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EDITORIAL NOTES. The United States are said to increase in wealth at the rate of \$200,000,000 every year.

The centers of attraction in senatorial contests are New Hampshire, Illinois and Kansas.

Six Democratic seats in the Illinois Legislature, will be contested by the Republicans.

Money is reported easier. This must mean it goes that way. It doesn't seem to be easy to get hold of in these parts.

One special reason why the gag should not be put in the Senatorial bill is that it may turn out bad for the Constitution.

If Virginia may proudly claim to be the mother of Presidents, Chicago can put in a claim to being parent of stepfathers.

The most serious thing about electing three national Senators from Idaho is the big cut it makes in the State's population.

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Judge Brown, of Michigan, to be Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court.

M. A. Dauphin, President of the Louisiana Lottery Company, and whose name is very familiar to many of our readers, is dead.

In the insurance line the latest is an "Anti-Kidnaping League." No young married man with his first baby is likely to interest him self.

It is said that the Farmers' Alliance of Georgia, is holding Mr. Pat Calhoun in reserve, to succeed Mr. Colquitt in the United States Senate.

Spotted fever is knocking the spots out of Fairfield, Texas. Business has been almost suspended and there have been five or six deaths a day.

At the Ames-West wedding in Boston the father of the happy groom, F. L. Ames, settled the sum of \$1,000,000 upon his son as his share of the joyous occasion.

The Springfield, Ill., syndicate which has arranged the Agricultural Machinery trust says it will save millions of dollars. Very likely. But the millions will go to the pockets of the syndicate.

The census of the six States yielded in the Union show a population of 1,136,000, less than the population of the separate States, and seven representatives in the House and all the same.

A Canadian has been figuring on how to save shoe leather, and estimates that if everybody would take a step three inches longer than they do the saving on shoe leather in this country alone would be \$27,000,000 a year.

Editor George W. Childs, of the Philadelphia Ledger, spent a happy Christmas. He gave away \$20,000 in cash, besides hundreds of books and other presents. Of the cash \$10,000 went to his employees in the Ledger building.

If Senator Stanford is really anxious that farmers should have money at 2 per cent. as he is worth about \$30,000,000 he might take in a few more rich Republican Senators, open a 2 per cent. bank and do quite a lively business.

The airship would be a great educator. It would compel a revision of systems of taxation. It would revolutionize commerce and change the destinies of great cities. It would bring in either an era of peace or new art of war. It would bring the remotest parts of the earth under the view of civilized man. It would end the difficulties and horrors of African exploration. And McKinley would sit and gaze at it with feelings of stupid and helpless resentment, as the savage Sioux gazes at the locomotive.

ALLIANCE EDUCATION.

The strength of the Alliance principles and the unyielding force of its demands lie in the plain, incontrovertible facts on which its claims are predicated says the Economist. The rapid education of the people concerning economic questions of national importance is proof of the substantial foundation upon which such education rests.

No fine spun theory or assumption of false doctrine could have brought about this general desire for information and almost universal effort at research without having its real nature exposed and the whole imposition held up to ridicule and abandoned. Such has been the fate and will continue to be the ultimate end of all economic teachings not based upon truth and justice.

The demands of the Alliance have been subjected to the most searching scrutiny and rigid analysis. They have stood the merciless onslaught of ridicule and criticism, and have come out of this trying ordeal brighter, stronger and with a firmer hold upon the intelligence of the people than ever.

They stand today as an exponent of ultimate truth unrivaled by any economic proposition that has challenged public attention during the past quarter of a century. All objections to these demands have been met in a manner calculated to convince those seeking the truth, and to confound others attempting to confuse and mislead.

The lessons of the past should not go unheeded. This urgent demand for Alliance education should be met by Alliance newspapers, speakers and lecturers with a determination to furnish the people with the information they desire. To do this will require close application and constant study.

Those who would be leaders must be teachers, and those who teach must be informed. The day for newspaper slush and nonsense has passed, and the time for facts, reasons and proper deductions has come. Those who assume to build upon the ignorance of the people will fail, while those who recognize their intelligence will surely succeed.

