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For governor of Pennsylvania, on the issue of an open field and fair play,

JOHN P. ELKIN, of Indiana,

subject to the will of the Republican masses.

A Sane View of Wealth.

EVERY period of unsettlement in business, especially when in the form of strikes or agitation for increased wages, calls forth complaint at the modern concentration of wealth. The recent formation of corporations with capitalizations running high into the hundreds of millions, and in one instance exceeding a billion dollars, has intensified this complaint. Signs of a growing undercurrent of socialism are appearing and many observers are filled with alarm.

A good rule at such times is, when in doubt, consult an expert. Professor W. G. Sumner, of Yale university, is an economic expert of world-wide renown. Here are some ideas by him upon this subject, originally contributed to the Independent:

"Every age is befuddled by the notions which are in fashion in it. Our age is befuddled by 'democracy.' We hear arguments about the industrial organization which are deductions from democratic dogmas, or which appeal to prejudice by using analogies drawn from democracy to affect sentiment about industrial relations. Industry may be republican; it never can be democratic, so long as men differ in productive power and in industrial virtue. In our time joint stock companies, which are in form republican, are drifting over into oligarchies or monarchies, because one or a few get greater efficiency of control and greater vigor of administration. They direct the enterprise in a way which produces more, or more economically. This is the purpose for which the organization exists, and success in it outweighs everything else. We see the competent men refuse to join in the enterprise, unless they can control it, and we see the stockholders willingly put their property in the hands of those who are, as they think, competent to manage it successfully. The strongest and most effective organizations for industrial purposes which are formed nowadays are those of a few great capitalists, who have great personal confidence in each other, and who can bring together adequate means for whatever they desire to do."

Again: "No man can acquire a million without helping a million men to increase their little fortunes all the way down through all the social grades. In some points of view it is an error that we fix our attention so much upon the very rich and overlook the prosperous mass, but the compensating advantage is that the great successes stimulate emulation the most powerfully. What matters it, then, that some millionaires are idle, or silly, or vulgar, that their ideas are sometimes futile, and their plans grotesque, when they turn aside from money-making? How do they differ in this from any other class? The millionaires are a product of natural selection, acting on the whole body of men, to pick out those who can meet the requirement of certain work to be done. In this respect they are just like the great statesmen, or scientific men, or military men. It is because they are thus selected that wealth aggregates under their hands—both their own and that entrusted to them. Let one of them make a mistake and see how quickly the concentration gives way to dispersion. They may fairly be regarded as the naturally selected agents of society for certain work. They get high wages and live in luxury, but the bargain is a good one for society."

Professor Sumner, it should be added, is not perturbed by the friction which characterizes our industrial progress. On the contrary, he appears to think that while incidentally and locally harmful it will in the long run work out a better general condition of society, in which labor as well as capital shall have its due share of prosperity and public privileges. There can be no doubt of this without involving fundamental distrust of American institutions; but the friction at the place of its generation is sometimes very annoying, as Scrantonians can testify.

It seems impossible for General Miles to purchase a railroad ticket these days without starting a rumor that he is about to be made the victim of administration displeasure.

Rebecca J. Taylor, a war department clerk, who has influential relatives in Minnesota, has been dismissed by Secretary Root for alleged conduct prejudicial to the service. "Miss Taylor, it seems, believing that she had ample protection in the civil service laws, has

been seeking literary fame as a critic of President Roosevelt, and has furnished the Washington papers with glaring samples of feminine fault-finding. This active woman, like many others in the employ of the government, appears to have labored under the idea that she was a goodly part of the service. She will doubtless have time henceforth to reflect upon the uncertainty of official life that is ruled by injudicious ambition.

If the Nicaragua water route is on the volcanic range, proof of the fact ought to settle further consideration of that proposed waterway from the gulf to the Pacific. It would be very awkward for passing vessels to have the water of the canal suddenly drop out before them when endeavoring to lower the sailing records some fine morning.

Do Not Be Afraid.

