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The department of agriculture in its annual report gives the amount of money the people of the United States spent in buying flowers at retail in 1899 as follows: Roses, \$6,000,000; carpations, \$4,000,000; violets, \$750,000; chrysanthemums, \$500,000; miscellaneous, including lilies, \$1,250,000.

A remarkable burglary has just been committed at the suburban station of Herkulesbad, Buda-Pesth. Three men delivered a coffin, apparently empty, for conveyance to Buda-Pesth. "carriage to pay." The last train having gone, it was locked for the night in the station master's office. Next morning the coffin was found with the lid off, and the office safe had been rifled.

The geodetic commission of Switzerland has undertaken an exact leveling of the whole country by the most scientific methods. The work has been going on for many years. Each point determined is fully described so that, in its turn, it may serve as a datum point for more detailed work and all the points are referred to one origin-namely, to a monument in Geneva whose altitude above the sea has been fixed.

A German expert in the east points out that as time goes on more and more men are required to coerce China into doing the will of another power. The opium war required only 4,000 Europeans, the Anglo-French war against the Cninese 16,000 and 4.800 Indians. The Japanese needed 95,000 men and 115,000 coolies, and today we find 90 men-of-war and almost 150,000 men attempting to compel obedience from the giant empire.

Most curious are the sewing or tailor birds of India-little yellow thumb. To escape falling a prey to snakes and monkeys the tailor bird picks up a dead leaf and flies up into a high tree, and with a fibre for a thread and its bill for a needle sews the leaf onto a green one hanging from the tree; the sides are sewed up. an opening being left at the top. That a nest is swinging in the tree no snake or monkey or even a man would suspect.

In the Hawailan legislature the native or reactionary element, which calls itself the "Home Rule party," is in control. Its leaders were opposed to annexation, and some of them have not abandoned the hope of the recall of the ex-queen. Not all the members speak English, and few of them are familiar with American institutions, They make unreasonable demands upon Governor Dole, and consume much time in personal bickerings. Many radical measures have been introduced, but the only bill enacted during the first half of the session was one appropriating money for the expense of the legislature. Altogether, it is a disappointing beginning; but legislative vagaries will be held in check by the executive, and gradually experience and growth of intelligence will bring improvement.

A London scientist is exploring the "color cure" or "chromopathy," based on the influence on disease or morbid states of the system which different kinds of light waves are presumed to exert. The modus operandi is to allow light to pass to the patient through glasses of different tints. Disease, says the discoverer, "shows a want of harmony in the system-in other words, a want of color." The main doctrine propounded under the system is that red is a stimulant tint, and should be used where there is lack of vitality, while blue exerts a soothing and sedative action. Yellow is "a capital cerebral stimulant." But the color curists are not content with the action of light alone. They think that colored rays allowed to play on water endow that fluid with curative properties, the water being used externally or for internal administration.

Uncle Sam is not only building a big, new mint in Philadelphia, but he is making it the finest in the world. He is also bringing it wholly up to date; for electricity, and electricity only, will be the power which makes the thousands of wheels go round. Electricity is the password for every appliance that knocks for entrance here, and nothing that will not lend itself to the energy of the dynamo can find a resting place. The building is a gigantic bunch of electric nerves, and the floors of the many rooms are tatooed with little brass plates, which mark the spots where these vibrating nerves may be tapped to secure the power used in driving the machinery. Every machine in the place will have its own motor attached, thereby rendering its use independent of any other part of the system, making it possible to operate the smanest device, both night and day, without moving any other part of the system.

An interesting fact brought out by the recent elections in Colorado is the marked tendency of Colorado men to elect women as city treasurers. Mrs. Margaret Robins was unanimously chosen city treasurer of Idaho Springs. At Aspen, Mrs. E. A. Kenney was reelected to the same office by a large majority. Mrs. Jennie Gale was elected city treasurer at New Castle, Mrs. Emma C. Palmer in Greely, Mrs. Clara A. Clark at Alma, Mrs. Mary Shanks tt Ouray, Miss Nellie E. Donahue at Victor and Mrs. A. N. Frownie at Man-

#### TALMAGE'S

"JUDGING OTHERS" THE SUB-JECT LAST SUNDAY

From the Following Bible Text: "The Lord Weigheth the Spirits"-Prov. XVI: 2 -Weighed in the Divine Scales-Nations Like Individuals.

