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If Moro own and operate a water system, why can he not establish an ice factory on the same plan?

The war deal is off now and our people are anxiously waiting for an itemized account of some of the deals at home. It will make rich reading.

Will Mark Hanna prosperify affect the price of Sherman county wheat this season? "Dollar wheat" was the campaign cry, but it don't go now.

What per cent. of the patriotic (?) bondholders went boldly to the front? How will their representation in the field compare with that of the "anarchistic" Pops?

The people of Wasco should think seriously before putting in a municipal waterworks plant as Moro has done. It is pure and unadulterated Socialism, and—well, that's something a-w-f-u-l!

Indeed, it "do be amusing" to note how popular some Populist hobbies have become since the Pops have kept them so persistently before the public for so, these many years. Take the question of "Direct Legislation," for instance.

We suppose the recent spat will cause a demand for an increase in the navy, and this will be taken as an excuse to issue "more bonds." Strengthen the navy if necessary—but do it with the old-fashioned Lincoln greenbacks. They are non-interest bearing.

Now that the war is over, and Spain has felt the weight of Uncle Sam's strong right hand, we suggest that his equally powerful left hand be brought down forcibly upon some of the trust(ed) enemies who have been plundering his camp while he was busy.

The manner in which the volunteers took up arms and conducted themselves in battle is ample proof that a large standing army in the United States is absolutely uncalled for. It makes unnecessary taxation. Give us the citizen soldiers for courage and patriotism, every time.

Able-bodied men are working in the glass works of Stenboville, Ohio, for 65 cents a day—hard and exhausting labor at that. And some girls in the same establishment receive only 65 cents per week. If these men and girls work steadily, losing no time by sickness, how long before they will be able to buy homes for themselves and provide for old age?

Many excellent reform magazines and papers come to our desk each week, but, for originality, argument in a nutshell, and up-to-date illustrations, the New Time takes the lead. It is always interesting and the reverberations from its sledge-hammer blows for reform are creating consternation in the ranks of the plutocracy. Every farmer and mechanic should have it in his home.

The receipts of the Western Union Telegraph company during 1897 were \$22,638,859, with expenses of \$16,906,656, being profits of \$5,732,203. The expenses, it must be remembered include princely salaries to a few pets, which, under government ownership would be reduced to reasonable remuneration for actual services, thus making it possible to lessen the cost to patrons and at the same time leave a handsome surplus.

The voluntary action of a relatively free people in risking life and treasure to defend a helpless neighboring people from rapine has little in common with the notions of ordinary men regarding devils. The real diabolism, if it is anywhere, lies in the monstrous and perverted notion that force is not to be resisted, but that the world should be given over to savagery. A just and corrective manifestation of force is being made against a merciless and barbarous manifestation of force, and the beneficial results to liberty and progress not one man in a hundred thousand among civilized peoples can doubt.—American Fabian.

NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT.

Dr. James Hudson, of Nelson, New Zealand, stopped in St. Paul on his way to his former home in Manchester, Eng. Dr. Hudson has for many years practiced medicine in Australia and New Zealand, but of late has been in the Queen's service on one of the Pacific liners plying be-

tween Melbourne and Vancouver. When seen at the Merchants he said: "I think the present colonial government of New Zealand is quite superior to any in our part of the world. The government is yearly increasing its functions, and but recently it has taken to buying up large tracts of land and selling them in small farms on the deferred payment plan, which enables clerks and others of quite limited means to become independent. The government also owns the railroads, does a general banking business, and writes insurance on all classes of home risks."

When the government first went into the life insurance business there was a great deal of opposition from the business community, but since it has been in operation the wisdom of plan has been proven beyond a doubt. For years I could not bring myself to believe that government control of public enterprises was the best thing for the country, but the general satisfactory results obtained from the government control during the last ten years in New Zealand has fully convinced me of the desirability of the plan. The plan certainly has worked admirably in our colonies, and I see no reason why the United States could not at least control its transportation facilities, to the direct benefit of the resident population, as it would necessarily result in a reduction of the rates to all kinds of traffic, both freight and passenger."

HOW DOES IT STRIKE YOU?

Believing firmly in the Declaration of Independence and especially in the grand principle that "all men are created equal, with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," we can scarcely find words to express our thoughts when we pause to consider the vast army of persons who spend their lives in "pursuit." We refer particularly to the laboring people, a great majority of whom receive not to exceed \$1.50 per day of from 10 to 16 hours, often at the hardest kind of physical labor.

Much has been said by politicians and others about the great purchasing power of the dollar of today, and of the advantage enjoyed by workmen which were unknown to the signers of that immortal document mentioned above. But, coming down to the facts, dollars and cents, how does their proposition strike you, reader? Are you satisfied with the present conditions?

Where is the farmer who does not realize that higher wages for laborers enables the latter to pay better prices and increases the demand for farm products; then, too, the increased price of farm products makes it possible for the farmer to pay higher wages. Each is dependent on the other, and a system which compels either to practice the strictest economy in order that they may eke out a mere existence and save a few paltry dollars from a year's work is un-American and unjust.

Household economy, in many American homes is such a knotty problem that political economy has been banished from their firesides. Indeed so necessary has the study of economy become, that great newspapers and magazines are daily publishing articles on "how to live cheaper," and the man who can exist on a trifle less than some fellow laborer is held up as an example of the possibilities of our present conditions.

