS vast structure, erected for the accommodation of the Departments of State, War and Navy, consists of three harmonious buildings united by connecting wings, and together forming in design and execution the finest edifice of the kind in the world.

There has been a steady appreciation in the value of leaf tobacco, which is one of the chief farm staples of the South and especially of Kentucky.

per cent over May, of 3.7 per cent over June of last year, of 1.2 per cent over June, 1895, and of 2.4 per cent over June of 1894.

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is certainly a very encouraging exhibit. Taking bank clearings and railroad earnings into account, and allowing for the reduction in the prices of commodities generally, it is plain that the actual volume of business is really up to some of the most active years of the past.

Business Prospects Bright. There has been a steady advance toward a more prosperous business situation, and the sentiment has decidedly improved.

The Silver Push for Teller. The Yankton Press and Dakotan, one of the organs of Populism in South Dakota, and presumably close to Senator Pettigrew, gives support to the story recently sent out by the Associated Press from Denver that the silver forces are planning to substitute Senator Teller for William Jennings Bryan in the campaign of 1900.

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Good Crops, Good Times. The movement of the crops, which now begins, will proceed in increasing volume until the autumn.

Hurrah for the Dingley Bill. Referring to the criticism of the amendment of the Finance Committee imposing a duty of 10 cents per pound on tea, that it is not good Republican doctrine, said Harry Smith, ex-Journal clerk of the National House of Representatives, "it is proper to call attention to the fact that a duty on tea and coffee was recommended by President Grant in his annual message to Congress of Dec. 7, 1875 (first session, Forty-fourth Congress)."

Activity in Business Centers. Attention is called to the fact that seldom, even in periods of the greatest business activity, have the loans of the New York City banks scored as large a gain as the one reported for the week just closed.

Arraying Class Against Class. The Des Moines fusion convention platform and speeches make it evident that so far as the Democratic leaders are concerned the purpose is to excite passion and prejudice and to array voters of different occupations against each other for political effect.

By the Way. The late Popocratic party, having lost its Pop, has adopted a more appropriate prefix, and is now the Anar-cratic.

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Reform is Coming. People who are anxious to see a general reform in the monetary system of the United States may rest assured that a proposition upon this subject is being carefully framed, and will be presented to Congress either during the special session or as soon as Congress meets in its regular session next December, and that every Republican vote will be cast in favor of some measure of this character.

Practical Evidence from Missouri. Kansas City is making rapid progress in nearly every line of business. There is scarcely a day but that some striking evidence of this gratifying fact comes to the surface.

Result of Wilson's Efforts. An order for 800 pounds of butter a day from a single London firm is one result of one of the efforts of Secretary Wilson's late experiments in making a better market for our dairy products abroad.

Midsummer Dullness Postponed. Midsummer dullness should now be on the business of the country, but on the contrary, the outlook is steadily improving as the tariff skies brighten in Washington.

Lanes Closely Drawn. The lines between the gold Democrats and the silver shunters are being as closely drawn as last fall. Chairman Bryman of the gold Democracy has opened headquarters in New York and announces that he and his party are ready to hit a head whenever they see one in the coming campaign, provided that head favors the free coinage of

Railroads and Banks Show Gain. The improvement in business during the latter part of May is illustrated by the reports of twenty-three railroads for the fourth week of the month. These roads gained 6 1/2 per cent over last year, which

Signs multiply that the schism in the party which marched under the name of Democracy until the revolutionists triumphed in 1896 is growing wider and deeper. The average Popocrat hates the Democrat more heartily than he hates the Republican.

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It is well known that Senator Henry M. Teller, of Colorado, has been for many years prominent in the public mind as a suitable man for President, and without disparaging in the slightest the qualifications of Mr. Bryan, it can be honestly claimed that no statesman of the present day in the United States possesses to a greater extent the confidence and esteem of the American people than Mr. Teller.

There is no political significance in Mr. Bryan's silk nightshirt. Most of his worst dreams come when he is awake and attired in his business garb.

The anti-trust proposition has been omitted from the tariff bill in order to save the time which would be occupied in its discussion, and the proposition will be pressed by the Republicans in the Senate as a separate measure.