The Hon. S. M. Scott, one of the chief organizers of the Farmers' Alliance in Kansas, and now at work in the organizations of Ohio, a Republican in politics, was asked by the Hon. Senator Ingalls, says in Kansas we have no politics. The Alliance people worked together, and elected ninety-two out of the 125 members of the Legislature, and they were not selected to send Mr. Ingalls back to the United States Senate.

You can quote me as saying most emphatically that he will not be re-elected. The millionaires and politicians in the Senate know nothing about what is for the interest of the farmers and for the benefit of corporations and the wealthy class. In addition to the members of the Legislature, we elected five Alliance men to Congress in Kansas, and expect to keep on until we secure legislation beneficial to over 60,000,000 of people.

President Frank McGrath, of the Kansas Farmers' Alliance, expresses the opinion that the present is not the time for a third party movement; it will come about in time, but the time is not this year; he furnishes facts to show that the Southern people are fighting for white supremacy, and that anything which will divide them politically will not find favor, and that the Southern farmers believe in working for their reforms within the Democratic party.

In Texas, near the town of Carnesville, three explorers have discovered an ancient place of sepulture, in there are many catacombs containing the petrified remains of an unknown race. Among the articles unearthed ancient pieces of sculpture and weapons of war.

AGRICULTURAL INDEPENDENCE.

The stringency in the money market which has been experienced so disastrously by the agricultural classes, says the Sentinel, should admonish our people in North Carolina and the Southern States of the necessity of rendering their living more independent of the caprices of the markets.

By this we mean they should produce more of the necessities of life at home, and buy less from abroad. These utterances have been so often repeated that there is nothing new in them, and the subject has been worn threadbare, still the fact remains that we have placed ourselves in position to invite these calamities every time they re-occur.

Every product of the farmer is always depressed in price in proportion to the tightness of the money market, and these stringencies come on in Southern crop-moving time. The result always is that the prices of products are lowest just when farmers are called upon to pay their northern and western debts.

They should have, comparatively speaking, no such debts to pay. North Carolina tobacco and cotton farmers should raise at home all the staple products of their consumption, and when these autumnal depressions come along they would stand in positions of independence and ability to await a revival of market prices; or if compelled to sell on account of the character and condition of the product, they would find their proceeds not all absorbed in the payment for their supplies.

No other way to independence and a condition of prosperity is open to our agricultural people than that of making their agriculture first subservient to the home needs, and ample for home support. As regards the incidental and indispensable articles of manufacture required in our homes and on the farm, these should, in the main, all be produced among us by local manufacturing establishments, whose armies of employees would create a good home market for all products of the farm.

The Supreme Court of New Hampshire has decided against the Democrats in the question submitted requesting the Judge to instruct Clerk Jewett of the House to declare more definitely his intentions relative to placing upon the roll of the next House the names of members contested by the Democrats. The Court declined to issue such instructions.

Investigation of the operations of the pension agents at Washington develops the fact that these sharks have already extorted \$37,000,000 from claimants and look forward to extorting over \$20,000,000 more. The worst of it is that most of this money is earned without the rendering of an equivalent, inasmuch as veterans seeking an increase of pension can obtain it by applying to the authorities through the identical means which are used by the agents.

Messrs. R. G. Dunn & Co.'s report of the business failures throughout the United States for the entire year of 1890, shows they were 10,907 in number, being 25 greater than in the year 1889, when the number was 10,982. The liabilities show a very large increase over 1889, being \$189,000,000 against \$145,000,000, an increase of \$44,000,000. These are the largest liabilities since 1884 when they amounted to \$225,000,000.

A great and perhaps overshadowing need of the New Year is higher civilization—more relevant and unselfish standards of thought and action in every-day life. Of course the source of such growth must be Christianity, and it is not to be disputed that the shaping of human action from such a basis would correct the abuses and misconceptions which have in a measure afflicted the country politically, socially, and in almost every field of human effort.

