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JOB PRINTING: The Job Department of the Press is complete and affords facilities for doing the best class of work.

Japan has only one orphanage, yet in no other land are fatherless children better cared for.

A French general has inaugurated a plan of permitting and even encouraging soldiers to sing when on the march.

There is one country in the world where it is considered a crime to smoke. Abyssinia is the region.

A great "slide" is threatened in the mountains near Anney, in France, where the entire district of Ayse is threatened with destruction.

When horses sleep many of them point one ear forward. Why this is done is not known.

Through the generosity of a Boston man and a Harvard graduate, whose name is withheld from the public for the present, Harvard is soon to have another building added to its collection.

A very curious custom in Seoul, Korea, is the law which makes it obligatory for every man to retire to his home when the huge bronze bell of the city has proclaimed it to be the hour of sunset.

The United States is bound by treaty with Colombia to protect the Isthmus of Panama from foreign invasion.

Eight large cases in which are contained the sarcophagus of an Egyptian princess who lived as early as 4700 B. C.

It is a singular fact, recently demonstrated by experiments made by French scientists, that you can not drown an ant.

About a year ago there lived in the north of London a retired clergyman who handsomely aided an otherwise slender income by writing sermons for other men of the cloth.

RECIPROCITY-PROTECTION.

No Call for Disturbance of the Policy That Has Made the Nation Prosperous.

It is not at all surprising that public interest has been aroused in the subject of reciprocity. This interest has been made very apparent in the proceedings of the reciprocity convention at Washington.

There is ample room for reciprocity alongside of protection, but the latter cannot and must not be supplanted. The American producer needs markets for his surplus products.

This is the principle contemplated by the statesmen who have favored reciprocity. The benefits are not to be one-sided.

And this is precisely what the reciprocity convention agreed to, for just before its final adjournment it adopted a resolution declaring that "this convention recommends to congress the maintenance of the principle of protection for the home market, and to open by reciprocity opportunities for increased foreign trade by special modifications of the tariff, in special cases, only where it can be done without injury to any of our home interests of manufacturing, commerce or farming."

The convention adopted the resolutions unanimously and enthusiastically. It was typically American in standing for reciprocity with protection and against reciprocity without protection.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

In a word, republican supremacy means stability and prosperity. That seems to size it up about right.—Troy Times.

Senator Wellington is looking forward to the coming session of congress with considerable anxiety. If the senate remembers what he said about the martyred McKinley, and surely no man could forget that, he will be stung by a rebuke that will follow him to his dying day.—Iowa State Register.

Statistics prepared by the treasury bureau of statistics show that the United States stands first of all the nations of the earth this year in the matter of exports, displacing Great Britain, which up to the present year had held first place.

Uncle Sam has been one of the most fortunate of real estate investors. His Louisiana purchase has proved to be a splendid piece of property. One per cent of its annual agricultural products alone pays the total cost of that little piece of property.

TRUSTS AND REPUBLICANS.

Position of the Party from the Outset Will Be Maintained Throughout.

Nobody will be in any doubt as to the attitude which President Roosevelt will take on the question of the trusts. In one of his messages to the New York legislature while he was governor of that state he said, in speaking of the trusts, that "the first essential is knowledge of the facts—publicity."

Nor is there the faintest reason to doubt, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, that this doctrine of President Roosevelt, which will undoubtedly be emphasized in his forthcoming message to congress, will be heartily supported by the republican party.

The position which the republican party took at the outset in the career of the trusts it will maintain to the end. The party passed an anti-trust act in the congress chosen in the year that this expression was formulated, and it was signed by the president chosen in that year, Gen. Harrison.

SUCCESS OF REPUBLICANS.

Remarkable Strength of the Party Shown in the Recent Elections.

A national party in power always has reason to expect a revulsion of popular sentiment in the years between presidential elections. It has not come this year in any state where national issues have been made prominent.

In Ohio national issues are always to the front. It is the home of national issues and a breeding place for national statesmen. With a governor and legislature to elect and most cities free from confusing local issues, the Ohio republicans beat all previous "off-year" records with the magnificent majority of 80,000.

The president wants congress to do whatever is reasonable and practicable to help the development of great regions in the west which have more lack of water than of any other essential factor in their growth.

PERILS OF THE SEA.

A British Ship Narrowly Escapes Disaster, While a French Vessel Goes Ashore During a Great Gale on the Pacific Coast.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 6.—The British ship Nelson, which was reported lost off the Columbia river, was towed into Puget Sound yesterday by the steamer Walla Walla, bound from San Francisco to Seattle.

The Nelson had a marvelous escape from destruction, according to Capt. Perriam, of that craft. She crossed the Columbia river bar a week ago last night, and before she had gone a great distance she encountered a severe storm and was roughly handled.

The captain of the Tatoosh decided to tow her to Puget Sound, but had not proceeded far when the gale increased in fury and on Tuesday night the hawser parted and the Tatoosh was unable to find the vessel when daylight came.

Wednesday morning, while the terrible storm was raging along the coast, the French bark Ernest Reyer went ashore off the mouth of Quinalt river, about 30 miles north of Grey's Harbor.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

A Head-End Collision Occurs Between Two Trains in Arkansas—Three Men Are Killed and 23 People Injured.

