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Tom Johnson's business also went Democratic. If you don't buy 'em now you'll have to hurry later.

The prospective shopper is reminded that tempus fugit. It is also acknowledged with regret that few get it.

It is said that Armour has his cellar filled with meat. It goes without saying that Mr. Armour is a very rich man.

The postmasters who have been placed under civil service rules rank as fourth class, but they all feel first class.

"Be careful what you eat," says Mr. Rockefeller. But he makes no suggestion in the caution as to whom you may devour.

A man in northern Iowa husked 149 bushels of corn in ten hours and fifteen minutes the other day. That was going some.

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mails to bridge parties or to any card parties where prizes are given. A conscientious Hartford, Conn., man had been reading in the papers about card parties at which prizes were awarded and of where money had been won and lost at bridge.

Not long ago a report originated from Des Moines to the effect that all the postmasters in the Eighth district had decided to resign in a body in order that they might be re-appointed for four years more upon Congressman Hepburn's recommendation.

There is absolutely nothing in it. We have made no investigation and we pretend to know nothing more about it than ordinary common sense would teach us.

TARIFF HEARINGS.

One after another the great industries of the country are coming up for the preliminary tariff hearings before the house ways and means committee in session in Washington.

The next important industry that came before the committee was lumber. The lumbermen were divided into two camps, some wanting free trade and others wanting protection.

Early in the week Chairman Payne wrote President Van Cleave of the National Manufacturers' Association insisting that he appear before the committee and explain the published statement of himself and others in the association to the effect that some tariff schedules, notably relating to steel, wool and glass, are too high.

Later several steel manufacturers were on deck, and under the questioning of Chairman Payne and other members of the committee they contradicted the statement made by Andrew Carnegie that rails are much cheaper in America than anywhere else.

R. C. Felton of the Pennsylvania Steel Company accounted for Carnegie's statement by asserting that the cost of rails had increased \$7 or \$8 a ton since Carnegie retired, citing the price of ore, freight rates and labor.

Writing in one of the leading magazines, Rev. P. Gavin Duffy discusses prohibition in the light of Christian ethics. At the outset he disavows the idea that he is arbitrarily attacking prohibition or that he is defending the liquor interests.

Senator Crosson of Andouon county expects to offer a bill in the coming legislature providing for increase in the mulct tax to about \$1,500 a year.

manly and, withal, the only one that offers a solution of all mankind's ills. And it is not to the creators or gifts of God which men abuse in excessive indulgence at He points, as the cause of human wretchedness and sin, but man's own weakness within.

THE GOD'S TRUTH, FOR ONCE.

In the last three presidential elections, covering a period of twelve years, the Democratic party abandoned its old-time principles—the principles of Samuel J. Tilden, Horatio Seymour and Grover Cleveland—for the sake of votes, and just as often met with overwhelming defeat.

What's the matter? Twelve years ago we sold out to the populists, soul and body, and didn't get them.

Four years ago we sold out to the unspeakable William R. Hearst, and where is he?

In this campaign we sold out to union labor, defied the accused boycott and damned the honest courts, and union labor only spit in our faces as our just reward.

In the century-old Democratic party of Jefferson, Jackson, Douglas, Tilden and Cleveland there is nothing left to us except holy memories of ancient days, rotten old Tammany hall and the 40,000 stinks of disgraceful and merited defeats that crush us deeper into humiliation and hopelessness with every passing presidential campaign.

That is the God's truth about this business, once, for all. And the historic, courageous, immortal old Democratic party that in defeat for fifty years, has held this republic to the precious ideals of the fathers and the constitution they made whose wisdom will and on be the wonder of the ages—that party is threatened with more of the perverse, persistent selfishness that has trailed its glorious old banners so pitifully and shamelessly in the dust.

There are a score or more of old-time Democrats in Keokuk who will heartily endorse every word of the foregoing—and wish there was more of it.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF IT.

