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THE ONE MISSING LINK.

American Economist:

The rapid development of the shipping trade of the Pacific coast growing out of the expansion of the Oriental and South American commerce, the approaching completion of the Siberian railroad, the development of Australia, and the probable opening of a considerable trade in Alaska, suggests the San Francisco "Call" the pressing necessity for some action on the part of the United States for the encouragement and protection of our own marine industry. The ships of Great Britain and Japan have the benefit of liberal government subsidies, and it is certain that with the completion of the Trans-Siberian railroad, Russia will bloom forth with a line of merchant steamers and will make a strong bid for the supremacy in the carrying trade of the Pacific. With such rivalry as this the ships of the United States will have a hard course to steer unless congress takes some steps toward fulfilling that pledge in the St. Louis platform of 1896 which commits the party of protection to:

The early American policy of discriminating duties for the upbuilding of our merchant marine and the protection of our shipping in the foreign carrying trade, so that American ships—the product of American labor employed in American shipyards, sailing under the stars and stripes, manned, officered and owned by Americans—may regain the carrying of our foreign commerce.

The comment of the "Call" applies with equal force to the American shipping on the Atlantic:

That pledge congress and the administration may be counted on to keep. Since the clause in the tariff according to the attorney-general is inadequate to the purpose it was intended to accomplish, a new law may be enacted this winter. Certainly we cannot afford to neglect our shipping at this juncture. The struggle for commercial supremacy on the Pacific ocean has reached a critical stage, and though we are great and rich and powerful we will be surprised in that great contest even by the Japanese, if we do not act with energy and with wisdom.

The proper and intelligent care for the interests of our carrying trade on the ocean is the one missing link in the enlightened and patriotic scheme of protection. It should be missing no longer when the first regular session of the fifty-fifth congress shall have passed into history.

ANOTHER FINE VOLUME.

Standard books are ever welcome when they come to us from and bindings representing all the embellishments of art of bookmaking. Such a book is Kidpath's History of the United States published by The Dominion Company, Chicago, a copy of which has just come to our desk. The contents are well arranged, the illustrations are fine, the print is clear and neat and the binding is superb. The Dominion Company is organizing ahead as the leading western publishing house making a specialty of fine subscription books. Having salespeople in nearly every nook of the country, the company enjoys a large and growing trade. As this company has a known reputation for liberality towards its agents and fair treatment of them, an agency in this community for the above book, or some other published by this company, would be a source of considerable profit to the one fortunate enough to secure it. Interested readers should write the company for full particulars.

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POTATO WAGES from California are putting in an appearance in Oregon and commission houses are soliciting consignments. It is claimed that there will be demand in that state for all Oregon's surplus potatoes, but every carload which can be sold to go to Arizona, Texas or some other eastern locality will help to put markets on the coast in better shape. There is a pretty good crop of potatoes in Oregon this year, and every bushel ought to bring a fair price in view of the very poor crop harvested east of the Rocky Mountains and in Europe. If we had the Nicaragua canal at the present time, choice Bu banks would be worth almost as much a bushel as wheat in Oregon.—Oregon Agriculturist.

FIRST THANKSGIVING.

Indian Chiefs Were Hospitably Entertained by Pilgrim Fathers.

The first Thanksgiving was appointed by Governor Bradford, at Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1621, the year following the landing of the Pilgrims, in order that the colonists in a more special way could rejoice together at having all things in good and plenty, writes Clifford Howard in the November Ladies' Home Journal. In preparation for the feast "gunners were sent into the woods for wild turkeys, which abounded there in great numbers; kitchens were made ready for preparing the feast—especially the large one in Dame Brewster's house, which was under the immediate direction and charge of Priscilla Molines, she afterwards became the wife of John Alden—while a messenger was dispatched to invite Massasoit, the chief of the friendly tribe, to attend the celebration.

Early on the morning of the appointed Thursday about the first of November Massasoit and ninety of his warriors arrived on the outskirts of the village, and with wild yells announced their readiness to enjoy the hospitality of their white brethren. The little settlement, which now consisted of seven dwellings and four public buildings, was soon astir with men, women and children, who gave the Indians a hearty welcome as they filed into a large square in front of the governor's house. Soon the roll of a drum announced the hour of prayer, for no day was begun without these religious services. Then followed a holiday of feasting and recreation, which continued not only that day but during the two succeeding days. The usual routine of duties was suspended: the children romped about in merry play; the young men indulged in athletic sports and games in friendly rivalry with the Indians; the little American army of twenty men, under the leadership of Miles Standish, went through its drill and manual of arms, to the great delight and astonishment of the natives, while the women busied themselves in careful preparation of the excellent meals, which were eaten in the open air.

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THE TROUBLES OF BRAZIL.