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JOHNNY ON-PARADE

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The way some of the fusion candidates who are seeking nominations for official positions, will get it in the neck is a caution.

Up in the Klondyke region whiskey sells for \$100 per gallon. It is used for mosquito bites to prevent blood poisoning, and for the throat.

Is it not time to call the Republican County Central Committee together to get their views on the time for holding the county convention.

The social democracy, Deb's new organization, has formally repudiated Bryan. It's hardly necessary, the American people are doing that same thing every day.

The Cuban insurgents captured a small town ten miles from Havana one day last week and almost caused a panic in that city, and yet Weyler thinks the Island pacified.

An American protectorate has been established over Hawaii by the United States, according to telegraphic reports. Apparently President McKinley intends to carry out his plans in regard to the annexation of the Island.

The Winside Tribune is of the opinion that one caucus is enough to elect delegates to the different conventions, and it may be that this is true. The county committee should at least be called together and see what is best.

The republican party has many good men in the county who are competent and able to well fill the county offices, and there is no reason why they cannot be nominated and elected, if they do not have to run the dictatorial gauntlet.

The Omaha fusionists are having a "monkey and parrot" of a time trying to reach conclusions in the selection of a chief of the fire department. Let the good work go on. The World-Herald has lost its bearings and doesn't know where it's at.

Six of the fusion state committeeman of Iowa have declined to serve. The fusionist parties in Iowa seem to be in a deplorable condition, brought about through the bright prospects under a republican administration and an American President.

All Wayne county farmers who favor a forward and upward move will not vote anything but a republican ticket this fall. Are you not becoming convinced now, and will you not vote now for the party that promised prosperity, and has started it this way?

What has become of the Bryan argument, "as silver goes down, down goes wheat?" We don't hear it mentioned any more. But farmers note the fact, and won't shout themselves hoarse over the sentiment. Wheat is going the way they want it to go. Inter Ocean

An exchange says that "some time ago ardent admirers were trying to prove that "Bryan and Washington were enough alike for twin brothers." They also claimed that "silver and wheat were twins." There seems to be estrangement among "the twins."

The republican state convention will be held at Lincoln August 26th, and although there is but one supreme judge and two regents of the State University, to place in nomination, nevertheless delegates should be sent, and this is also a good year for republicans to get together.

The new wheat crop has begun to move in Nebraska, and there is a scramble among the railroads for all the cars they can get. A telegram from Omaha says: "In all rail-road shops in the state the employees are working day and night." And William Jennings Bryan is traveling around hunting for calamity. Indianapolis Journal

When men start out from the west, eastward bound, with the avowed purpose of teaching the people in the older states the beauties of "free silver," they show their consummate ignorance in suspecting that eastern people don't read or know anything about the "free silver heresy." The republican party has struck the right gait. Get on board and keep it going.

Bryan's friends are tugging at his coat tails in a vain effort to stop his grand "illogence" which he has been spreading around through the western part of the country. They fear he is weakening himself for the nomination in 1900. Let him spout it on to no harm. He has been quietly laid on the shelf by an American president whose name is Wm. McKinley.

Cost of the Free-Trade Experiment

American Economist, July 30, 1897.

Well may the people of the United States thank God that we have at length seen the end of the Democratic experiment with "Free-Trade, or "Tariff Reform" as the Mugwumps called it. For two years and eleven months, less four days, the "deadly blight" of industrial stagnation for which Grover Cleveland was immediately and directly responsible, has been forced upon us. For nearly two years prior to the enactment of the law of "perfidy and dishonor" its baneful effects were felt. Since the close of 1892, when it was known that a Democratic Congress and a Democratic President had been elected, and that their threat of Free-Trade would be put into execution, the industrial enterprises of the United States have been paralyzed with fear. The banks foresaw the impending danger to American manufacturers through the contemplated influx of cheap foreign goods and foreseeing the danger, the banks promptly locked up their capital so that the evils of the Free-Trade policy were felt long before the Free-Trade Tariff law was placed upon our statutes.