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spirits." in different lands. Henry the III. decided that an ounce should be the from the middle of the ear. From the reign of William the Conqueror to Henry VIII. the English pound was the weight of 7,680 grains of wheat. Queen Elizabeth decreed that a pound should be 7,000 grains of wheat taken from the middle of the ear. The piece of platinum kept at the office of the exchequer in England in an atmosphere of 62 F. decides for all Great Britain what a pound must be. Scientific representatives from all lands met in 1869 in Parls and established international standards of weights and measura. . . .

Two Kinds of Truth.

There are Christian people who had faith that China would be redeemed and for thirty years have been contributing toward that object, but they changed their minds and now despair of the Flowery Kingdom since the Boxers began their massacres. There are those who were busy in New York missions and expected the salvation of our American cities until recent developments showed that the police were in complicity with crime, and now these Christian workers are despairful, as though all were lost. Of what worth is such a man's faith? When weighed, will they have what the chemists call atomic weight-the weight of an atom? No. Such faith is no faith at all.

But there is a man who by repentance and prayer has put himself into fruit tree, and the spirit of Cain in alliance with the Almighty God. Made the first assassination, and the spirit all right by the Savior's grace, this of courage in Joshua during the proman goes to work to make the world longed daylight, and the spirit of crulaunched this world, and he never in Jeremiah's lamentation, and the launched a failure. The garden of Eden spirit of evangelism in Paul between was a useless morass compared with the road to Damascus, where he first blossoms and leaves and flashes and the place of his beheadment, is weighresounds with its coming glory. God ing still and never yet has varied from have some equipment-not as much only perfect standard of weights and scatter them in helpfulness. I will as- masure the atmospheric pressure we about others, I will say it. If I can | Lord weigheth the spirits." say nothing but vile of them, I will keep my lips shut as tight as the lips of the sphinx, which for 3,000 years structing this world is too great for me to manage, but I am not expected to boss this job. I have faith to believe that the plan is well laid out and will be well executed. Give me a brick and a trowel and I will begin now to help build the wall. I am not a soloist, but I can sing 'Rock of Ages' to a sick pauper. I cannot write a great book but I can pick a cinder out of a child's eye or a splinter from under his thumb nail. I now enlist in this army that is going to take the world for God, and I defy all the evil powers, human and satanic, to discourage me. Count me into the service. I cannot play upon a musical instrument, but I can polish a cornet or string a harp or applaud the orchestra."

## A Cheerful Faith.

All through that man's experience there runs a faith that will keep him cheerful and busy and triumphant. I like the watchword of Cromwell's Ironsides, the men who feared nothing and dared everything, going into battle with the shout: "The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is raphy, a Hippocrates in medicine, a our refuge! Selah!" No balance that human brain ever planned or human hand ever constructed is worthy of der in battle and could build a temweighing such a spirit. Gold and pre- ple of Dianna at Ephesus and the cious stones are measured by the acro-Corinthus at Corinth and could carat, which is four grains. The deal- crown the Acropolis with a Parthenon er puts the diamond or the pearl on -surely such a land, with more genius one side of the scales and the carat on compressed in small space than in any the other side and tells you the weight. of the nations of all the ages, will But we need something more delicate- stand forever triumphant among surly constructed to weigh that wonderful rounding nations. No. Her pride of quality of faith which I am glad to heroics, her pride of literature, her know will be recognized and rewarded pride of architecture, must be brought for all time and all eternity. The down lower and lower, and humiliaearthly weighman counterpoises on tion must follow humiliation until in metallic balances the iron, the coal, the latter part of the nineteenth centhe articles of human food, the solids tury she is compelled to submit to the test or announce the amount of things spiritual. Here is something which nians, Had Athens prayerfully listened the Attic and Babylonian weighing to Paul's sermon on Mars hill and systems of the past and the metric adopted his precepts of brotherhood weighing system of the present can- and divine worship she would have not manage. "The Lord weigheth the stood in her old power today, and all spirits. \* \*

God's D'scipline.