Malvern, Ark., Dec. 6.—Three persons killed and 23 injured is the result of a head-end collision between two passenger trains on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroad one and one-half miles south of here last evening.

The southbound train was to meet the other at Malvern, but the latter train was late and the former moved ahead, expecting to meet the other train at the next station. A mile and a half south of Malvern the two trains met in a terrific collision.

A COMBINE OF SHEEPMEN.

Flock Masters in Wyoming Plan to Control Thousands of Acres of Pasture Lands.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 6.—A gigantic combine is being formed at Rawlins by the sheepmen of what is known as the "Sweetwater country" for the purpose of excluding Utah flock masters and local cattlemen from encroaching upon the Red Desert winter ranges in Sweetwater.

The sheepmen who purpose to lease the land have offered the railroad company a rental of one cent per acre, or \$5,800 per year, for the land.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The Cuban commissioners now in this city have prepared the draft of a bill designed to carry out their views for remedial tariff legislation for the island.

Andalusia, Ala., Dec. 6.—Sheriff Bradshaw returned to Andalusia yesterday with 22 negroes, who are accused of complicity in the killing of J. W. Dorsey, a merchant, and Fale Arkison, city marshal, at Opp, Wednesday evening.

MET IN SCRANTON.

Federation of Labor Holds Its Annual Convention.

A Growth of 364,000 Members and 313 Local Unions Is Reported for the Past Year—Total Membership Aggregates 1,500,000—Gompers' Report.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 6.—Two hundred and eighty-five delegates, representing more than 1,500,000 workmen, responded to the roll call at the opening session of the twenty-first annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, which was called to order by President Gompers in St. Thomas college hall yesterday.

During the day there was one surprise sprung on the delegates and one important decision was also made. The surprise came in the form of an objection to the seating of the United Mine Workers' delegates because of an alleged arrearage in their per capita tax.

Mr. Gompers' report showed a net increase of 313 local unions for the year and a gain of 364,410 members. From national and international unions and the federation direct, there were issued 4,056 charters for newly formed unions, and charter surrenders or unions disbanded numbered 1,150.

The purpose for which the strike of the Amalgamated association was inaugurated was not achieved and it was terminated upon conditions less advantageous than perhaps could have been obtained.

Officers of the International Association of Machinists report that their strike has very largely succeeded in establishing the nine-hour rule in the trade.

Treasurer Lennon's report showed receipts \$126,322, expenses \$118,708, total funds on hand \$8,814. Secretary Morrison's report shows that the total number of strikes of all kinds reported aggregated 1,056, in which 153,503 members were benefited and 12,707 were not benefited.

BURNED STARCH.

A Fire in the Trust's Plant at Des Moines, Ia., Causes \$200,000 Loss.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 6.—Fire was discovered last evening in the plant of the National Starch Manufacturing Co. in the southeastern part of the city.

The loss on building and contents is estimated at \$200,000. The amount of insurance is unknown as such records are kept in New York. Several hundred employees, who were about to quit work for the day, escaped in safety.

Arrest of a Counterfeiter.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 6.—Jacob Brill, of Louisville, Ky., was arrested here Thursday charged with counterfeiting. He was trying to pass counterfeit \$5 gold pieces and silver dollars when arrested.

In Prepared to Fight a Mob.

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WHAT A LEADING AGRICULTURIST SAYS OF WESTERN CANADA.

Prof. Thomas Shaw of Minnesota University Gives an Unbiased Opinion.

In a letter to "The Farmer," St. Paul, dated Sept. 1st, 1901, Prof. Thomas Shaw, of the Minnesota State University, has the following to say, after having made a trip through Western Canada:

"The capabilities of the immense area known as Western Canada are but little understood on this side of the line. Our people are apt to look upon it as a region of frost and snow, a country in which but small portion of the land relatively will ever be tillable because of the rigors of the climate.

AN IMMENSE AREA.

Western Canada is not only an immense area, but the same description will apply to those portions of the country that are capable of being successfully tilled or grazed. Nearly all of the prairie Province of Manitoba can be brought under cultivation, although probably not one-third of its surface has been laid open by the plough.

ADAPTED TO STOCK AND GRAIN PRODUCTION.

The region under consideration is, however, mainly adapted to growing grain and grazing stock. Much of it is adapted to growing both grain and stock, but certain areas, especially towards the mountain, are only adapted to ranching, except where irrigation will yet be introduced.

QUALITY OF LIVE STOCK.

It was a pleasurable surprise to note the high quality of the stock. The average of quality in cattle is higher than the average of cattle in our State, unless in the dairy classes.

REASONS FOR QUALITY IN STOCK.

The quality of the grass is good. Many of the settlers came from Ontario, and had been schooled as to the value of good stock before going west.

Those who are anxious of changing their residence should bear in mind that the lands in Western Canada are many of them free and others reasonably cheap.

Information will gladly be given by any agent of the Canadian Government, whose advertisement appears elsewhere.

To Leave Bicycle for Horse.

According to the New York World, Jimmy Michael, king of pace followers on the bicycle, has once more made up his mind to become a crack jockey.