In an able article in the December number of the North American Review Senator Henry Cabot Lodge discusses the "Significance of the Results of the Election." The general significance of the election to which Senator Lodge calls attention is the fact that the Republican party seems to retain the confidence of the country in unabated measure.

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the bill is quoted as saying that he believes if the tax was made \$1,400 or \$1,500 it would be an effective protection of the people against the evils of the dens and grog shops which now furnish the bulk of the law violations.

"Men in the saloon business have said that if the mulct tax were put at a larger amount it would compel the holes and dives to close, and not only would the business be on a better basis and in the hands of better men, but the evils of which the people complain so bitterly would be reduced to the minimum."

"I now expect to introduce a bill to cover this proposition. It appears to me as an effective means of controlling the traffic. Some would object that the business would then be monopolized by the men with money. The same objection in a measure would apply to any tax, whatever the amount; but in fact, the business is of a character which requires the community to protect itself whatever the restrictions necessary."

The proposal is directly in line with suggestions that have been made in these columns from time to time.

SIGNS FOR COUNTRY POST-OFFICES.

It is an instance of the care taken by the postoffice department to promote the comfort and convenience of the public that orders have just been issued requiring a display of signs on country postoffices showing the name of the place where each respective office is situated.

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In the meanwhile all postmasters are invited to co-operate with the government in the application of this plan for informing the traveling public of the names of the town and villages in which postoffices are situated.

The order recites the circumstance that there is no appropriation available from which the cost of signs at third and fourth class postoffices could be defrayed but it deems the matter of sufficient importance to justify the recommendation that a suitable sign of the kind described shall be provided for the convenience of the public at the postmaster's own expense.

It closes by directing that in cases where the name of the office and the name of the town differ the sign should indicate the circumstance.

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has reduced the area of the town of Brighton 520 acres, about one-half, although the census will be lessened by only a dozen families. Owners of this land contend that it was not needed for town purposes and the court sustains them.

Dr. D. K. Pearson, the philanthropist of Chicago, whose benefactions were said to have depleted his fortune and left him \$450,000 in debt, declares that the story is all "bosh."

The Creston Advertiser says it believes Senator-elect Cummins was led into making his bitter and unjust attacks upon the Republican protective tariff law by the very exuberance of his own eloquence.

"Her waist begins just below her neck. Her alps have been planed off even with the rest of her body. She is usually buttoned up the back, and around her neck she wears a section of barbed wire, covered with lace. She wears on her head a blonde haystack of hair. * * * The pores of her skin are full of fine white powder. This is a woman," says Harper's Weekly.

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pose the parcels post. I have entertained these views for years and still entertain them.

THE WHITE SLAVE TRADE. City Authorities of Des Moines Will Appeal to the Legislature.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 5.—Baffled in their efforts to combat the white slave traffic in Des Moines, city authorities may appeal to the legislature when it convenes for a law that will completely put to route the bondsmen, extortionate merchants and others who have proven a menace in the city.

It is to Japan they are going for a pattern for this law too. There, where the white slave traffic grew to such menacing proportions, a way was found to give the women in brothels a chance to reform if they desired.

The proposed law, enacted, will provide that all debts contracted against a girl in a brothel are illegal. It has

been the law that has been held over the heads of these unfortunate women in Des Moines that has enabled unprincipled men and women to profit. Investigation disclosed one of the most pernicious methods just before the "Red Light" district was abolished and it has been carried on, it is claimed, to some extent since. A vendor of some wares, under threat of prosecution because of her business, would induce or compel a woman to buy heavily. Then when her payments came due and she could not meet them he would tell her he had to have the money and she could borrow of a certain pawn broker. The pawn broker would loan her the money taking a mortgage on the goods she had bought of the vendor, who still held title. That was the trap. After that any break of the woman to quit her life or elude the grasp of these money leeches was quickly stopped by a threat to prosecute and send her to the penitentiary for "mortgaging property that did not belong to her."

The proposed new law, it is thought, would do away with much of the traffic that is now bothering Des Moines officials.

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