SERMON, thing about it, is planning his life- fran mountains would have been, per- LESSON OF THE AGE. Greek translated into good English, cast down. The Lord weighed her he reads of a great farmer like Amos, a great mechanic like Aholiab, a great lawyer like Moses, a great soldier like Joshua, a great king like Hezekiah, a great poet, like David, a great glean like Ruth, a great physician like Luke, a great preacher like Paul, a great Christ like no one on earth or in heaven because the superior of all course, from a symbol of the Bible, beings terrestrial or celestial. He has Dr. Talmage urges the adoption of an learned by heart the Ten Commandunusual mode of estimating character | ments and the sermon on the mount and shows how different is the divine and has splendid theories about evway from the human way; text, Pro- erything. Between that fair haired boy and the achievement of what he wants and expects there are obstacles The subject of weights and measures | and hindrances known only to the God is discussed among all nations, is the who is going to discipline him for subject of legis'ation, and has much heroics magnificent. I have no power to do with the world's prosperity. A to prophesy that different experiences system of weights and measures was of his encouragement and disappointinvented by Phidon, ruler of Argos, ment, of his struggle or his triumph, about 800 years before Christ. An but as sure as God lives to make his ounce, a pound, a ton, were different his word come true that boy who will sleep tonight nine hours without waking will be final victor. I do not know weight of 640 dried grains of wheat the intermediate chapters of the volume of that young man's life, but I krow the first chapter and the last chapter. The first chapter is made of high resolves in the strength of God. and the last chapter is filled with the rewards of a noble ambition. As his obsequies pass out to the cemetery the poor will weep because they will lose their best friend. Many in whose temporal welfare and eternal salvation he bore a part will hear of it in various places and eulogize his memory, and God will say to the ascending spirit, "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the paradise of God." In the hour of that soul's release and enthronement there will be heavenly acclamation, as in the royal balances "the Lord weigheth the spirits."

Other balances may lack precision and fail in counterpoise. Scales are affected by conditions of atmosphere and acid vapors. After all that the nations have done to establish an invariable standard, perfection has never yet been reached, and never will be reached. But the royal balances of which I speak are the same in heat and cold, in all weathers, in all lands and in all the heavens-just and true to the last point of justice and truth. The same balance that weighed the tempted spirit of Adam under the right. He says to himself: "God elty of Jezebel, and the spirit of grief what the whole world will be when it saw the light, and the road to Ostia. will save it anyhow, with me or with- the right one milligram, which is the out me, but I want to do my share. I one six-thousanth part of a grain. The as some others but what I have I will measures ever established was estabuse. I have power to frown, and I will lished in the heavens before the world frown upon iniquity. I have power to was made and will continue to do its smile, and I will smile encouragement work after the world is burned up. upon all the struggling. I have a vo- To measure the time we have calencabulary not so opulent as the vocabu- dars. To measure the lighting we have lary of some others, but I have a store- the electrometers. To measure the house of good words, and I mean to heat we have the thermometers. To cribe right motives to others when it have the barometers. To measure is possible. If I can say anything good souls we have the royal balance. "The

## Weighed in Divine Scales.

In the same divine scales the spirit has looked off upon the sands of the of nations and civilizations is weighed. desert and uttered not one word about Egyptian civilization did its work, but the desolation. The scheme of recon- it was cruel and superstitious and idolatrous and defiant of the Almighty. It was cast out and cast down. The tourist finds his chief interest not in the generation that now inhabits the regions watered by the Nile and sprinkled by her cascades, but in the temples that are the skeletons of ancient pride and pomp and power-her obelisks, her catacombs, her mosques, the colossus of Rameses. the dead cities of Memphis and Thebes, the temples of Luxor and Karnak, the museum containing the mummified forms of the pharaohs. It is not the Egypt of today that we go to see, but the Egypt of many centuries ago. Her spirit has departed. Her doom was sealed. The Lord weighed her spirit.

