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The eastern press appears to be alarmed concerning the administration's attitude toward China. They accuse Mr. McKinley of drifting in this connection and laying the country liable to be drawn deeply into the troubles with the other powers. Such questions as the following are being propounded: Are we prepared to sacrifice tens of thousands of American lives? Are we prepared to assume an enormous pension-roll in addition to the \$150,000,000 annually that we are now paying? Are we prepared to assume a vast debt, a thousand million or so? Do we wish to bring upon ourselves all these heavy burdens of misery, death, bloodshed, horror, debt, all those colossal evils which which are summed up in the one word—war?

The Spokesman-Review was asked to estimate the number of persons who would be given employment if the entire available water power of the Spokane falls were put to use. A few years ago, Dr. Coleman Sellers published a table showing the amount of power required in different industries. He arranged this on the instructive plan of giving the horse power for each artisan employed. For example, in a flour mill, each man was found to need 13.20 horse power in mechanical industry; in lumber sawing the proportion is 5.36 horse power; in iron and steel manufacture, 2.82 horse power; in cotton fabrics, 1.69; and in woolens, 1.23 horse power for each operative. Accepting the moderate estimate of 30,000 horse power as the minimum flow of the Spokane river this power if entirely applied to flour milling, would afford employment for 2300 persons; if applied to lumbering, it would employ nearly 5500; if to iron and steel manufacture, 10,630; if to cotton fabrics, 20,000; and if to woolens, 24,000.

United States Assistant Treasurer Jordan is advocating a plan which, if adopted by congress, he thinks will simplify and improve the issue and redemption of bank notes. Mr. Jordan believes that the true solution would be found in "one bank, owned by all the banks of the country as stockholders, and based on the model of the great banks of England, France and Germany." This, however, is rendered impossible by political conditions, and Mr. Jordan therefore suggests an alternative—namely, the use of the clearing-houses of the country as a means of local bank issues of currency. Mr. Jordan would have congress incorporate the clearing-houses under the banking law suitably modified. Each incorporated bank in the association would take its capital stock, payable only in United States bonds, and the clearing-house would issue currency upon the bonds thus paid in and duly deposited with the treasurer of the government. The clearing-houses should have the further right to issue currency upon deposits of gold coin or bullion, and the government might also make use of them as depositories. In other words, it is the gold man's theory, that safety in the currency lies only in the control of it by the few, who are skilled in finance and posted in the affairs of the business world. The theory is good, but those who have the control of the currency use the power to their enrichment and, in time, become more powerful than the people. Mr. Jordan's one bank idea was on trial prior to Andrew Jackson becoming president. When Old Hickory took office and assumed the reins of government, he found that a powerful corporation, a great banking institution, created by the government and mainly supported by the deposits of the public funds,

had grown so proud and insolent by a long continuance of arbitrary and irresponsible power as to threaten the very government itself, and to exercise an influence over the trade and industry of the country incompatible with the freedom of either and the rights of the people. This bank had branches in all of the great cities of the Union. It controlled the financial operations of the government and of the people. It put up or put down the price of commodities at will. It first essayed to corrupt the people. It subsidized a portion of the press. It regulated exchange. Jackson was assailed with an insolence and vituperation which no other president had to encounter. But Jackson, with the house and people at his back, triumphed and democracy won a victory over the money changers and manipulators. Mr. Taylor, the biographer of Chief Justice Taney, speaking of the incidents of the great struggle, observes truthfully, "The influence of money, like the miasma of pestilence, finds its way against all antidotes." As it happened to this great money power, so it may happen to all other money powers which essay the same role, and there is one today, just as strong, just as determined to "own" and "control" the people as was the case in Jackson's time.

IRRIGATION OF ALFALFA.

"Alfalfa as a Hay Crop" is the title of a bulletin prepared by Prof. B. C. Buffum, the agriculturist of the Wyoming experiment station, and his treatment of the subject is of more than passing interest to farmers of the great arid region, where no other plant is held in such high esteem by those who have had the largest experience in irrigation farming. "Although alfalfa is extremely hardy," says Professor Buffum, "and will live through long periods of drouth it will not produce hay unless irrigated. It is of vital importance to apply water at the right time and conduct the irrigation in the right way. Flooding as the native meadows are flooded for long periods of time is much more quickly fatal to alfalfa than it is to our best native grasses. "It will not do to turn the water on and look at it once a week to see that it is still running. Alfalfa soon dies if its feet are kept wet, and it needs long breathing spells and warm growing weather. Where the irrigating water is cold it produces a chilling effect, and the irrigation should be done quickly and the water turned off as soon as the ground becomes thoroughly wet. The best time to irrigate alfalfa is immediately after the hay has been removed. Some irrigate just before the hay is cut, but our observations indicate that much better results are obtained by irrigating after cutting. If the weather is very dry, light irrigations may be needed between the cuttings. We believe in irrigating in the fall, some time after the last cutting has been made, to keep the soil from becoming too dry during the winter. It should not be done so late, however, that the ground is apt to freeze hard while very wet, as this seems to be the principle cause of winter killing. "Too much water is fatal either in the summer or winter. On the Wyoming experiment farm one season water irrigated one-half without water. The part irrigated started earlier the next spring and up to the time of the first

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cutting the dividing line between that which had not been irrigated and that which was watered late in the fall was distinctly visible, as the hay grew two or three inches higher on the fall irrigated portion.

"By duty of water we mean the amount which is used on the land. Alfalfa is a perennial plant which occupies the land all the time. Its growing season is long and that it requires a proportionally large amount of water would be expected."

Here Professor Buffum presents a table showing the amounts of water used on fourteen different crops of alfalfa. "The table shows," he continues, "that we have not used very large amounts of water in the production of alfalfa. Our measurements of water used on native hay shows that only about one-half the water was used on alfalfa as on the native hay." An average of these fourteen measurements made at Laramie as set forth in the above mentioned table shows the depth of water applied to alfalfa to have been 2.22 feet. An average of six measurements made by the station on oats, wheat and barley, shows 2.74 acre feet applied to each acre of those crops. The only class of plant upon which less water was used than by the station than on alfalfa has been root crops.

The first seed of this alfalfa was imported and sent out by the department of agriculture in 1885. Little attention was given to it until the severe weather before last put its hardiness to the test. On all parts of the farm-plots at the Wyoming station the ordinary alfalfa showed more or less winter killing, but not a single plant of the Turkestan variety had been hurt. Similar reports were received by the department of agriculture from other sections. Not only does it seem harder, but it has generally produced heavier yields than the common alfalfa. On the Wyoming experiment station farm, averaging the results for the last two seasons, when cut for hay and cured alike, the Turkestan variety clearly showed superior cropping qualities, producing over three-fourths of a ton more hay per acre.

Secretary Wilson, of the department of agriculture is greatly pleased at the discovery of this variety of alfalfa and its apparent hardiness and heavy yielding qualities and his department is preparing to introduce it generally in small lots throughout the west. Farmers who desire to make a trial of it should mail a request to the secretary of agriculture at Washington for some seed.

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