R. F. Chronicle:
It is the lot of most republics, when they change from the monarchical form of government, to have an aftermath of civil war. That has been particularly true of the republics of this hemisphere, not excepting our own, which saw troublous days in the period after the Colonial Revolution came to an end, that included Shay's rebellion. Mexico was a long time in getting settled, and the countries south of her have not established order even yet. Brazil is having a most difficult time. Unlike the other South American powers, its monarchy was resident. Its emperor, a wise and enlightened statesman, had a large personal following that remained true to him in adversity. From this element the Da Gama insurrection sprang, and to it the Conselheiro revolt owed its origin. We take it that the Italian outbreak at Sancto Spiritus, which occurred the other day, and even the assault upon the person of President Moraes, were part and parcel of the restorationist conspiracy.

But there is no real danger that the Brazilian revolution will move backward, although there may be many violent crises and much bad blood among the people. The republicans, who were strong enough to overthrow Dom Pedro in the first place, deal with Da Gama and De Mello at a later period and overthrow the splendid fighting men that gathered about Conselheiro at Canudos, are assuredly in a strong enough majority to keep the walls of the new government from suffering a royalist breach. One need not fear upon that point. But so much could be done with the enormous resources of Brazil if peace and order were assured that it seems an unnecessary hardship to trade and commerce that the country should be disputed by the ghost of the lost cause. Yet, as we say, that seems to be the fate of all republics for a season, and Brazil and the countries that would profit by her development must make the best of it.

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SHORT OF MILLIONAIRES.

Wealth of Individuals Almost Always Overestimated.

Boston Transcript:
The expression a "very wealthy country" suggests to many people a country whose wealth is the aggregation of enormously large fortunes of enormously wealthy men. The truer conception of a very wealthy country is one which includes in its population a large proportion of thrifty persons. Most countries renowned for wealth will doubtless be found to be those in which thrift predominates. In all countries millionaires are few and far between. A man whose fortune is, say \$300,000, if he lives up to his income and pays his bills promptly, finds his credit so rapidly expanding that millionaires are thrust upon him. On the other hand, a very wealthy man of simple life and quiet tastes, possessed of millions, may pass with the world as worth much less than he is, so apt are men to make profusion the test of wealth. England is no exception to the rule, for millionaires, to judge from the income-tax returns, are by no means so common there as the average Briton or American believes.

The income tax is assessed on all incomes above \$800, the first \$800 being exempt. In the years 1895-96, 419,693 persons paid taxes on incomes in the United Kingdom. Of these, but 65 paid on incomes exceeding \$250,000, 57 in England, 7 in Scotland and 1 in Ireland. Those paying on incomes exceeding \$50,000, but not exceeding \$250,000, numbered 889—763 in England, 113 in Scotland and 10 in Ireland. This exhibition, corrective as it may be of the exaggerated notion of the number of very rich people in the United Kingdom, is nevertheless a striking revelation of the amount of wealth found in a population of 38,000,000. It is probable that the United States is the only country in the world that can make an exhibition of wealth equaling that of Great Britain, but to which side the balance between them would incline would be a task demanding the labor of an expert, who should be furnished with data not now accessible to the average student of statistics.

CHANCE FOR ECONOMY.

Philadelphia Press:
President McKinley, early in October, directed his secretaries to reduce the department estimates to an economical level. This is beginning at the right end. One and two years ago, while President Cleveland urged economy on congress in his annual messages, the estimates which Secretary Carlisle transmitted to the house of representatives and which were the official utterances of the administration as to expenditures ran over the billion dollar mark. While the white house preached economy the treasury and other departments practiced extravagance.

Congress, naturally and inevitably, followed the practice of President Cleveland's administration, and not President Cleveland's preaching. Unlike his predecessor, President McKinley knows congress. He understands its procedure and practice. Every minute detail of the appropriation bills is familiar to him. He knows the annual estimates can be reduced to \$350,000,000, or about 10 per cent., and that congress could, if it chose, make this reduction on its appropriations. A bill cutting off any further increase of pensions from soldiers' "widows" would alone save upwards of \$10,000,000 a year. Keeping up all necessary expenditure, the increase of the navy and all needed harbor improvements, if the government were treated with the rigid economy of a railroad with a deficit, annual expenses could be cut \$50,000,000. If they are not it will be the fault of congress, and the union of the grabbers in both parties for big appropriations; but the administration ought, in its estimates, to show where money can be saved.

According to current report, Salem is soon to have a new paper to be called the Salem Sentinel. It is rumored the paper will appear about December 1st, and be issued weekly. It is to be independent republican in politics, and the name of C. B. Irvin is mentioned in connection with its management.

RAID ON THE CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM.

There is a concerted attack on the civil service system, and an attempt will be made to abolish it.

The principal arguments against it are based on exaggeration of certain features that are made to appear absurd in practical application; such an examination of applicants on questions that school children may often answer, while grown persons cannot. Is the simplicity of the examinations, then, an objection? Or, when it is said that there is not a justice of supreme court who could pass these examinations, while it is admitted that school children have no difficulty with them, is it not to be concluded that the argument is lame. Some of the questions do undoubtedly puzzle and perplex the ward-heeler, the curbstone and moon statesmen, the "workers" whom the political boss uses for his purposes and whom he wants to reward with places at the public crib. These gentlemen of "practical politics" are mostly scorners of "book larnin'." The civil service examination outrages their deepest feelings. They view it, as the clarity boy did who remarked, according to Sam Weller, after an attempt to teach him the alphabet, "What's the use of takin' so much trouble to learn so little?"

