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of his registration is there, and no further proof will be necessary. Even if the voter has removed from the precinct, yet is registered there, he should return to it to vote, if possible.

RELIGION AND SCIENCE.

In another column are reproduced a few brief passages from Mr. Herbert Spencer's "First Principles," in which that distinguished philosopher attempts his celebrated "reconciliation" between religion and science. The extracts do not fairly represent Mr. Spencer's argument—no isolated passages could do that—but they reflect his scientific spirit and scientific method.

Mr. Spencer's philosophy reduces the speculations of religion and science to a common ultimate, which is this: "The Power which the Universe manifests to us is utterly inscrutable." His endeavor is to show, by taking up separately ultimate religious ideas and ultimate scientific ideas, that no explanation of the universe is possible in more definite terms than those employed in the sentence just quoted.

On the religious side he takes up and explains the doctrine of the "three explanations of the universe," self-existent, as self-created, and as created by an external agency. We cannot conceive existence through infinite past time, we cannot conceive the existence of even a potential universe through infinite past time, waiting for the chosen hour of self-creation.

As for the creation of the universe by an external agency, we can conceive neither the non-existence of space, time and matter, nor their creation in a world previously destitute of them. Even supposing the genesis of the universe to have been from an external agency, we are thrown back upon the source of this external agency, and thus committed to an infinite series of successive creations.

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Read the article by Major Sears on "Foundations of Commercial Centers" and "Geographical and Not Arbitrary Conditions of Capital." This is a study of the "commercial" part of a region as well as a close to the producer as it is possible to reach with the class of transportation demanded by the requirements of the country.

of the once proud edifices of his world's hopes. He must have been a man of superior ability and address to have won the confidence of his employers so completely in twenty years that he has been without check in his opportunities which he has sold for \$750,000.

The report of the shocking cruelties practiced by German troops upon Chinese prisoners is probably an exaggerated statement of occurrences, the truth of which, no doubt, would be sufficient appalling to civilization. The German soldiers have, it is said, taken their orders direct from the Emperor in this respect, and, deaf to the pleas of justice and humanity, have been unarméd and helpless into their hands.

EUROPEAN COLONIES.

Great Britain 18,673,973 22,900,000

France 35,500,000 35,500,000

Germany 41,011,377 43,000,000

Austria 17,000,000 17,000,000

Portugal 9,000,000 9,000,000

Two courses are open to the United States. It can participate in this opening of new fields for its capital; or it can give the opportunities into the hands of its rivals, and let its wealth and industry stagnate at home to prey upon itself, constantly reducing the incentive to save, constantly narrowing the openings for employment.

AN OBJECT-LESSON IN CRIME.

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Read also the letter of Mr. A. B. Hammond on Portland's position, railway conditions, water transportation and "common-point" rates. The Oregonian prints all these things as contributions toward elucidation of economic problems.

Bryan holds that the man is a monopolist who makes or sells things so cheap that others can't compete with him.

SNAP SHOTS AT MEN AND THINGS

The devil can quote Scripture to his purpose. So can Bryan. There is nothing immoral, there is no perverted tendency to which Scripture cannot be misapplied. Disjoined biblical quotations may be used to identify the most evil practices or to support the utmost sophism.

The best way for the average man, who cannot live by his wits, like Bryan, to better his condition, is not to howl for the revived incarnation of Jefferson, but to get in and dig for a living like the unrevived fathers of old used to do.

Nothing is more preposterous than Bryan's scheme to reduce the trust. Here is a man inseparably wedded to trust. It was his influence that made it a prominent plank in the Democratic platform.

It seems that slavery and polygamy are terrible things only because the United States is in the Philippines. It is now up to the unreasoning sentimentalists to answer which would be more flagitious, to scotch the Philippines and let them stew in their corruption, or stand by and work improvement.

Any man who wants can convince himself of adversity by working with his mouth. He can convince himself of prosperity by working with his hands. If he does the latter, only one thing is paramount to him, common sense.

Property-owners have been up against it good and hard for a long time paying taxes and being asked to do more. One-sided attack. However, someone appears to be getting ready to do her stunts in up-to-date fashion.

If citizens had as much collective altruism as individualism, intricate knowledge of public finance would not avail to keep them from replenishing the political bag by payment of blanket donations.

Greater geniuses than Bryan have undertaken to reform the political inequalities under which we live, but none ever succeeded in making such a sweeping improvement as Bryan proposes.

It is remembered that fortune-tellers said in 1897 that Bryan would be defeated then, but would be elected in 1900. There will be plenty of other fortune-tellers, perhaps, to say, "I told you so."

Hanna's campaigning experience is hazardous, but it might relieve him from being bothered with life insurance solicitations.

SLINGS AND ARROWS

At the glorious football game. Away with the feeble prize fight. Away with the lifeless staccato. Away with the pained short-arm jab.

At the glorious football game. Hurrah for the seething onslaught. Of the tangled twenty-two! Hurrah for the writhing legs and arms.

At the glorious football game. Hurrah for the blood of battle. That oyes the mass with same. And the growling grunts and the malling.

At the glorious football game. Hurrah for the thronging grandstand. And the bleacher echo back. As we trace the ball through all its long.

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