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WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE UNITED STATES?

This poor, unfortunate, down-trodden nation only produced seven billion, seven million dollars' worth of farm produce this year, says the North American, and nearly twice as much wheat as any other country in the world; enough corn, wheat, oats and chickens to put a hundred dollars in the pocket of every man, woman and child within its borders!

In 1906, the latest year for which statistics are available, we produced more gold and silver combined than any other country in the world. Every year since then the output has increased, until now the world does not produce but little more than twice as much as the United States alone.

This year the prairies of Kansas and Nebraska, Texas and New Mexico yielded a crop of grass that has never been known to be more rich. And from Dakota to the Mexican line the great food army of cattle marched over three million strong into Kansas City and Chicago alone. It is fair to estimate that there was nearly a whole beef (latest census sixty-nine million) for every man, woman and child in the United States; almost twice as much as everyone could eat.

Sitting here, so many people feel that our world of finance is being overturned with every little flurry of the street; that our nation is burdened with more than she can bear.

We do not seem to realize in this vast country of America that we haven't even cut the trees nor built the roads.

Seven billion seven hundred million dollars in a farm harvest alone, and yet scarcely a mentionable part of this country has ever been touched with a plow! Indeed, over five hundred million acres are not even surveyed.

Down in Texas, in Nevada, Colorado, up in Montana, cattlemen standing guard over their living wealth are as far out of touch of civilization as a ship at sea. Around them sweep an area of hundreds of miles of plain and plateau, mountain and ravine, with seldom even the sight of a human abode. All rich ground, fallow to the plow, waiting for the seed.

In Nevada, college men leaving the western coast tramp into the deserts as fully expectant of finding gold as they have been before of finding knowledge in their classic halls.

This poor, down-trodden nation, so rich that the poorest of us would be well-to-do to any Russian peasant; this little handful of eighty million men and women, could be lost in India, Russia or China, or scattered through Europe like a hopper of grain in a plowed field. This handful of population carrying the wealth of the world in its pockets set up a terrible cry of alarm a year ago when somebody overturned the ink pot and got things black.

It's time we forget that incident; doubly time. The best Christmas present we can give ourselves is a new determination to roll up our sleeves and go to work.

ROBBERS AT PHOENIX BROKE OPEN WOODMEN STRONG BOX

The correspondent of The Tribune at North Talent has sent in the following additional details of the robbery in Phoenix:

Monday night some unknown person or persons broke into the store of Hearn & Fisher and robbed the strong box belonging to the Woodmen's clerk, which had been placed in the store for the convenience of members who wished to pay their dues at the store.

It is thought that not more than \$7 or \$8 was deposited in it. There was nothing in the cash register or safe, which were both broken open.

Entrance was effected by smashing in a window. They then went up to the depot and broke into it and, finding several slot machines there, the property of Owen Dunlap, they broke them open in the hope of finding some money there, but failed.

CHALLENGES ANYONE TO EQUAL HER CAT

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Tobey of Dorchester believes that she owns the largest domestic cat in the country, and challenges all the proud possessors of husky felines to produce the equal of her "Bowser." Mrs. Tobey's huge cat would make five or six ordinary house cats. He weighs a little over 40 pounds, stripped for action, and there isn't a dog in Dorchester that dares to meet him singly and in open encounter.

In fact, "Bowser's" chief enjoyment is to scare half to death some canine who ventures in the neighborhood. The dogs in Mrs. Tobey's neighborhood are well aware of "Bowser's" prowess and do not venture out alone.

"Bowser" is as big-boned as he is heavy, measuring 39 inches—over a yard—from the tip of his nose to the end of his tail, and has a waist measurement of 19 inches. His muscles are like iron, and he has an extra toe on each foot, giving his extremities the appearance of boxing gloves. He is striped like a tiger and is as handsome as he is large.

WILL WITHDRAW FROM CUBA ON JANUARY 28

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Plans for the evacuation of Cuba, the ending of the provisional government and other details coincident with President Gomez' inauguration on January 28 were officially set forth in a cablegram received at the war department from Governor Magoon.

The plans were today formally approved by General Clarence E. Edwards of the bureau of insular affairs. The only new feature in the arrangements was disclosed when the war department cabled Governor Magoon authority to call the new Cuban congress for organization at any time prior to January 28.

The congress, after the organization work and receiving the electoral college, will take a recess until January 28.

14 PIANOS SOLD IN TEN DAYS

Never before in the History of the piano trade has been such Terrific Cutting Prices.

Limit This great opportunity will not last much longer. Every day shrewd buyers are taking advantage of these wonderful offerings in America's choicest and very highest class Pianos.

\$15,000 Worth of these beautiful instruments brought to Medford for the first time. *Not a store to be had for love or money.* The situation was a desperate one and we decided to *cut, cut, cut.* In fact, we are selling every day Pianos at an actual saving to the buyer of from **\$154 to \$249.**

Just Think of magnificent choice mahogany of universal fame, selling at **\$192, \$217 and \$248**, the very same make of pianos have always been sold regularly at \$400 to \$650.