It is complained that the civil service system shuts out many persons who would devote themselves to politics if they could get the reward of office, but are indifferent since this hope is cut off. Here is one of the best results of the system. Political life is not elevated by participation of men of this class, who participate only under the direction of a boss, and through whom he works for party control.

The great good of the civil service system lies right here. It prevents the political boss from turning the public offices upside down, and rewarding his henchmen for their services to himself; and it takes from his hands the most potent of his means for controlling party action in his own interest. He is no longer able to promise the multitude of minor places in the public service in payment for services rendered to himself at ward meetings and primaries.

We think the civil service system will stand, even though there be in the examinations features somewhat farcical or ludicrous. To an extent, all examinations of candidates for the professions have that character. Especially, in the face of the tendency to extend the functions of government, the system must stand. The tendency is to multiply departments and bureaux without end. The postal savings banks is the latest. The thought of having all the officials of all the existing departments and of all the possible departments at the command or disposal of a few boss politicians will not call forth the rapturous applause of the country.

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On account of the high water at that time the Eugene mail due at Florence last Friday did not arrive till Monday evening.

The Mink took a scow load of cattle up the river last Monday that Frank and George Montgomery had purchased for Mr. Goodpasture.

Baker City's exchequer is swollen once a month to the tune of \$200, in this instance the proprietors of gambling games being the dancers, they are the ones who pay for the music.

Miss Jessie, the twenty-one year old daughter of Robt. T. Lincoln eloped with Warren Beckwith of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa a few days ago and the couple were married in Milwaukee.

About ten more scow loads of rock were needed last Sunday to complete the government contract at the mouth of the river and these will be delivered within the next few days.

Some blank petitions for the survey of government lands have been received by Postmaster Kyle. Parties living on land that is unsurveyed can fill out these blanks and make application for the survey of their lands without cost to themselves.

Four dollar gold pieces turn up occasionally. They are called "stellas," and were coined at the Philadelphia mint about twenty years ago. They each contain six grams gold, 1000 fine, three parts silver and seven parts copper. There were about 450 struck and are worth their face value and a little more as curiosities.

Literary.

(ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.)

Whatever may be said about luck, it is skill that leads to fortune.

So good services, sweet remembrances will grow from them.

The world is a comedy to those who think, a tragedy to those who feel.

To remind a man of a kindness conferred is little less than a reproach.

He on whom heaven confers a sceptre knows not the weight till he bears it.

Sleep if it has prevented many crimes has also smothered many virtues.

Kindness is the only charm permitted to the aged; it is the coquetry of white hair.

It is the sin which we have not committed which seems the most monstrous.

How little do they see what is, who frame their hasty judgement upon that which seems.

The heart of youth is reached through the senses; the senses of age are reached through the heart.

A woman has two smiles that angel might envy—the smile that accepts a lover's words and the smile that lights on the first born baby.

Sincerity is to speak as we think, to do as we pretend and profess, to perform and make good what we promise, and really to be what we would seem and appear to be.

In general a man in his younger years does not easily cast off a certain complacent self conceit, which principally shows itself in despising what he has himself been a little time before.

For ignorance of all things is an evil neither terrible nor excessive and greatest of all; but great cleverness and much learning if they be accompanied by a bad training, is a much greater misfortune.

I like men, who are temperate and moderate in everything. An excessive zeal for that which is good, though it may not be offensive to me, at all events raises my wonder, and leaves me in a difficult how I should call it.

Guilt though it may attain temporal splendor, can never confer real happiness. The evil consequences of our crimes long survive their commission, and like the ghosts of the murdered, forever haunt the steps of the malefactor.

At present we can only reason of the divine justice from what is known of justice in man. When we are in other scenes we may have a truer and nobler idea of it; but while we are in this life we can only speak from the volume that is laid open before us.

The chief art of learning, as Locke has observed, is to attempt but little at a time. The widest excursions of the mind are made by short flights frequently repeated; the most lofty fabrics of science are formed by the continued accumulation of single propositions.

No man can ever want this mortification of his vanity, that what he knows is but a very little, in comparison with what he still continues ignorant of. Consider this, and, instead of boasting thy knowledge of a few things, confess and be out of countenance for the many more which thou dost not understand.

When the absent are spoken of, some will speak gold of them, some silver, some iron, some lead, and some always speak dirt, for they have a natural attraction towards what is evil, and think it shows penetration in them, as a cat watching for mice does not look up though an elephant goes by, so are they so busy mousing for defects, that they let great excellences pass them unnoticed. I will not say it is not Christian to make beads of others' faults, and tell them over every day; I say it is infernal. If you want to know how the devil feels, you do know if you are such a one.

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