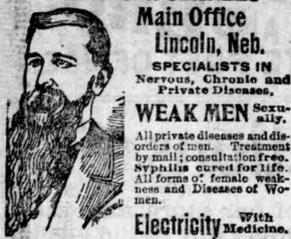


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Mr. Laurie J. Quinby of Omaha is entitled to the palm as the best all-round fusionist in Nebraska. Although affiliating with the populists, and being an ardent greenbacker, yet his writings show how thoroughly he has absorbed the socialistic idea of value.

The way so many scoundrels get and hold their offices may be understood by examining the careers of Powderly and Clem Deaver. It is now announced that Powderly is not to be dismissed from the service, but given another position.

The Minneapolis Journal says that torture of the severest kind is used all over the United States by the police officials. It declares that "it is applied unflinchingly and relentlessly, and with such severity that the prisoner is frequently rendered wild or insane with fear and pain."

Forger Funston says that Roosevelt approves of all his speeches and asked him to go east and repeat them. When a man of his character makes such assertions it will be well to await

some corroboration before giving it credence. A man who in an official report acknowledges that he committed forgery, as Funston did in his report of the capture of Aguinaldo, will never after have to bring something besides his own word before people will accept his statement as the truth.

The Independent has often called attention to the big stealing and little stealing done by the rich. They still keep it up. A lot of the four hundred stole all the silver ware at the luncheon given to Prince Henry at the launching of the emperor's yacht and now one among a few of the very select who were invited to a musicale by Mrs. Roosevelt at the White house stole the very valuable cloak belonging to Mme. Dyas, who was the singer they came to hear.

Man's ingratitude seems as inborn and permanent as the instincts of self-preservation. The imperialists of Great Britain now turn against the late Cecil Rhodes, and the dispatches say that the news of his death was received in London without emotion.

The courts have never hesitated to interfere in the interest of the corporations where workmen were to be enjoined, but when Judge Grosscup was asked to interfere against the interest of the corporations and issue an injunction to prevent them from making discriminations in freight and passenger rates he was staggered at the very thought and said that it was a very grave thing for the courts to undertake.

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fore rendering a decision. This same judge never asked for time to consider when the question was one of the imprisonment of a workman without a trial by jury. He just went for the workman without any hesitation at all.

It is not hard to find evidences every day of the rapid advance of anarchy in the United States—not the sort that requires the enactment of legislation such as recently received the president's signature, but the kind that boldly defies the law. Theoretically all men are equal in the eyes of the law and the order of a court is just as binding on one man as another; but under the system of anarchy growing up it makes all the difference in the world against whom the order runs.

In the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Standard Oil company, Attorney General Smyth had subpoenas issued for Rockefeller and a number of other oil magnates, but the sheriff's office down in New York refused to serve them on the ground that that office was not a detective agency and could not undertake to find people.

REPUBLIC OR EMPIRE Step by step imperialism advances and very soon the republic, as Washington and Jefferson established it, will be a thing of the past unless the people wake up and call a halt. In the last few weeks three bills have been put on their passage in congress, any one of which would have caused an outcry from one end of the land to the other if they had been introduced ten years ago.

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PLUTOCRATS AND PAUPERS Not long ago one of the Lincoln papers contained a graphic description of a scene in police court and the actions of a disreputable colored woman who was defendant. Not a movement of the defendant escaped the eagle eye of the penny-a-liner who needed a "story."

press reports of the Power case describe the actions of J. Pierpont Morgan while on the witness stand. Although extremely trivial matters to be reported, The Independent reproduces a paragraph to show that the Lincoln negro and J. Pierpont both exhibited similar symptoms while on the witness stand.

During the examination Mr. Morgan leaned back heavily in his chair, his left hand thrust from time to time deeply in his trousers pocket. He toyed with an envelope impatiently, now knocking it against his knee, now against the table, on which his right arm rested. His eyes expressed impatience. They roamed about in extreme restlessness while questions were being put to him, but the moment he was ready to answer they fixed themselves on Mr. Lamb.

GOODS AND VALUES

Let us make a clear distinction between goods and the values of goods. Individual man produces goods; society gives them value. It is misleading to talk, as the single taxers do, about the "value" that the individual has created. In fact, it is misleading to talk about man creating anything.

Not only is congress to be looked after, but the whole fight will be waged as though the presidential election itself were pending in the effort to secure as many northern and western states with their legislatures as may be possible, to win senators correct legislative and congressional germinders, and thus pave the way for the great contest of 1904.

