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PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY.

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ENGLISH securities have decreased \$200,000,000 since the Boer war began, two years ago.

The postoffice department continues persecution of and discrimination against the Appeal to Reason, because it is a socialist publication.

SEVEN northwestern states, including Washington, will fight the consolidation of the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific and the B. C. & Q. railroads.

JULIUS EMERSON, the astrologist, predicts that the crushing defeat the democratic party will receive in 1904, will result in its renewed life and growth.

The Philippine civil government consists of 36 carpetbaggers with salaries ranging all the way from \$2750 to \$20,000. The Filipinos have to foot the bills.

At the works of Osborne & Company, Auburn, N. Y., day laborers receive \$1.15 for ten hours work, and there are 900 names of men on the register waiting for a job.

DIRECT legislation and proportional representation (which would represent the minority vote) are two reform measures of vital importance that demand attention of the voters.

A NUMBER of the soldiers of the Boer army are schoolboys. They dropped their books and took up the rifle. Little fellows of 13 snipe the hated British from behind cliffs on the kopjes.

In Chicago last year more than 247,000,000 shares of stock were sold "on Change." At \$100 a share, this amounts to nearly \$25,000,000,000. This is gambling, pure and simple, run mad.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL Bell has issued an order to the soldiers in Northern Luzon forbidding them, under pain of severe punishment by court martial, to drink the native "vino" spirits, which have been found to produce insanity and incite to crime.

GOVERNOR YATES, of Illinois, a republican, has issued an appeal to the people of his state for contributions to aid the Boer women and children who are suffering in the British reconcentrado camps. Governor Geer might try the same thing in Oregon.

THE credit system is the cause of most of the business failures. Were it not for its destructiveness, it would not be true that more than nine-tenths of those engaging in business become bankrupt. Do not trust and do not get trusted, is the only safe rule to follow.

THE terrible wastage of the army in South Africa is well illustrated by the case of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. The London News hears from a correspondent that of the original regiment that went out to South Africa only a hundred men still remain in the field. The rest of the force now fighting, amounting to only 500 men, consists of drafts sent out since.

ONE of the ends of the struggle now waging between brotherhood and greed, says the Denver Daily News, will be to set the wage slave free. There is no good of shutting our eyes to this phase of the question. This is a fundamental principle. Any man has a right to that which he produces or its exact equivalent. If he is forced to give to another a portion of this product, in that far he is a slave. Statistics prove that labor produces several times the amount it receives in return wages. We need no further proof of this than the fabulous fortunes the exploiters of the people hold build up. To this extent is labor enslaved. Do you say this is voluntarily? In form, yes. In substance, no. For the man of tall must live. Need and the cries of his little ones force him into the avenues that offer.

COUNTY POLITICS.

We heartily agree with a general discussion of the ideas expressed in the article by Hon. George Ogle in last week's issue and hope something can be done to purify politics in Clackamas county. There is but one of three things for democrats, populists, independent republicans and others of the same stripe to do. We can either fuse, put up a straight democratic ticket or start a purely independent movement.

First—Fusion is entirely out of the question in the minds of most voters and that it could not be successful in any event seems to be the unanimous opinion. Second—A straight democratic ticket. There are many who believe that as a matter of principle it would pay in the end to put up this kind of a ticket even if the ticket was not elected at the polls.

Third—An independent move seems to be more to the liking of those who wish a change and consensus of opinion makes this the most feasible, and many believe that a purely independent ticket would be successful as to officers on a county platform pledged to retrenchment in county affairs.

Any opposition ticket would necessarily have to be anti-Brownell, as it is a forgone conclusion that he will be the nominee of the republican machinery and it will take the united effort of all the voters classed above to beat him. He will go before the people and say: "Didn't I ferret out the \$30,000 school fund shortage; didn't I reduce interest from 8 to 6 per cent; didn't I pass the initiative and referendum; didn't I pass the road supervisor laws; didn't I cut \$500 off salary of judge, \$30 each off salaries of clerk, sheriff and recorder; didn't I pass several exemption laws, giving poor people a show?" and so on. What are you going to beat a man like this with when he has passed or helped to a large extent pass these measures for which the people have been clamoring? Have we a man that can beat Mr. Brownell unless all help?

We must look facts in the face, and a few suggestions from readers would not come amiss at this time. It is really very funny, and quite in the comic opera line in one aspect of it: "Capt. Chadwick, of the New York, gets \$14,025 in prize money as the result of the naval battle of Santiago, although his craft did not fire a shot and was nearly ten miles away at the time of the surrender of the last ship in the Spanish fleet. His share is nearly one hundred times more than that of Admiral Schley, who has been awarded \$149.

