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The spring is not like the politicians. It is very backward.

If the republican party elects the next president it will be through the sheer force of organization.

Old lady Peyton is very happy today, and has frequently been heard singing the sweet refrain, "And I won't be mugwump any more."

The democrats are making a lively campaign. Speaking every night at different places in the city, with mugwumps largely in the background.

Only yesterday the News urged J. Q. A. Peyton to get off the track, and not be a mugwump any more. To-day it is announced that he withdraws as a candidate.

If there is to be any question as to the re-election of Senator Plumb, it ought to be settled at once. There is no man in the state whom it would be wise to put in his place.

The Grange is doing a good work. It has a grand history and whenever there is a live Grange that is doing its duty, no other farmers' organization is needed.—Western Rural.

They are having a pretty tough time in Indiana with their mail service. Three weeks between the mailing and delivery of drop letters. How the Hoosiers must have suffered Valentine's Day!

The lard controversy that is now exciting so much attention is indeed a slippery question. Mr. Bartle is a slippery witness, and the attempt to get at the top of the whole matter is as doubtful as climbing a greased pole.

Kansas will insist upon a free ballot and a fair count, and any man who attempts to get a Kansas office through a stuffed ballot box will be met by a stuffed club. This much is settled.

Miss Jennie Newby, an active temperance worker and speaker, and a pretty, charming womanly girl of about twenty-three years, died at Tonganoxie, a few days ago of lung trouble.

We want agents to work for the 8-page Weekly News. It is only 75 cents a year, and of this we allow 25 cents to be retained on each subscriber. Every body in these parts will want the News through the campaign.

There was no paper in Topeka that yesterday contained so valuable reading matter as the daily News. The articles on the Indians was not only very readable, but had local interest, and 25 cents will pay for the News from now till the first of May.

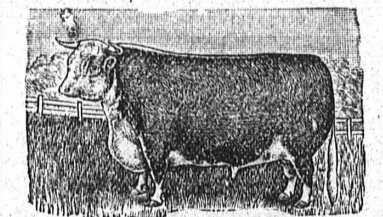
There is every indication of an early organized movement among the leading democrats, to openly oppose the nomination of Cleveland. It is not confined to those who oppose his tariff policy, but it has the sympathy of a large following who do not antagonize it.

Are there any valid reasons why Mr. Curran, the republican nominee for police judge, should not receive the votes of the republicans of Topeka? Is there anything in his past record that would prevent any good citizen from supporting him? If there is, let it be made public by some reputable person and stop this street talking. If he is opposed because of his color we want to know it. In fact, if he is not competent, if he is not a man of fair personal character let some one say so that the voters may be informed.

The above is from the Capital of Wednesday morning. It is the most that has been said in favor of Mr. Curran by any paper in the city, outside the Daily News. It will be noticed that it is non-committal. Not a word in favor of Mr. Curran. Not a single lash of the whip as is usual in cases where regular tickets are put out. The News alone has Mr. Curran in tow. It alone has done all the boomerang for him that has been done. But the News tow-line is not a strict party line, and it cannot be expected to land Mr. Curran safely on shore against wind and tide, and mugwumps and kickers. We almost despair of our good efforts.

"The advent of the Grange began a new order of things in farming communities. Formerly there was but little association of thought, sentiment or work among tillers of the soil. Each stood alone and labored independently of others, and the organized forces of society, civil and commercial combinations patronized them selfishly or swept them lightly aside. But the Grange gospel proclaims them brethren, united by the strong and faithful ties of agriculture; and by line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little, it is bringing these disconnected factors of rural life to flow together. Of course the transition period will be somewhat mixed, agitated and uncomely, but the objects sought are grand and righteous, and educate and experience will perfect methods. When we accept this fact from a practical standpoint, when our needs have so drawn us together, that together we can labor for our common prosperity and welfare, for our common advancement in social and civil matters, then will these ties become strong and faithful in deed and truth."

The News Illustrated Primer Lesson.



THE BULL IN THE CHINA SHOP.

Here is a To-pe-ka mug-wump. It is a bull. He looks fat and sleek. He fed at the county crib. He wanted to get in to a chi-na shop. His name is Jay Cu Apee. He would not do well in a chi-na shop. G. L. Curran is now in the same chi-na shop, and he will do better. The Daily News scared a-way the bad mug-wump. Then he called the News bad names. He said it was an old ladies paper. Good old ladies do like to read it. So do little boys and girls. It tries to make them good. It is not easy to make a bad mug-wump good. No, he will not hook unless he is in office. If he did the News would have him dishorn-ed. The News has him by the ear. One time he liv-ed in Silver Lake. The good folks there did not like him, and so he went a-way.

