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ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS FOR SUGAR.

For foreign sugar the people of the United States pay annually an enormous sum which operates as a severe drain upon their resources and supply. The official Statistical Abstract of the United States shows that in 1894 we paid \$126,871,889 for foreign sugars, of which we consumed 4,345,193,881 pounds. In 1895 we consumed 3,574,510,454 pounds, for which we paid other countries \$76,462,836. For many years the United States has sent abroad an average of about \$100,000,000 per annum for sugar. The average per capita consumption runs from sixty to sixty-six pounds per annum, and in 1894 we paid the foreign growers about \$2 per capita, or \$10 for the average family, for sugar which should have been grown in the United States.

The last national platform of the Republican party declared for "such protection as will lead to the production on American soil of all the sugar which the American people use, and for which we are sending abroad more than \$100,000,000 to foreign countries."

In line with this pledge to the country, the Dingley tariff now pending in congress, proposes a duty of one cent per pound on raw sugar.

Since the cane fields of Louisiana and other southern states are now producing well up to their capacity, the increased production would come from the sugar beet. Thorough and long continued scientific and practical experiments have demonstrated that Washington and Idaho are among the few sections of the United States adapted to the successful development of this vast industry. If, therefore, protection should make the United States independent of the foreign sugar grower, a large part of this \$100,000,000 would come into these states, instead of being sent abroad as at present.—Spokesman-Review.

The remarkable success of the gold Democrats in Michigan at the recent spring election, in more than doubling the vote they cast at the presidential election last fall, has given rise to a great deal of discussion in the press of the country, and has stimulated activity among the members of that party in the states that are to hold elections next November. In numerous county conventions in Ohio, at which delegates have been elected to the state convention, the gold standard men have come to the front with positive declarations that they will under no circumstances fuse with the Bryan free silver people. In Missouri a gold Democratic committee has just printed twenty thousand documents for distribution throughout the state. In Iowa there is a manifest effort on the part of the silver Democracy to persuade the honest money men to stay in the old party this year, on the ground that state issues only will be involved in the campaign, but the old Palmer and Buckner fighters are insisting that if they are to fall into line there must be no talk in the platform about the 16 to 1 silver business. No amount of coaxing or patting on the back will persuade these men to swallow Bryanism.—Sound Money.

Francis Schlatter, who claimed to perform miraculous cures by divine power, is dead. His body was found in the foothills of the Sierra Madre

mountains, thirty-five miles southwest of Casa Grande, in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico. He had been fasting, and indications were that he had starved himself to death. While in Denver from August 22d to November 13, 1895, it is estimated that fully 200,000 people visited him to receive treatment, and the records show that there were many miraculous cases. In the midst of his prestige, and while thousands were crowding to see him, he suddenly disappeared, and though the country was watched in all directions, nothing was seen of him. There seems to be no doubt, but that the body found is that of Schlatter.

Julian Hawthorne has just returned from India, and tells a story of suffering and neglect that should bring the blush of shame to the civilized nations of the earth, and especially to England. He tells that the famine and plague consequent upon it killed 8,500,000 people; and yet with all these unfortunates dying, no practical efforts were made to relieve them.



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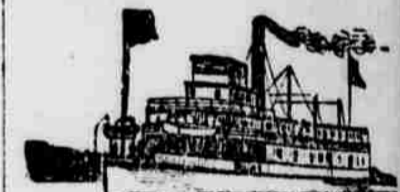
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