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MR. BRYAN'S LETTERS

Mr. Bryan took passage on the Pacific Mail steamship Manchuria, which sailed from San Francisco September 27.

He went to Japan via Honolulu. After a few weeks in Japan he will proceed to China, the Philippine Islands, India, Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, Palestine, Greece, Turkey, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Germany, France, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Russia, Holland and the British Isles.

The trip will occupy about one year, and the readers of The Commoner will be able to follow Mr. Bryan from the letters which will be published in The Commoner from time to time.

The senate met on time, but some of its members were absent from cause.

Mr. McCurdy says he resigned. The man who was about to be hanged said he was, too.

The great trouble about the modern game of football is that it is not played with the feet.

Senator Foraker's presidential boom seems to be running on one side since the Ohio eruption.

Mr. McCurdy has left his office—but that is about all he did leave. He seems to have taken plenty with him.

Senator Elkins' bill for the regulation of the railroads does not seem to be causing any worry in the railroad camp.

"Rantankerous" is a good word. It describes the way some of the big life insurance managers are not feeling these days.

Those residents in the Isle of Pines might have known better. Who wants a canal across their measely little old island?

Having come down together Mr. McCurdy and the sultan of Turkey might get together and hold a little consolation meeting.

Speaker Cannon barred flowers from the congressional desks on opening day, but he could not bar the hammers from the corridors.

Some of those eminent witnesses in the insurance investigations testified very much like men who had taken the oath with a mental reservation.

The next cattle baron arrested on the charge of illegally fencing a couple of hundred thousand acres of government land will probably receive an apology from the judge for the trouble caused him.

The Kansas City Journal deplores the fact that some people call Mr. Carnegie hard names and offers the defense that up to date Mr. Carnegie "has given away \$139,000,000." Whose money?

By merely thinking to himself what he thinks about Thomas W. Lawson, Mr. McCurdy is able to avoid a collision with both the state and

federal laws against abusive and unmailable language.

The daily newspapers are now filled with agonizing appeals to Christmas shoppers to do their shopping now. It is no use. Two-thirds of the charm of Christmas shopping is in the Christmas rush.

Speaker Cannon says he sees no reason for changing his views on the tariff. If Uncle Joe will be patient for a few months he will find himself the recipient of a fine new pair of spectacles from the people.

Senator Patterson of Colorado has been fined \$1,000 for "constructive contempt" to the supreme court. Doubtless the senator thinks that is a bargain counter price to pay for the immense amount of contempt he has accumulated.

The Louisville Courier-Journal says: "The salaries of the heads of the banks of England and Germany combined amount to \$40,000. The salary of the head of the Mutual Life is \$150,000, to say nothing of the salaries of the rest of the McCurdy family. And McCurdy is provided with an actuary to do his knowing for him."

But it must be remembered that the heads of the banks of England and Germany are not entrusted with the "national honor."

Edgar Howard and Mark G. Perkins have purchased the Fremont, Nebr., Daily Herald. Mr. Howard will be editor and Mr. Perkins will be business manager. Messrs Howard and Perkins are trained newspaper men, and Mr. Howard has achieved a wide reputation as a defender of Jeffersonian principles. Under his editorial con-

a power for good in public affairs, and its influence will add greatly to the strength of democracy in the middle west. The Commoner congratulates Fremont and the democracy upon the fact that the Herald has fallen into such capable hands.

The Cedar Rapids Gazette remarks: "God help the poor benighted girl who will marry a fellow who hasn't enough ahead to give her a home." We might retort in kind by saying: "God help the poor benighted fellow who marries a girl who consents simply to get a home." We might, we remark, retort in this wise, but we will not. But the Gazette's philosophy is all wrong. It would be better, to be sure, if every young man could provide a home before he marries a wife, but that time has never been and probably never will be. But the young man who has health and industry, and the young woman who has health and a willingness to help secure a home, form a combination that is hard to beat. We feel sorry for the young woman who marries a fellow who is too indolent to provide her with a home, but we feel just as sorry for the young man who marries a girl who is not willing to help get a home. A "home" is something more than two walls and a roof, and the home that is builded by the mutual sacrifices and the mutual toil of two loving hearts is pretty apt to be a "home" in the fullest sense of that term. We hope that the philosophy of the Gazette will not soon prevail in this country. We need more home builders, and the best ones are two loving souls bound together and willing to make mutual sacrifices, work together and endure together to make that bulwark of American society—the real home.

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