## MAY 26, 1904.

## CAN'T UNDEBSTAND.

A sociologist who has been making some local studies in Lincoln says that there are, besides the college settlement, five other clubs or assoclations, numbering about a dozen people each, who meet at stated times in this city to study and discuss political economy and sociologoy. They are all composed largely of working salaried men, there being only four or five professional and business men in the whole lot. He says that there is not a republican a regular attendant among them. Once in a while a re-tiblican is induced to attend. He figures possible sone through with the asked one of these republicans why he did not continue to attend. The an-swer in substance was: "I can't un-derstand what they arc alking about half the time. It would take four years of study to acquire the knowledge necessary to comprehend the terms they use. Take the socialists: what do they mean by 'surplus value,' 'fixed economic law,' 'exploita-tion,' 'a labor fund,' and all that sort of thing? What do those other fellows mean when they talk about 'marginal cost,' 'bank reserves,' 'expan-sion of credit,' 'the unaccounted for millions in the exports and imports. Life is too short for me to get onio all those sort of things."

'But, said the sociologist, 'trey also talk about trusts, public ownership, taxation, special privileges, the purchasing power of money, its relation to wages, real wages, and tion they have already made rates many other things in which I should to recoup themselves in a large degree think that you would be interested.'

"I will try to explain," said the sociologist, "Suppose that an English workingman and an American workingman both get \$5 a weck wages. The Englishman pays one dolla: a was freight rates that populists first week for rent and the American pays two dollars, and in the same propoi- the vital point. If you lower freight tion for all his hving expenses, at the rates, that hits them on the solar end of the week has not the Englishman really received more for his labor than the American? 'Real wages' may be said to be the ratio that the think that the hundreds of worken laborer receives above the cost of sub- for Hearst who so suddenly appeared sistence."

hear," the republican replied.

talk about intemperance, saloons, the for Bryan in 1836 and 1900? Does he police-control of the social evil, tax:- beineve that the weekly papers; espe-tion, the factory girls, the conditions eially the labor and socialist papers, detectives sanctioned by state law, the Hearst's character and ability as a and places for detention for criminals, the character of the mon on the police daily and weekly papers recording Mr. force, the beautifying of your parks, Hearst's triumphs because of limwhat is best to be done about the sen's admiration for this man of chai-"reservation" on the bottoms, the con- acter and statesmanship, and paid for dition of your schools-"

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beginning to get acquainted with him. Why cannot suca economic and social conditions be attained that the world will know a genius when he is alive and not have to wait fifty or a hundred years before it ever hears of him? Such consitions will never be attained while wealth is the only divinity that is worshipped. As long as the "captain of industry" is the great man, the genius will not be known to his fellow men.

After all the calculations have been made and all the juggling with the baid fact stares every man in the face that enormous appropriations by congress are going to create a deficit in the revenues next year of about \$100,-000,000. That will come just as the hard times begin to press upon the people. In that day and under those conditions, the banks will be called upon to give back the government deposits that they have so long had without interest and when demands will be made upon them from many different sources. It is all very well for the bankers to go on plunging and say, "After us the deluge," but they will find that that deluge will consist of fire and brimstone.

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The shrewdness of the political managers of the railroads is amazing. While they allow some of their organs to assail them on the tax quis-"There you are again," replied the republican. " Real wages,' What do you mean by real wages? Are not all wages real'?" for any raise in the assessment. iginal cost of the material. Nothing is ever said about this in the republican papers that have been calling for plexus.

