

attention to Ireland and says that that the suffering there is caused by free trade and proposes a tax on food stuffs as a remedy for famine. The people of Ireland have no bread. Put a tax on bread and then they will have plenty.

Emerson's first series of "Essays" had reached a sale of 3,000,000 copies over three years ago. No doubt it has reached 4,000,000 by this time. This is an interesting fact in a nation of perhaps 15,000,000 homes. The books having the greatest sale last year were all of the class that are entitled to be called "good literature." They were such authors as Irwin, Scott, Dickens, Darwin, George Elliot, Cooper, Mrs. Jackson, and Emerson. The books were all cheap, the copyright having expired. It is evident that the senility and twaddle in the daily papers and magazines is inducing the people to read books of the better class.

Dennison has appealed his case to the supreme court of the United States. The bail bond of this Omaha gambler shows that he has tremendous financial backing in Omaha and that he will never be transferred to the Iowa authorities if money can prevent it.

Paul Morton instead of being the secretary of the navy, turns out to be the representative of the railroads in the cabinet, and his mission is to get a pooling bill through congress. Paul will succeed for that is part of the land slide.

An Era of Prosperity

She appeared in the police court one morning, accompanied by a big, well-fed, well-clothed officer of the law. Her wan face, scanty clothing, and shrinking appearance was in sharp contrast to the self-assurance of the policeman who had brought her in.

She gave her name as Mrs. Margaret King. Her tone and her manner of speech betrayed the fact that she was a lady—a woman who had seen better days.

Yes, she had seen better days; eight years ago she was the petted daughter of a father who had ample means. She had been educated at one of the fashionable boarding schools in her city, she had for her companions children of parents as wealthy as her own. She was the brightest girl of them all.

But fortune is fickle, and there are friends who wait upon it. When the father died his fortune died too, then the daughter began the struggle for a living, which has ended in the police court.

One sad day her old mother was sent to a charitable home, another day, and it was the saddest day the woman had known, until she found her daughter's mother there in the police court, the little daughter was placed in a home for children.

The woman was sick, she was taken to a hospital, it was found that she was suffering from an incurable disease, and she was barred from further treatment.

Then the fight began in earnest. From her garret room she advertised for employment as a companion or as a reader to the sick. She waited, no answer came. Then she was forced into the street to beg for work, and it was while begging for work that she was arrested. She promised to desist from "begging" and was not sent to prison, but was placed in charge of a probationary officer, who will see to it that she keeps her promise. What will the woman do now? It is hard to tell. There is scarcely a session of the police court in any large city, but has its quota of vagrants. What is a vagrant? A man or woman who, having no occupation and no home, loiters about the street. And we, a humane nation, arrest these unfortunates, put them in prison, and condemn them to serve time in the workhouse. We forget that the "vagrancy" may be no fault of the individual vagrant, but the fault of a system which deprives men of the right to labor. We forget that this system furnishes no place where its victims may be housed and fed—no place but a prison. It seems a little inconsistent to make vagrants and then arrest our own handiwork.

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University Wins Medals

Official information has been received at the University to the effect that medals have been awarded on various university exhibits at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition as follows:

Gold medals for collective exhibit of one hundred jars of threshed grains and seeds. Reed's Yellow Dent corn. Collective educational exhibit.

Silver medals for collective exhibit of photographs illustrating mineral resources. State museum and collective exhibit of soils, minerals and building materials.

A gold medal was also awarded to Professor E. H. Barbour for collection of cannas.

Miss Edith L. Webster also received a gold medal for design and installation of exhibits.

If you wish to know what the paramount issue will be in 1906, send to Albert Griffin, Topeka, Kan., 25c for 1, or \$1 for 5 copies of "The Hocus Pocus Money Book," and read page 31.

Large Families

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 11.—At the Vine Street Congregational church Sunday evening, the pastor, Herbert S. Bigelow, discussed the president's recent message to congress. Mr. Bigelow praised the message as a frank and manly discussion of great problems, meriting the careful attention of every citizen. He said in part:

"The president, it seems to us, has the true perspective when he declares that the two problems of supreme concern are the question of family life and the industrial question.

"No portion of the message will be read with greater interest and profit than that dealing with the present industrial conditions which are destroying the homes of the people in the slums, sending the women and children out of the home and the school into the factories, and raising up a generation, 'unhealthy in body and stunted or vicious in mind.'

"The place for the child is in school. The place for the woman is in the home. The place for the man is out in the world earning the bread. If women and children leave their nat-

ural place to assist the bread-winner, it is because the wages of the bread-winner are not sufficient to support the child in the school and the woman in the home. Therefore, industrial conditions should be changed so that it shall be possible for man to attend to his duty as breadwinner and woman to her duty as home-keeper. We are in most hearty accord with the president when he says that 'all questions to tariff and finance sink into utter insignificance when compared with the tremendous, the vital importance of trying to shape conditions so that these two duties of the man and the woman can be fulfilled under reasonably favorable circumstances.'

"The president, with justifiable pride, calls attention to the valuable work done by the labor and other bureaus in disseminating information concerning the true condition of working people. One of these government reports tells that the factory workers of this country receive on an average less than nine dollars a week. It is perfectly apparent that a man whose wage is nine dollars a week cannot afford a family. The president is right in insisting upon the moral value of large families. Especially is he right when he insists upon the duty of changing social conditions so that the wage of our workers will be sufficient to support large families. At present, if they have large families, the mother has to take in washing and the children have to leave school and go to work when their bones are soft and their minds are undeveloped. This sort of thing is bound to produce, as the president says a 'decadent race.'

"To pass restrictive factory laws or to tear down old tenements is like trying to sweep the ocean with a broom.

Among the proposed remedies entitled to serious consideration is that of the single tax men, who would improve industrial conditions by shifting the burden of taxation from the things which men produce to the land values which they monopolize.

"While President Roosevelt in his public utterances has had nothing to say for or against this proposal, he did say in private conversation to Congressman Baker last winter: 'You single tax men would probably be surprised to know how far I agree with you.'

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Hog market nearly steady. Prices today from \$4.40 to \$4.50. Receipts liberal.

Sheep receipts are light with the market 20@40 cents lower on fat ones than the high time 10 days ago.

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