But the good itself is one thing—its value quite another. Suppose we say that society may take of the value of all goods so much as represents the portion of such goods not produced by man. That will fit the single taxer's contention better. How much of a plow is to be credited to nature and how much to the labor of man? Suppose we say 95 per cent is the direct result of man's labor and that 5 per cent is due to nature. Then society is certainly justified, under the single taxer's contention, in taking 5 per cent of the value of that plow by taxation.

The rule is just as good when applied to any other goods as it is when applied to land. Man just as truly produces land as anything else, only it is probable that nature does a larger part of the work than would be true, say in the case of a watch spring or some delicate machinery. But no man can give a scientific rule for ascertaining just what per cent of any good is the direct result of man's labor, and what per cent is wholly due to nature; and for this reason the single taxer's fundamental principles of taxation must be held unsound because impracticable.

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A Horrible Example. Often the editor of The Independent is criticised for using harsh terms, and especially in naming certain people "mullet heads." The following clipped from The Laborer's Banner, Brewton, Ala., credited to the Pensacola (Fla.) News, will explain why he is sometimes called upon to use the term "mullet head."

The statement that the cost of living has increased 40 per cent since 1897 has been met by the assertion that a dollar will now purchase 40 per cent more than it would in 1897, but one has yet added the fact that it was 40 per cent easier to get the dollar in 1897 than it is now.

Now, The Independent does not apply the term to either of the papers named, but to the person whose brain (or the vacuum where it ought to be) is so constituted that he can believe such contradictory statements as are expressed in the paragraph quoted. If the cost of living has increased 40 per cent, then the dollar has decreased in purchasing power nearly 30 per cent. In other words, a given article that could be bought for \$1 in 1897 today costs \$1.40, and the dollar today will buy only 71.41 per cent of that article. If the dollar has decreased in purchasing power 30 per cent since 1897, then it is just 7-10 as hard to get as it was then. But the quoted paragraph says the dollar was 40 per cent easier to get in 1897. Then it must have been that much cheaper than it is today, and, consequently, prices must have been correspondingly higher in 1897 than they now are; and this refutes the statement that the cost of living has increased 40 per cent.

DEMOCRATIC PLANS

Organization of the Congressional Committee—No Military Hero but one—Republican Legislation

Washington, D. C., March 29, 1902.—The democratic congressional committee has taken the preliminary step toward putting up the most aggressive campaign for winning the next congress which the country has seen in the last twelve years.

They have now had four successive republican congresses and the amount of bad legislation, extravagant expenditures and onerous and unequal taxation which has been heaped upon a long-suffering country has made the democratic prospects bright with hope.

The selection of Congressman Griggs of Georgia is but a preliminary to placing Ben T. Cable of Illinois as the head of a strong campaign committee, and Hon. Lewis Nixon of New York at the head of the finance committee.

Mr. Cable is one of the ablest and most successful campaign managers whom the democratic party possesses. With him will be associated both in and out of congress the ablest managers in the party.

Mr. Nixon is well known as the successor to Richard Croker as the head of the Tammany finance committee. He is a Virginian by birth, a former naval officer, now at the head of the Crescent shipyards, young, aggressive and successful. His remarkable talents as an organizer and harmonizer are being shown by his successful efforts in bringing the New York city and up-state democrats into an active union for the fall campaign.

Associated with each of the above named gentlemen will be democrats thoroughly in harmony with the party's future policy.

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It is a noticeable fact that no legislation of importance to the people of the United States seems likely to become a law at this session of congress. The Chinese exclusion act is still held up, although months have been consumed to the consideration of various Philippine problems.

The anti-injunction bill asked for by every labor organization in the United States has been changed into a measure which proposes to legalize every arbitrary usurpation of right which has disgraced a corporation-controlled judiciary.

The eight-hour bill on government contract work will be side-tracked, but the ship subsidy bill will become a law. There will be no reform of the tariff on trust protected articles, but there are excellent prospects for the adoption of a bill legalizing railroad pooling.

There will be no anti-trust legislation whatever, but several measures looking to the increase of the military power of the government are in high favor with the majority party. Roosevelt will have no military heroes but himself. Having side-tracked Dewey and Schley, he would also humiliate in every way possible the lieutenant general commanding the army. If there is any one thing which General Miles knows it is how to handle half savage people. He was the most successful Indian fighter we have ever had. And more than that, he succeeded in pacifying the most implacable hostiles by showing them the manifest advantages of peace with the government. He wanted to try it on the Philippines by taking over some Cubans and Porto Ricans to go among the hostile Filipinos and show that they would have a great measure of liberty and independence under American rule.

General Miles' plan, born of long experience, would cost not over a hundred dollars and might save ten thousand per cent on the investment. But it was immediately rejected in curt and humiliating terms by both Roosevelt and Root. This despite the fact that Governor Taft says the army is making more trouble than it is subduing.—D. P. B.

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