And the evil did not end last week with the substitution of the Dingley Tariff for Protection in place of the law of "perfidy and dishonor" of the Democratic party. Anticipating the most natural idea of Protection for American interests, the foreign manufacturing and producing interests have taken every advantage of the miserable "ragbag production" that emanated from the Democratic party, and have flooded our markets with foreign goods that, in some instances, cannot be consumed within a twelve-month. Thus the "deadly blight" of Democratic "perfidy and dishonor" has spread its work of ruin and wreckage over a period of almost five years, blasting the hopes of our people, ruining thousands, bringing idleness, hunger and starvation in its trail, compelling the natural accompaniments of Free-Trade—such as Free Soap, Free Bread and Free Clothing. Meanwhile, the American people have suffered and waited.

Of their sufferings history can never tell. But their patience has been frightened by the more recent knowledge that a Republican Congress would bring relief as speedily as the Democratic and Popocratic obstructionists in the United States Senate would permit. The relief has come, partially only for the present, but it will be permanent and profitable, we hope, as soon as the last remnants of the rags and shoddy products of cheap European labor have disappeared from our markets. And what has been the cost of this experiment with Free-Trade, of the practical workings of the Democratic doctrine of free raw material? Its actual cost, in dollars and cents, no man can ever estimate, but we can show how the business of the city of New York was transferred to London, as follows:

BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns for Year, London, and New York. Data for years 1892-1897.

In the year 1892, when the United States was at the height of its prosperity under the McKinley policy of Protection, the volume of business transacted in the city of New York, as represented by the bank clearings of our commercial metropolis, aggregated nearly Thirty-Seven Billions of Dollars. But the "deadly blight" of Free-Trade threw its destructive blast upon us and the business of New York City decreased by more than five billions of dollars during the first year of the Democratic administration. In the next year, 1894, it decreased by almost seven billions of dollars more, making a total loss of business, in the one city, exceeding over twelve billions of dollars within two short years. In 1895 and in 1896 there was some slight improvement, yet the volume of business transacted in New York last year under Free-Trade, was almost eight billions less than in 1892 under Protection.

But study the effect of our Democratic fiscal policy upon the London market, upon British trade and upon English enterprise. With practically no change in 1892 and 1893, followed by a decline in 1894 when our business was paralyzed and millions of our people were idle, the business of London grew to nearly thirty-seven billions of dollars in 1895 and in 1896, its volume then equalling the extent of our business in 1892 when we had Protection. In other words, there was a complete transfer of prosperity from the United States to the United Kingdom under the Democratic policy of Free-Trade. Following are the entire bank clearings of the United States, both at New York and outside of New York, from 1892 to 1896 inclusive:

AMERICAN BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns for Year, Outside of New York, and At New York. Data for years 1892-1897.

Comparing the figures for 1894 with those of 1892 we find that the amount of business transacted in the United

States, as represented by our bank clearings, declined at the rate of fifteen and a half billions of dollars a year within two years under the Democratic administration. In the year 1896 our loss of business had been almost eleven billions as compared with 1892. In 1897 the loss was almost nine billions. In 1893 it was more than seven billions. So that since the Republican administration of the United States, under President Harrison, and during the Democratic administration of the country under President Cleveland, there has been a total loss of business, as compared with 1892, aggregating the enormous sum of forty-two billions of dollars in the four Democratic years!

It is impossible to realize the full meaning of this stupendous loss. But we are determined to face the evil bravely, to buckle to our strength for a fight for the restoration of prosperity under the Dingley Tariff for Protection that was signed by President McKinley on Saturday, July 24, 1897. This will remain in American history as the date of the dawn of a new and bright industrial era in the United States.

The Chicago Times-Herald of Monday says: "There is a wave of prosperity sweeping over the country. It is no feeble, hesitating ripple, but a mighty flood, deep enough and broad enough to carry the good ship Confidence high above the sunken rocks and reefs of Hard Times. The keen ear of the public recognizes the fact that the long expected has arrived, and by thousands of ways the recognition is made apparent." The evidences of the return of prosperity are furnished the Times-Herald from authentic sources of information. They come from seventy-five of the principal cities in twelve states of the Mississippi Valley and must be considered as truthful indications of the state of business all over the country. "The twelve states from which the correspondents of the Times Herald have forwarded reports based on the best possible information, in many cases upon personal observation, are Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, Nebraska, Minnesota, Kansas, North Dakota and South Dakota. In each of these states in which are represented nearly every industry, the same general condition prevails. There has been a most perceptible change in the state of business during the last few weeks, and always for the better. In some localities the change is more marked than in others, the districts abounding in manufactures showing the most improvement."

