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Treat Anarchists as Traitors.

The assassination of President McKinley by an avowed anarchist emphasizes the imperative necessity for wholesome restraint on such dangerous characters. Wretches, who do not believe in the law of God or man, are liable at any time to imitate the fearful crimes of Czolgosz, who shot President McKinley, Cesar who assassinated President Carnot of France, and Bresci who slew King Humbert of Italy.

The avowed believers in the doctrines of anarchy are traitors, traitors to that which the citizens of the United States hold dear. The dead president and a weeping nation is evidence enough to prove this fact. It has been the fashion, because the average American could not credit any one with such fearful principles as these men hold, and, in consequence, has laughed at their ravings, to regard them as harmless lunatic instead of arch traitors. But the fact that they have killed three heads of established governments, the last of which the most broadly liberal chief magistrate in all the world, shows beyond doubt that they are dangerous and not to be made light of. No one can tell when one of these wretched, misguided traitors may be afflicted with a murderous mania or when the attack may come. It would certainly seem to be the part of wisdom to place all such persons under surveillance, and hound them down whenever they attempt to teach treason or lift their murderous, bloody hands.

There is no adequate law on the statute books to cover crime which anarchists teach and premeditate. It may seem un-Christian on our part, but the man who gloat in such dastardly crimes as that which took the life of President McKinley is just as bad as the traitor who committed the deed and should meet the same fate as Czolgosz will. The right of free speech—the most precious of American rights, next to that of life and liberty—will certainly not be circumscribed if wise laws, such as can be framed, be enacted to restrain avowed anarchists.

The nations of the old world have attempted repeatedly to join in concerted action against anarchists, but all such efforts have been fruitless because the attempts have been based on the theory that the misguided men are criminals. If they should be treated as traitors and dealt with firmly, there would be some hope of eradicating the growing evils of anarchy. At least, the more notoriously dangerous would find themselves in a bad fix to be charged with treason every time they indulge in dangerous incendiary talk.

The Slowpoke Workingman.

What is true of the painter, printer and bricklayer is equally true in nearly all of the mechanical trades. The result is that a very considerable number of the members of trades unions who would be able to find employment under a system of classification, according to their capacity are only occasionally employed or not employed at all because they are members of the union. As union men they cannot work for less than the scale and they cannot get employment at the scale because they are not able to earn as much for their employer as the quick, bright men in their trade. If they were not union men they could work at any price they choose to accept. Hence this class of men drops out of the unions to join the ranks of the independent workmen who cannot afford to remain in the union and see their families starve. This is a very serious source of weakness to organize labor and will grow worse unless the unions drop the idea that all men are created equal and should have equal pay for an unequal day's work. The employers of labor are not all philanthropists. There are very few employers who are willing to hire a slowpoke when they can get active men with double the capacity for work at the same price. But the slowpoke must live. They ought to have recognition and protection in the

trades unions; they ought to have an opportunity to belong to the unions and yet work for less per hour and per day than the men that can do twice as much work in the same time.

Political Drift.

Governor Shaw of Iowa inclines to the belief that the early presidential bird provokes a frost.

The scarcity of available presidential timber in the democratic camp presents a notable contrast to the abundance on the republican side.

An effort is being made to induce idle American pugilists to migrate and teach the Cubans the manly art of government at so much a round.

The bonded debt of Greater New York has reached the back-breaking proportions of \$287,000,000, nearly \$100 for every man, woman child in the metropolis.

The supreme court of Hawaii holds that an income tax is constitutional in that territory. Commenting on the decision, the Honolulu Republican explains that the court is composed of one lawyer and two judges.

Josiah Quincy of Boston, headman of the Cleveland administration, consents to sacrifice himself as democratic candidate for governor of Massachusetts. Yet it is commonly supposed Josiah knows enough to refrain from blowing out the gas.

The republican state campaign in Ohio will be formally opened at Delaware on September 21 by Senator Marcus A. Hanna. The republicans of Ohio are to have a speaking canvass this year and much of the labor of campaigning will devolve upon the two republican senators Messrs. Hanna and Foraker.

A. B. Cummins, the republican candidate for governor of Iowa, though active in the politics of that state for many years has held only one office. He was elected to the legislature on a fusion ticket with the support of the anti-prohibition republicans and the democrats during the temperance controversy in that state.

The new primary law providing for direct nominations to public office was in force in Minneapolis last year and the Minnesota legislature last winter extended it to the whole state. Assistant Attorney General Somerby rules that the new law requires that seven weeks before election day a primary election to select candidates must be held and that twenty days before the primary election candidates shall file affidavits of intention. This makes the date for filing affidavits of intention a few days in advance of the date when the law takes effect and he decides that the law is inoperative this year.