and that civilization so long dead un-

Now cross over the Dardanelles or Hellespont and see Grecian civilization put in the royal balances. Surely that is an imperishable spirit. A land that produced a Pindar and a Homer in poetry, a Sophocles and an Aeschylus in tragedy, a Herodotus and Thucydides in history, a Socrates and the heaviest things would be the wars, Plato in philosophy, a Strabo in geog-Xenophon in literature, a Plutarch in biography, a Miltiades and an Alexanof earthly merchandise, but he cannot outrages of a sultan whose hands are that St. Peter enumerated-faith, vir- the more important that we give heed red with the blood of 50,000 Arme-

time career. From an old book part- haps for all Asia and for much of ly written in Hebrew and partly writ- Europe, a living civilization. But for ten in Greek, but both Hebrew and her arrogance she was cast out and TAUGHY BY ENGLAND'S PRESspirit.

The Weighing of Nations. And so the spirit of our American | The Leading Free-Trade Country in the nation is put into the royal balance. and it will be weighed as certainly as all the nations of the past were weighed and as all the nations of the present are being weighed. When we go to estimate the wealth of this nation, we weigh its gold and silver and coal and fron and copper and lead, and all the steel yards and all the balances are kept busy. So many tons of portant economic lessons of the age. this and so many tons of that, a mountainful of this metal and anoth- tection in 1846, England seemed to er mountainful of another metal. That | Prosper for nearly thirty years, a conis well. We want to know our mining dition due to the impetus of her 400 wealth, our manufacturing wealth, years of protection, just as a ball proour agricultural wealth, and the bush- pelled by force will roll up an incline el measure and the scales have an im- till overcome by the law of gravitaportant work. But know right well tion. About 1874 England reached the of this country as to the capitalist. there is a divine welghing in this point where she could no longer resist Our prosperity depends in a large country all the time going on, and I the inevitable law of commercial gravcan tell you our country's destiny if ity, and, first coming to a standstill, our working classes. When they are you will tell me whether it shall be slowly began rolling backward with a God honoring nation, reverential to increasing rapidity. Her enormous dethe only book of his authorship, ob- ficit has increased her debt to nearly serving the "shalt nots" of the law of \$3,500,000,000, and with the anticipated must economize duliness and hard right given on Mount Sinai and the new loans, it will soon approximate times ensue." law of love given on the Mount of \$4,000,000,000, or \$100 per capita, as Beatitudes, one day out of the week compared with \$14 per capita in the observed not in revelry, but in holy United States. Here alone is not only products, particularly steel, are sold in convocation, marriage honored in cer- a continued interest burden, but a European markets for less than the emony and in fact, blasphemy si- legacy to the next generation that will price in this country. lenced in all the streets, high toned hardly be welcome. systems of morals in all parts of our land, then our institutions will live longer loaning money to the world; and all the wondrous prosperities of she is borrowing abroad. She is pass-

Keep the National Life Pure. as a nation are reversed and good been selling back millions of American morals give place to loose living and securities, and her annual dividends God is put away from our hearts and and interest charges are decreasing. our schools and our homes and our She has gone backward in everything people and our literature be de- but her shipping, and that is the only bauched and anarchism and atheism thing she protects. have full sway and the marriage relation becomes a joke instead of a plight in which England now finds hersanctity and the God whom Columbus self is due to the South African war. prayed to on the day of his landing That might temporarily increase exfrom stormy seas and whom Benja- penditures and add to the national min Franklin publicly reverenced debt. But within the last three years when he moved amid derisive cries the United States has conquered a the regular opening of the American much mightier nation and has overcongress with prayer shall in our na- come an insurrection. Yet we have a tional future be insulted and blas- surplus in the treasury, and our finanphemed, then it will not be long be- ciers are lending money not only to Even if it does not operate in cases fore we will need another Edward England but to Germany and other when we can manufacture cheaper Gibbons to write the decline and fall European countries.

the greater prosperities to come.

of the United States republic. Pyrrhus was king and had large dominion, but was determined to make ter." "And what when you have conquered Sicily?" "Then we will pass over to Africa and take Carthage. which cannot long withstand us.' "When these are conquered, what will you next attempt?" "Then we will fall in upon Greece and Macedonia and recover what we have lost there." Well, when all are subdued, what fruit do you expect from all your victories?" "Then," said the king, "we will sit down and enjoy ourselves." "Sir," said Cineas, "may we not do it now? Have you not already a kingdom of your own, and he that cannot enjoy himself with a kingdom cannot with the whole world." I say to you who love the Lord, the kingdom is within you; make more of the invisible conquests. Study a peace which the world has no bushel to measure. no steel-yards to weigh. As far as possible we should make our balances the outcome; it is not our funeral. Let like to the divine balances.

