The Dalles Daily Chronicle.

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AMERICANS LIVE LONGER.

The morality statistics for 1900, as compiled by the census bureau, give pretty conclusive evidence that the longevity of humanity in the United States is increasing. This is indicated not only by the reported decrease in the proportion of deaths by 1.8 in 1000 over 1890, but also by the decrease in deaths from diseases usually occurring early in those which are peculiar to advanced years.

The good effects from improved sanitation and the more general adoption of precautionary health regulations are noticeable in the returns from the cities. Comparing 341 of the larger municipalities in 1900 with 271 in 1890, it is found that deaths have decreased at the rate of 2.4 per 1000. Unfortunately, too much reliance cannot always be placed in the death reports of cities. Many, either through carelessness or a desire to make a good showing, do not report all the deaths that occur. But, as health departments in all parts of the country are beginning to realize more forcibly the necessity of collecting accurate data, the tendency is rather in the direction of greater care in gathering figures than otherwise. It is therefore probable that if there is any inaccuracy in the comparison, it is on the side of showing a smaller decrease than really occurred.

A most encouraging feature of the report is the pronounced decrease shown in deaths from consumption in 1900 as compared with 1890. The deaths from this disease have fallen away at the rate of 54 per 100,000. This is doubtless due to the awakening of the public and medical mind to the ravages of this disease, resulting in the adoption of intelligent preventive methods. The fuller realization of the beneficial effects of the western climate and the increased facilities for consumptives to reach it and make their home there, is no doubt also a large factor in reducing fatalities of this sort.

What will it profit David B. Hill to get the presidential nomination in 1904 if he has William J. Bryan as an opponent on an independent ticket? The chance that Bryan will accept a nomination against Hill, Gorman or any of the other reorganizers who are personally objectionable to him, if any should be nominated, seems to be kept in mind by some of the democratic leaders. It would be easy for a versatile person to show that a convention in 1904 which would be in line with those of Chicago in 1896 and Kansas City in 1900 would be orthodox, while one that would be run by the reorganizers would be heterodox. Bryan could accept a nomination in 1904 from a Bryanite convention, and still be "regular." This is a circumstance which is apparently giving some concern to a few of the Cleveland democratic bosses.

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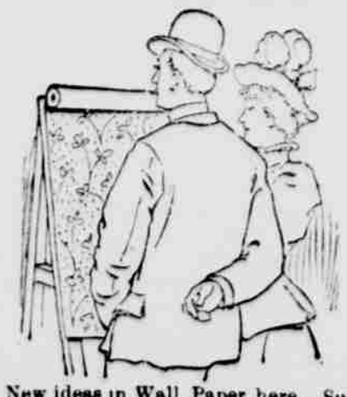

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