

FIRE BALLS FROM THE CLOUDS.

These Electric Phenomena Are Rare, But Brilliant. The storms that have raged over England displayed some extraordinary freaks of lightning.

A fire ball fell into Diddo reservoir, near Halifax, about 3 o'clock p. m., and was seen by the caretaker's daughter. The ball of fire illuminated the countryside. There was a loud, hissing sound. A gigantic fountain was thrown into the air and half the surface of the reservoir was ruffled for fully five minutes.

Sometimes an ordinary bolt of lightning is described as a fire ball. The real fire ball is a very rare phenomenon, so much so that at one time it was supposed to be a meteoric stone to visit only in the popular imagination.

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COL. BRYAN IN OHIO

His First Day There was a Busy One.

CALLED OUT AHEAD OF TIME.

He Explains the Difference Between a Farmer and an Agriculturist An Old Man Hard Hit.

Kenton, Ohio, Special. It had not been the intention of the Ohio State Democratic committee that Mr. Bryan should begin the speech-making feature of his Ohio tour until the town of Bowling Green should be reached.

Mr. Bryan's first speech in Ohio was made at Kenton, Ohio, on Monday, Dec. 11. He concluded the first day of his Ohio campaign in this city. He was met at the depot by a torchlight procession and escorted to a square in the center of the city, where he spoke from a platform in the open air.

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French Cruiser at New York.

The French cruiser Coetlog, Rear Admiral Richard, and a crew of 486 men, is at New York.

Beats the Record of the Oregon.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Special.—The battleship Wisconsin made a successful trial trip. Owing to rough weather a late start was made.

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The Political Queer Ion Box.

Evansville, Ind., Special.—Governor Roosevelt replied to Mr. Bryan's assertion that the President asked for an army of 100,000 men two months before the Philippine war broke out by saying that the bill for an increase of the army was introduced by Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, a Bryan supporter, and was intended to meet the threatening conditions in the archipelago.

The Cotton Seed Market.

Jackson, Miss., Special.—Numerous conferences are being held by cotton oil manufacturers of Mississippi with a view to controlling prices to be paid for seed.

Another Demonstration by Miners.

Hazleton, Pa., Special.—About 600 strikers composed of men from Meadon and other southern towns, and this city, gathered at Meadon before dawn Friday morning.

CROP CONDITIONS.

Official Bulletin of the Cotton Belt Situation

Section Director Blythe, at New Orleans, gives the following summary of the weather and crop conditions in the cotton belt during the past week: The mean temperature for the week was again markedly above the normal at all stations in the cotton belt.

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THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

The South.

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LABOR WORLD.

Memphis, Tenn., Police Department has just inaugurated the eight-hour day. Prussia has among its working classes 7,500,000 men who each earn less than \$105 a year.

The average weekly earnings of farm laborers in England, valued by recent reports is \$1.10; in Wales, \$1.00; in Scotland, \$1.10; in Ireland, \$2.45.

A pension for old employees, similar to the one adopted last January by the Pennsylvania Railroad, will be effected on the Pennsylvania road west of Pittsburg on January 1, 1901.

A resolution has been adopted by the Indiana Federation of Labor asking that a law be passed prohibiting the employment by street railway companies of conductors who are intoxicated.

A novel scheme is that proposed by a thorough man to make a fortune in raising alligators.

South Carolina and Georgia Extension R. R. Company. SCHEDULE NO. 3. In Effect 12:01 a. m., Sunday, Dec. 24th, 1900.

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