WHEAT AND FREE SILVER.

The more the farmers throughout the country look at the present price of wheat and compare it with the metallic value of the silver dollar the more they must feel satisfied with the result of the presidential election. They are getting from fifteen to twenty cents a bushel more for wheat this season than last, and getting it in gold. Moreover, they are not only paying their debts in good coin at a hundred cents on the dollar, but they have money to loan. The farmer pays his debts on the gold basis, loans his money on the gold basis, and when it falls due he will expect to receive payment on the gold basis.

Men who at all reflect on the money question and on prices must now perceive that however coincident the decline in the prices of silver and wheat was for a number of years there was no necessary connection between the two productions, and it was not the demonetization of silver that caused wheat to decline. Both wheat and silver suffered in price because there was an oversupply of both and a less demand. To-day the world's supply of wheat is short, and the price, for natural economic reasons, advances. It is not so with silver. The overproduction continues, and there is no corresponding demand. Hence the price falls.

The farmers will undoubtedly do a good deal of hard-headed thinking this fall, and if Bryan and Atgeld and the whole silver crew ever cajole into voting for free silver again it will be because they have lost their wits. Times Herald.

The most exacting taste is met in the varied contents of THE CHICAGO TIMES-HERALD. Correspondents and noted writers in all parts of the world contribute to this result and the happy blending of business and recreation supplies the indefinable quality that renders the paper necessary to those who once make its acquaintance.

Mr. A. C. Wolf, of Dundee, Mo., who travels for Manser and Tibbetts, Implement Co., of St. Louis, gives traveling men and travelers in general, some good advice. "Being a Knight of the Grip," he says, "I have for the past three years, made it a rule to keep myself well supplied with Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and have found numerous occasions to test its merits, not only on myself, but on others as well. I can truly say that I never, in a single instance, have known it to fail. I consider it one of the best remedies travelers can carry and could relate many instances where I have used the remedy on skeptics, much to their surprise and relief. I hope every traveling man in U. S. will carry a bottle of this remedy in his grip." For sale by L. P. Orth

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

The rain Monday was pretty general all over the state.

Mrs. E. A. Surber has begun quite sick the past week.

Will Epier came up from Omaha Tuesday and will remain for a few days.

Street Commissioner Groves put in a 14-inch tile drainage culvert Tuesday across Main street at Furchner, Duerig & Co's., the tile taken out being too small to carry the water off fast enough.

Rev. E. B. Young is on the program for the Sunday school convention to be held at Madison August 12 and 13. The subject of his paper is "what can be done with those who do not attend Sunday school."

The Christian Advocate of last week contained an article on "Systematic Giving," written by Mrs. H. H. Millard and read at the Home Missionary convention recently held at Stanton. At the above mentioned convention Mrs. Millard was elected district organizer for the Norfolk district.

Sunday school Missionary Young organized another Sunday school last Sunday, twelve miles northeast of Wayne which will be known as the Bethel Union Sunday school. There were about fifty people present and the school starts out under the most favorable of circumstances.

The left hand corner on the upper east side, next to 1st street, close to the Depot park, was carved with the old man's cycle Tuesday morning in which Bro. Goldie, of the Democrat, lent some assistance. The place was cleared for the purpose of putting up a large sign to "Keep off the Grass." No fishing or placer mining on these premises.

A fine rain fell Monday morning which, as has been the case all summer, fell just at the right time. There is now no longer any doubt of a good corn crop as it has made such progress that it is not over a week behind a year when the spring was more favorable for planting. The prospects are favorable for about 30 to 40 bushels per acre and some fields will go 50 bushels per acre.

During the rainstorm Monday morning the wind did considerable damage south of Wayne. At H. M. Damm's a large shed 150 x 24 feet was blown over also the wheel of his windmill and the chimneys were raised from the roof of the house. A hayrake in the meadow was blown a quarter of a mile and demolished. Chris Sedow's large residence was moved about three inches on the foundation. Cribs were turned over at Cal Richard's and the wheel of the wind mill at Geo. Theiss' was blown off. It seemed to be in a streak as no damage is reported from any other direction.