Just as Edmunds urges in the Senate, so Reed urged in the House, that a cloture rule was needed to expedite business. It must be confessed that Reed during the last session mounted his legislative cloture bicycle and drove through the House at a rapid headlong, and most inconsiderate gait. In fact, so rapidly did Reed go that he apparently worked himself out of a job, for now he is resting quietly on his oars, doing nothing but watch the Senate.

CURRENT COMMENTS.

—Stand by the people—the many. In saving them you save God and country.—Argus. —An unknown man in Los Angeles, Cal., has cut out his tongue, and there is no evidence that he ever made as mean a speech as Coddish Hoar made in the Senate Tuesday.—Star.

—As regards compulsory education, the Chronicle is opposed to the idea. It is unDemocratic, and besides, it has not proven a success wherever attempted.—Charlotte Chronicle. —If every dollar not needed by the Government for its legitimate expenses had been left where it belongs—in the pockets of the men who earned it—we should have very little of financial distress.—N. Y. World.

—The Force Election bill is dead; it has been dead for months; it is putrid and a stench in the nostrils of the nation, and it should at once be consigned to the grave that beyond the reach of the resurrection trump.—Phil. Times. —The laws of Arkansas prohibit the selling of cigarettes to boys under 16 years of age, under penalty of from \$10 to \$100 fine. A number of merchants were recently made to shell out for violating the law. And yet some people are under the impression that Arkansas is a sort of a back-woods State.—Star.

—A fashion of slaying wild beasts has lately sprung up among the fair daughters of the South. Within a few days it has been brought to our notice that a Georgia beauty grappled with and put to death a huge bear, an Arkansas belle caused a wild cat to bite the dust, and a Texas charmer stretched a panther at her feet.—State.

—There is no matter of deeper interest or more profound concern to the people of North Carolina than the care for the unfortunate insane of the State. It is a lasting shame that a single demented man or woman in North Carolina should be denied treatment in the asylums of the State, or permitted to languish in the county jails. Every instinct of humanity demands that provisions should be made for their proper care and treatment.—State Chronicle.

—The utterance of Senator Wolcott in his speech in the Senate on Tuesday to the effect that it is "better that local and State elections should be attended with fraud and dishonesty than that they should be kept pure by Federal interference." This is an extreme expression of opinion, but it exhibits a truer spirit of patriotism than any words which have been spoken by the Republican Senators in the course of the present debate.—Rich. Times.

—North Carolina ranks very low in the matter of educational facilities and the legislature this winter should devote its energies in that direction of improving our school system. Of course some people will maintain that politics is of prime importance and that education is a secondary matter, but we want to suggest that it gives our State a black eye, every time a school report goes out. There is no good reason why we cannot have better facilities, and there is no good reason why we cannot pay our teachers more.—Durham Globe.

Says New York Tribune: "A gentleman who greatly admires his pastor said of him the other day that he is a great preacher who never falls below his average, but often rises above it." Another gentleman writes to the Christian Advocate that he is a true minister, a man of God; more than that a man of brains." This suggests the old story of the English parson who was once berating a parishers for some offence, and who wound up with the remark: "In acting as you do you not only sin against God, but you treat me with positive discourtesy."

—The late convention of county Superintendents of Instruction, in Raleigh passed a resolution favoring compulsory education, which we do not think will meet with the endorsement of the Legislature nor of the people of the State. If people will not give their children schooling when the schools are open to them, the forcing process would hardly prove effective unless it panned out more satisfactorily in this State than in others where it has been tried. There is a compulsory law in Illinois now which works so badly that there is a demand for its repeal, even in the cities, where such a law could be most effectively enforced.—Wil. Star.

—As the Wilmington Star well says, next to railroads and good newspapers, the most important agency in building up the business of a town is good country roads, good highways leading to and from the town. This is a matter on which the business prosperity depends more than at first it might seem. The merchant who does a country trade who sits in his light-lit patronized store looking at a big stock of goods in the fall or spring, waiting for the roads to become passable, while his paper maturing, realize this. If the truth were known it would be found that bad country roads have had much to do with the business failure of many a merchant. They hurt both town and country.

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