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The queen regent of Spain will receive the new United States minister, General Stewart L. Woodford, on Sept. 13th.

Canada says we must not say Klondike, but "Troandike." But whose boss is Canada, anyhow? Anybody can spell an Indian word as many ways as Shakespeare spelled his name, and no Indian ever objects.

An increase of nearly \$15,000,000 in the public debt during August justifies The World's observation that Uncle Sam has not yet felt the wave of prosperity. When this sort of thing happened under a Democratic Administration, how the Republican papers did howl.

A great suit is going on in California, says an exchange, to decide whether the owner of the hen owns the chickens, or the woman that bought the eggs. In Florida it would be the coon that first got into the coop, but the California Judge has reserved his decision.

Whenever the Legislature is in session or some half-fledged demagogue wants an office, fire is opened up on the railroads and the progressive newspapers of this state. Will some of those big talkers help the roads and the papers now to bring people and capital to Florida.—Ex.

A writer in Le Jour of Paris wants America to join the alliance with France and Russia entered into recently. No, thanks, America prefers not to, at least the United States. We're all right as it is—we couldn't use the French or the Russians anyhow—so what's the use. If they want more company let them apply to some tumble-down nation like Spain.—Pensacola News.

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## The United States.

This irrepressible nation is all pervasive, and if our flag does not float in every harbor it is loved by somebody in every spot on the face of the earth where civilization sets her foot and men congregate business or pleasure, for study or curiosity. And whenever one of the members of this great political body has his toes crushed by King or Kaiser, by people large or pirate of low degree, a thrill runs thro' the whole like electricity through the wire, scolding distance, ignoring difficulty, and despising danger, while from populous city and fragrant wood, and team-fields comes back a demand that Old Glory must guard all she covers—that she must protect all for whom her stars shine and her colors wave.

The American people have never failed to make this demand upon their representatives when a case arises to justify it. Are we so unreasonable as to demand that for which we refuse to provide the means. Are we so poor in spirit or in purse that we are unwilling to pay for what we need?

Shall the United States take her place among the great nations of the earth as confidently as she asserted her independence, and as manfully as she has maintained her right to the rank she assumed? Can she do this without a navy?

## Letter From Mr. Bryan.

Law of Supply and Demand Regulate Wheat and Silver.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 4.—The St. Louis Post-Dispatch tomorrow will print a letter from William J. Bryan, the first utterance after three months of travel and observation during the return of prosperity. Among other things he says:

"Wheat has risen because the foreign crop has been exceedingly short. . . ."

"The fact that silver and wheat have parted company will cause no dismay to those who understand that the law of supply and demand regulates the price of both. . . ."

"Nothing can better disclose the weakness of the Republican position than the job manifested by the Republicans over events for which their Administration and their politics are in no wise responsible. . . ."

"If the Republicans desire to claim credit for the high price of wheat they must assume the responsibility for the famine in India."

## FLORIDA'S SHIP CANAL.

Articles of Incorporation Filed in New York.—St. Augustine to be the Eastern Terminus of It.

New York, Sept. 3.—Articles have been filed with County Clerk Porroy for the incorporation of the Florida Trans-Peninsular Ship Canal company. The chief incorporators are Robert May Caffall, Freeman H. Baldwin, H. Bolet Peraza, consul-general for the Greater Republic of Central America in this city, Benjamin F. Cromwell, and Francis P. Fleming. The capital is \$75,000,000.

The projectors have in mind the building of a ship canal and railway to connect the Atlantic with the Gulf. The canal will be of sufficient capacity for the passage of ocean-going vessels.

Consul-General Peraza said: "The new canal will be of great advantage in the defense of the country in case of an international war, as well as being of the greatest commercial benefit in times of peace. It will shorten the time for vessels going to Texas or Mexico by three days. The waters around the southern coasts of Florida are very treacherous, owing to the numerous currents. All this danger will be done away with. . . ."

"We expect that 15,000,000 tons of freight will pass through the canal each year, and even light tolls on this will make the enterprise pay. We have applied for the charter and will probably get it next month. As soon as it is issued we will begin work. . . ."

"Mr. Caffall, our civil engineer, has already surveyed the ground, and all arrangements have been made to push the work."

The consul-general further said that the harbor of St. Augustine would be the eastern entrance to the new canal.

The width of the water way will be 300 feet through its entire length, and it will be deep enough to allow the largest ship to pass through. It will probably be about five years before the canal is finished.

## WELL SAID.

Says a Nashville special: There was quite an exciting session of the National Race council, which is composed of negroes, to day. W. H. Council, of Alabama, was elected temporary chairman, and in his address said:

"The frequency of violence to women is alarming. We cannot stop to argue the nice points as to the cause of the coming of these incarnate fiends into a race hitherto with absolute immunity from them, nor have we time to plead that they are not the trusted servants of our southern homes, nor can we stop to appeal from Judge Lynch to the majesty of the civil laws, but we must stamp out the crime. . . ."

"Sufficient for us is it to know that these crimes are committed by negroes, to make us hang our heads in shame, and go in sack-cloth and ashes. Let us restore that sense of security which white women felt fifty years ago in the presence of our fathers, under any circumstances, amid the most forbidding environments. We must make the humblest white woman in the remotest and wildest presence of a negro man as did angelic 'Eva' alone with her 'Uncle Tom.' . . ."

"Let us make the white woman of this land, and of all lands, feel that our black arms are ever ready, backed by hearts as pure as truth, as guileless as babes, to defend their honor; that we are willing to throw our black bodies between them and their assailants, and shed our blood to the last drop in protecting them and hunting down and executing these brutes in human form. . . ."