A MAGAZINE called Health says that fear causes more diseases than do microbes, more deaths than famine, more failure than panics, it costs more than war, is always a failure and is never necessary. Fear weakens the heart's action, induces congestion, invites indigestion, produces poison through decomposing foods, and is thus the mother of auto-poisoning, which either directly causes or greatly aids in the production of quite 90 per cent. of all our diseases.

Observation of the unskilled in medical science will undoubtedly prove that this is true. As a rule the good-natured, fearless people usually enjoy the best of health while the nervous and fault-finding, who are ever ready to become agitated over the most ridiculous prophecies of the weather seer and the calamity howler, are seldom physically comfortable. In this age of yellow journalism with its accompanying illustrations that outdo the products of the museum chamber of horrors; in this season of unrest, when warring elements threaten to destroy the industries of the country and hide the rays of the sun of prosperity behind blackened clouds of despair, it must be admitted that it is difficult for the average person to preserve a tranquil equilibrium. But worrying over the evils which we may possibly in future encounter will do no good. It is better to enjoy the sunshine of the present than to dwell on the gloom of the future while they are here than to have their beauty obscured by thoughts of the September equinoctial storm. The dawn of industrial peace and returning prosperity may come sooner than any imagine.

Do not worry!

The United States is making rapid gains in the share which she furnishes of the importations of Japan. The "Annual Returns of the Foreign Trade of the Empire of Japan," for the year 1901 has just been received by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics at Washington. It shows that the United States, which, in 1881, furnished less than 6 per cent. of the imports of Japan; supplied 17 per cent. of those imports in 1901; and that the United Kingdom, our chief rival in that trade, which supplied over 52 per cent. of those imports in 1881, furnished but 20 per cent. of Japan's imports in 1901. The United States now stands second in the list of non-Asiatic countries in the imports of Japan, and falls but a little below India, the only Asiatic country which ranks with the United States in the imports of Japan.

The government authorities in Hawaii will do well to keep an eye upon the volcanoes on the islands that show signs of activity. With the awful warning of St. Pierre before us care should be taken that the catastrophe is not repeated in other localities. The assurance of scientists is comforting at long range, but volcanoes like the weather are prone to break away from the prophets at unexpected intervals.

For each death by bullet among the British troops in South Africa the complete statistics show that there were two deaths from disease. Unsanitary camps are more dangerous than gunpowder and the doctoring arm of far more importance than the fighting arm, in spite of the fact that the glory of war goes mostly to the fighters.

"Elijah" Dowie has demonstrated that a prophet can be up-to-date by having his photograph taken in "the conventional black" of the June wedding gown. This is assuredly an age of progress even in the line of Chicago patriarchy.

As though trouble enough did not exist it is announced that union musicians purpose to boycott Reginald De Koven's compositions. This suggests that possibly Reginald has been writing music containing nine or ten bars to the measure.

The recent experience of circular editors up in Susquehanna county will doubtless have the effect of making future campaign literature from that section as mild as the ideal Sunday school library volume.

The press interviewer these days who cannot make his victim say something that should not be said is of little consequence in the office of one of the up-to-date yellows.

The seventeen year locust prophet is undoubtedly with us, but it is to be hoped that the visit of the insect will be delayed until the strikes have been settled.

The Yaqui Indians of Mexico propose to take up the labor of preventing universal peace where it was left off by Boers, Boxers and Filipinos.

The good feeling existing between British and Boers in South Africa is causing surprise that they did not make up before.

Bifurcated Democracy shows signs of getting together after the manner of two cats suspended upon a clothes-line.

There is now nothing to be dreaded in South Africa save the franchise fiend.

And now the volcanoes of Hawaii have that Mont Pelée feeling

THE TRUTH ABOUT CUBA.

A. H. Lewis, in the World's Work.

The truth about Cuba? Is it necessary to say more than was told me by the resident agent of one of the largest New York life insurance companies? He said:

"The situation in Cuba today is unprecedented. Never before in the history of life insurance has it been equalled. It is actually true that the need here is so great, that we have loaned money on 90 per cent. of the policies we hold in the island."

While I was in Cuba for the World's Work a number of tourists visited Havana, making in the majority of cases the round trip of ten days from New York which gives from Wednesday until Saturday