Does the Stanton (Neb.) Register in so many different states started out "That is the worst rot I ever did to spend their time and money simply because of the admiration they had "Well," said the sociologist, "they for Hearst, as so many thousands did surrounding the women in offices, in that devoted whole editions to get-the department stores, the condition ting up his boom did it because they had such a high admiration for Mr. poor, how they are cared for, the re-formatory work in the penitentialy lhmsen sent those thousands of news elegrams about Hearst for weeks to them out of his own pocket? If it "Oh! for heaven's sake stop. You does, then its criticism of The Inde-ill drive me crazy," said the repub-pendent is justified. It is a fact that will drive me crazy," said the repub-lican. "I never had anything to do the republican stories of the millions with any of those things. I don't that Hearst has expended are ridicknow anything about them. I don't ulous. Less than a million would nave done the whole business. But then no candidate for a presidential nomination ever before spent a milllon in setting delegates. Bryan had A gentleman, in writing to The In-dependent, says: "Do write in your peculiar style at least one paragraph according to the election returns peculiar style at least one paragraph there were a little ove 96,000 of them doing justice to the socialists, among whom are many of pure character and the very highest ideals and who arc Massachusetts sends one-third of all doing the best they can to bring their twn lives and that of the communities In thich they live up to those ideals." the social evils from which humanwords. All that The Independent has ~~~ John D. Rockefeller, Jt., escaped arrest in Texas for violating the state anti-trust acts by the assistance of the railroad officials who got hold of a private telegram and transferred young John D, to a special car and rushed him through the state. The one car attached to a locomotive did not attract the attention of the sher-The world seems never to have iffs who had warrants, and in that way the great Sunday school teacher



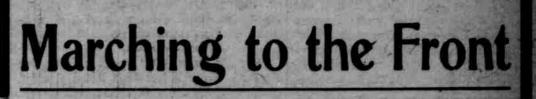
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want to bother with them. 'It is as much as I can do to make a living."

After relating this, the sociologist asked us how we would classify a man like that and now many such there no millions to spend. were in the stale of Nebraska. We toid him that in The Independent they were classified as "mullet heads" and in the state.

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the millionaires in the state-thirteen -as delegates to the republican national convention and many of these There is one thing that The Indepenare multi-millionaires. The starving dent has often said about the socialthousands who are now out of work in Lity. The world owes them a debt that state, made desolate and poor by of gratitude for calling attention to the government policies these million- the social evils from which human-aires advocate, will rally at the polls ity suffers. There are no writers in next November and vote to give the the field of literature who have done control of the government into the more valuable service, or who can hands of the very men who have ac- present those evils in such burning cumulated their millions by exploiting the common people. Why can a to say antagonistic to socialism is that party committed to the interests of it uses not believe that their prothe very rich get the votes of those guard remedies will bring relief. millions who have little or no property at all? Can any one tell? The independent gives it up. The small prop-erty owners outnumber the millionaires many hundred times. They could at any time take charge of the government and administer it in their own interests as was done in New Zealand. Why don't they do it?

learned to get acquainted with genius. The man of genius has always been escaped the officers of the law. forced to live a life of isolation, It is not till he has been dead fifty or a hundred years, or a thousand ycars, that the world begins to know him. The poet Poe died 55 years ago in the "popocratic' candidate, as he falling off. At this date last year, poverty and distress. During the last called him, in a late election. The Buffalo had received by lake 31,650,000 few years hundreds of editions of his full amount of the judgment is \$2,500. bushels of grain. This year at the

the supreme court makes Mr. Rosewater pay \$39.69 a word for libelling works have been published in this Another case in which it seems that same date only 694,000 bushels were and other lands and the world is just Rosewater won in the lower court received.

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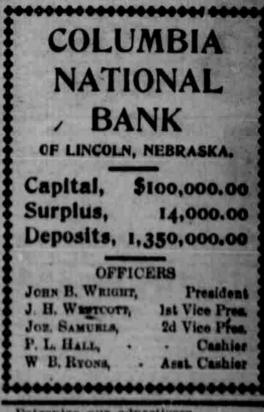
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was reversed and a new trial ordered. In this case Rosewater had charged that the candidate had not paid the doctor's bill for atteading his first wife or for the wedding suit in which he had married his second wife. It turned out that the doctor was being sued for malpractice and the case was still in the courts and that the wedding suit did not arrive until half an hour previous to the wedding and did not fit.

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Over 100,000 men who work on the lakes and depend on their summer wages to tide them over the winter are now and have been for some weeks in idleness on account of a strike. Lake navigation is but an infinitesimal part of what it usually is at this time of year. The railroads are trans-A recent opinion handed down by porting the grain, the ceal and the merchandise that usually goes by lake, and after all that, their earnings are



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