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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1899.

WHO STARTED THIS FOLLY?

What is this nonsense called from London that Mr. John Hay, Secretary of State of the United States, has been writing a letter to a governor of the Bank of England that Mr. McKinley's cabinet is open to consider the question of a new ratio for the coinage of silver?

In the next place Mr. McKinley's cabinet consists of very sensible gentlemen who are all thoroughly convinced that all talk of the free coinage of silver is the purest folly.

But above all, Mr. McKinley's cabinet along with all observant and discerning men see what a marvellous, almost magical, change has been wrought in the business and financial conditions of the people of the United States by the overwhelming defeat of free silver in the Presidential election of 1896, and nothing could induce it to take one step that would tend to raise a suspicion that that defeat is not final, complete and eternal.

In our judgment there is no enemy of the people of the United States who could do them the injury that the man could do them who should instill into the public mind a suspicion that free silver still has some vitality in it.

WHAT THE NEGRO NEEDS. Prof. Hugh M. Browne, a member of the faculty of the Normal Institute at Hampton, in an interview with the Baltimore Sun, heartily approves the advice which Booker Washington gave to a negro enquirer from North Carolina.

THE NEWS FROM ARKANSAS. If we may judge by the newspaper reports, the situation with reference to insurance in the State of Arkansas is distressing. When the anti-trust bill was introduced in the Legislature providing that no insurance company which belonged to an association whose object was to regulate rates, should do business in the State of Arkansas, it was taken for granted that the prohibition related simply to organizations within the limits of the State.

law was designed to prohibit insurance companies which belonged to insurance associations in other States. Then it was that all insurance companies, and by the way one of our Richmond companies was included in the list, were compelled to withdraw from the State of Arkansas, to cancel policies and leave the business men and property owners of the State without any sort of protection against fire losses.

That shows what law-makers can do when they determine to interfere with business affairs. We do not know what just ground or complaint the people of Arkansas had against the insurance companies, but we are quite sure that this anti-trust law was first of all a demagogic measure, conceived in a demagogic spirit, to cater to a popular sentiment against trusts, and a nice mess the demagogues have made of it, to be sure.

Here in Virginia there was no fear that our sensible and upright judges would improperly or oppressively use the injunction power. There was no demand in this State, so far as we have ever heard, for any anti-injunction legislation, yet there was a sentiment, for which the Chicago platform and its advocates were largely responsible, against "government by injunction," and by way of catering to that sentiment our Legislature passed a bill limiting the power of judges to punish for contempt.

THE FAILURE OF AN EXPERIMENT. We are gratified to note an awakening sentiment throughout the South against lynching for any and all crimes. In the interest of law and order, this paper has for the past several years, almost, perhaps, to the weariness of some of its readers, proclaimed and urged that the only way to prevent lynch law in the South is to create public sentiment against mob violence, no matter what the provocation. It has been an unwritten law in the Southern States that for a certain crime the offender if apprehended, must be swung up, without judge or jury, to the nearest limb, and that law has been sustained by the sentiment of the Southern people.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Invitations are now out to a play to be given at All Saints' Chapel, corner of Madison and Grace streets, on Friday evening, April 14th, by Mrs. John B. Lightfoot's Circle of King's Daughters.

Mrs. Halstead, a widow and stepmother to the Halstead girls, Miss Janet Morris, Dwight Bradley, a former hunter, and Max Halstead, son of a former marriage, Mr. James Cannon, Hannah Mary Barnes, or "Sis," a spinster, who keeps house for her brother, Mrs. George McCreery, Sammy, the Halstead's bell boy, Mrs. A. B. Camm, who this summer has charge of the hotel at Mountain View, near the Shenandoah.

At 11 o'clock yesterday the auditorium of the Virginia Hospital was filled with an interested audience to witness the annual award of diplomas and honors to the graduates of the hospital.

The regular monthly meeting followed, Mrs. Edgar Taylor presiding. The various reports submitted were gratifying in every respect.

The Richmond City Union of King's Daughters will meet this afternoon at half past 4 o'clock in the parlor of the Young Men's Christian Association building.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Rosemary Public Library was held yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Third street.

Two vacancies on the Board were filled by the election of Miss Blankenship and Miss Cameron. The meeting was a very interesting one, new work being mapped out for the coming year.

The officers of the Board of the Library for 1899 are President, Mrs. George W. Bagby; First Vice-President, Mrs. Joseph R. Anderson; Secretary, Mrs. George Wayne Anderson; Treasurer, Mrs. George Wayne Anderson; Chairman of Finance Committee, Miss M. H. Lee; Chairman of Book Committee, Mrs. Joseph R. Anderson; Chairman of Book Committee, Mrs. Percy Montague; Chairman of Entertainment Committee, Mrs. George Ansible; Chairman of Publication Committee, Mrs. George W. Bagby.

A meeting of Oakwood Memorial Association was held yesterday afternoon in the brick school house of St. John's, Miss Ruby Boleker presiding, when arrangements for Memorial Day were arranged.

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Living on the Reputation of Others.

"Take everything that I have but my good name; leave me that and I am content." So said the philosopher. So say all manufacturers of genuine articles to that horde of imitators which thrives upon the reputation of others. The good name of

Alcock's Porous Plasters

has induced many adventurers to put in the market imitations that are not only lacking in the best elements of the genuine article, but are often harmful in their effects.

The public should be on their guard against these frauds, and, when an external remedy is needed, be sure to insist upon having Alcock's Porous Plaster.

daughter of the Rev. C. I. La Roche, rector of Oakley Parish, Maryland, is staying with her cousin, Miss Estelle De Saussure, of 29 east Main street.

Nothing New Under the Sun. Editor of The Times: Sir—Every experience of life brings new evidence of the wisdom of Solomon and especially of his oft quoted saying that there is no new thing under the sun.

Keep Your Ticket It May Be Worth \$5. We will continue to give away \$5 in Gold every day this week to one of our customers.

T. A. Miller, 519 E. Broad St. Branch Under Jefferson. No. 4 Mouth Wash is the best. 25c per bottle.

Don't Fail To Get a Copy of the Latest Song, 'Mid the Green Fields of Virginia.

Cable Piano Co., 213 E. Broad St. J. G. Corley, Manager.

Guitars, Mandolins, Banjos, &c., sold on 75c per week.

Grove's estate, in King George county, was valued last year by the writs and held them, while she kicked his shins.

Professor Gildersleeve, of Johns Hopkins University used to tell a story of a woman's parliament in ancient Athens, where the rule of male existence was so strict that even a "beau mouse" was denounced as a presumptuous intruder.

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An Ejectment. C. W. Hilliers and wife came to Virginia about a year and a half ago and agreed to purchase the plantation "Belle Grove" estate, in King George county, from Robert Lee Hilliers, Jr.