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BY REDUCING the tariff Democracy puts a tax on industry, and by adopting an income tax it wants to levy blackmail on brains, enterprise and thrift.

SECRET MARRIAGES.

From its very nature, the ceremonial of marriage is intended as a testimonial of publicity. The whole tenor and purport of the legal restrictions by which this ceremonial is surrounded go to preserve it from the social dangers of secrecy.

We do not envy the feelings of the New York clergyman who permitted the wily tongue of Colonel Breckinridge to beguile him into pronouncing, in secrecy, the service which, on April 23 of last year, made that deceptive Kentuckian for the second time a husband at the very period when, as shown by sworn testimony, he was sustaining relations of unutterable dishonor with a woman whom the law did not recognize.

We hear much nowadays about the need of uniform legislation relating to marriage and divorce. But here is an evil which the law wholly overlooks, an evil which has caused more suffering, more disappointment and more provocation to divorce and crime than any other single feature in this whole category.

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ONE OF those practical beneficences that deserve grateful publicity has just been instituted by the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company in the remission of rent in behalf of those of its tenant miners upon whom the slack times have pressed most heavily.

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"pocket borough" like Wyoming or Nevada or Idaho has the same representation in the United States senate that is accorded to New York or Pennsylvania. At intervals the proposition to consolidate some of these alkali deserts recurs, is briefly debated and indifferently dropped.

The net result of the present agitation for a change in the method of choosing senators will probably be nil. The principal faults with the present system are faults that would not be remedied by constitutional amendment.

ANXIOUS INQUIRY. Yes, the United States is a civilized country, with the possible exception of Stroudsburg.

NO POUR THE TROPS whereby Murderer Puryear was lynched formed a very appropriate souvenir; but the ethics of the case will not be complete until this hempen strand is tied to a second bow knot, this time about the throats of the law's latest defilers.

IF IS curious how the lynching spirit manifests itself along Democratic lines.

THE LYNCHING INDUSTRY.

We remember recently to have seen a formidable compilation of statistics, the purport of which was to prove that lynchings in this country are abnormally on the increase and that the increase is not sectional but general.

This was done in Stroudsburg the other day, and it is done in perhaps 90 per cent of all the other lynchings of which there is contemporary record.

HOW, then, are we to account for the increasing prevalence of the mad wish to overthrow law and order whenever conspicuous crime has been committed? Are the people of this generation more excitable, impetuous and unthinking than were their predecessors?

UNTIL THE Republican party places on the federal statute books a firm law protecting the oppressed citizen in his just right to vote, and to have that ballot counted as cast, it will have failed in a solemn duty, and deserved the defeats that it has received.

SUCH DISORDERLY scenes as those that have recently been enacted in Colorado are logical consequences of the Populist uprising of which Watts was one of the accidental political upheavals.

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ago, is really to be congratulated that it got off so easily.

IN AFTER years it will doubtless prove interesting reading for searchers in old newspaper files to learn how, in the year 1894, 5,000,000 able bodied Americans were thrown out of employment, forced to subsist on charity or loafing, in many instances, on a frightful pauper and despair, as a tribute to the Democratic party's all round incapacity to legislate.

ONLY A PRETTY DREAM.

"Every one knows," writes our friend Dr. D. B. Strong, "that the market value of silver is less than its coin value. But the silver dollar has a value as a medium of exchange—its currency value, in fine—which is equal to the currency value of any other dollar.

WE suspect that our esteemed correspondent here admits rather more than he intended to admit. If there is any clear inference from his carefully drawn distinction between "intrinsic value" and "currency value" it is that "currency value," or in other words, the legal stamp of the government, is the ruling value.

IT is one of the recurring fallacies inherited from greenback days that currency value is a thing altogether independent of intrinsic value.

IF WOMEN are to be granted the suffrage as they have been in several Western states, and as it is proposed to do in Massachusetts, our municipal elections ought first to be made fit places for their presence.

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among them a desire to do track work which always acts as a stimulus to cycling in general.

The club has not decided whether they will hold the circuit meet later in the season or not. It will all depend upon the financial outcome of the first one.

Young Gregory, of the Green Ridge wheelman who did such excellent track work last season, is seen on the avenue daily practicing short spurts.

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