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THE GREAT HOME MARKET: The assistant secretary of the treasury, Mr. Vandorip, has in a recent address presented the statistics of the foreign commerce of the United States.

They are very striking, but enormous as these figures are they do not begin to compare with those that tell the story of our domestic trade in the fiscal year just closed.

While the foreign commerce of that year amounted to the unprecedented sum of about \$2,300,000,000, unmatched by that of any other nation excepting Great Britain, yet it is trivial in comparison with the figures that indicate the domestic trade of the last fiscal year.

It is stated that in one day the clearing house of New York City completed exchanges that were one-ninth of the total foreign commerce of the country for the entire year.

The figures of the clearing houses of the country represent in dollars and cents the domestic business and these show exchanges for the last fiscal year aggregating many billions and an increase of wealth in the United States, pretty evenly distributed, greater than in a single year.

This great home market, it is well to bear in mind, has been created by republican policy. The constant application of the principle of protection has developed our resources and built up our industries.

It has also safeguarded American labor. The democratic party has persistently fought this policy and is as hostile to it at present as at any time during the last forty years.

That party prates about the United States being under the thumb of British financiers, yet it is willing to adopt an economic policy in the interest of British manufacturers, as it did six years ago, though not then going as far in that direction as Mr. Bryan and his democratic associates in the house of representatives desired.

What it did do, however, caused enormous injury to American industries and labor, from which all interests suffered.

The success of the democratic party this year would again menace the policy which has built up the home market and developed a domestic trade which is very much greater than that of any other country.

What American interest is there that this would benefit?

A FATUOUS IDEA: The New York Journal of Commerce remarks that to elect Mr. Bryan with the idea that the gold standard law is safe anyway for four years is the most fatuous performance ever commended to the voting public.

In the opinion of that paper Bryan as president would promptly call a special session of congress—being assumed that his election would carry also the house of representatives—to repeal the gold standard law and enact a free coinage law, but even were he to fail in accomplishing this there is plenty he could do to contravene the spirit if not the letter of the act of last March.

It is pointed out that the new law in effect makes the United States notes and the treasury notes gold certificates, but it provides for the substitution of silver certificates for the treasury notes, and it provides no means for keeping the silver dollars at par in gold.

The Journal of Commerce says: "There have been coined 490,000,000 silver dollars. Of these 15,000,000 belong to the government and 67,000,000 are in private hands. The remaining 408,000,000 are stored in the treasury and represented by certificates in circulation. Mr. Bryan is pledged to the payment of government obligations in silver. He would have \$15,000,000 in silver to begin with. But in the fiscal year 1899 the government received \$698,540,041 in silver certificates and paid out \$871,072,273. It need not have paid out the certificates; it might have disbursed the dollars. It is true that the recipients might have redeemed the coin and taken out certificates, but they could get no gold notes redeemable in gold. If they did, the treasury would exercise its option of paying in silver. The redemption department might be redeeming United States notes in gold and even selling bonds for gold to maintain the process if a silverite attorney got

FRIENDS OF THE REPUBLIC.

The Kansas City convention emphasized anew that the south is the main-spring of democracy. The south aided Bryan with Stevenson without his aid or consent and dominated the party policy and management in every particular.

But we must not forget that these very states that now pretend to be so solicitous lest the republic succumb to an empire were the leaders in the effort to destroy the republic for the sake of the preservation of slavery. If there really were any danger to the life of the republic, would it not be folly to consign its safety to the care of those who plotted for its destruction?

The man who declared the Kansas City platform, asserting that the continuance of the republic is menaced by the threat of empire was the senator from South Carolina, the state that first sought to nullify the constitution and later led in the vain effort to secede from the union.

On the other hand, the republican party has always been the protector of the constitution and the defender of the union. At the only time the life of the republic was ever in actual danger, the republican party carried it successfully through the period of stress and storm.

When the democrats in their national platform declared the war a failure and demanded peace even at the price of disunion, the republicans rallied to the support of the flag and re-established its supremacy throughout the length and breadth of the land.

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In time of peril, the republic will always be safest in the hands of tried friends rather than of proved enemies. That is why the republican party will be retained in control of national affairs through the re-election of President McKinley.

NOT TOO EARLY TO BEGIN: It has been the practice in Omaha to propose and agitate amendments to the city charter after the election of the legislature, when members-elect are indifferent as to what is wanted or not wanted by the people.

The result has been in the past that the most vital interests of the city have been jeopardized because no agreement could be reached regarding charter amendments before the legislature convened, while the delay in the introduction of the bill usually frustrates its passage before the closing days of the session.

It will be remembered that the charter amendments of 1888 were held back for weeks for want of agreement in the delegation and did not reach the hands of the governor until the session had closed.

Although the amendments as adopted had the sanction of every member of the delegation, the bill was killed by a veto under false pretenses and the city has been compelled to suffer in consequence.

While there may be some charter reforms upon which no agreement can be reached until after the election, there are others that can and should be discussed and formulated before the candidates for the legislature from this county are placed in the field, so that they may all be pledged in advance to support such changes as are deemed absolutely necessary.

RURAL MAIL DELIVERY: The carrier delivery of mail matter in rural districts has passed the experimental stage. In every section of the country where rural mail delivery has been introduced it has quickly become not only popular, but almost indispensable.

It places the people living on the farm in closer touch with each other and with the people of the surrounding villages and towns.

It places the population of the rural districts on a level with the inhabitants of the cities in the reception of the latest intelligence from all parts of the world.

