

they are nearly all red and they all have horns. But seriously the inhuman way they were rushed through the streets of New York and other large cities, regardless of life and limb, the disregard to speed limit and the number that were overrun and killed or maimed, made the sight of one abhorrent to a man who had any feeling for the common herd who had to walk. The machines at first were all owned by the very rich who seemed to care no more for the life of an ordinary poor person than they would that of a dog, and not half as much, if the dog were a pet poodle.

In this day of prosperity over two million children, between the ages of 10 and 14 years are toiling in the coal mines in Pennsylvania, dragging out their lives in the glass factories of New Jersey, slaving in the cotton mills of the south, working day and night in the sweatshops of New York and other large cities and will grow up in ignorance and deformity. All that is going on while the republicans and the socialists are telling us that this country is producing more than it can consume and the only outcome is a foreign market to prevent absolute starvation among the mass of the people.

The Bee published a long statement from Senator Dietrich, purporting to be a telegram from Washington, advocating the employment of convict labor on the Panama canal and irrigation reservoirs. Any man who ever had five minutes conversation with Dietrich would at once know that he never delivered in a conversation or wrote a line of the document. But as Dietrich is utterly discredited at Washington and everywhere else and will leave the senate on the fourth of March, he has been chosen as the medium to present the project to the country. It is about the baldest newspaper fraud ever perpetrated. Perhaps it may have been printed in many other papers.

Major McGregor, who accompanied Tom Watson when he came to Lincoln to open the campaign, says: "We are reorganizing the people's party all over Georgia and by spring will have it in good working order. Watson is making speeches throughout this congressional district this month."

The People's Party Paper of Charlotte, N. C., says: "If there was any democracy offered in the last campaign for the people to stand for we failed to even get a glimpse of it except what Tom Watson and his followers offered. If Parker, Davis & Co. and their platform was democracy old Tom Jefferson was a liar and a bigger fool than Smith's colt."

The suppression of the Watson vote and in many places, the refusal to count the votes that were cast for him, has a deeper meaning than appears on the surface. Plutocracy does not fear the violence of a socialistic revolution. It has the men and the guns to suppress it, but it knows that it would be powerless against strong convictions and honest principles once presented to the people. Against the possibility of that they put up every barrier.

The London Globe says that "in Yorkshire generally and in Sheffield in particular, that wife selling is so general and is still so firmly established that it has little less force than local law. In addition to those northern counties many a wife is sold today in the east end of London." And the English send missionaries to Japan and India by the hundred to convert the people there to Christianity.

The American Malting Co. with \$30,000,000 of "capitalized prosperity," is in trouble and a judgment of \$1,400,000 has been obtained against it. It paid 7 per cent dividends for three years while it was floating a mortgage bond issue for \$4,000,000. Now it turns out that those dividends were paid out of

capital. Nobody sent to jail. The transactions occurred in New Jersey.

Senator Cockrell was the man that Bryan voted for as the democratic candidate for president. President Roosevelt is going to give Cockrell a soft snap on the Panama commission, and Senator Cockrell now says of the president: "I believe as the people of the south get better acquainted with him they will love him more." How admirable is the loving kindness of the republicans toward both wings of the democratic party!

Nearly all the trust stocks and bonds have had a big rise lately. There seems to be no fear of anti-trust legislation or the enforcement of the anti-trust laws now on the statute books. The trusts are again starting out to take all the traffic will bear. That is the result of the landslide.

The evils of lynching were demonstrated the other day near St. Joseph, Mo. A Mrs. Gay was murdered and the husband and son were arrested at the cemetery during the funeral. There came very near being a lynching. The next day, evidence having been gathered to prove that the murderer was a tramp, the same men who wanted to lynch the father and son appeared at the jail and demanded the release of the prisoners.

One hundred citizens of Natchez, Miss., sent telegrams to President Francis of the World's fair, apologizing and repudiating the boorish conduct of their governor, Vardaman. Vardaman belongs to that class of negrophobists in the south to whom Tom Watson has been directing some remarks lately.

Here is the latest specimen of socialism taken from page 16 of Ghent's Mass and Class: Marriage had its origin in the individualistic accumulation of property; and thus the most sacred sentiments which have gradually grown up about our ideas of chastity and love are the outcome of the desire of some remote savage to transmit his surplus of fish hooks and arrows to a legitimate heir."

