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LABOR'S INTERESTS IN 1900.

To what extent the spirit of socialism, which is another name for communism, has permeated the ranks of labor in the United States is likely to be revealed in November's vote. We know there is a remarkable tendency in trades unions, shown in all cases where good workmen are forbidden to receive more for what they do than poor workmen receive for what they do.

It is one of the most unaccountable but most impressive facts of our American civilization, that with all our accentuation of individualism, the skilled American mechanic, brainy and well informed, usually efficient beyond European standards, conceives his interests to lie in the direction of preventing himself from earning more than his fellow-workman of inferior capacity.

The tendency is, of course, only one expression of socialism. It is precisely analogous to the trust movement in capital, that is, organization carried to the extreme of eliminating competition and sharing profits of the organization pro rata among its members, regardless of individual achievement.

Its predilection for the socialistic principle is a manifest temptation for the labor vote to go for Bryan. But it will be offset in many minds by the more practical bearing of business and industrial conditions. The theories of trades-unionism are comparatively negligible, if we haven't, to begin with, the substantial basis of employment.

The interests of labor in this election lie in the direction of maintenance of the gold standard and the conservation of confidence, which insures active trade and settled employment. They demand perpetuation of the present conditions of trade and manufacture, and they forbid a sudden reversal of the Nation's policy, with the shock, disarrangement and distress which reversal would be certain to bring.

Thus far in the campaign Roosevelt is almost the only speaker who has manifested oratorical worth. His addresses have been universally of the right sort, untuned by the spirit of demagogism. He appeals to the common sense of his

hearers and advances practical reasons why they should vote as he wants them. Scarcely another speaker has limited himself so little to glittering generalities or extended so few tawdry temptations to voters. His addresses are characterized by an attitude, nor do they contain the extravagant assertions which most other Republican speakers make.

THE AGE OF INSUBORDINATION. Professor Ackerman, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in an address given recently before the Pacific Coast Indian Institute, presented in forcible language some plain, unvarnished truths, which should not be disputed under the air or committed to print.

Quoting from homely, commonplace David Harum, Professor Ackerman says: "We don't need any more men, but we would like a little better breed of men." While the negative in this statement will scarcely be indorsed by the state, the affirmative will receive cordial recognition as a truth the proof of which lies all around us.

These are facts which appeal to the experience of society for verification. In every community may be found a number, greater or less, of half-grown boys who are a menace to decency and good order, and alas! too often a band of bold, ill-mannered girls, the first of whom ultimately find their way into prison, the latter to nameless places of vice.

However this may be, prudent parents will agree that the spirit of insubordination in children cannot be checked too early for the family and the community good. That it runs riot in most of our families of today is a fact at once patent and lamentable. The passionate father who beats his son cruelly, as punishment for the secret abstraction of a coin from his pocketbook, illustrates one extreme of parental folly, misnamed discipline; he who passes such with mild expostulation or follows it by the bestowal of an unearned allowance as a preventive measure against future theft of money, illustrates the other.

COMPROMISE AT PEKIN. The reply of England declining to agree to Russia's proposal for the evacuation of Pekin without guarantee for the fulfillment of certain conditions, is fortified by similar if not identical replies from Germany, Austria and Italy.

On its face, this proposition would seem entirely common sense and equitable, for certainly the allies would be fools to withdraw entirely from Pekin to Tien Tsin, leaving the water and railway routes of advance on Pekin to be regained again in event of any warlike necessity for a second advance.

There are, of course, reasons which influence England and Germany to decline to withdraw from Pekin, that do not influence the United States. Lord Salisbury on the eve of an English general election could hardly afford to go less than declare that the allied forces ought to remain in control of Pekin until reparation has been secured for the outrages upon English residents and adequate guarantees given for the future.

well as that of Germany, will insist on punishment for those officials who have been guilty of complicity in the outrages at Pekin as far as possible. England fairly holds that this policy cannot be executed if the powers should relinquish their hold upon the Chinese capital.

THE RIGHT TO BE RUDE.

Edward Van Ness, a Summer resident of Bar Harbor, Me., a wealthy retired lawyer of New York City, seized the occasion of the arrival of the British and American fleets at that place to display from a prominent flagstaff on his grounds a Boer flag.

These same English are at your door, and for that matter, they are always at your door. With a base at Bermuda and Halifax, they are ready to invade your coast, ready at any moment to waylay your commerce and penetrate your harbors. Her enemy we may anticipate, but what you do not expect to fear is her friendship, which, like the python, first embraces and then absorbs her victim.

