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On the Columbia, logs have advanced to $7 per thousand feet. Timber land is climbing.

"Now, children," said the teacher to the class in advanced arithmetic, "you may recite in unison the table of value." And the children repeated in chorus: "Ten mills make a trust, ten trusts make a combine, ten combines make a merger, ten mergers make a magnate, one magnate makes the money."

The failure of the American Alkali Company casts some light upon typical "promoting" methods. The "capital" was $30,000,000. The common stock of $24,000,000 was to be paid for patent rights. There was to be $1,000,000 of "real money," of which $950,000 was paid in.

The United States census report on our iron and steel industries, just published, states that $590,530,484 were in 1900 invested in the business in this country. Yet the Steel Trust, which controls only two-thirds of the industry, is capitalized at $1,400,000,000. How can the conclusion be escaped that in this sum there are two buckets and a half of "water" for every one of "real money?" However, thanks to the tariff, the people pay a profit on it all!

David B. Hill, says the N. Y. World, is again in complete control of the political machine of the state of New York. The State Committee and the organization throughout the State are more entirely in his hands than ever before. He can call the State Convention in 1904 when he desires—on the 22d of Feburary, with "a snap," as he did in 1892—and can name the delegates to the National Convention to suit himself.

One of our great interests is being transferred from this country to Canada. The destruction of out stock ranges on the public domain by overstocking and the indifference of the Government to that condition have caused the migration of nearly 30,000 American stockmen to the Dominion in the last two years. There they get range lands on the public domain by lease and a homestead privilege, somewhat on the range lease plan of Australia, and it is expected that Canada will soon enter the list as a beef exporter in rivalry with us.

In its monthly Labor Journal the New Zealand Government runs a standing announcement that it has money to lend settlers on freeholds and Crown leaseholds in sum of from $125 to $12,500. The money is lent at five per cent interest, with easy repayments of the loan at $5 per year on every $500 borrowed. All of which goes to show that the semi-socialistic system of government of New Zealand is not a financial failure, unless it be that its borrowing and lending scheme collapses, through lack of firmness of foundation.

Now that we know that the British army consumed in the South African war 34,500,000 pounds of jam, says Harper's Weekly, the fact suggests some nice computations in the statistics of sweetmeats. For instance: If the British army, in order to crush a comparatively small provincial state that began the war without an army, needs to be sustained by over 34,000,000 pounds of jam, what quantity of jam would be necessary for it if it had a real war with some great military state? Would there be jam enough in the world to meet such a crisis? And what would become of the finances of the British Empire if in such a case some of the Chicago men should "corner" all the jam in the world just before the war began?

According to the statistics of the government census of 1900, the capital invested in the iron and steel industries was $590,530,484. The properties at present owned by the American Steel Company represented less than two-thirds of this sum. The capitalization of the great steel trust is $1,400,000,000. A superficial analysis of the foregoing figures will show that 250 per cent of this capital stock is nothing more tangible than water. In other words, there is one dollar of legitimate value to two and a half dollars of fictitious value. The steel trust paid in dividends last year $111,000,000. It expects to pay this year $140,000,000. In 1900 the entire capital of the meat-slaughtering and packing interests of the United States aggregated $90,000,000. The packing house trust, of recent organization, embraces three-fourths of this invested sum, perhaps, and its capitalization is $2,000,000,000. The inquisitive reader can figure the water out for himself. The six separate corporations now merged into this voracious trust paid $100,000,000 in dividends last year.

In veiw of her apparent determination to saddle the subjugated Boer republics with the ultimate payment of $500,000,000 toward the expense of their national obliteration England will do well to regard with significance the declaration of General DeWet, made in a public speech recently at Antwerp, before an immense audience, that while the Boers could be led, they could not be driven like a herd of cattle. He added that if any one tried to drive his countrymen too much there might be a catastrophe in South Africa. The dispatch which announces the probable adoption of this financial policy in the old Transvaal Republic and Orange Free State adds that the loan will not be floated for two of three years yet, and that when it is floated the payment will extend over a long period. It goes without saying that any such attempt to lighten Britain's vast burden will be resented as an act of oppression by the Boers, and virtually a breech of faith on the part of their former enemy. England should not forget that the burgher soldiers made no unconditional surrender. Peace was effected rather as a compromise than as the result of force carried to the last ditch. The chief engineer of the Transvaal recently declared in an interview that his countrymen would not submit tamely to the smallest departure from the treaty of peace.

Future improvements in farming must, to a large extent, be in their nature scientific, or involve a scientific knowledge of the subjects. The thing that we all want is to get the largest possible return for our labor. And more than that; we know that we must keep up the ability of our soils to go on producing. To do this will surely require the aid of science. We do not doubt that there is in nature, in some shape, plant food sufficient to keep the whole surface of the earth fertile and productive as long as the human race lives on the earth; but there is no way to discover and utilize this without a scientific knowledge of plants and of all the elements required for their development and how to get out of the stores of nature all that may be required in the future. These are the facts that no thoughful person will controvert, and, therefore, it is a matter of the greatest importance that every one who is concerned in farming should get all the information he possibly can on the scientific side of the question. In the country schools is the place to form the taste and lay foundation for this study in the rising generation. So, by all means, let us do our best to get this subject taught in all our country schools.—St. Louis Journal of Agriculture.

It would be a huge joke if the worshippers of the protective tariff fetich drove Harvey Scott out of the republican party. The American Economist, of New York, animadverts on his political conduct more forcibly than decorously in the following paragraph: H. W. Scott, editor of the Portland "Oregonian," is a candidate for election to the Senate by the Oregon Legislature. He is so far from being a Republican that at a distance his candidacy seems like a joke. No man in Oregon has done more harm to the cause of Republicanism in that State than this same Scott. Editor of the leading newspaper in Oregon, it has been in his power to betray the party and knife its nominees. He has most industriously exercised that power. In spite of Scott and the "Oregonian," Oregon has been held in the Republican column. The earnest, devoted men who direct the Republican newspapers of the State outside of Portland have worked hard to counteract the baleful effects of Scott's treachery and mendacity, and they have succeeded. These men may be depended upon to take care of Scott's senatorial ambition. He does not deserve a single Republican vote. He should look to the other side, which he has always helped, for recognition and reward. Free-Trade liars like Scott of the "Oregonian" are the only ones who say that the schedules were written and the Tariff made by rapacious robbers outside of congress. The country knows better. Oregon Republicans know better. They know what tremendous benefits have come to Oregon through the workings of the Dingley Tariff.

Black Leg.

Pearl, Oklahoma, Oct. 7, 1902.

To the Editor—I was surprised to see in the columns of the Courier-Herald a short time ago that black leg had appeared amongst the cattle in Clackamas county. As that was my former home, I yet feel an interest in the welfare of its citizens, and if you will kindly grant me space in your columns, I will give my experience of five here. It is the worst foe of the stockman in Oklahoma. There is no known remedy once the disease attacks the animal. Our experience is, the best thing to do is to assolate the diseased animal, and as soon as it dies burn or bury the carcass.

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Reuben Wright.

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