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No Reduction Can be Expected for the Next Fifty Years--As the Old Men Die Young Widows Take Their Places.

Some recent statements made by the commissioner of pensions are attracting a good deal of attention. If the war we are engaged in continue for any length of time, pensions will have to be reduced or the country will become impoverished. The commissioner says: The first pension was granted in 1789, and in 1809 the annual expenditure amounted to \$64,130.79, most of it on account of the war of the revolution. From that date, as the veterans of the revolution became more feeble, or as they died and left widows and orphans, the roll grew slowly, until it was given a sharp increase as the result of the war of 1812, when the payments rose in 1820 to the then unprecedented amount of \$2,208,376.31. From that time the general tendency was downward until 1862, when the total payments amounted to but \$852,170.47. Then the pensions of the civil war began to come in, and under the policy adopted by congress of liberalizing the pension laws in some particular at almost every session the increase continued until 1892, when the total was \$157,000,000. The payments for the fiscal year of 1900 amounted to \$128,462,130.65.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

It Has Been Two Terms of Fierce Fighting in the Courts Prosecuting Republican Thieves.

There has been no department of the state government that has given better satisfaction to the fusionists, and for that matter every honest man in the state than that of the attorney general's office. The thieves don't like him at all, especially the public thieves of the republican persuasion. The business of the office has been twice or three times as much as ever before, on account of the necessity of prosecuting so many republican thieves. The attorney general landed the former republican state treasurer in the penitentiary for a twenty-year term and would have had the former republican auditor there also, who acknowledged that he had stolen \$25,000, if it had not been for a strange decision of a republican supreme court. He secured his conviction in the circuit court. He has recovered about \$50,000 of stolen money and turned it into the treasury and he would have had over \$200,000 more except for the action of Judge Baker. That matter is not settled yet. Besides that Attorney General Smyth has undertaken to enforce the law against trusts and has brought many suits which are still pending. With a republican attorney general coming into office, the trusts are not

McKEIGHAN'S MONUMENT

The Common People Erect a Suitable Memorial to the Memory of Their Defender.

The common people may sometimes seem not to appreciate the work of those who spend their lives in their defense, but this is not the case in regard to William Arthur McKeighan. They remember the long and brave fight he made for them and have erected a beautiful monument at Red Cloud, Neb., to help hand down his memory to coming generations. The words upon the monument were taken from the address delivered by W. J. Bryan at the funeral and as far as the work of McKeighan are concerned, coming generations will bear testimony to the truth.

William Arthur McKeighan was born of Irish parents in Cumberland county, New Jersey, January 19, 1842. Died December 15, 1895, at Hastings, Neb.

He removed with his parents to Fulton county, Illinois, in 1849 where he lived on a farm and attended the common school; enlisted in the Eleventh regiment, Illinois cavalry, in September, 1861; at the close of the war settled on a farm near Pontiac, Ill.; was married October 24, 1865, to Miss Lois E. Brown, of Fulton county, Illinois. He took an active part in organizing the farmers' association; removed to Nebraska in 1880 and settled on a farm near Red Cloud; took an active interest in organizing the alliance; was elected county judge of Webster county in 1885; in 1886 was democratic candidate for congress against Hon. James Laird and was defeated. He was again nominated by the alliance or independent party, was endorsed by the democratic convention and was elected to the Fifty-second and re-elected to the Fifty-third congress as a people's party candidate.

THE LABOR BUREAU

The Splendid Service It Has Rendered to Wage Workers and in Advertising the State Resources.

The bureau was designed primarily to give facts pertaining to capital and labor, wages, etc., but necessity has broadened its work and made it a department of general information, and it is expected to answer questions connected with every phase of industrial activity. At the present time in addition to the gathering of wage statistics, the inspection of factories, the enforcement of labor laws and laws relating to fire escapes, etc., the bureau compiles crop statistics, mortgage indebtedness, social, manufacturing and miscellaneous statistics, and operates a free employment office.

It is apparent that from the first the bureau was created to appeal the demands of labor and not because it was considered of any particular value. At first labor was recognized in the appointment of the deputy, Mr. John Jenkins, the first deputy, being a member of the knights of labor, but later on the order became less powerful and influential, caused to a great extent by the breaking of the boom of the late '80s and '90s. At this time the policy of appointing men as deputies who were in touch or sympathy with the labor movement seemed to have been changed, and for some time the department seems to have been out of touch with the industrial classes. It must be borne in mind that Nebraska is pre-eminently an agricultural state, and the wage-workers have had but a very limited representation in the state legislature so that little could be expected in the way of means to carry out the ideas of those who were instrumental in founding the bureau. Since the foundation of the bureau several very valuable laws, advocated by the department, have been passed, and while their passage cannot be credited entirely to its work, still the bureau was a prominent factor in their consummation. Among them were the anti-Pinkerton law designed to prevent the importation of armed men by corporations in case of strikes, the Australian ballot law, now pretty generally adopted throughout the United States, and the free-text book law, a boon indeed to the poor man having children going to school. Recently it has secured the passage of the child labor law, providing that no child under 14 years of age shall work, who has not had five months schooling in the year, the law limiting the employment of females to ten hours per day, as well as the law providing that railway engineers shall not work more than eighteen consecutive hours, and the law for fire escapes, all of which follow out the recommendations made by the various commissioners in their several reports. The advocacy by the bureau of manual training or technical training in schools has probably done much in the aid of its growth and success, and the law for fire escapes, all of which follow out the recommendations made by the various commissioners in their several reports. The advocacy by the bureau of manual training or technical training in schools has probably done much in the aid of its growth and success, and the law for fire escapes, all of which follow out the recommendations made by the various commissioners in their several reports.