The incident which has made Mr. Van Ness for the moment conspicuous is trifling; but it furnishes a good text for denunciation of a very large class of men who think they are bound to prove themselves persons of independent action every opportunity, in season and out of season.

Mr. Van Ness evidently belongs to a class of men who are so utterly lacking in sense of humor that they always take themselves seriously, never look in the glass without instantly taking their hats off to themselves; who never lose a chance to talk about rope in the presence of a family one of whose ancestors has been a gallowbird.

When the Federal troops, some 10,000 strong, were forced to surrender at Stonewall Jackson's Harper's Ferry, General Jackson saluted the captive officers and men with great courtesy, and rebuked with great sternness one of his staff, who, having asked and obtained a drink from a Federal Colonel's flask, contemptuously said: "Colonel, here's to the Confederacy." General Jackson was a gentleman, and he was indignant that his staff officer should have asked a courtesy from a captive's hands and then insulted his prisoner.

The tribal hate in the Philippines is being utilized by the American command as exactly as General Crook used it in his war against the Apaches. Without the use of Indian scouts against bands of Apaches which they had a blood feud, Crook would have found his work of subduing the hostiles most difficult.

The prospective release of 50,000 British soldiers regulars from the scene of the Boer African War by the coming of Great Britain to assist her allies in the matter of diplomatic controversy with the west of the powers over China, for unless the signs of break-up fall, Great Britain will soon be able to send 50,000 seasoned regulars to China.

The Indispensable Mr. Ade.

First Assistant Secretary Ade, who has been in charge of the State Department during the absence of Mr. Hay, is in some respects the State Department itself. He is the personification of that department. He is what they call abroad a "permanent under secretary."

speeches were partisan affairs, contrived to win votes, unenlightened with conclusive reasons why the audience should favor McKinley. Bryan is often not more shallow, not more illogical, than many Republican speakers.

THE SUPERFLUOUS FEMALE.

Go West, Young Woman, and Grow Up With the Country. In polite speech there are no such things as superfluous women. There may be more women than men in some places, but no one would think of calling them superfluous.

The people of Oregon are jealous somewhat of the title "Queen of the American Navy," as bestowed upon the battle-ship Alabama by enthusiasts in naval architecture and speed, after her magnificent work upon the speed trial course recently.

Reports that come daily from China do not make it more comprehensible in holding the same quiet relief came, if the Imperial Government was hostile to them as well as the Boxers. Sober judgment is more prone to believe that the government preserved them from utter annihilation. It does not seem reasonable that they could have defended themselves during such a long investment if the government also had been set upon their destruction.

"If one citizen may properly withhold his vote," writes ex-Secretary Olney to Mr. Loomis Nelson, "logically all may, and all the wheels of government be stopped, while to decline voting because practically assured that others will vote is but to give the latter an undue share of political power and to forfeit the right to complain of any abuse of it."

BRAY'S FILIPINO ALLIES.

General Anderson Contradicts Order for Extermination of All Foreigners. A confirmation needed that the Aguinaldo party intended the massacre of all non-Filipinos in Manila and to burn the city itself, it has been supplied by General Thomas M. Anderson.

"I had received letters from him and knew his signature," says the prisoner, "my command arrested two Filipino men in women's clothes setting fire to the houses in the city. They were brought to me and I had them turned over to the provost marshal general."

The False Prophet.

Four years ago a prophet came rushing from the West, And did so much predicting. His tongue got little rest, He roamed about the country, And everywhere he went He said the time he ended That he was President.

Representation Under New Census.

Already the House has 37 members and is an unwieldy body. The basis of representation is at present one member for 75,000 constituents. Should this ratio be maintained there will be added to the membership of the next House about 56 members, making the total membership 93.

and, in the nature of things, took the credit for it. He is a wit, an athlete, and a linguist. Almost every year he makes a bicycle tour through Europe, and speaks the national languages of the countries he visits.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The silver curve will exclaim, "et tu Bryan!" when it expires. If the census were not taken every 10 years, Chicago would soon be bigger than London.

The Democrats' free-silver batteries are but thinly masked behind the anti-imperialist issue. Prosperity continues to be the paramount issue of the Republicans, and it is a pretty safe issue.

Even the dull, sickening flopping of a few soreheads does not much disturb the quiet of the campaign. Bryan is advertised in New York for "one night only." His managers seem anxious to square themselves with the public.

Having advised young men to go into politics, Croker is preparing a second manifesto advising them to go in via Tammany Hall. A California man has invented a buttonless suit of clothes for men, but he hasn't the nerve to tackle pliers garments for the other sex.

"No man should come to the Democratic party for money," says Bryan. He is right there. The kind of money the Democratic party has to offer is not tempting. Democrats say they are satisfied with the result in Vermont. Let us hope they will exercise the same philosophy when they hear from the country at large in November.

