

DEMOCRACY TO THE DRUGS.

The eight uninterrupted years of Democracy under Jackson brought on the panic of 1837, and the other eight years of uninterrupted Democracy, 1852 to 1860, brought on the panic of 1857-58, culminating in secession.

In this connection a leading Republican paper says: Twice in its history has the country drained the cup of Democracy to its dregs.

The Wilson bill, which is really the nearest a free trade measure of any general bill ever introduced in congress, seems sure to pass with some incidental amendments.

The McKinleyites assert that the higher the duty, the higher the wages of American labor, and the lower the duty the lower the wages.

It must be acknowledged that the prime factor in the price of labor or of any article of growth or manufacture, is supply and demand.

Twenty-five years ago, when values were high on the Pacific slope labor commanded nearly double the price it does now.

A DEFENSE.

The speech of Editor Stead in Chicago has been a source of considerable comment in all portions of the country.

It is understood that their meaning was that rich and selfish women who refuse to take any interest in the relief of human suffering have no higher standing in the forum of conscience than is assignable to outcasts from society.

There is no doubt that selfishness, heartlessness, and pride are cardinal sins. There is no doubt that it is the sins that breed most of the misery of the world.

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A DEATH BLOW.

The Wilson bill, if passed by congress, will kill many productive industries in the north-west, and the development of this portion of the country will be retarded very much.

Suppose congress taxes inheritances what will such states as Pennsylvania and New York do about it? They already tax inheritances.

It is to be expected that as soon as congress convenes after the holidays the Wilson bill will be the principal subject of debate.

But wool and coal are not the only productions which will be directly affected by the passage of this Democratic measure.

The events derived from these sources in Oregon and Washington are almost incalculable, and when the Democratic party aims its poisoned shaft of free trade at them, it is striking a deadly blow at the growth and prosperity of this part of the United States.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The eighty-fourth anniversary of the birth of Hon. W. E. Gladstone, was properly celebrated in England yesterday.

It is no reason because the Stanford men play football well that they are poor students in scientific and literary branches, and it is a well known fact that an active brain cannot be supported by a weak physique.

Democracy are trying to determine which is "the older Democrat," Greenham or MacVeagh.

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