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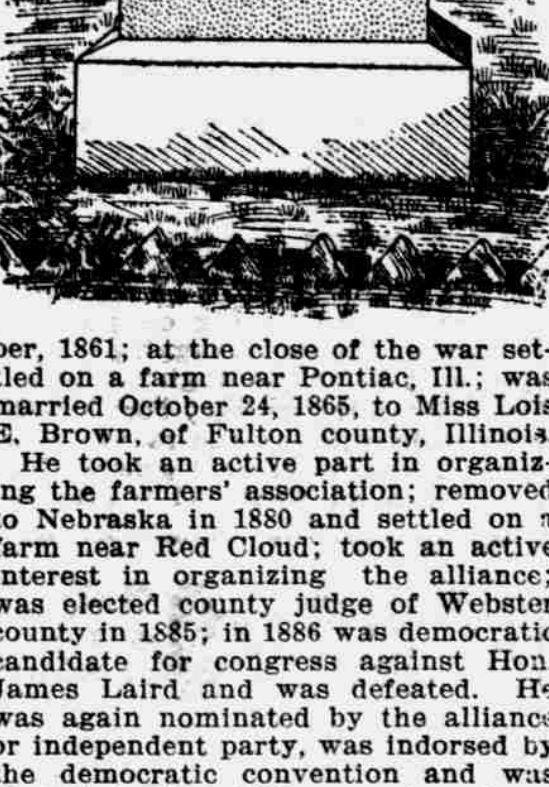
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They would doubtless join the same political party if it were not necessary in the estimation of Wall street to keep two parties in the field, both of which could be relied upon to stand by plutocracy. If they could only manage things in that way, it would make no difference whether the democratic donkey or the republican mullet head was on top; plutocracy would be all right in either event.

THE PHILIPPINE MUDDLE

A Revision of Policy--Will Stand Them up Against a Wall in the Old Spanish Fashion and Blaze Away.

General MacArthur continues to be the "enfant terrible" of the Philippine question. With appalling frankness, he blurts out truths which the administration at Washington and the commission in Manila compass sea and land to conceal. To Judge Taft, in particular, that prophet of smooth things, it must be like a blow in the face to have the military governor general bluntly admit in an official proclamation that Manila itself is the "rendezvous of the emissaries of insurrection." Where does this leave the cocksure pre-election predictions of Roosevelt, Root, Schurmann and the rest? Looking very like exploded humbug. Instead of that general craving of the Philippines to the feet of the invincible McKinley which we were to see immediately following republican success at the polls, we now discover that the islands are more disaffected than ever, that they are honeycombed with insurrection, and that the revolt has become so pervasive as to compel General MacArthur to begin operations against even non-combatants.

Coming to the details of this latest Philippine proclamation, we find it threatening to treat the insurgents as "fugitive criminals"--that is, bandits to be shot on sight or hung without trial if captured--to try as "traitors" even "well-disposed persons" in places "where secret committees are permitted to exist on behalf of the insurgents," to accept no "pleas of intimidation" from non-combatants who have been forced to contribute to the insurgent cause, and finally, to deny the "privileges of prisoners of war" to all rebels in arms, who are not "part of an organized force." It will be left, of course, to the American officers to decide what is an "organized force," and it is clear that what is contemplated is a revision to the fine old Spanish practice of standing prisoners up against a wall and shooting them as soon as taken. So we see that the good McKinley's breathing of grace, mercy and peace to the Philippines work out into this policy of "thorough," which may lead to our outdoing of Cromwell in Ireland or Alva in the Low Countries. If the shrieks of slaughtered victims still have power to trouble a tyrant's dream, the inevitable results of the new plans for official murder in the Philippines should cause many a sleepless night in the White house.--New York Post.

What Spellbinders Said

Perry Crippen, writing from Stockton, Kas., asking for the address of his paper to be changed to another postoffice, says: "Allow me to ask some questions. Can a party be justly charged with demoralizing silver, when it is coining it in perhaps greater quantities than it was ever coined before? Can we truly be said to have the gold standard and have other money just as good? Can you describe the gold standard so that any one may know it at sight. Some of the republican spellbinders in '96 said that we had the gold standard for many years." (The Independent has not demoralized the republican party with demoralizing silver, but with the vilest hypocrisy in denouncing the coining of silver while it, as soon as it got into power, went to coining it by the ton, and at the same time they kept the mullet heads in a tremble with fear, by charging that if Bryan was elected he would coin silver and blue ruin would be the result. There is no country in the world that has an absolute gold standard. England comes the nearest to it. A gold standard, if there are any meaning in the words, would be a country where nothing but gold coin would be a legal tender. There is no such country and never will be.--Ed. Ind.)

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