GERMANY is pestering Venezuela in order to collect 7 per cent interest on the capitalization of about \$150,000 per mile of 110 miles of narrow gauge railroad, which could be duplicated at no more than \$80,000 per mile. The swindle was saddled on the Venezuelan government by thieving German and native speculators. The German emperor could be in more honorable business than backing up thieves with his warships.

PREMIER SEDDON, of New Zealand, denies that his country is financially embarrassed. To the contrary, during the last 10 years, bank deposits in the island have increased 60 per cent, wealth of a family to \$7400, and exports 40 per cent. The public debt, \$54,000,000, was nearly all incurred for internal improvements and in buying lands, and proves, as an investment, profitable. In short, New Zealand is prosperous as never before.

IN an Ohio town this fall, the African Methodist Episcopal church of that district held a conference, and for a week the town was filled with colored pulp orators. A few days after the conference closed its sessions, one of the leading colored women of the town drove out to Pen Ridge to purchase chickens of an old mammy who had supplied the family for years. Aunt Hanna, coming to the gate, said: "I'm sorry, Miss Allie, I ain't got a chicken left. Day all done enter de ministry."

"Of the wealth which the English laborer creates," writes J. Kier Hardie, M. P., "he receives but one-third; the total income of the nation is \$1,450,000,000 a year, of which the wage earners receive less than \$500,000,000. When he comes to spend what he has received, more than one-half goes as rent, interest or profit. He is paid one-third the value of his labor, and when he seeks to lay it out he is robbed of one-half its purchasing power, and all this is done by a Christian people."

THE N. Y. World thus summarizes the record of Henry C. Payne, the new postmaster general appointed by President Roosevelt: "First—A corruptionist, an exponent of the commercial politics of craft and chicanery in his own state in the republican national machine. Second—A lobbyist at Washington and at the capital of Wisconsin and in his own city—a lobbyist for the telephone monopoly, for the Northwestern railroads, for the Armour Meat Trust, for the Milwaukee street railway."

THE sentence of imprisonment passed upon Iglesias, the Porto Rico organizer



It is very convenient to attribute the disasters which overtake us to fate. But for the most part man is the arbiter of his own fortunes. Business men are struck down suddenly as by lightning. The verdict is generally

"heart failure." "His heart was weak. It was fate for him to meet this end." But if we went behind the "weak" heart we should find a "weak" stomach, probably, and back of the weak stomach is careless eating at irregular hours.

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of the American Federation of Labor, and the dissolution of the central labor body of the island on the charge of "conspiracy to raise wages," demand answer to the question: What have the Porto Ricans gained by the transfer of dominion to Spain to the United States? If, as the Iglesias incident would indicate, they are to remain in economic slavery under Spanish law, there remains to them precious little of the glowing prospect held out by the recent, or rather we should say the present, "war for humanity."

IN his recent report upon Alaska the secretary of the interior says: "Silver and platinum have been found in paying quantities, and there have been allegations of the discovery of tin and cinnabar. Mountains of iron are available, but very little attention is paid to iron on account of the search for gold. Copper mines have been opened upon the shores of Prince William Sound, Prince of Wales Island and Dall Island. The governor expresses the opinion that the mining interests of Alaska have become so extensive and valuable as to render advisable the appointment of a commissioner of mines, whose duty would be to exercise general supervision over the mining operations of the district, to protect mining companies against unjust litigation for damages, and to require the companies to conform to regulations prescribed for the protection of miners."

CONGRESSMAN HILL (republican), of Connecticut, was one of the delegation which visited the East last summer. In a lecture in Washington he reported: "There is an opinion prevalent that the Philippines are a doorway into China and that Manila is an entrepot for Chinese trade. One might as well claim that Cuba or the Bahamas could control the commerce of the United States, for barring the small percentage of Americans and Europeans in Manila, the industry, the enterprise and, indeed the capital is largely Chinese." As to the Chinese trade, he added: "There are no spheres of influence for us there, and to look upon Manila as a base for Chinese trade is like chasing rainbows for a pot of gold, for commercial bases are not established 600 miles at sea and where storage and reshipment charges would be more than the direct freight to the destined market."

W. J. BRYAN is no doubt familiar with the public record of Mr. Shaw, the Iowa man who has been appointed secretary of the treasury. The Commoner says of him: "If there is anything bad in finance that Mr. Shaw has not indorsed it is because the matter has not been brought to his attention. He has been an ultra-gold man and an ultra-advocate of the doctrine that the treasury department should be run according to the wishes of Wall street. On the trust question he is entirely in harmony with the corporations. At the conference of western and southern governors called to consider the trust question, he was the only one who spoke of the subject in a flippant vein—the only one who dared to espouse the cause of the trusts. As governor of Iowa he has been the friend of the corporations. With him at the head of the nation's finances the ordinary every-day people who make their living by labor will receive little consideration."

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