Out of the Ordinary.

To maintain the public schools of this country costs every man, woman and child a little over \$9.

Greedwood Ia., reports the champion sneak thief. Two hours after being released from jail he broke into the prison and stole his photograph from the rogue's gallery.

The United States gets away with 1,220,000,000 gallons of beer in a twelve month; but it is a big country and proportionately by no means so thirsty for the amber fluid as several others.

At a dog luncheon given by members of the Four Hundred at Newport the pets were seated on stools at a special table and treated to a course dinner on a table decorated with flowers. Is this the very blossom and flower of our high civilization?

Dr. Charles Smith, a physician of Philadelphia, contends that he was born in Cairo, Ill., in 1775—126 years ago. He says that he can produce indisputable proof that he was more than thirty years old when he was graduated at the medical school at Jena in 1808.

Of 122 horses purchased last week in Canada for British army uses, all but fifty were rejected on examination in Toronto because they exceeded fifteen hands two and a half inches in height, the limit which new orders from the War office have placed for acceptance.

Hoopston, Ill., demands respectful attention. Its mayor serves for 50 cents a year and its councilmen for half as much. There has never been a sulon in the place though it now has a popula-

tion of 4,000 and its pavements, fire department, water supply and public works generally are all right.

There is, perhaps, no part of the United States which has been so little explored as the Great Dismal swamp, unless it be the Everglades of Florida. This great body of land, covered with forests growing in six to ten feet of water extends over an area of about 2,400 square miles, its greatest width being forty miles and its greatest length sixty miles.

Another of the three-century centenarians, who is not quite ready for her obituary, is Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt of Brooklyn, who, by the record in the family bible, was born 101 years ago, and, though her sight and memory are failing, she is out every day and her delight is taking trolley trips. She had three sons in the civil war, and all are dead, but two sons survive, and since 1879 she has not missed a year in visiting a grandson in Middletown and a granddaughter in Meriden, Conn.

The history of the construction of the Cleveland lake tunnel from which the water supply of that city is derived contains an appalling mortality list. Within three years fifty men have been killed by explosions and fire. May 11, 1898, eight men were killed by a gas explosion, June 11, the same year eleven were killed from the same cause; August 14, 1901, fire in the crib killed ten August 20, 1901, explosion in the crib killed five; sixteen in all have been killed in minor accidents.

One of the attractions of the St. Louis World's fair, it is said, will be an aerial globe 700 feet high from stone base to roof. At the height of 110 feet there will be a spacious roof garden about 1,000 feet in circumference. The space will contain two restaurants and two theaters. At an altitude of 295 feet will be a huge coliseum, with walks around the globe, giving a complete view of the grounds. Below will be two regular circus rings and a racetrack. Under the seats will be a menagerie, viewed from the circular walk.

LAND CONTEST CASES.

Oregon City Office Fixes the Dates of Hearing for Nineteen.

OREGON CITY, Sept. 13.—The Land Office officials today set for hearing 19 of the contest cases in which Charles T. Hayes is interested. Some time ago Hays filed contests against 16 settlers in Tillamook County, and the case has excited much attention and newspaper comment. October 23 is the date set for hearing the first contest, and the others will be heard daily until the 19 are finished. Hays has requested that the hearing of the remaining 55 cases be deferred until some future date. His attorneys are S. C. Spencer, of Portland, and W. F. Hays, of Seattle. Most of the contestees will be represented by Colonel R. A. Miller and T. F. Cowing. The dates of the hearings are: September 23, Isaac Simler; September 24, Ovilla Bowers; September 25, D. C. Bowers; September 26, Nellie Allen; September 28, John Allen; September 29, James W. Hunt; September 30, Thomas P. Wise; September 31, John F. Watts; October 1, Solie Smith; October 2, Bertha B. Martin; October 5, More H. Larsen; October 7, Lavina B. Coates; October 9, William E. Martin; October 13, Edith Tuttle; Oct. 14, Charles B. Handley; October 15, Thomas Coates; October 16, Maud Sturgeon; October 18, George H. Handley; October 19, Annie Tone.

Blasts from Ram's Horn.

Though the vine be bitter the grapes may be sweet.
The darkness of trouble oft casts new light on the promises.

Men measure us by our mistakes; the Master by our motives.

He who shuts his heart on his fellows cannot open it to his God.

He who says what he does not mean will mean what he does not say.

You can never lift things up till you learn to lift your thoughts up.

A man's knowledge is seen in his questions more than in his answers.
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