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OUR GREAT TRADE BALANCES.

Our exports last year exceeded those of the United Kingdom, and no other country approached either. Our trade balances are so great that to attempt to collect them in cash would ruin our customers and involve the world, including ourselves, in disaster. In the last three years their aggregate has equaled the sum of all the gold in all the banks and treasuries of Europe, including the British Isles. No wonder foreign governments have come here to place their hands. A nation with the power to amass such credits as these becomes of necessity a trader and investor in all parts of the world. We are out to stay, for we never can bring our belongings home, says the American Economist.

This is an expansive and cheerful outlook. It is assuring and inspiring. It means a broader footing under our industries and security from the reactions of a restricted market. It means more intimate relations abroad and a larger part in the affairs of the world. Such a development of national importance has moral and intellectual benefits as well. It will enlarge the national view; it will broaden the national character; it will dignify the national life. As we strive to extend our trade we shall meet prejudices, and in overcoming them, surrender some of our own. We shall arouse antagonisms and have to conciliate them; encounter stubborn foes and have to placate or retaliate, as the occasion seems to require. In the long run, the policy of a great commercial and exporting people must be fair trade and reciprocity.

Some time ago a well known Pacific coast attorney who prides himself upon his handling of Chinese witnesses was defending a railway damage case. The lawyer is a bit near-sighted, so failed to notice when a Chinaman came upon the stand that the witness' clothing was of finer texture than the ordinary Coolie. Instead of following the usual questions as to name, residence, if the nature of an oath were understood, etc., the following dialogue ensued: "What is your name?" "Kee Lung." "You live in San Francisco?" "Yes." "You sabbie God?" "Mr. attorney, if you mean, 'Do I understand the entity of our creator?' I will simply say that Thursday evening next I shall address the State Ministerial Association on the subject of 'The Divinity of Christ,' and shall be pleased to have you attend." When order was restored the examination proceeded upon ordinary line, but to the day of his death the lawyer will never cease to be asked if he "sabbie God?"

The Nevada, California and Oregon road will soon be extended north from Reno. This road starts from Reno, Nevada, and taps a territory that used to be and should be now tributary to Redding. It appears strange to the Free Press that the Southern Pacific Company has not long since invaded the rich lands of Modoc county and Eastern Oregon, instead of letting a little jerk-water line like the N. C. & O. get ahead of them.—Redding Free Press.

Redding is building all kinds of roads, electric and otherwise—on paper. Why don't you send that Terry Railroad up through the north to tap this territory? The little "jerk-water," as you call it, is the first and only railroad that has thus demonstrated its faith in the richness of this territory, and it is going to reap a big harvest.

A straw in the State Land Office indicates the upward tendency of the times, says the Carson Nevada News. "Men who were land poor a few years ago are now buying more land. Four or five years ago many of these men considered the payment of the interest on their land contracts a galling burden and let the land revert to the State; but now they are buying the same land and cheerfully planking down the coin."

There is no mistaking the general prosperity of the country. Even "silver" Nevada has her share under a defeatable Republican administration. It is the same cry all over the country—"give us more; we have the money to pay for it."

A young lady from the east recently followed her lover to the penitentiary of Utah, where he is incarcerated for highway robbery, and there married him. There is a little consolation in this, and only a little. She will know where to find "hubby" when she wants him, and will have no cause for jealousy.

MUST ATTEND INSTITUTES

Districts Employing Non-Attendants at Institutes Fined.

The season of the year is approaching when the annual teachers' institutes will be held in the various counties of the state, and in that connection it is worth while for teachers and school directors to note the "inducements" provided by the last Legislature to secure a full attendance of teachers at such meetings. Heretofore teachers who refused to attend institutes were subject to the penalty of having their certificates revoked. Now they are subject to this same penalty and school districts that employ such teachers will lose \$5 or more by doing so. The law governing this subject is subdivision three of section two of the act of 1901, prescribing the duties of the County Superintendent in the matter of distributing funds. It reads in part as follows:

"He shall make an apportionment of the entire school fund in the county treasury on the first Monday in April and October of each year, and at such other times during the year as he may deem advisable. The county school fund, collected in pursuance of the school tax levied by the County Court, shall be apportioned in the following manner: In October he shall apportion \$50 to each district in his county that has reported to him as required by law. At the same time he shall apportion to each district in his county \$5 for each teacher employed by such district during the twelve months immediately preceding such apportionment who has attended, for a period of at least 16 hours, an annual county institute or state teachers' association held during the 12 months immediately preceding the time of making such apportionment. The County Superintendent shall take as evidence that such district has employed a teacher or teachers who have attended an institution or association as above described a certificate properly signed by the secretary of such institution or association, or a certified copy thereof. It is hereby made the duty of such teachers to file with the clerk of such district a certificate, or copy thereof, as hereinbefore provided, and it shall be the duty of said clerk to file said certificate, or copy thereof, with the school Superintendent of his county; provided, that the County Superintendent shall not credit a district with a greater number of such certificates than the whole number of rooms in operation in such district at any one time during the year. The balances of the funds," etc.

This law goes into effect May 22d and the apportionment next October will be made according to its provisions. School districts will find it to their advantage to employ teachers who attended institutes, and when a teacher applies for a position, one of the essential questions as to qualifications will be:

"Did you attend the last teachers' institute?"

District officers will thus learn which of the applicants manifest a professional spirit by attending the teachers' meetings. A teacher who fails to attend an institute because of sickness or other sufficient reason is not liable to the penalty of having his diploma revoked, but he thereby fails to secure an institute certificate and is at a disadvantage when he applies for a position. From a business standpoint it will not pay a teacher to be sick during institute week, as has been popular during the past.

While this new feature in the distribution of school funds will work a hardship on new teachers who have never attended an institute, and on teachers lately arrived in the state, it will undoubtedly increase the attendance at teachers' meetings.

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