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They agree that a security system is faulty, and should be viewed as temporary. Bryan denounces a perpetual debt, and Gage says the debt should be paid. They are both right. But their remedies are divergent and there the demagogue is readily distinguishable from the statesman.

shows that the aggregate has not been curtailed. The political effect of abrogation of the stamp taxes would be excellent and profound. The disappearance of stamps on bank checks, for example, would be an observation of the whole people and lure to the popularity of present monetary and fiscal policies.

hand, Prince Arbert of Anhalt, has been permitted to withdraw from his house and return to his father in England, though strictly forbidden to think of divorce. Queen Victoria persists in her determination not to allow a divorced woman to be presented at court, and to avoid excluding any of her own family, insists upon all adding by the letter of the marriage contract, however flagrantly its spirit is violated.

DISFRANCHISEMENT AND CONGRESS. The Pioneer Press has never objected to the constitutional amendments adopted by North Carolina and other Southern States providing for an intelligent qualification for the exercise of the elective franchise.

THE SOUTH IS SICK OF BRYAN. The generally accepted verdict is that Mr. Bryan is completely discredited as a leader. From one calamitous defeat he has led us to another even greater. It would be insane to think of the continued leadership of a man who has proved himself to be so completely unqualified to lead the country.

NOTE AND COMMENT. After the deluge-another one. The Bryanites must wait to slough off. Bryan. But can the leopard change his spots? The Pavilion Play seems to be proving a good many grand-stand plays in the pugilist.

Missouri's paradox of the 45-cent dollar and the expansion in one hand and the Louisiana purchase exposition in the other is now quite eclipsed by an appeal addressed by Southern cotton manufacturers to Secretary Hay.

AN EXAMPLE IN BALTIMORE. The annual report of Mayor Hayes, of the City of Baltimore, a copy of which has been furnished us through the courtesy of a State Senator-elect from Multnomah County, presents a most impressive exhibit in economical administration.

REWARDS OF CONTINUITY. It has taken Secretary Long almost the entire four years of his administration to reach a satisfactory adjustment of the armor-plate difficulty with the manufacturers.

Another periodical announcement of the increasing size of the Great North-western trans-Pacific steamers is out. This time we are told that work has actually begun on the vessels, and that this latest set of dimensions is correct.

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