In proof of this assertion we publish in another column an article entitled "Living on \$200 a Year." It shows how Mr. A. H. Zander, his wife and daughter managed to "live" one year and save nearly \$200 out of a salary of \$400. It does not, however, offer any rules of economy for families of from five to seven, on a salary of \$400 per year, and, since the average family consists of five, this is a matter of great interest to many hard-worked fathers who are anxiously waiting for needed improvements along economic lines.

The article has been given great prominence by the Review of Reviews, and the Ladies Home Journal, and must be read to be appreciated.

LIVING ON \$200 A YEAR.

By J. C. RUPPENTHAL, JR.

Under the caption above given, in the March, 1898, number of the Ladies' Home Journal, Mr. A. H. Zander shows how he, his wife, his daughter, aged four years, and son, aged one, "lived" and saved nearly \$200 on a salary of \$400 a year. The article has been quoted by the Review of Reviews, and we may look for it to be used freely by those who have monopolized the wealth of the world, to show that the toilers can live well enough on the average wages of today.

In contrast to the itemized account of his expenses for one year, given by Mr. Zander as a Wisconsin schoolmaster, the writer will set forth the result of ten years of careful living in Kansas as farm hand, college student, school teacher

and professional man, with careful book keeping showing every cent of income and outlay. Seven years of single life and three years of married life are included. One child is counted in the family for two years.

Our badger friend spent \$94.82 for food; \$38 for rent, \$36 for rent, \$6 for magazines and papers, and \$40 for "incidentals"—\$213.82 in all—for the living of himself and family for one year. The writer's figures show yearly averages: for board, lodging and washing when single, \$113.02; for food for family of three, \$95.14, which does not include the milk, cream and butter produced by the cow at a cash outlay of \$18.70, no poultry and eggs, nor potatoes and garden vegetables, costing \$2.76, besides home labor, nor fruit from the home orchard; for house rent, \$37.77; for ready made clothing, \$33.95; average for ten years, with \$34.43 added for good goods as the average for three years—a total of \$68.38 a year for family dress; for newspapers and magazines, \$3.59, average for ten years, or \$7.03 a year when public libraries and reading rooms were not accessible. This makes \$178.82 to Mr. Zander's \$173.82, excluding "incidentals."

"Incidentals" presumably takes in everything the family of Mr. Zander used, except what he enumerates as food, clothing, rent and papers. Our itemized "incidentals," with averages per year, are: Postage, \$4.43; stationery, \$1.99; printing, etc., \$2.25; photographs, etc., \$1.82; books, \$9.98; school and college tuition and teachers' examinations, \$15.29; membership in various fraternal, beneficiary, religious and social organizations, \$15.61; donations, \$2.85; presents, \$3.49; railroad fare, \$13.49; jewelry, \$3.38; washing, (the work done chiefly by the wife), \$2.64; fuel and lights, \$21.02; political contributions, (average since reaching majority), \$6.46; drugs, medicines and medical attendance, \$12.93; taxes, \$6.69; kitchen utensils, \$5.54; furniture, \$36.67; hardware, \$2.35; drayage hire of horses, carriages, etc., \$5.74; miscellaneous (including a bicycle), \$20.99.

Thus we have an average expenditure of \$373.93 yearly for a family of three, against Zander's \$213.82 for his family of four. The difference is chiefly in incidentals. But what is there that can well be dispensed with, if duty to God, our country, our neighbor, our families and ourselves is regarded? Does the Wisconsin writer use no stationery? Does he make no use of the postal facilities? Has he no library, nor desire for one? He has no pittance for charity, where justice is denied? Does it cost nothing to advance with his profession? Has he no part or share in the work of religious and fraternal organizations—made no provision for his family in beneficiary institutions? Are photographs and jewelry things of vanity proscribed in his creed? Is he a clam for whom railroads are simple carriers of food and clothes? Do the coal trust and the Standard Oil monopoly kindly furnish light and fuel free? Is he a citizen and without interest in public affairs or matters political? Is he so self-centered that no gift ever goes to friend or kinsman? Are his portals securely guarded against the distorted form of disease? The \$200 a year that he saves—does that escape the tax-collector? Are the furniture and tenets of civilized life not to be counted among the costs of living? Does no pleasure trip ever delight him or his family?

Mr. Zander's article is interesting as showing how people can and do exist, not live, in the closing years of the nineteenth century, and this not in the slums or among the savages, but among the "middle-class." His words would be in place in a monkish chronicle of anchorites. It should be classed with Tanner's feat of fasting, with tales of the time when men have lived with out food, or water, or salt, or fresh air, or sunshine, or human fellowship. It might enlighten the slave driver on the trifling needs of his victims, and be read by him as breeders read agricultural reports to make gain on livestock. It should fortify the conscience of the "sweater," strengthen the purpose of him who would reduce wages, and afford new argument to all who self-complacently attribute the ills of the workers to extravagance.

Has our civilization reached the point where a proper theme for discussion in the magazine is the minimum upon which the body and soul be kept in company, nakedness hidden, and shelter from the elements maintained? Was our nation brought through its difficulties, to assure this swinish existence to its citizens?

The learning of lectures, the transports of travel, the companionship of books, the fellowship of friends, the pleasures of poetry, the strains of music the soothing of song, the glories of art—must life be bare of all these to the millions? Why? For what? For whom? The New Time.

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