

SPICY ARIZONA KICKLETS.

Some News Items and an Editorial Policy.

Stirring Events in the History of the Paper During the Past Twelve Months of Its Life.

Maj. Bogardus relates that as he was returning from a trip to Lone Jack the other day he was pursued, for over a mile by a large cinnamon bear and came near being overtaken. We don't believe the story. We don't say right out that the major is a liar; but, if pinned down to it, we would make affidavit that he couldn't tell the truth for money.

The little affair in the Kicker office last Thursday has been grossly magnified by our esteemed contemporary. A long haired, long eared compositor from the east, to whom we had given a week's work, formed our seven printers into a union and got up a strike. We had never had one before and didn't know exactly how to meet it, but finally took off our coat and sailed into the crowd. It was the medicine needed. We got a few thumps and bangs, but in the course of half an hour the strike was over, the union dissolved and the agitator taking a walk. We are for liberty, equality, high wages, shorter hours and all the rest of it, but the man who sets out to run our business has got to lick us first.

We were told on Tuesday that the physical and mental wreck whom we are obliged by courtesy to refer to as our esteemed contemporary had threatened again to shoot us on sight—being about the hundredth time in the last two years—but we were by no means prepared for his wonderful feat of Wednesday. He actually did stop us on Apache avenue and pull a gun. For some time we were in doubt whether he would shoot us or himself; but, finding that he was liable to accident, we picked him and his gun up and deposited them head first in a barrel in front of Skinner's grocery. The editor remained there, with his heels in the air, until some one extended a helping hand. We shall never draw a gun on our esteemed. We may jab at him with a toothpick, yell at him in low bass or barrel him up, but his life is safe with us.

The events of the past year as affecting us personally have kept us from feeling homesick. On New Year's day, 1899, we had 13 occupants of our private graveyard, which is the only editorial cemetery in the world. During the year we were obliged to add two to the number. In both instances we hesitated and hung back until it became a matter of painful necessity. It is needless to add that we were fully exonerated by the coroner's jury and that we paid all funeral expenses. In the year we delivered 12 orations, five political speeches and seven lectures. Two attempts were made to assassinate us, and we were twice held up and robbed. Four different men shot at us in our sanctum without serious results, and we were the direct cause of five bad men leaving town for good. For a small town Giveadam Gulch is a lively one. A young man who wishes to begin an editorial career cannot do better than to make his debut here. Each and every day brings its little incident or adventure and every time a bullet perforates his hat or cuts a button from his clothes he finds himself incited to renewed efforts. We were laid up for a few days on two occasions by stray bullets and were obliged to crawlish on two or three more; but on the whole we had a good time and made a gain on the struggle for fame.

It is needless to say to our readers that the course of the Kicker for the coming year will be onward and upward. We shall make it even more red-hot as a political organ. We shall probably advocate a war with Mexico and demand annexation of Canada. We shall have a "dark horse" of our own for the next presidency. We shall do our best to bust three or four trusts and speak many encouraging words to Sunday schools. Now and then, when the stage breaks down or a flood carries away a bridge, we may get out of ink and paper and be obliged to issue a half-sheet but that half sheet will be a corker. We have, always led in politics and shall continue to head the procession. We are a hustler from Sunday morning to Saturday night and Uncle Sam may continue to depend upon us to help boom North America up into the tree tops and keep up a yelling. No weekly newspaper in America will be

more in evidence for the next 12 months and in our most insinuating manner we would observe that now is the time to subscribe. We don't issue but one day in the week while dailies come out seven times but we give you more than your money's worth and never tangle you up on the political situation. M. QUAD.

China in Congress.

Washington, July 10.—The state department has finally concluded to make public the identical note which was recently delivered to the powers as defining the position of the United States respecting the Chinese troubles.

It is understood that this circular instruction was drawn up on the 30th of June and transmitted to Canton for the approval of the president and communicated to the powers concerned on July 3. It embodies the views to which this government has strictly adhered from the very beginning of the present troubles and which the different powers have one by one taken into favorable consideration. The announcement by the president at the start that we did not consider ourselves at war with the Chinese nation and that all our efforts should be directed toward localizing the disturbance in the province of Chi Li and from spreading throughout the empire, by enlisting on the side of peace the power of the viceroys of Central and Southern China, has now apparently been adopted by all the other powers.

It is too soon to prophesy the ultimate results, but thus far the indications are all favorable. It will be seen that no answer from the different powers was required or expected to the circular of July 3, but it is understood that it has been everywhere favorably reviewed and that no objections have been made to it in any quarter. It is not true that there has been any formation of groups or combination of powers whatever. It may be positively asserted, for instance, that the co-operation of France and the United States has been most constant and most cordial.

