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Now watch the great rush of prosperity showers for a poshish as census enumerators.

A German biologist has calculated that the human brain contains 300,000,000 nerve cells, 5,000,000 of which die and are succeeded by new ones every day. At this rate we get an entirely new brain every sixty days.

The Michigan legislature has passed a bill, which has been signed by Governor Pingree, giving the City of Detroit the power to purchase and operate all its street car lines. This is encouraging, let the good work go on.

Mayor Jones, of Toledo, Ohio, has been re-elected. He was defeated for the Republican nomination and ran as an independent. Mayor Jones is one of our most advanced thinkers, in fact he claims to be a Socialist and puts his ideas into practice whenever and wherever possible, under existing circumstances. This is an encouraging victory.

When some petty criminal refuses to answer the question of an attorney he is instantly fined or sent to jail for contempt. When the Standard Oil company was requested to produce their books in court they burned them. In Duluth when a firm is served with a notice to produce books in a case in court they are carefully hid away, and there you are. The biggest scandal always wins and justice is a farce.

Some of the active members of an Episcopal church in California had partially arranged for a "living picture" entertainment but two vestrymen were so horrified that the entertainment was dropped altogether. The best "living picture" study for church people would be the slums as contrasted with the palaces. Photographs of Trinity church, New York, for instance, in all its splendor, and the slum residents under its shadows would also be of interest.

The more the "embalmed beef" investigation continues, the blacker becomes Alger's and Eagen's crime against our soldiers. It has been demonstrated, beyond possibility of doubt, that the food was unfit for either man or beast. That it caused more deaths than the bullets of the enemy is certain. Yet Eagen has been rewarded with a life pension, and a complimentary letter from the president, while Alger remains in the cabinet and is given carte blanche to snub the man who dared to expose the infamy.

Bills are now before the Massachusetts and New Jersey legislatures to abolish the death penalty, and the question is being earnestly discussed and considered in several other states. People of advanced ideas of all creeds are favoring this reform. Of course, like all reforms, it must be brought about in a democratic way, not by force, but by the democratic expression of the popular voice. We are in the habit of looking upon our Spanish American neighbors as behind us in development, but in most of the Central and South American republics, capital punishment was abolished long ago.

The cause of government ownership of railroads and other public monopolies has recently received support from an unexpected quarter. In his recent report, General Longstreet, United States railroad commissioner, recommends the government construction and operation of a double track railway from San Diego to the Pacific coast, to Kansas City or St. Louis, a measure, which he urges, is not only

warranted, but demanded by the extension of our commerce, certain to result from the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands, and our probable control of the Philippines.

Carter Harrison Jr., has been re-elected mayor of Chicago. Ex-Governor John P. Altgeld was a candidate for the same office and in speaking of his defeat and the election of Mr. Harrison, he said:

"One reason for the election of Mr. Harrison was that the press supported him almost without exception and the great Republican papers were on his side. Why did the Republican papers support Harrison? The reason is not hard to find. They saw that Mr. Harrison had already betrayed the Democratic party as he had it in his power to do, and he will carry the betrayal a great deal further and thus make the re-election of McKinley a certainty. The Republicans look on this fight as the battle of 1900 and feel that the re-election of Mr. Harrison already seals the result of the next presidential campaign."

Australia seems to be keeping the lead which it took several years ago in the direction of government ownership of public monopolies. Among the measures now before parliament New South Wales is one for the establishment of national collieries sufficient to supply the requirements of the government service. The experience of the city of Sydney with tramways under city ownership has been remarkable, even from the point of view of profits to the city. In 1888 these tramways paid less than two per cent, while in 1898 the net profit was more than five and a half per cent. Official inquiry now under way in New South Wales is directed to establish as far as possible the relations between wages and rents. The result of this inquiry is likely to have an important effect on the demand for increased wages. It is estimated that the average deduction from a laborer's income for rent, amounts to twenty-five per cent in Australia. The proportion is about the same in this country, and very little reflection will serve to show that this proportion must be regarded as excessive. The balance must be struck, and if it cannot be arrived at by reduction of rents, it must be met by an increase of wages.

A Private Army.

The railroad employees of the state of Indiana will perhaps not be in a position to remonstrate against the next wage reduction. There has been introduced, by a member of the senate, presumably at the request of the railway corporations, a bill which provides for the arming of hired thugs and "loyal" employees during a strike. Should this bill become a law, and the employees of a road strike against wage reduction, the company would immediately hire and equip an army of thugs to shoot and kill right and left. Another bill has been introduced in this state in addition to this corporation army bill. It is an effort to foist upon railway employees of the state of Indiana a law depriving them of the rights of a citizen in suits for damages sustained by personal injuries. The bill is in the blind of a relief association, that is to be legalized in all of its pharisaical philanthropy. The bill gives the right to the railway companies to create and maintain relief associations, and gives the right to employers to participate therein, and then makes it impossible for a beneficiary of such relief association to recover damages from the employing company for personal injuries.