Current News.

TUESDAY:—Ex Lieut.-Gov Dorsheimer of New York, dies at Savannah, Ga.—Hampton, Blackford and Bragg, murderers of Peter Nelson, Junction City, found guilty.—At Pittsburg, Kansas, Henry Benner knocks down his mother in the morning and his wife shoots her in the evening.—The rest of the Blalock gang of thieves and murderers captured in Arkansas.—At Bathurst, N. B., a mother and two daughters burned to death in their house; and at Orilla, Ont., three children perish in house of the postmaster, which is burned.—Saw mill at Cookville, Tenn., explodes killing three and wounding several more men.—Earthquake shocks felt at Nashville, Tenn.—Powder mill at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. blows up and two men annihilated.—President and cashier of a national bank, Raleigh, N. C., abscond with a large sum of money.—Rivello, Dakota, blocked in with snow and people obliged to burn furniture for fuel.

WEDNESDAY:—A twelve year old boy in Carlinville, Ill., shoots the murderer of his father, who told him on his death bed to do it.—The Southwest Kansas College building dedicated at Windfield.—Startling election frauds in New York City discovered.—Burlington engineers said to have cut loose from Chief Arthur and to be preparing to boycott every other road that takes "Q" freight.

THURSDAY:—Terrible mine explosion at Rich Hill, Mo. Nearly a hundred lives lost.—It is denied that any trouble exists between chief Arthur and the engineers.—Gen. Terry writes that he wishes to be retired.—Henry George announces his purpose to go over to the Cleveland party.—Minnesota organizes a State Farmers Alliance.—Two children burned to death in a New York fire.—Fred Markley, of Coshocton, Ohio, having a life interest in a farm, becomes financially involved, and on appearance of the sheriff, commits suicide that the farm may be saved for his children.—Striking switchmen in Chicago institute a riot.

Books and Magazines.

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for April.

As we constantly hear rumors of a great war in Europe which, beginning on the Russian frontier, may involve all the Powers it is interesting to know how France has prepared for her next struggle with Germany. "France's Bulwarks," in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for April, is a remarkable and careful article showing the new lines of defensive works in that country, evidently from careful and cautious study. The whole number is bright and interesting. Mary Ticecomb tells of "The Ways and Words of American Lawyers." Noel Ruthven, in "That Eccentric Englishman," portrays the unmistakable Briton on his travels. "The Rothschilds and their Millions" gives the story of that famous family who, now ennobled in several countries, will probably at last buy themselves a kingdom, unless they deem it better to be mortgagee than owner. A short sketch of Mohammedan Women in India, a lady's account of Buenos Ayres, Colonel Chaille Long's account of "American Soldiers in Egypt," with sketches and stories by C. C. Hildreth, M. A. Dennison, M. D. Brine, S. B. Edgecombe, B. C. Green, A. Locher, David Ker and others, make up a magazine which for variety and interest has not an equal among this month's periodicals.

LIPPINCOTT'S MONTHLY.

This popular monthly for March opens with a complete novel by Julia Magruder, "Honored in the Breach," a breezy story combining much pathos and humor. "A Talk With a President's Son," the son being Hon. John Tyler, now living in Washington, is a paper full of historical interest. This number is rich in stories, poetry, etc. Lippincott's has long taken rank as one of the most popular periodicals in the country.

Died of pneumonia at Kansas City, Mo. March 27, Mrs. E. Wylie of this city. Funeral from her late residence, 421 Jefferson street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

SILVER LAKE ITEMS.

Hon. J. Q. A. Peyton was here on the 27th inst. ostensibly to look after a couple of buildings in which he has an equitable interest, but really to fix up a city ticket for the coming election. The repeated "amens" to your article of March 24, which he heard on all sides, satisfied him that the sceptre had departed from the hands of the faithful, and he said he smelt "tar" and left the city on an early train.

A republican club was organized here on the 27th inst. Constitution and bylaws similar to other clubs in the state. Sixty-five men were enrolled and this number will be doubled at the next meeting. Ed. Guild was made president; B. A. Patten, Ira C. Williams, vice-presidents; R. A. Richards, secretary; Charles Edson, paymaster. Resolutions adopted, Blaine as the first choice and pledging the members to support any nominee for President, adopted almost unanimously. It was not thought advisable to disturb the harmony of the club by any reference to the tariff.

People are still waiting for the Rapid Transit Road, and you can hardly get any one to put a price on his property, as all prefer to wait till the word comes, that they may realize the advance in price. J. Q. A. on his recent visit, stated that the road was dead and never would be built, and that he had no more to do with it. These statements revived the drooping hopes of many friends of the enterprise who knew the value of his statements and his influence.