## The Uniform Standard.

1836, the treasurer of the United the more apparent because of the com- my trade with all foreign countries put States was ordered to send a complete set of the standard weights and measures adopted by the national government to the governors of all the states, so that there might be uniformity and accuracy, and that distribution was made. So, now, the Ruler of the earth and heaven, having established forever the right standard, sends to us all and to all people a copy of that standard-the standard by which "the Lord weigheth the spirits." What a world this will be when it

is weighed after its regeneration shall have taken place! Scientists now guess at the number of tons our world weighs and they put the Apennines and the Sierra Nevadas and Chimborazo and the Himalayas in the scales. But if weighed as to its morals at the present time in the royal balance the international hatreds, the crimes mountain high, the moral disasters that stagger the hemispheres on their way through immensity. But when the gospel has gardenized the earth, if we buy more than we sell we shall as it will yet gardenize it, and the at- in time become bankrupt. Borrowing mosphere shall be universal balm and and bonds do not pay the bill. Anthe soil will produce universal harvest other truth is that an individual or naand fruitage and the last cavalry tion who is idle and does not produce horse shall be unsaddled and the last an equivalent of what is consumed will gun carriage unwheeled and the last fortress turned into a museum to show nomic laws are the great lessons of nations in peace what a horrid thing the age, proved beyond question by war once was, then the world will be weighed, and as the opposite side of abroad. There is no need to study the scales lifts as though it was light Adam Smith or John Stuart Mill toas a feather the right side of the day. Study the existing conditions of scales will come down, weighing more than all else those tremendous values | teaching will suffice for all. And it is tue, knowledge, temperance, patience, to these great lessons, for there is a that we may profit by the robbery of godliness, brotherly kindness, charity. certain class among us who will always others. We shall not so profit, and it

## Big Gift for Toilers.

George Cadbury, the English chocolate manufacturer, has presented to immense trust, are scattering their Greece would have stood with her, the city of Birmingham an estate of pernicious doctrines over the land one of the best places in the country 416 acres, valued at \$900,000, upon But look into the dream of that der the carved pillars of her shrines which to build houses for working gressmen" next year and so bring been seen, outside of those in the comschoolboy who, without saying any- and under the marble of her pentel- people.

ENT FISCAL POSITION.

World Finds Itself Sinking Deeper Into Debt at the Rase of Over Half a

England's enormous deficit of \$541,-000,000 for the two years 1900-'01, 1901- paign. '02, with its accompanying causes and effects, teaches one of the most im-In spite of the abandonment of pro-But this is not all. England is no

free trade and an adverse volume of And it is needless to say that this

We had to borrow money then for or- may seem useless, but there may come dinary expenses. Why could we do it a time when it will be of great servwar against the Romans, and Cineas, a few years later? Because we substi- ice."—Detroit Free Press. the friend of the king, said to him, tuted protection for free-trade. Be-"Sir, when you have conquered them. cause we began again to manufacture what will you do next?" "Then Si- for ourselves. Because we employed cily is near at hand and easy to mas-Because an adverse balance of trad became a favorable balance to the amount of \$500,000,000 and more annually. We have not only added to our material wealth, but we have acquired a credit of \$2,000,000,000 on the world's ledger, and a large part of it can be found in our account with Great Britain. And when we stop that little ocean freight bill of \$200,000,000 a year we shall be still better off. It is now admitted that England was never in a worse plight and that she is drifting to financial ruin. Sir William Harcourt says she is worse off than at the close of the French war and that the recent statement of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, was the most disastrous that the exchequer had ever made