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ANCIENT ORDER OF LEMONS ORGANIZED

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Dec. 30.—Young woman, have you ever been squeezed? Yes? No? If you have, you are eligible for membership in the Ancient and Accepted Order of Lemons, which has just been organized in this city with the establishment of Crute No. 1. The head officer of the new society, called the Main Squeeze, is said to be a popular young woman in Muskogee society, although the identity of both officers and members is kept a profound secret. However, it is known that all of the "lemons" are sweet young things and not the sour old maids that might be expected from the name. It is likely that the new order will spread over the entire country and that "crates" will be organized in every city and town.

KIND WORDS FOR MEDFORD OVERHEARD IN DEPOT

A reporter of The Tribune overheard a discussion at the depot yesterday in which a citizen of Eugene, one from Salem and one from Portland took part. Of course they didn't know at with in a few feet of them sat reporter. However, the conversation was not secret by any means, as several other gentlemen were listeners. They are talk-

ing of the hustling qualities, merits and demerits of their respective cities. All at once the man from Portland, in almost a whisper, said: "Well, gentlemen, we must admit that Medford has far surpassed her would-be rivals, and I am in a position to know, for I sell goods in every city in the state, and nowhere do I find evidences of advancement as I do in Medford. The business men are up-to-date in buying and know what they want, and from the amount of real estate constantly changing hands, and the development of the coal and mineral mines that are opening up, it looks to me as though Medford is destined to be a second Portland in no late day."

Just as the speaker finished the train whistled, and the gentlemen boarded it to follow their several vocations in other places, little thinking that their conversation would appear in cold type, and that they made no mistake, either.

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WHY NOT HAVE COUNTY DO IT?

D. B. Reame Suggests Having County Handle the Water Bond Proposition

To the Editor: Why not while our city officials are having so very much trouble in negotiating the sale of the city bonds, have the city's bonded indebtedness nationalized? As what would perhaps be much better to have the county go into the water business and issue about \$2,000,000 of bonds, have them nationalized, say on 20 years' limit? With that money they could start at the head of Prospect falls with a double four-foot of two four and a half foot pipes, run them one-fifth or one-quarter the distance, then reduce each pipe one-half foot in diameter, then reduce them again one-half foot, when one-half the remaining distance was reached, thence on to Medford. With that amount of gravity and the increasing of the pressure in reducing the size of the pipes would bring the water from the head of Prospect falls to Medford in 36 minutes. Hence we could have the pure, cold mountain water right at our doors.

Easily Distributed. From Medford the water in three-inch small pipes can be conveyed to each and every house in the valley, so we could all enjoy the drinking of the pure, cold mountain water. At the same time we would have sufficient flow for domestic and irrigating purposes. In a very few years all our waste land and partially waste land could and would be made to bloom like the rose. And our valley would be worth billions where it is now worth millions.

Say, will you kindly tell us the difference there is in selling bonds to a capitalist or to have them nationalized? The difference is this, to illustrate: Suppose you write up two ten thousand dollar bonds to run ten years, drawing 6 per cent interest, payable every six months; you sell one of those bonds to a capitalist; the other bond you have it nationalized. Now in having the one bond nationalized you would be required to pay the comptroller of the currency a trifle, perhaps one-fifth per cent for printing you \$10,000 of bills ready for you to sign. They then would be money with the same medium of exchange power as the capitalist money would have.

What You Pay Capitalist. Now at the end of the first six months you pay to the capitalist \$31; you would also have to pay to the comptroller of the currency \$31; you would also have to pay \$31 and a trifle more on each bond every six months for 16 years; at the end of 16 years you would find that you had paid the capitalist \$10,000 in interest; you would also find that you still owed him \$10,000.

But stop a little, please. I would in the same time have paid to the comptroller of the currency \$10,000 and I would still owe him \$10,000, so I cannot see any difference.

Hold on there; if you please. Each time you pay in the \$31 to the comptroller of the currency that amount is canceled, and then burnt, and when you pay in the last payment the entire \$10,000 have been canceled, so you see that the bond the capitalist got you have to pay \$20,000, while the one that you have had nationalized you only pay \$10,000.

Now, friend, come; be honest; which way would you prefer to dispose of your bonds? Oh, certainly, I would have them nationalized by all means. But I do not understand, and you have not told me how we could have them nationalized. I am sleepy now. I will tell you next week, so I will say adios. D. B. REAME.

TRIBUTE TO "OLD GLORY" IN THE FRENCH SENATE

PARIS, Dec. 30.—M. Milles-Le Croix minister of the colonies, announced in the senate today that owing to the separatist movement in St. Pierre-Miquelon (French island off the coast of Newfoundland) he had given the local governor instructions to be firm but at the same time conciliatory.

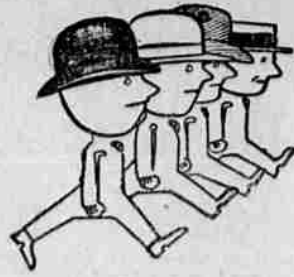
Senator Delahaye protested against the aspirations thus cast upon the patriotism of the people there, and charged that the manifestations were an outgrowth of the persecution of the "free schools."

A senator called Delahaye's action on to the fact that the poop of St. Pierre had raised the American flag, to which he replied that this was because the American flag was the symbol of liberty.

"No such incident has ever occurred in the older colonies," declared Senator Cleveron of Guadeloupe.

"The reason is," M. Delahaye reported, "that these colonies are inhabited only by negroes."

A loud storm of protestation Senator Lintilhac shouted: "We should think of the color of the flag and not of that of the colonist."



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