- SOLDIERS' PIONIO PROGRAM
For the Veteran's Annual Re-union, to be held in Grimsley's Grove, Aug. 25, 1897.
Invocation... Rev. Millard.
Song... Glee Club.
Recitation... Miss Williams.
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Recitation... Miss Buffington.
Song... Glee Club.
Recitation... A P. Childs.
Music by the Band.
Eat and visit until 2 p.m.
AFTERNOON.
Bugle Sounds Assembly.
Five Minute Toasts.
Infantry vs. Cavalry... Frank Fuller.
The Veteran in Peace... Rev. Theobald.
Wives, Sweethearts and daughters at home... Miss White.
The Veteran as a Business Man... D. C. Main.
Music by the Band.
Comparative Drill.
Boys of '61... A. J. Ferguson.
Boys of '67... J. P. Matthews.
Music by the Band.
Five Minutes with Bayonet... A. J. Ferguson.
Marching and Singing as in 1861-5 By Veterans.

Illinois Central Railroad Company

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The Board of Directors of the Illinois Central Railroad Company at a meeting held July 21, 1897, adopted the following Resolutions:
To the end that the Stockholders of the Illinois Central Railroad Company may more readily attend, in person, the annual meeting of Stockholders, which the By-Laws require to be held in Chicago on the third Wednesday in September, in each year, be it
Resolved, That, until the further order of this Board, there may be issued, to each holder of one or more shares of the capital stock of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, as registered on the books of the Company, a ticket enabling him, or her, to travel free over the Company's lines from the station on the Illinois Central nearest to his or her registered address, to Chicago and return for the purpose of attending in person, the meetings of Stockholders. Such ticket to be good for the journey to Chicago only during the four days immediately preceding, and the day of, the meeting, and for the return journey from Chicago only on the day of the meeting, and the four days immediately following, when properly countersigned and stamped in the President's office. Such ticket may be obtained by any registered holder of stock on application, in writing to the President of the Company at Chicago. Each application must state the full name and address of the stockholder exactly as given in his or her Certificate of Stock, together with the number and date of such certificate. No more than one person will be carried free in respect to any one holding of stock as registered on the books of the Company.
By order of the Board of Directors.
A. G. HACKSTAFF, Secretary.
The next annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Illinois Central Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, in Chicago, on Wednesday, September 15, 1897, at noon. The Stock Transfer Books will be closed from August 9 until September 10, 1897.

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Central Meat Market.
FRED VOLPP, Prop.
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Highest Market Price Paid for Hides, Pelts and Furs, also Poultry



CHAPTER IV (Continued).

"Thank you very much," said Armathwaite, speaking still rather stiffly. "I dined at Mereside some time ago, and I must get to Brankson to-night. If Mrs. Crowsmont will allow me—"

"He turned to the lady, and stopped short. Her eyes, which began to fascinate him by an eloquence which seemed to him preternatural, looked straight into his and commanded him to stay. "Come, Dr. Armathwaite," said her uncle, "you won't want us all to go down on our knees to induce you to stay, I'm sure. We have a reputation for hospitality to keep up, and we should have each to do private penance if we let you go before morning. Come now, say you're persuaded."

She spoke dreamily and absently, in a low, awe-struck voice, with her eyes fixed before her, as if the remembrance of some of her fancies of the night were filling her with vivid horror. "Of course, if you will read trashy novels and fill your head with imaginary crimes and mysteries just before you go to bed, it's no wonder you can't sleep; I couldn't myself under the same circumstances. As for the Dolly Varden room, the draught comes in at the window, and that's the worst you can say for it."

