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It is discovered, from a lawsuit in Chicago, that the indebtedness of that city is \$26,332,157. Chicago contains about 1,750,000 people, the debt per capita being more than \$16. Portland with a population of a little over 90,000, has a debt of \$5,000,000, in round numbers, which is over \$55 per capita. The "interest eaters" are thought to have a great cinch on the workers of Chicago, but it is nothing to be compared to the one they have in Portland. If the town of Pendleton is in debt in proportion to Portland it would owe at least \$275,000.

There appears to be a strong desire on the part of the envoys at Peking, including our own Minister Conger, to inflict the death penalty on Prince Tuan. This desire is quite reasonable, but it is not reasonable to satisfy it. To inflict the death penalty on the flea, one has first to catch the way fellow. It appears to be about the same with the wily Tuan. He has yet to be caught. Suppose the envoys, who are so desirous, shall be authorized to go in search of Tuan. In this way they can have an opportunity to experience a change of mind and cessation of desire.

The British empire is said to be spending \$75,000,000 a week on war. The war burden is so heavy that the government finds itself pressed for funds and vice heads are now together trying to devise plans to meet the emergency. Under ordinary circumstances the new British parliament would not meet until after the holidays. The circumstances not being ordinary there is talk of an earlier session of that body to provide the ministers with money. For years past British financing has been a comparatively simple matter. The fiscal policy of the country has remained undisturbed, and whether conservatives or liberals were in power has been a matter of little moment to the business interests of the people. It is now probable a change may take place, and that fact gives to the new parliament an interest to the industries and the commerce of the empire which has not been felt before by men of the present generation. Two problems stare the British public in the face. There must be an increase of revenue obtained by an increase of taxation. There must be money borrowed to meet the immediate needs of government. England is finding herself growing short on resources and long on liabilities. She may even become so involved as to be unable to make both ends meet. There may be financial collapse. Stranger things have happened to those who bit off more than they could chew.

Among the strange coincidences in the vote of the late presidential election is that in Ohio, where Mr. Bryan received exactly the same number of votes (474,882) that were given to him on the democratic electoral ticket in 1896—the slight excess of 2012 in his total in that year being due to the populist votes he then received on a separate ticket. Taking into account the deaths of old voters in four years, the number of new voters coming of age, the removals, and the changes in opinion, this exact duplication of nearly half a million votes could not occur again in an inconceivable number of elections. Other coincidences were the variation of only 1472 in Mr. McKinley's vote in New York state in the two elections, and a difference of only 747 in his vote in Maryland. Mr. Bryan received 1867 fewer votes in his own state than in 1896. Mr. Bryan's greatest gain was made in New York, 124,798. Mr. McKinley's two greatest gains were 18,000 in his own state and 10,500 in Nebraska. Mr. McKinley's

vote in Oregon in 1900 was 46,294, while in 1896 he received 48,770, or a decrease of 2485. In 1896 Bryan received 49,602, and in 1900 33,967, but this loss never went to Mr. McKinley. Many Bryan voters simply remained away from the polls, thinking it was useless to go to the polls, imagining they would be out voted in any event. Probably, the stay at home vote in Oregon was made up of both republicans and democrats in almost equal proportion. One thing is certain, if the Bryan voters in Oregon had gone to the polls and registered their preference, and the republican vote was no larger than it was, the democratic presidential electors would have carried the state. But they didn't.

### GLIMPSES AT GOOD READING.

It is said that political parties in China are the first step toward progress. Of course contentment leads to conceit, and that is a bad thing. One often hears of a noble discontent, but again it is questioned if all discontent is noble per se. Not long ago, before political parties were known, China was contented. One and all, prince and pauper, young and old, declared "all within the four seas brethren, and all without the four seas barbarians." None disagreed, and united China was formed in its hatred of "the foreign devil."

Isaac Taylor Headland of the university of Peking gives his views of "Chinese Parties and Their Leaders" in Ainslie's Magazine for November. He is a live man, associating with the people in their everyday life and looking on events through medium of a human sympathy untroubled by narrow prejudice. He offers a popular explanation of the opprobrious title, "foreign devil": "Once a red-haired, red-whiskered, blue-eyed British consul in Canton asked a Chinese official why the Chinese speak of foreigners in this melodious manner. 'Why is it?' the consul said, 'that your people call us foreign devils?' 'The official, with that quiet, suave dignity Chinese officials assume so perfectly, at first hesitated to answer the question. The consul pressed him for a reply. 'I cannot tell you,' said the official at last; 'you would be angry if I did tell you.' 'Not at all,' the consul rejoined. 'On the contrary, I shall be indebted to you.' In all seriousness, then, and having in mind the red-haired, red-whiskered, blue-eyed image of the devils of his race, the official told the consul confidentially: 'We call you devils because you look like devils.'

