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NATIONAL CHILD LABOR CRIME

Went to consider our country about perfect, bulletin 68 of the Department of Commerce and Labor comes somewhat as a shock. That bulletin has to do with child labor between the ages of ten and fifteen. How much of it is there employed in our big manufacturing centres? We tabulate some of the worst cases of this terrible crime against childhood:

City.	Employed.	Pop.
New York.....	359,465	15
Chicago.....	290,220	14
Philadelphia....	131,364	20
St. Louis.....	65,614	19
Baltimore.....	58,662	17
Buffalo.....	42,439	12
Fall River, Mass.	12,898	24
Lawrence, Mass.	6,366	21
Wilkesbarre, Pa.	6,229	20
New Bedford, Mass.	6,824	20
Scranton, Pa....	12,448	23
Reading, Pa.....	9,160	25
San Francisco....	29,610	41
Seattle.....	5,998	8
Portland, Or....	8,000	7
Los Angeles.....	10,428	8

The Pacific coast is not so bad, yet bad enough, with one out of every twelve of the children of the big cities employed at regular labor. But think of those Pennsylvania cities, working by day, month and year one-fourth of all their children between the ages of eleven and fifteen! Send missionaries abroad to tell the heathen the great central figure of our religion said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven," while hundreds of thousands of them are being robbed of their childhood and made premature old! We are worse than the heathen.

COAST LUMBER WEALTH

R. S. Kellogg, of the government forest service, furnishes an interesting paper on the growth of the lumber industry. It shows that the value of the output has increased in fifty years from \$60,000,000 in 1850 to \$450,000,000 in 1900.

The most striking part of his figures is that showing the shifting of the source of supply. In 1850 the Northwestern states furnished 54 per cent of the product, Southern States 14, Lake states 6 and Pacific coast 4. Fifty years afterward, in 1900, the Northwestern states which in 1850 had supplied over half of the lumber, had taken last place with less than a sixth of the total output. The Southern states had doubled their product to 28 per cent, while the Lake states increased four-fold to 27 per cent, and the Pacific coast nearly trebled, with almost ten per cent.

Figures gathered this year show with the exhaustion of other sources of supply, the Pacific coast is now furnishing a fifth of the total, and it is not saying too much to assert that by the time of another census in 1910, the coast will be furnishing not less than a third.

Here are figures showing the great increase in value of the coast output in the twenty years from 1880 to

1900: Washington, \$1,375,000 to \$30,000,000; California, \$1,429,000 to \$13,675,000; Oregon, \$2,931,000 to \$10,352,000. The mills so far have not much more than made a break in the wonderful forests of the Cascade mountains. There are untold millions in wealth there, and with constantly increasing values.

Henry Clews, of New York, gives a list of railroads and industrial concerns that have recently authorized an increase of stock or bonds to the amount of \$1,057,000,000, actually issuing \$19,000,000 thereof, and he thinks liquidation, a settlement of the money tied up in stocks, the only relief for the financial congestion that threatens the country. He says fully \$900,000,000 of mining stocks have recently been issued, while immense sums are locked up in real estate corporations. The immensity of such stock operations may be somewhat realized from the statement that the gold and silver endowment of the United States amounts to but little over two billions, while that of the world is less than thirteen billions. A panic squeezes the water out of over-capitalized concerns, but it also affects legitimate values for the time being.

Mrs. Dr. B. A. Owens-Adair, of Astoria, has published an interesting little volume giving a history of her life, the object being to illustrate the trials and struggles of the pioneer women of Oregon. The book is well written, and many Oregon literary selections, poems and prose, are preserved, proving the literary ability and taste of the author. Dr. Owens-Adair has long been prominent as a physician in Oregon and Washington, and has taken part in temperance work and other movements of interest to women, so that she is no stranger to the reading public, which will no doubt give her book a warm welcome. Old Oregonians will be especially interested in it.

The valley papers generally are taking up the discussion of an open river from the Columbia to Eugene. It is generally admitted that this plan presents the only practical and permanent solution of the transportation problem, and gives the assurance of reasonable freight rates for all time to come. More than this, it would place the markets of the world at the door of our farms, orchards, lumber mills, and factories, making the Willamette valley the most prosperous section of the great West. It is a consummation well worth working for and a long, steady pull—a pull together—will result in its accomplishment.

The editorial writer of the Portland Journal expresses the opinion that Lane and Linn counties should make a friendly settlement of the proposed restitution of the county line dividing them. He is rather mixed on his bearings, however, as he writes of the "eastern" boundary when it is north or south, according to the county, also referring to the Santiam mining district when the Blue river mining district, or a portion thereof, is the one involved.