The London Spectator says: "The United States senate may be said to be composed of plutocrats." Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court said in his address to the Albany law school: "No one can be blind to the fact that these mighty corporations are holding out most tempting inducements to lawmakers to regard in their lawmaking those interests rather than the welfare of the nation. Senators and representatives have owed their places to corporate influence, and that influence has been exerted under an expectation, if not an understanding, that as lawmakers the corporate interests shall be subserved."

A number of papers are never tired of repeating the phrase: "The people do not want two republican parties." These writers never stop to think that people are just as much opposed to two populist parties.

There are millions of acres of the richest land in all the world lying west of Nebraska and the Dakotas on which nothing will grow but sage brush and scattered tufts of bunch grass without a government license. When that license is given, and it always carries with it an appropriation to put water on the land, then crops are raised such as the world never saw before. A man can hardly believe his eyes when he looks at them, whether the crop is apples, peaches, grapes, prunes, potatoes, wheat, oats, rye or alfalfa, the product is so enormous. Issuing such licenses is far better than building warships at the cost of \$7,000,000 each or trying to make a "world power" by conquering islands 10,000 miles away, inhabited by Malays. It will add millions to the fighting force of the United

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What 100 Wells Will Do.

The following table will show you what 100 producing wells in this field is going to mean for Illinois-Colorado stockholders:

Total number of wells (including those we now have)	107
Average production per day	10
Total daily production	1,070
Price per barrel	\$1.01
Average daily income	\$1,080.70
Number of days to the month	30
Average monthly income	\$32,421.00
Approximate expense	\$500.00
Net profit per month	\$31,921.00

This sum would be enough to pay 1 per cent per month on all stock then outstanding at \$2.00 per share. 1 per cent on \$2.00 shares is equal to 1 1/2% per cent per month or 16% per cent per annum on stock purchased at 15c per share.

Note—40 barrels to the well is the lowest possible estimate. Our present production is much higher.

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December 19th, the Last Day.

All orders for 15c stock must be mailed on or before December 19th, as on that date the price will go up to 17 1/2c per share. Another advance to 20c within ten days. This stock is good enough for the rich but our liberal

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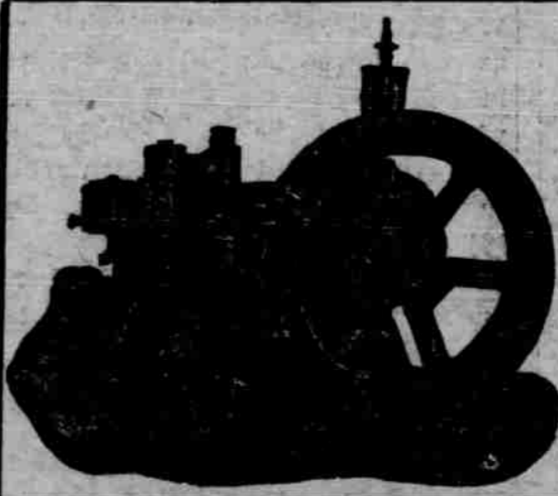
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Fifteen Dollars	100 Shares	\$40.00	\$.40	\$.40 or more	\$ 1.00 per month	\$100.00	
Thirty Dollars	200 "	\$80.00	\$.80	\$.80 "	\$ 2.00 "	\$200.00	
Forty-five Dollars	300 "	\$120.00	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.20 "	\$ 3.00 "	\$300.00	
Sixty Dollars	400 "	\$160.00	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.60 "	\$ 4.00 "	\$400.00	
Seventy-five Dollars	500 "	\$200.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00 "	\$ 5.00 "	\$500.00	
One Hundred and Fifty dollars	1000 "	\$400.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00 "	\$10.00 "	\$1000.00	
Three Hundred dollars	2000 "	\$800.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00 "	\$20.00 "	\$2000.00	

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States, making this country so powerful that no other nation will even think of attacking it.

Senator Allen called at The Independent office during the while he was in attendance at the supreme court. He says there will be a populist party in Madison county, Nebraska, as long as he lives, and that it is certain to have one vote as long as he is able to get to the polls.

Young Rockefeller told his Sunday school class the other day that money

could not buy heaven. That is a most uninteresting statement even if true. Most of us couldn't get in even if the heavenly city lots were sold at \$10 each.

Prof. Metchnikoff has been creating a sensation in London lecturing upon the book recently published by Mr. Heinemann, entitled "The Nature of Man." Prof. Metchnikoff is the discoverer of the functions of the white corpuscles in the blood. He believes that the ordinary life of man should not be less than 140 years and says