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When the Republican party pledged itself to do all it could for the promotion of labor national biennialism, it meant what it said, and will not miss any opportunity in that respect.

The arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain is hanging fire for some reason, but as it relates only to future controversies, the delay is a matter of no particular importance.

When Senator Sherman says that "Congress is perfectly competent to deal with the tariff" he may be right as to the next one, but certainly the present one has not done anything to justify such an assertion.

This mineral output of Colorado in 1896 was greater than in any previous year, which shows that the talk about the destruction of the mining industry by unfeeling legislation is not true as to that State, at any rate.

The decision of Judge Myers, of Kansas, that the alien land law of that State does not apply to the right of way of railroad corporations will probably put an end to the Populist scheme to wreck one of the principal railroads on there. This is an excellent indication that Kansas is coming to her senses, and getting ready to win back the creditable reputation of her former days.

It has remained for Gen. Horace Porter to place on record one of Grant's best expressions. When Gen. Hancock made his assault at Spottsylvania and captured a Confederate division Burnside reported that his rifle had lost its connection with Hancock's corps. Grant replied in a note: "Push the enemy with all your might; that's the way to connect."

It is said that Spain has sent nearly 200,000 soldiers to Cuba since the insurrection began. Probably the insurgents at no time in the war ever numbered a fifth or sixth of the enemies who confronted them. Whether the defect in the Spanish military character is the stupidity of its officers or the cowardice of its rank and file is hard to ascertain definitely. Perhaps there is a good deal of both. At any rate, it would be hard to find in all history an instance in which an army as dominant in numbers and equipment as Weyler's is did as little work which "counted" as that army has done in the past twelve months.

At the recent election Minnesota adopted a constitutional amendment to the effect that no alien shall hereafter exercise the right of suffrage until he shall have been fully naturalized, and Texas decided that hereafter no person of foreign birth shall vote in that state unless he shall have been a resident for one year, and declared his intention to become a citizen six months before the election. This sounds odd to Pennsylvanians as the law here is that a man is not a citizen, and therefore not entitled to the franchise until he has his full naturalization papers.

We are so constantly adding to the number of stars on our national flag that it has become a matter of inquiry what becomes of the old flags when they are superseded by the new. Already the azure field of the star is crowded to repetition, rendering it impossible to add any more without making the flag ridiculous. But the order for the addition of the stars is imperative. They must go on, even though at the cost of a complete new set of standards. Now when the number of flags belonging to the Government is considered, the cost for the new outfit must be very large. But there is a no escape from it. Private owners of flags need not comply with the order, but all Government flags will have to be changed, and it is more than probable that in a year or two other states will be admitted and changes in the flag ordered.

Some of our newspaper growers made a great gain because the United States built up a new navy. They said we didn't need a navy. Time has demonstrated its use. How could we guard the Cuban coast and shut off all help from the men of that island who are fighting for liberty, if we did not have a navy? The President is now sending orders of our ships to the Gulf to effectively shut off relief from Cuba. When the Cubans shall have been subdued, and the leaders shall have been shot, and peace shall reign over the bloody islands which once were populous with men and women who loved liberty, and were as much entitled to it as the American rebels of the revolution, the star spangled banner will be entwined with the flag of Spain to festoon the triumphal arches erected in honor of Weyler, the butcher.

The statistics of new railroad equipment built in this country in 1896 show that we have built more locomotives than in 1895 and very many more cars. Carrying comparisons back two years, the increase both in locomotive output and in car building are very great. The figures presented by the Railroad Gazette show that we built this year 486 locomotives more than in 1894 and 74 more than last year. The actual number of engines built in 1896 was 1,173, and in 1895 1,091 engines. An interesting feature brought out in this summary is the growing importance of export orders. In 1896 99 engines were built in this country to export to foreign countries, the engines going chiefly to South America, but also to a considerable extent to Russia, Japan and South Africa. In 1894 only 90 engines were built for export, and in 1895 that number was exceeded, the number built in 1894 having been unusually small; but still the growth reported in 1896 is of special interest. Locomotive builders in this country at present have orders on their books for 70 engines for Japan, where most of the engines are of English make.

There is no more conclusively established fact than that the lumber supply of the United States is rapidly decreasing. This is indicated wherever forests that produce lumber suitable for shipping are to be found, and where there are facilities for getting it to shipping points. The Pacific States at this time the section where the greatest activity in the manufacture of lumber prevails. The lumber forests there are rapidly disappearing, though those engaged in felling them insist that they are inexhaustible, and which no more reliable lumbering assertion could be made. The same claim only a few years ago was made for the forests of the Rocky mountains. How has it been sustained? The white pine forests of our own state have been so nearly exhausted that choice white pine lumber has within a few years almost doubled in price. New York legislators are earnestly debating the question of forest preservation, but streams having already suffered from the cutting away of soil of her forests, and which if not checked will bring about results of the most disastrous character.

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