Hence, says this writer, "all without the four seas are devils for the excellent reason revealed to the consul." All within the four seas, regardless of political party or secret society, are brethren. But in the light of recent developments a schism seems to have split even the ranks of the brethren. The old order may have prevailed in the dark ages before the agitation of political parties began.

Two parties contend in China, the liberal and the conservative. Selfish and self-sufficient, the conservative element is the outgrowth of centuries of all powerful sway over eastern Asia. It believes in the full meaning of China—the center of the earth—and is oblivious to what goes on in the world outside. Emperor Kwang Hsu is the official head of the liberal party. Professor Headland describes him as "one of the most remarkable potentates, William of Germany notwithstanding, on the stage of the world today. The reform movement began with the founding of the Reform Club at Peking. Soon after it was put on a running basis one of its energetic members called on a professor to procure the names and addresses of the leading magazines and newspapers published in the United States. It was discovered that other members had secured lists of English, German, French and Russian publications and subscribed for them. Hardly had the proselyting influence of the Reform Club begun to work, when the conservative caused it to be suppressed as a menace to the government. Though the doors were shut, it was too late. The eager minds of the young men had been opened to the light of new knowledge.

During the summer of 1898 Professor Headland was engaged with a noted literary graduate, Hans Lin, in the task of translating a book on mental philosophy into Chinese. News came that the emperor had issued an edict abolishing the literary essay as a part of the great examinations. "What will

be the result of the edict?" I asked Hans Lin. "Some will and some will not," he answered discreetly.

Edicts came from the palace in such rapid succession as to take their breath away in surprise. In fact, as the professor says, they almost took Kwang Hsu's breath away definitely. For when the emperor's dowager returned from her summer palace Kwang Hsu was put in confinement, from which he has not yet been liberated. The results of the reform movement were marvelous. The emperor succeeded in establishing a university which still stands. The principal departments of the university are for the study of the languages of the allied powers. Law, medicine and athletics have attention. Other colleges have sprung up all over the land.

It is a singular fact that the two greatest men in China should be named Chang and Li, which answer to our names of Brown and Jones. Li Hung Chang is the greatest liberal, though not properly a reformer. Says Professor Headland: "Li Hung Chang is as great a statesman as Bismarck, as great a warrior as Grant, as great a politician as Platt and as great a business man as Rockefeller. A large part of his wealth lies in pawnshops. He is probably the greatest pawnshop owner in the world. He is thoroughly Chinese, in his general conservatism, in his conceit, in his duplicity and in the way silver strikes to his palm." Chang Chi-tung is the next great liberal. He is a viceroi and was engaged in writing one of the most remarkable books, regarding the new learning, while the emperor was issuing his reform edicts. He urges that knowledge of foreign affairs be scattered broadcast.

Prince Ching is a reform nobleman who risked his life to defend and to send provisions to the imprisoned ministers in Peking. He is a man who favors foreigners, yet whom all the Chinese love and respect.

Professor Headland traces all present troubles to the last efforts of the conservatives to preserve the conditions of 4000 years. They are incapable of governing the country. The one way for the allied powers is to place the reform emperor, Kwang Hsu, on the throne and give him as able young officials who have secured a foreign education; then, in ten years, China will stand beside Japan as a progressive oriental nation.

Professor W. O. Atwater resumes his discussion on "Alcohol, Physiology and Temperance Reform" in Harper's Monthly for November. He says that work in temperance reform has gradually ceased to be the propaganda of the few, and has become the creed of the many. Criticism may be leveled against school text-books for the misleading statements placed before children.

No one should teach that alcohol is a food in the ordinary sense of the word. Neither should it be called a poison. But it may be taught that the moderate use of alcohol is fraught with danger; that alcohol often does harm to the health when people do not realize it; that the person in good health does not need alcohol, and is better off without it. Moreover, there are business considerations which should influence a young man to be temperate. Already many railroads and business establishments refuse to employ men who drink. Great as the danger of alcohol is to health, to the purse, the moral, and the character, it is inconceivably worse. It demoralizes the character. Temperance instruction should therefore be based on moral training. Rational reform will regulate the saloon and reduce the temptation to drink by establishing tea and coffee houses and "temperance" places of amusement.

### "Badly Crippled."

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