CHAPTER V. Instead of enjoying the dreamless slumber to which his day's work fully entitled him, Armathwaite had not been asleep more than a quarter of an hour when he was half-awakened by certain dull sounds in his ears which he heard at first drowsily, as if they had been part of a disturbing dream. But the sounds continued until his dulled faculties apprehended that he was listening to a woman's sighs. This became gradually clearer to him until he was convinced that he was awake, he sat up and held his breath, on the alert for the least sound.

dreams of partial-consciousness which a touch of fever, consequent upon over-fatigue and excitement, sometimes brings. "The tiny whisper went on; he heard it quite clearly, though it bore him at first no clear meaning. "What is it? Why have you come? You frightened me?"

"What have I to complain of?" "Well, well, I don't pretend that you did not expect a different sort of life from the one we lead. But circumstances—" "Circumstances! What circumstances can justify a man for treating a girl as you have done me? I must speak—I must speak; I will be quiet enough to-morrow, but to-night I am excited, my head feels strange and light—you must hear me now. I have something to ask you."

"No, no, no! How could I be tender and sweet to you when I saw that every light word this lady said moved you more than my tears? It was not in human nature to bear that—and on one's wedding day! All the time you were away I was full of remorse that I had been hard, but I knew even then that you never thought about it. If you had, would you have stayed in Paris three weeks after your business in Russia was done, with a brace waiting for you in England? Of course not!"

GROWING OLD. The following beautiful poem by an unknown writer is sent by S. P. A. of Auburn, N. Y., to a New York paper: Softly, O softly, the years have swept by thee, Touching thee lightly with tenderest care, Sorrow and death they have often brought nigh thee, Yet they have left thee but beauty to wear. Growing old gracefully, Gracefully fair.

Far from the storms that are lashing the ocean, Nearer each day to the pleasant home light, Far from the waves that are big with commotion, Under full sail and the harbor in sight. Growing old gracefully, Cheerful and bright.

Rich in experience that angels might covet, Rich in a faith that hath grown with the years, Rich in a love that grew from and above it, Soothing thy sorrows and hushing thy fears. Growing old wealthily, Loving and dear.

Two Bags and A Blunder. "Yes, sir; No. 23975—Brown hat-box! There you are, sir! I think you'll find that all right!"

Sam Merry had good grounds for laying emphasis on the second word in the last sentence, as Col. Sowerby took the hat-box from his hands with a surly grunt and waddled off down the platform. Sam had made so many mistakes of late that his mates in the Left Luggage office had dubbed him "Blundering Sam." However, Sam was of a hopeful disposition, and it would take a very long run of ill-luck to shake his faith in the future.

Naming the Baby. A Burmese baby, when a fortnight old, is named. On the auspicious day, which the astrologer has selected, there is a feast to which relatives and friends have been invited. The baby's head is washed for the first time, and his name is chosen. An English lady, residing in Burma, describes the process of selecting the name:

Small Painting. Perhaps the smallest piece of painting in the world is that executed by a Flemish artist. It is painted on the smooth side of a grain of common white corn, and pictures a mill and a miller with a sack of grain on his back. The miller is represented as standing on a terrace, and near it is a horse and cart, while a group of several peasants is shown in the road near by.

Past all the winds that were adverse and chilling, Past all the islands that lured thee to rest, Past all the currents that lured thee unwilling, Far from any course to the land of the blest. Growing old gracefully, Peaceful and blest.

Never a feeling of envy or sorrow, When the bright faces of children are seen, Never a year from the young-wouldst thou borrow, Thou dost remember what lieth between; Growing old willingly, Thankful, serene.

Hearts at the sound of thy coming are lightened, Ready and willing thy hand to relieve, Many a face at thy kind word has brightened, 'Tis more blessed to give than receive. Growing old happily, Ceasing to grieve.

Eyes that grow dim to earth and its glory, Have a sweet recompense youth cannot know, Ears that grow dull to the world and its story, Drink in the songs that from Paradise flow. Growing old graciously, Purer than snow.

"You do well to speak cautiously, Sam," remarked one of his fellow-clerks. "Are you sure you didn't give the old Luffer a nudge or a feather?" "Laugh away, you fellows," retorted Sam cheerfully. "I shall blunder into a fortune one of these days."

Sam was sitting at the window of the Left Luggage Office on the following morning when a gentleman in a light overcoat hurried past. "Hello!" he muttered, "that's my dapper little gent of yesterday. Doesn't appear to be coming for his bag. By Jove! I've an idea, and I'll work it if I get the sack. Hi! Mister!"