Robert Mason of the Holden Ranch, reports the birth of a colt with but a single eye, placed in the middle of the forehead. There is something deficient in the upper jaw, and there are no nostrils and the colt breathes through the mouth. The tail is slightly forked at one end and armed with a hard, horny substance, which Bob says resembles a coon's foot more than anything else he can think of. Otherwise the colt is natural, stout and lively, and bids fair to become a valuable curiosity.

Our District School closes a seven months term this week. It has been the most profitable term that we have had for several years. Our teachers Miss Owens and Mr. Linford have two superior qualifications added, faithfulness and diligence in the discharge of their duties, and met with a well merited success which a large majority of the patrons were not slow to perceive and appreciate. Many wished to extend the term another month, notwithstanding the vote of the district at the annual meeting last August, for seven months only.

William Cochran early in this month moved into the Peyton house, which had been for some time unoccupied, and is getting a good run of custom. William knows how to run a hotel, but says he will have to take down the Peyton sign in order to make a success of it in Silver Lake. It is a significant fact that this hotel and a hardware store in which J. Q. A. P. has an equitable interest, were never for a single day unoccupied, until they fell under the management of Peyton. The hotel is let for a mere nominal rent, and J. Q. stands security for its payment, but William says good feed will bring good custom and he is going to get there even if he has to burn the old Peyton sign.

A dozen or more members of the Massachusetts legislature, guests of the Santa Fe company stopped over in this city, Wednesday, while on their way to California. They were dining at the Hotel Throop and then taken a drive about the city. They freely expressed themselves as delighted with what they had seen and heard while in Topeka, and voted it one of the most substantial, enterprising and progressive cities that they had seen on their travels. They remarked its likeness to eastern cities, and said that if they did not know they were in Kansas they would not have suspected it was a western city. They promised to carry back a good report of Topeka because its appearance had impressed them more than any other city they had visited.

Short Sermons.

The brave man is an inspiration to the weak, and compels following. Curses are like processions; they return to the place from whence they came.

What we believe is right is more often so because it grinds our ax than otherwise.

Never did any soul do good but it came readier to do the same again with more enjoyment.

There is nothing like settling with ourselves, as there is a deal we must do without in this life.

To smile at the jest which plants a thorn in another's breast is to become a principal in the mischief.

Nothing is so contagious as example; we are never much good or much evil without imitators.

Wickedness may prosper for a while; but in the long run, he who sets all knaves at work will pay them.

The nerve that never relaxes, the eye that never blanches, the thought that never wonders, are the harbingers of victory.—Good Housekeeping.

Manure never gains anything by keeping.

Takes wit as well as elbow grease to guide the plow.

Oats is a crop very profitably grown on a small farm.

Clover-sod turned makes a fine fertilizer for corn or wheat.

A poor cow in the dairy is like a dull tool in the hands of the carpenter.

No farmer can afford to buy fertilizers and at the same time waste his stable manures.

A bill has been introduced in the New York Assembly offering a bounty for the destruction of English sparrows.

The total importation of European potatoes into New York since November 1 reaches the enormous quantity of 424,000 bags.

Do not be in haste to have newly-hatched chicks eat, as they need nothing for twenty-four hours after leaving the shell.

Large quantities of potatoes continue to be shipped from the Canadian Provinces and Prince Edward Island to the United States.

Texas is increasing her cereal production. The wheat-growing counties report an increase of acreage for 1888 of from ten to 100 per cent.

Liberty County, Ga., boasts of not having a mortgaged farm within its boundaries, and hence is well named. It is the only Georgia county thus favored.

John Copeland, a white man of this city who is 23 years of age, yesterday procured a marriage license to marry Miss Josie Reynolds, a colored girl. She gave her age as 22. The couple were afterwards married.

F. W. Giles and wife have returned from California, having made a four months visit on the Pacific coast. Mr. and Mrs. Giles are much improved in health, and while pleased with California, Mr. Giles says that he prefers Topeka and Kansas for real pleasure and business.

The St. James hotel property which recently sold for \$23,000 has again been sold for \$30,000 to W. C. Knox and is considered a bargain at that. It begins to look like another boom.

The best seed corn, white and yellow, can be bought of G. W. Jefferies, Silver Lake, Kansas.

Mrs. Turbush, who has been in the city prison since Monday on a charge of being drunk and disturbing the peace, was discharged yesterday morning upon paying her fine. Mr. Turbush is still serving his sentence on the rock pile.

A party of eastern excursionists will arrive in Topeka over the Rock Island next Wednesday.

One hundred and thirty-seven colored converts of the Free Will Baptist church will be immersed in the Kaw river Sunday.