Cleveland says every voter should be guided by his conscience and his patriotic common sense in the next election, and yet there are people who think Cleveland is in favor of Bryan.

A peach-grower near Georgetown, Del., protected his trees from the depredations of fruit thieves this Summer by conspicuously displaying this legend on signs nailed to the fence surrounding his orchard: "Caution! This Fence is Surmounted by a Live Electric Wire!"

The merchants throughout Kansas who stocked up heavily with Bryan hats, caps and campaign buttons are complaining because people do not buy these goods. In 1896 all classes of dealers offered these wares, and the farmers, their wives, sons and daughters wore them as badges of honor.

For several weeks a big fusion rally at Halstead, Kan., to be held last Friday, was extensively advertised. It was announced that 13 "speakers," including Judge Foster, Jerry Simpson, John W. Bridenbald, J. D. Botkin, David Overmyer and United States Senator Harris, were to be on hand.

Intelligent Rustic—They tell me as 'ow America is doing what it can to illuminate the Dark Continent. Last year it sent \$100,000 worth of kerosene to Zanzibar. It also exported there a \$25,000 worth of cotton cloths, and it is gratifying to know that the cotton cloths are being used for the purpose of lighting the American locomotives on the Uganda Railway.

PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHS. A Split in the Party—First Paragrapher vs. Second Paragrapher. The Yellow Peril means the White Peril. Colonel—Aw, shucks! It means the gold standard—Puck.

MEN AND WOMEN. The Republican and Democratic nominees for Governor in West Virginia are to stump the state together during the campaign. Several Chicago men, led by Charles F. Gunther, have promised to contribute generously to a fund for reproducing in marble one of the arches which ornament the city in honor of the Great Army veterans.

Alfred Emerson, who for the last three years has been a student and teacher in the American School of Classical Studies, in Athens, Greece, is collecting a museum of antiquities for the University of California. Tawhio is the name of a native King in New Zealand who dies a little eight-page paper, with three columns to a page, printed on both the recto and verso of each page, and called the Pictorial of Seven Stars.

President Charles F. Thwing, D. D., LL. D., of the Western Reserve University, Cleveland, is to deliver a course of lectures at the University of Virginia on "The American University," treating its organization and administration, its chief executive, the university and patriotism, and the place of the university in American life.

Michael Biddulph, the London banker, who has just retired from Parliament, represented Herefordshire for 25 consecutive years. All his constituents of the House, and Sir Wilfred Lawson, the noted temperance advocate, will probably be the only members of the next Parliament whose terms of service date back to the '60s.

Atlyskovs, the Russian marine painter, some of whose pictures were shown at the World's Fair, died recently, at the age of 82. His native town of Oleska, on the Black Sea, gave him a public funeral. Nearly every gallery in Europe possesses one or more of his works, and in the Pitti Palace, at Florence, his portrait is placed between those of Leonardo da Vinci and Michael Angelo.

The ladies of Pictorialburg are getting up a memorial to the late Lieutenant Roberts, the son of the British Commandant at Pictorialburg, who was killed in the endeavor to save the guns at Colono. It is to take the form of a stained-glass window in the garrison house for the deceased officer, but also as an expression of sympathy with Lord and Lady Roberts.

The Wise Man and the Fly Paper. There was a man in our town, And he was wondrous wise, He got some sticky paper which He pressed out in a fragrant form. He spread it on a chair and then Forgot that it was there, And, being weary, sat him down Upon the sticky paper.

From Babynood to Childhood. Chicago Times-Herald. I saw a sweet young mother stand Where snow had drifted o'er the land. A babe was lying on her breast, His eyes were closed in fragrant slumber. Against herself she fondly pressed To keep it warm.

In later years I passed once more And saw her at the cottage door. A boy was lying on her knee, Her look was grim. And, suffering Joshua, how she Was warning him!

But silver didn't conquer, For voters favored gold, And up against the prophet Majorities rolled. And false were his predictions, For very soon was shown—Prosperity was greater Than e'er before was known.

The mills again were opened Where idleness had reigned; To work the looms were urged, And men no more complained. All trade again was quickened, North, South and East and West, And people had more money Than e'er before possessed.

Once more this wailing prophet Is roaming o'er the land, And everywhere he raising The same old warning hand. This time he views with terror The progress of the flag, And tells us that expansion Will all at once run dry.

But voters are upholding The right to the sacred flag; The prophet cannot scare them With his new bugaboo. They can't forget the manner In which he used his bugaboo, And they've no time for prophets Whose prophecies thus fall.