"That's so," replied Sam, "though not one in twenty would have noticed it." Just as he handed in his bag an old farmer lurched heavily against him and knocked his hat off. As he stooped to pick up his hat, I caught a glimpse of the dark hair under the edge of his wig.

Sam offered no objection; the cool impudence of this bag-snatcher had taken his breath away. "By some means or another," went on the stranger, "you have discovered who I am."

"Sam, of course, had discovered nothing of the kind. By a strange stroke of luck, however, he did not feel called upon to speak. "Now," went on Sam's questioner, "when was this bag left in your charge?"

"Three-forty-five yesterday afternoon—" "Can you describe the man who left it?" Sam hesitated. He had good reasons to doubt his ability to do so. Matters were getting complicated, and for the moment he hardly knew whether he stood on his head or on his heels. Fortunately, the station master came to his rescue.

"Don't be afraid, Merry," he said encouragingly. "You have full permission to speak in a case like this. Detective Denham will betray no business secrets."

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"Hun!" muttered the detective. "Dark hair—that's all right. You say you would know the man again if you saw him?" "Yes."

Three Good Lies. The men who utilize the corner grocery for a club room in the evening and on stormy days had just been discussing a fox hunt, about which one of their number had read aloud, when the conversation naturally took a rambling turn.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

CARROLL.
 C. H. Wolf shipped another car of hogs this week.
 C. W. Stevens who was seriously ill is a little better at present.
 A new arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shafer; it is a boy.
 Major White has remodeled his office and it looks nearly new.
 Miss Barnes of Sioux City, is in Carroll trying to get up a library.
 Harvesting is nearly all done here and the harvesters are being hauled in.
 H. Bastford has erected a nice two seated swing and the children are in high glee.
 The pump in C. H. Wolf's pasture gave out and his cattle had no water for two days.
 Mrs. C. M. Andrews' father-in-law has been here for some time fixing up the drug store.
 Mr. Tucker and son, and Mr. Gildersleeve of Wayne, took dinner in Carroll Tuesday.
 Rain, rain, the splendid rain, it is sure to spoil all the little potatoes and nubbins of corn.
 Thorn & Claxton unloaded two more ears of cattle at Carroll; they are selling lots of cattle here.
 Any one wishing to buy young steers or cattle will do well to see Thorn & Claxton at Carroll.
 Abner Robbin has purchased 44 head of cattle and will try stock in connection with farming.
 Mrs. Nearen, Mrs. Garwood and Mrs. Steele are enjoying a visit from their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jones.
 George Bailey and brother departed last week for Atlantic Iowa, for a month's visit with relatives and friends.
 Mr. Shafer has closed the hotel and Mrs. J. H. Beach and Mrs. Winland are trying to feed the hungry that come to Carroll.
 Mr. Cunningham will soon finish shelling Turner & Breaner's corn at this place and will move up to Magnet to shell there.
 H. H. Krebs has bought the black-smith and implement building owned by J. R. Manning and will soon take possession of same.
 The poles are strung out here for the telephone line and they are being placed in position and the people will soon be able to talk with Sioux City.
 The base ball team of Carroll will play a game with the Hoskins nine at this place on the ball ground with the high board fence, often times called Swartz's park, for a purse of \$100, so we have been informed. Grand stand seats 25 cents; all ladies admitted free. Game called at 3:30.
 Died—Monday, Aug. 2nd, 1897, at Carroll, Emma, aged eight months and twelve days, the infant daughter of C. W. and Elizabeth Stevens. Rev. E. B. Young of Wayne, preached the funeral sermon at the Baptist church.
 Transplanted from an earthly garden, A bud of beauty rare, To grow in the sunlight of Eden Under the Savior's watchful care. Beyond the chilling winds of earth, In the beautiful land above, This little bud will bloom in heaven, In the light of the Savior's love.