Another case of politics-making strange bedfellows is that concerning the discharge of the negro soldiers for riotous conduct at Brownsville, Texas. Any effort to enact legislation relating thereto unfavorable to the president will be blocked by the five Democratic members of the senate committee on military affairs uniting with the Republican members who sustain the president.

No surprise was caused by the formal announcement that Senator DuBoise would enter the lecture field after he leaves the senate next March. He hopes to find as much profit in the Mormons as Tillman has in the negroes.

Does Attorney General Bonaparte consider a war scarcely necessary to get a fair naval appropriation from congress? It might be suggested from one of his recent addresses that he did.

Andre Giront, who took advantage of his position as tutor of the children of the crown prince of Saxony

What the Negro Has Been Able to Do For Himself

By Rev. L. B. MOORE, Dean of Teachers' College, Howard University, Washington

THE negro has lived and increased his population far beyond the expectation of friend and foe. Every other people have gone down in the native heath of the white man, either because of weakness in themselves or the dominating spirit of the Aryan, but the negro has shown himself CAPABLE OF LIVING WITH THE WHITE MAN wherever he lives and of learning from him the arts of civilization.

It was confidently predicted that after slavery the negro would die out, that he would not work, that socially and domestically he could never become a part of the body politic, but in the face of this and AGAINST GREAT OPPOSITION he has knitted himself into the very life of the nation and in forty years has increased his numbers from 4,000,000 to nearly 10,000,000.

While men were debating whether he could or would meet the changed conditions of freedom he has transformed himself from a chattel to a free man, from a driven mass of human form, working under the lash, to an INDEPENDENT WAGE EARNER; has helped to change the south from a rude agricultural section to prosperous manufacturing centers and has proved that his labor under freedom is far more valuable than his labor under slavery.

AND NOT ALONE IN AGRICULTURAL PURSUITS, BUT IN EVERY PHASE OF MECHANICAL INDUSTRIES, HE IS SHOWING HIMSELF ADAPTABLE TO NEW CONDITIONS AND TAKING HIS PLACE IN THE PURSUIT OF VARIED OCCUPATIONS.

A Poem for Today

MILES KEOGH'S HORSE

By John Hay

ON May 15, 1876, General Custer, with his regiment, the Seventh United States cavalry, began a campaign against the confederated Sioux tribes. The Indians were found encamped on the Little Big Horn river, in a region almost unknown. There were eleven tribes and nearly 800 men. Custer had 1200. On June 25 about 200 troops under Major Reno attacked the Indians at one point, while Custer with 277 troopers charged from another. Custer with his entire command was slain. The expedition was severely criticized by some. In the last stanza of the following poem the poet censures the critics.

ON the bluff of the Little Big Horn,
 At the close of a wolfish day
 Custer and his three hundred lay
 In death and silence lay.

Three hundred to three thousand!
 They had bravely fought and bled,
 For such is the will of congress
 When the white man meets the red.

The white men are ten millions,
 The thriftest under the sun;
 The reds are fifty thousand
 And warriors every one.

So Custer and all his fighting men
 Lay under the evening skies,
 Staring up at the tranquil heavens
 With wide, accusing eyes.

And of all that stood at noonday
 In that fiery scorpion ring
 Miles Keogh's horse at evening
 Was the only living thing.

Alone from that field of slaughter
 Where lay the three hundred slain
 The horse Comanche wandered,
 With Keogh's blood on his mane.

And Sturgis issued this order,
 Which future times shall read,
 While the love and honor of comrades
 Are the soul of the soldier's creed.
 He said: "Let the horse Comanche
 Henceforth till he shall die."

to elope with the crown princess, is just married. As usual the woman got the worst of it—lost her children and title, and even her lover for whom she gave up all forsook her, for a price, of course. He was bought off by Saxony's royal family.

For several years papers and magazines have been printing articles headed "China is Awakening." It seems to be a case where a few openers might be used effectively.

When Mr. James Bryce has worked a while at his new job—British ambassador to Uncle Sam—he'll be able to write some new American history, this time from an inside view.

East St. Louis has a steam whistle, such blow of which costs one dollar. It ought to cost double that to blow any of 'em in hearing of a human habitation.

A literary critic suggests Speaker Cannon as the hero for a novel. The novelist who could hang any romance on Joe would pull off a miracle.

There must be some germ connected with the Indian service that gets into the blood and produces gratto-mania and rubber conscience.

Now that immense deposits of coal have been discovered in Ireland, our railroad press agents may start an agitation for annexation.

Dad's got his checkbook left, also a notice from the bank that his account is overdrawn not to mention his indignation.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

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