Tennyson's Vision.

"When the schemes and all the systems, kingdoms and republics fall, Something kinder, higher, holier—all for each and each for all, All the full-brain races, led by Justice, Love and Truth; All the millions one at length with all the visions of my youth, All diseases quenched by science, no man halt, or deaf, or blind; Stronger even born of weaker, lustier body, large mind. Earth at last a warless world, a single race, a single tongue—I have seen her far away—for is not earth as yet so young?" Every tiger madness muzzled, every serpent passion killed, Every grim ravine a garden, every blazing desert tilled, Robed in universal harvest up to either pole she smiles, Universal ocean softly washing all her warless isles.

—Alfred, Lord Tennyson.

Snap Shots.

By S. Goodwin.

A certain Mr. Daggett, of Bear Creek, Wisconsin, and incidentally a member of the legislature for that state, has made a bold bid for fame by the introduction of a joint resolution looking to the prohibition of tight lacing. He proposes a commission to be made up of three members of the assembly and one of the senate to draft and introduce a bill prohibiting tight lacing. Mr. Daggett says he is serious about the matter, and intends to push it to a successful end.

If there were no other than the humorous side of this question, it might be in order to inquire just how the peace officers were to find which of the ladies in their respective districts were laced beyond the proper degree of tightness and how said officers were to proceed in case a victim were ever found bold enough to defy the mandates of the law? This, however, is a question of too much gravity to be so treated, it touches very near to the fundamentals of our government. All are agreed that this is a crisis in our national history, the problems before our lawmakers, both foreign and domestic, were never graver, and if at a time like this the working out of our institutions entrusts the responsibilities of legislation to men of the calibre of Daggett, from Bear Creek, we may well question the soundness of those institutions. Far be it from us to decry the importance of the buffoon. He has always had his part to play in history and probably always will, but we cannot help a regret that any of the tribe should appear in the conduct of any portion of our public affairs at so important a time.

Such fakirs as Bradstreet's and Dun's so-called "commercial agencies" must take the people of this country to be fools—to use plain language. In their made-to-order "reports" of the present day they see great prosperity spreading its wings over the whole country, and all on account of the Republican tariff and the Republican gold standard and "confidence." In their flights of foolishness they say that the great prosperity of the present time is equal to that of 1892—and here is where they certainly take the people to be fools, if they wish to convey the idea that there was any great prosperity for the people in 1892. Bradstreet's reports for that year show business failure amounting to \$114,000,000. It was during that year that numerous strikes and lockouts and reductions of wages occurred, and many laborers were brutally murdered by Pinkerton thugs. The great Homestead strike occurred also during that year of so-called prosperity.

General Henry, commanding at Porto Rico, has ordered that children shall not appear naked in the streets. The Sacramento Bee remarks that "this is running the government Lere "to suit the prudish prejudices of a lot of cackling old hens," modesty being really a matter of geography.

The priestly mouth-piece of New York's "four hundred," Rev. Morgan Dix, lately babbled out regarding the motives for the enthusiasm animating the so-called higher spheres of society. He frankly admitted that a standing army was a necessity for the internal as well as the external foe. He said:

"As long as there are labor leaders who carry on an incendiary propaganda among the working masses and cause riots and strikes, as long as there are anarchists, who incite the non-possessing class against the possessing class, we need the protection of the state as represented by militarism." The Christian gentleman is more honest than his followers, who are advocating the increase in the army for "humanity." The situation is simple enough. Militarism is to protect the wealth of the corporations, financiers and monopolists against the uncomfortable crowding of the starving. The wider the chasm between the starving masses and the appropriators of wealth the greater the danger of the downfall of the existing system of spoliation that has been perfected to such nicety. By the brutal means of militarism this monopolistic collapse is to be prevented.

Six more regiments have been ordered to proceed to Manila immediately and "take up the white man's burden." Does the government intend to send all our soldiers out of the country and leave us no one to protect our institutions and liberties? However, all patriots should rejoice that we still have Sheriff Martin and his deputies with us.

In spite of the late spring and the cold weather the trust crop is looking remarkably well in every state in the union. The president's rotten beef commission returned to Washington from its pleasant junketing trip through the north, greatly improved in health and spirits. The whole affair is being managed very nicely.

BOOMING

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