It enables the farmer to take advantage of the daily reports of the condition of the markets and affords him the opportunity to determine intelligently when to hold and when to sell.

It gives his family educational facilities by placing them promptly in possession of the latest newspapers and magazines.

Rural mail delivery has been in practical operation in foreign countries for more than a quarter of a century and it is only surprising it had not been introduced into the United States years ago. Now that it is being generally established the American people are beginning to appreciate its incalculable benefits and liberal appropriations for its extension will be endorsed by people of all parties and all sections.

Without question the fatalities on railroads exceed those of war. Part of them are due, however, to the failure of the railroads to equip their rolling stock with the most improved automatic coupling devices.

The law on the Nebraska statute books, which became effective months ago, prescribes severe penalties for railroads neglecting or refusing to use automatic couplers. Under the popocratic state administration this law has been a dead letter because the sham reformers have taken no steps to enforce it.

When it comes to fixing the responsibility for the slaughter on the railroads these facts should not be overlooked.

Congressman Lott is urging upon Mr. Bryan the desirability of locating the democratic national headquarters at Columbus and frankly informs him that there is no use trying to carry New York or Illinois for the democratic electors.

There is just as little hope, however, for the democrats to carry Ohio. If the headquarters are to be located in the state which gives reasonable prospect of going democratic they might perhaps be located in Texas or South Carolina.

The why and wherefore for rescinding the plank in the populist state platform relating to the regulation of fraternal insurance organizations has not been explained. If the plank was a good thing when the resolutions committee reported, what effected the change between that time and the eve of adjournment, when it was stricken out of the party's declaration?

Mr. Towne, in making speeches since the Kansas City convention, is talking right along as if he were not a candidate, although he has not yet announced his refusal to accept the populist nomination to serve as Bryan's running mate. We may yet have the spectacle of Mr. Towne on one ticket campaigning for one of his opponents.

Count up your friends and neighbors who are enjoying or planning to enjoy a summer outing. Never before have

THE PEOPLE IN THE ORDINARY WAYS.

The people in the ordinary ways of life felt able to indulge in vacation trips in such great numbers. Good times and general prosperity tell the story.

Washington Post: Mr. Hanna is pleased, Mr. Jones is pleased and Mr. Bryan is pleased. There is not much room for argument.

Two Types of Boxes: There is one point in which the Chinese Boxer is superior to the American variety—he fights more than he talks.

Philadelphia Times: The dearth of news from China is only a case of history repeating itself. It's a country there was never much known about, and that little doubtful.

Social Fabric in Peril: There is a prospect of tea going up in the west in consequence of the trouble in China. And both social circles and sewing societies rise in an unbecoming way to prove that women have no stake in politics.

Beauty of Hattie Pigeon: The crop experts variously estimate the wheat crop of the United States for 1900 at 472,000,000 to 510,550,000 bushels, and the corn crop at from 3,112,000,000 to 3,240,750,000 bushels. This is the most thrilling cereal story of the year.

Just Outside the Kitchen Door: Nebraska's populist revolution brings Bryan within five votes of election by giving him all the states he carried before and Indiana, Maryland and Kentucky. It is a poor arithmetic man who leaves his candidate in such a tantalizing situation.

Jap as a Giant Killer: The Japanese government shows fine sense of honor in admitting that should the foreigners at London refuse to accept Poynter as the acknowledged exponent of reform and good government, but they are in a hopeless minority. Too weak to do much at the convention, they can only bid their time and express their true sentiments on election day.

Wanted, Another Leg: Unless Mr. Bryan can provide himself with an extra leg he can't stand on all the three platforms of the populist, democrat and silver republicans who have put him in nomination. There is one plank, however, common to all the platforms. They all demand the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. And yet there are some Bryanites who insist that silver is a dead issue.

Oh, the Horror of It: Here is another proof that a secret alliance exists between this country and England. British flags are made in large quantities in this country. The manufacturers, of course, receive their price for the goods, but any democrat can see with half an eye that our government would not permit the manufacture of the emblem of British oppression and tyranny in this country if there were not some secret alliance in existence.

Moses on the Trust Smashers: Hon. Moses Wetmore of St. Louis tells Colonel Bryan that "we are all of us all right and the country is all right." By way of showing that he is all right, Colonel Moses has drawn a fat check to the credit of the democratic campaign fund; a preliminary "thank offering," he explains. His formal contribution will be made later, by selling out the tobacco trust and by running an independent contest in opposition to that trust in the coming election.

Penalties of the Presidency: One of the penalties of being a public man in this country is that the man has no time to himself. There is no doubt that President McKinley sorely needs a few weeks' rest after his long period of duty, but he will not be allowed to have it, even in the privacy of his Ohio home. As it was during his former campaign, so it is beginning to be now. He is already besieged by visitors, some of whom, no doubt, sincerely desire to say his wife and children are all right, but he must meet them all and, when they come in a body, must make a speech to them. There can be no genuine rest under such circumstances; but it seems impossible for a candidate to escape the infliction.

Exports of Corn: Growing Demand for the Cereal in New York Commercial: There were exported from the United States for the last fiscal year, 1899-1900, domestic products of agriculture valued at about \$40,000,000, or 52 per cent of the value of all exports of domestic products. Of all exports of domestic products, cotton and 31 per cent of breadstuffs. Wheat and corn constituted most of the latter. Although the proportion of American manufactures is yearly increasing, the export trade—amounting to over 31 per cent of the total for the last year—people's income from foreign sources is derived chiefly from what they are able to send abroad as the product of the soil.

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