

gressman represents 30,520 voters; Bryan received 29 per cent and Tilden and Hendricks 43 per cent of the vote. In Connecticut 70 per cent of the voters vote, 5 per cent are illiterate, \$3.52 is expended on schools, 43 per cent have money in savings banks, each congressman represents 43,829 voters and Bryan received 32 per cent where Tilden and Hendricks received 51 per cent. 75 per cent of the citizens of New Jersey voted in '96; 6 per cent are illiterate, \$2.95 is used for schools, 9 per cent have interests in savings institutions, each congressman represents 46,134 voters or almost as many constituents as the entire delegation of 7 from Mississippi; Bryan received 36 and Tilden and Hendricks 52 per cent of the vote cast. In Pennsylvania 74 per cent vote, 7 per cent are illiterate, \$3.23 is used for education, 5 per cent have money on deposit, each congressman represents 40,378 voters and while Bryan received but 36 per cent of the vote Tilden and Hendricks received 48 per cent. 81 per cent voted in Wisconsin, 7 per cent are illiterate, \$2.45 is devoted to schools, each congressman represents 43,766 voters and Bryan received 37 per cent of the vote to 49 per cent given to Tilden and Hendricks. In New York, where 71 per cent voted in '96, 6 per cent are illiterate, \$3.90 is used in the schools, 25 per cent have money saved and on deposit and each congressman represents 40,121 voters; Bryan received 39 per cent of the vote and Tilden and Hendricks 52 per cent.

False Gods Responsible.

In giving the records of the states which gave Mr. Bryan his highest and lowest per capita strength, and the comments thereon, we do not hold him personally responsible for the deplorable condition as revealed by a compilation of the facts, but as the leader, the commander-in-chief of the democracy of '96 we do hold him responsible for the present condition of democracy which is far worse than at any time in its history. Space alone forbids an analysis of the remaining 33 states, but having the data at hand we may at a later date give it to the public. The people—the common people—the true democracy have apparently been lulled to sleep by flimflaming leaders and an unscrupulous press, who have been sowing tares among the democratic wheat and when the harvest of 1900 is ripe, it is hoped the tares, together with the flimflaming leaders and unscrupulous press, will be gathered together by the people, the common laborers, the true democracy and cast into political oblivion.

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DEATH RATE IS ON DECLINE.

All who hope and believe that the conditions of human life throughout the world are gradually improving will find

practical support for their hope and belief in an address recently delivered before the British Medical Association by its President, Dr. Ward Cousins. Among other things he discussed the future progress of preventive medicine, and predicted a steady and great decline in the death rate in the coming century. For the realization of this great object he looked, above all—and rightly looked—to an improvement in the conditions and in the dwellings of the working classes.

And he was especially right in pointing out that this improvement cannot come from mere legislation. "The great mass of the people must become willing and active helpers," he said, and in equally true words he showed how largely the prevention of suffering and the preservation of health are within the reach of the working classes in our great towns if they will only cultivate temperance and cleanliness. In this connection, we are gratified to observe the action of the New York health board in distributing among the people a circular letter, setting forth in clear and simple language various easy methods to be observed for the prevention of disease, the spread of epidemics, and some sound advice generally in regard to healthful living. This is practical service for the public good, and it will undoubtedly be successful to a material degree in a further decrease of the mortality rates.—Leslie's Weekly.

DELIGHTED.

The organs of populism are now gloating over a few bank failures caused by the tumble of trust stocks and other soap-bubble securities. De-pulpitized preachers and other creedless, principleless exhorters for the money fallacies now howl with triumph from Texas to Idaho. Real ruin, absolute poverty, desolation and despair are the normal conditions out of which populists and their oracles are evolved. The recent flurry in Wall Street, which alone furnishes money for the game of draw poker—and takes the playing cards as security—has been to Bryanarchy a new breath of life. All its orators, all its newspapers, have clapped their hands with joy, and crowed, as though the morning of a universal money panic had already dawned. The incident has merely brought into very general notice the fact that populism, fusion, sophistry in finance and flatulent oratory can flourish only in times of disaster, as fire-flies or June bugs are visible only in darkness.

Will somebody start a subscription to raise money to bring on a financial blizzard, an economic cyclone, so that crucifixions on crosses of gold, and also crowns of thorns may be placed within the reach of the plain people before the campaign of 1900 begins? "My friends, the greatest trust is the money trust; but if you me trust, it must bust."

WESTERN VALUES. In the midst of stock and trust panics it is a satisfaction to observe that the land and land product values of the West are unaffected.

Money is plenty for loaning on good farms at six per cent per annum the same day that call loans in New York, on stocks and bonds, soar to one hundred and twenty-five per cent a year. And while octopus stocks, like steel, sugar and tobacco, drop from five to twenty cents on the dollar, hogs, corn, wheat, beef and all other staple food products remain steady in value and with no noticeable declines.

The money kings cannot knock all value out of such commodities though they do send railroad and bank stocks down to nothing in a single day.

NOT A TEAM.

Prosperity and populism do not harness up together and make a matched team. The state of Nebraska is now prosperous and its chief source of wealth is agriculture. The animal and cereal products of Nebraska farms for the year 1899, at present prices, make a cash value of more than two hundred millions of dollars.

With this prosperity the populist leaders find fault. They belittle and belie it. They antagonize capital, which is to labor what steam is to machinery. It makes the wheels go round. It is to markets what power agents are to transportation, to mills and manufactories. It makes things move. But capital and croakers never pull together. Down with the latter, up with the former. Prosperity and populism will neither pull nor trot in the same harness.

CONSERVATISMS.

McKinleyism is anti-constitutionalism.

Mormonism is a dead issue galvanized into prominence by emotional ignorance and political depravity.

Polygamy as a church rite is preferable to promiscuous polygyny under church sufferance.

The equality of man means the equality of women in all things as well as men, or else all men were not created equal after all.

It is better that a few women suffer in their feelings than that thousands are damned to suffer by Christian indifference.

Man's inhumanity to woman is the mark of Christian civilization in the nineteenth century. What will the twentieth have to say about it?

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The Chinese are noted for the excellence of their razors. They are made of old horse shoes.