PLEASANT VALLEY.
 A fine rain Sunday night; a regular corn boomer.
 There was an ice cream treat at Mr. Hardy's Sunday.
 John Hardy returned from Lyons last Thursday.
 Mr. and Mr. Zimmerman Sunday at Mr. Rawlston's.
 The McKays did business in Wayne the fore part of the week.
 A small crowd tripped the light fantastic at Grant Young's Saturday night.
 Rev. Muller preached a fine sermon Sunday on "Come, now, let us reason together."
 Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Fisher did some calling in the northern part of the village Tuesday.
 Wm. Bosteder lost his team, buggy and harness by lightning about three weeks ago. They were in keeping of a friend in Iowa.
 No one ever saw a better season for harvesting. The grain is ripening slowly and everybody is making use of the nice weather.
 Look out for Pleasant Valley's display at the Wayne fair. If everybody helps it along the fair, all discount any thing Wayne has ever seen.
 If any one sees six young barrel-riders, three girls and three boys, come galloping into their harvest field, there will be no need of being frightened, they are not dangerous.
 A very little care on the part of some one, seasoned with the smallest bit of respect for our Sunday school, would have managed to have given the school house and its furniture a hair coat of varnish and paint in the forepart of the week and saved the spoiling of twenty suits of clothes and as many fine dresses.

COLLEGE.
 Mr. Jett visited College Thursday.
 Mrs. Engel returned to her home near Ponca Saturday.
 Robert Gratton returned to his home at Stanton Tuesday.
 Michael Hofer returned to his home at Freeman, S. D., Monday.
 Harris McClain left for his home at Tripp, S. D., Wednesday afternoon.
 James and Ed Volin, the life of the "Racket," returned to their home at Yankton, S. D., Saturday.
 Rev. Theobald conducted chapel Friday morning. The recitation given by Mrs. Harding was enjoyed by all.
 Mr. Morgan went over to Allen on his wheel Saturday, returning via the case, which was more comfortable.
 Misses Weaver, Hallie and Elona Caffee, Jennie Viges, Mrs. Durrin and Miss Brown were College visitors last Friday.
 The social given at the College Saturday evening was enjoyed by every one present. The music by the band and the recitations by Mrs. Harding were well worth comment.
 That fellow, Swan Anderson, who wears a pious grin, claims that while roving the streets one night last week, he lost his pocket book. But no one doubts but that while sitting on the front porch, with the moon light streaming down and all things else playing in harmony that could only help to make two hearts beat as one, he reached for his heart that he might offer it to her, but being rather nervous about that time, he made a sad mistake and gave her his pocket book instead, which is about the same size.
MT. HOPE.
 Mrs. Fred Hofeldt is on the sick list.
 A few farmers in this vicinity are stacking grain.
 J. M. Lloyd and wife now ride to a fine new buggy.
 Mrs. Doc. Surber has been on the sick list the past week.
 Van Bradford is the owner of a brand new buggy, so now girls smile your sweetest.
 Farmers think Tuesday night's rain equal to gold dollars, as it almost insures a corn crop.
 Dr. Williams is attending Master Carl Surber, who is very ill with inflammation of the bowels.

COON CREEK.
 Farmers are about through harvesting.
 The wheat crop will be quite light this year.
 The last rain has made the corn crop look good.
 A large number of young folks, about 75 in number, assembled at M. S. Engler's last Sunday, and gave a surprise party in honor of Jake Casper, it being his 23rd birthday. There was ice cream and lemonade, all kinds of cakes and everything that was nice. The organ and violin were taken out in the yard and several nice pieces of music played. Everyone had a pleasant time and all went home rejoicing.
 Our school (District No. 44.) is not yet supplied with a teacher for this fall term. It looks to us very much as though the Superintendent had some spite work on hand in not issuing a certificate to the young lady that had the promise of our school. We do not approve of this way of doing business.
 —Welsh Cor. in Republican.
 There are several things closely connected with the office of the county superintendent of which the people do not approve. Spite work seems to be the chief characteristic of some people, but such things should not exist in the educational affairs of the county.
 Vim, vigor and victory—these are the characteristics of DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for constipation, biliousness and all stomach and liver troubles.—L. P. Orth.
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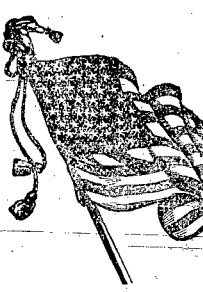
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