The circular which was sent to our foreign representatives is as follows: Department of State, Washington, D. C., July 3, 1900.

In the critical posture of affairs in China, it is deemed appropriate to define the attitude of the United States as far as present circumstances permit this to be done.

We adhere to the policy initiated by us in 1857, of peace with the Chinese nation, of furtherance of lawful commerce, and of protection of lives and property of our citizens by all means guaranteed under extra-territorial treaty rights and by the law of nations. If wrong be done to our citizens, we propose to hold the responsible authors to the uttermost accountability. We regard the condition of Peking as one of virtual anarchy whereby power and responsibility is practically devolved upon the local provincial authorities. So long as they are not in overt collision with rebellion and use their power to protect foreign life and property we regard them as representing the Chinese people, with whom we seek to remain in peace and friendship. The purpose of the president is, as it has been heretofore, to act concurrently with the other powers, first in opening up communication with Peking and rescuing the American officials, missionaries and other Americans who are in danger; secondly, affording all possible protection everywhere in China to American life and property; thirdly, in guarding and protecting all legitimate American interests; and, fourthly, in aiding to prevent a spread of the disorders to the other provinces of the empire, and a recurrence of such disasters.

It is, of course, too early to forecast the means of attaining this result, but the policy of the government of the United States is to seek a solution which may ring about permanent safety and peace to China, preserve territorial and administrative entity, protect all rights guaranteed to friendly powers by treaty and international law and safeguard for the world the principles of equal and impartial trade with all parts of the Chinese empire.

You will communicate the purport of this instruction to the minister for foreign affairs. HAY.

In reply to instructions of the secretary of war of July 7, Gen. MacArthur cabled the adjutant general the following under date of July 9:

"Daggett's regiment (Fourteenth United States Infantry), Reilly's battery (Fifty Artillery), will leave 13th for Taku on transports Indiana Flitshire and Wyfield. Taylor in Samar, not available. For other infantry regiments for Chinese service recommend first one leaving States. Manila nicely cared for until arrival of new troops without drawing on Anderson, Bullard or Sargent, which is now impracticable.

"In addition to one month's subsistence supplies with the troops, send

with Daggett to establish depot, three months' subsistence for 5000 men. Regiments have 500 rounds ammunition per man. Crozier carries 1,000,000 reserve and such miscellaneous ordnance supplies can be spared from here. With view to medical supply depot stores—three months for 5000 men go with Daggett; there will be eight medical officers in China from Philippines. Send three months' forage, 350 animals and partial supply winter clothing for Ninth Infantry. Shall keep Indiana and Flitshire in China waters for local services therein. Order all large transports home to expedite transfer of troops here. Foregoing arrangements easily changed if department's wishes cable quickly. Seven companies Hardin's regiment, Taylor's battery, have been sent to Samar, replacing Hughes' troops there, which have been concentrated at Leyte.

"Request authority to permanently transfer Samar department to Southern Luzon "MACARTHUR."

Will Not Support Bryan.

New York, July 11.—Hon. Charles S. Fairchild, who was secretary of the treasury in the first Cleveland administration, says that under no circumstances will he support Bryan. Abraham S. Hewitt, of New York, formerly prominent in Democratic councils, declares that he would not vote for Bryan whether free silver was indorsed, ignored or repudiated by the Bryan platform. Hewitt rejects the claim that Bryanism is Democracy, and declares that its tendency is toward anarchy. Another Empire state Democrat of local prominence says that Bryan is no more worthy of the support of sound money men than he was four years ago. "Are we to suppose," says this Democrat, "that in the four years that have elapsed he has so changed as to be a suitable candidate for president? Had he done anything of value during that four years, made any effort to learn wisdom or acquire experience, we should incline to give him the benefit of the doubt, but his career has been that of the political agitator, and such a training is not what is necessary to remedy Mr. Bryan's faults." He declares it is Mr. Bryan's absolute lack of training in any business, his ignorance of affairs, in short his whole make-up as a brilliant but shifty rhetorician that makes him the undesirable candidate that the national Democrats declined to support in 1896 and that they should decline to support in 1900.

There are a great many Democrats in the country of this way of thinking. They do not approve of all that the present administration has done. They object to some of the policies and acts of President McKinley; but they feel that there is such great danger to the interests and welfare of the country involved in the success of Bryanism that they prefer a continuance of the McKinley administration in spite of what they regard as its errors and faults.

This element is perhaps stronger in New York than in any other state, and there is no doubt that its influence and much of its vote will be given there for the Republican ticket.

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