We need not concern ourselves over British economists and British parliamentarians find and apply the remedy if one is to be had. But the lesson tion; for I find that my home trade is By joint resolution of congress, in should be heeded and studied. It is fifty to a hundred times bigger than parison with the finances of the United | together." States. We are today enjoying the greatest prosperity ever known by our own or any other people. We are more fully employed, we are producing and consuming more, we are selling more abroad, we are increasing our foreign credit, we are reducing our national debt, we are loaning money to trade will best protect and promote the other nations, and, best of all, we are maintaining and increasing the have freer trade under laws enacted highest wage rate known to by the Republican party, but it will

mankind. And yet only five years ago all these conditions were reversed. The time is markets to the disadvantage of our too recent to need a reiteration of our own. Conditions change, and methods condition. But the lesson to be drawn from a comparison of our national and individual condition now and then is not the same. It is a distinction of and from a comparison with England's | the Republican party that it has flexipitiable plight is only too full of bility; that it is not hidebound; that it meaning and moral.

We do not have to reason from unsolved problems or guess at riddles. There are certain economic truths established beyond question. One is that soon become ruined. These two ecoactual results both at home and the past decade and the practical teach precepts that lead to ruin. The | Chronicle. free-traders, now combined into their and boldly preparing to "capture con- to study birds. Over 200 varieties have about doubt and restlessness in busi- mon council chamber.

ness, even though no free trade bilk could become a law. Protectionists must keep on guard.

Nothing is surer than that.

HARMLESS IF NOT NEEDED.

When Protection Becomes Unnecessary It Ceases to Be Operative.

Gen. Russell A. Alger was asked by a Free Press representative whether Billion Dollars in the Past Two Years. in his opinion the Republican party would modify its position on the protective tariff in the next national cam-

"It would be very difficult to say what the attitude of the party will be," said the general. "Conditions are changing so rapidly in these days that it is by no means easy to predict what will be considered best for the people. It is certain, however, that the Republican party will protect those interests that might suffer from competition of foreign concerns. Protection is as necessary to the workingman measure upon the good condition of making good wages and can live well there is a demand for everything that makes trade. When the workingman

The general was reminded of the statement often made that American

"That may be the result of our manufacturers disposing of their surplus abroad," said he, "and some business men consider it a good principle to get the present are only a faint hint of ing from a creditor to a debtor nation. rid of their surplus in this way, main-She is reaping in earnest the fruits of | taining prices here at a figure that insures a reasonable profit to the manu-But if our character and behavior trade. For the last few years she has facturer, as well as good wages to the workingmen of this country."

"But is it not true," General Alger was asked, "that in many lines of American manufacture we have reached a position where we can produce more cheaply articles now on thetariff lists than the foreign makers are capable of doing?"

"That is probably true," was the reply, "but even if that is the case it ought not to hurt this country. The tariff then simply becomes a dead letter, as foreigners will not be able tosend their goods here to compete with us, and then the tariff will not operate.

"Altogether, I think it best to keep the tariff on manufactured articles. than the foreigner, the law will do no Could we have done it in 1895? No. harm. It is like the reserve fund. It

#### PROSPEROUS BUSINESS.



Uncle Sam: "I guess I'd better give this business my most careful atten-

For the United States All the Time. The thought of protection is not excluded from a free list, and if duties are lowered it will be because the higher duties are not required for protection nor for revenue. If freer industries of our own people we shall never be the aim of the Republican party to legislate in behalf of foreign change with them, but it does not follow that the principle guiding action can deal promptly with new questions and adapt policy to new relations. But the Republican party is all the time for the United States of America. - Sioux City Journal.

Unfair and Injurious.

The wisest man cannot balance varying exports and imports accurately, but whatever the balance may be and on whichever side it may be found, the result, when obtained by means of a reciprocity treaty, will involve the sacrifice of the weaker American interests for the benefit of the stronger. California may never hope to make the balance in her favor, and if it did turn that way the process would be none the less unfair and injurious. The reciprocity treaties must be fought on. principle, and with no dallying on our part with deceptive suggestions ignore truth and fact, and endeavor to is wicked to attempt it .- San Francisco

Chicago is pluming itself on being