This language aroused the ire of many delegates, and after a long wrangle, a resolution was adopted declaring that the accusations were injurious and requesting the chairman to qualify his remarks. The chairman refused to make any qualifications, saying he had spoken the truth.

## Twenty Years....

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sentiments of his heart, and if more intellectually was poured into the judgment of his hearers, they would admit that he had spoken the truth.

Council was unanimously elected permanent chairman, and the body proceeded to business.

## The Florida Klondike.

With stories of the Arctic placer fields filling pages of the daily press; with the Klondike fever running at its height; with thousands struggling on the lonely way to the Yukon; amid all the talk in club, and counting house, on the streets and in the home, of the new Eldorado of the north; of a long silent winter unbroken save by the occasional fall of icy fragments from their frozen solitudes—amid all the dreams of wealth to be wrested from the regions of glacier and aurora, Florida unfolds her bosom to soft sea winds, courted by a tropic sun, to ripen the gold of her oranges, to mellow the pineapple and to impart the aroma to her tobacco—Klondikes amid flowers and song.—Citizen.

## Why It Came.

Now that prosperity has returned there will doubtless be differences of opinion as to the cause of its coming. Some will give all the credit to the tariff, and others will claim Wall street boomed wheat and brought prosperity just to help Mark Hanna in Ohio. To be honest in the matter, we think the chief cause of the return of prosperity is that the time had come for it. The human mind can't stay bent in one extreme position for more than three or four years at a time, and the reaction must needs follow. So prosperity is with us. As a helper to this reaction is the feeling that the tariff and money standard are settled for four years at least. It does not matter nearly so much whether we are under the Wilson bill or the Dingley bill as it does that the agitation is over and we have something certain for a period of years.

## Mark Hanna, his Mark.

Last year it was Mark Hanna who run up the price of wheat just to elect his old friend McKinley, president; later he caused famines in India and Argentine to hold the price up and help prosperity along, and now just for an outing as it were, with congress off his hands, he has started a gold boom in Klondike to help him carry Ohio in an off year, and ultimately to crush the poor with a single standard. Great are Dianna of Ephesus and Mark Hanna of Ohio for evil in the minds of those who toll neither do they spin, but weary the highways and byways with their presence while chewing their cud, talking and spitting at a mark, and declaring with profane vehemence that prosperity has not returned till at last they are washed away with the tide and become underanother form what they are now, bubbles of air on the bosom of the flood. Mark was at Duluth on his yacht last month, and took occasion to raise the price of potatoes about half a dollar a bushel over last year. This may take the starch out of silver syndicate collars that so many 16 to 1ers wear,—for every ounce of silver is produced by the rich, while the poor man can dig and own gold,—but we shall have to put up with the wilted appearance of the calamity crowd till potatoes drop again. Then, too Mark has touched the King of Dixie with his magic wand, and from "away down south in the land of cotton, clumson seed and sandy bottom," comes the shout that the horn of plenty has been spilled upon a long suffering people and distress has passed away. At last Mark pined for rest from his labors, and behold the demand for pine doubled up and the price of lumber and labor felt a gentle rise. Thus we might go the whole rounds of the market and see how Mark has marked it, but every professional loafer who is a great hand with a scythe by the winter fireside, and a heap big injun with an ax in the summer shade, knows all about Mark without our exploiting his satanic attributes. He edits the price current for the universe and delights in chasing the free silver jack rabbit pops that always jump high-

est on the third bound. Altogether he is a man of mark. Beware, O croaker, his Buckeye swath of Joy. For prosperity follows his trail.—Bede's Budget.

## A Modern Heroine.

I know a girl, with sparkling eyes And cheeks just like a peach, And lips that many a lover tries; Nor finds them out of reach.

Her curling hair is very long, Black as any jet, And O, she does not think it wrong To smoke a cigarette.

Her tiny feet and ankles trim, And dainty little hands Attract the miscellaneous him To matrimonial bans.

Although her age you try to gauge, By laws of average You'll find it true, what'er you do, Never have her age!

She flirts at times, and sometime bets, And, though misunderstood, At length a great reward she gets, Because she's really good.

She never eats and only sips The very choicest wines; But yet in obtuse problems dips And to free thought inclines.

You'll never find her here below, However you may look; Because the creatures do not grow— Except within a book!

—Exchange.

## W. C. T. U.

The following from the St. Louis Advocate is worth the consideration of all thoughtful people.

According to the Brewer's Journal, British capital to the amount of \$91,302,830 is invested in 79 American breweries. As the average annual dividend on these investments is 6 per cent., American beer drinkers send \$5,472,169 out of the country as their yearly contribution to the income of foreign capitalists.

A like sum spent for American produced necessities of life would help the return of good times, with or without the "advance agent of prosperity's" assistance.

One man who possesses the courage to cast a persistent vote against the gin-mill is of more value in helping to solve the liquor problem than a whole brigade of those who simply profess that the saloon is a bad thing, and stop there.

A little boy led a policeman the other day to a house which appeared at first to be deserted; but at last a little girl appeared at the door and said that she kept house for her father and two little brothers. She is only ten years old. "I am all alone today," said the child; "papa is drunk and has gone away and sold lots of the furniture." On examination it was found that the father was only a few years ago a well known Wall Street broker and member of the Stock Exchange. He married a beautiful girl out of a splendid family, whose parents gave her a present of \$10,000 on her wedding day. This money and all her husband's has been spent in saloons. A month ago she died, and the husband has been drunk nearly ever since. Who can compute the waste that has gone on in that home! No wonder the prophet exclaims: "Whore-fret do ye spend your money for that which is not bread and your labor for that which satisfyth not?"

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