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Mr. Gompers Asks a Higher Bid.

The Hon. SAMUEL GOMPERS, fixing his stern and commanding eye on Denver, cries that "the moment has arrived for a total change of Government policy toward the workers."

This is Mr. GOMPERS' little way of saying that organized labor must have the right to injure or destroy the property of persons obnoxious to it.

Mr. GOMPERS rejects the Chicago bid for his support. Mr. ROOSEVELT's generous intentions having been thwarted by the sons of BELIAL.

The consideration in this amiable traffic is the "labor vote." Did it ever occur to the chaffers that neither the Hon. SAMUEL GOMPERS nor anybody else can deliver the goods?

"Democrats Throughout Virginia."

A despatch to a Washington paper sets forth that "Democrats throughout Virginia are exultant to-day over the nomination of TAFT in Chicago by the Republicans."

It is hardly worth while to look into the identity of these "Democrats throughout Virginia." The despatch emanates from Richmond, where nobody of consequence, outside of the machine, believes in BRYAN.

Do these "Democrats throughout Virginia" include by any chance those members of the Westmoreland Club of Richmond who in 1900 voted for MCKINLEY or abstained altogether from polling places rather than record themselves for BRYAN?

The Radicals have, of course, been alienated by the refusal of the Socialists longer to cooperate with them, and thus, notwithstanding the appearance of a few Socialists in the Chamber of Deputies, the Prussian Government, which is inflexibly opposed to any trenchant change in the electoral system, can regard the outcome of the recent election with considerable equanimity.

Conservative voters at the last election, in 1903, returned no fewer than 143 members? An answer to the question requires a glance at the extremely complicated character of Prussia's electoral system.

The peculiarities of this system may be indicated in a few sentences. For the purpose of elections to the Chamber of Deputies the voters in each ward of a constituency are divided into three classes, according to the amount of income tax which they pay.

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him the organized, mechanical and perfectly drilled demonstrations of the few thousand men, women and children in the Coliseum galleries are incidents of far greater moment and importance than the deliberate and considered action of the 980 delegates on the floor.

Colonel BRYAN believes firmly, if he believes in anything firmly, in government by the gallery. That is the reason why he, in the language of the street, always "plays to the gallery."

The Police at the Racetracks. From the conduct of the policemen sent to the racetracks in this city previous to the issuing of Justice BISHOP's restraining order last week, an unprejudiced observer would be convinced that the Police Department had decided not to enforce the new anti-betting law but to frighten visitors away from the tracks.

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FOREST RESERVE SERVICE.

The Case of the West Against It Presented by an Eastern Man.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: We are accustomed to think of the unquestionably beneficent purposes of forest reserves, and of the attitude of our belated action in establishing national forests.

Therefore one reads with a puzzled frown of the recent vehement assault and criticism of Congress. One's understanding of it all grows the more nebulous from the fact that with the exception of the venerable Senator Teller the leaders of the attack were all Republicans.

The writer himself was extremely puzzled until he came West, but now, with the better advantage of "the man on the spot," he understands the situation more clearly, and with your permission would like to explain the attitude of the West.

In the first place, no people on the continent are in such intimate and dependent relation with mountain forests as these Far Western folk. They know it full well, and need no counsel of the East.

It was emphasized by Western members themselves that the public lands in the West are the largest in the world.

And the making of a home in the arid West is not what it was with our pioneer forefathers. It is a different matter.

While the settler tiring water through ditches and canals, he is not only a settler, but a farmer, and he is not only a farmer, but a citizen.

The cardinal American doctrine of "live and let live" is a good rider to bounds made at times hard; but the furious galloper who goes headlong at everything is quite likely to be exceptionally brainless rather than exceptionally brave.

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which the public domain can be leased out for grazing purposes in blocks of 10,000 acres or over for ten-year periods. Congress would do nothing for them, so they went to the President and he has become their ally.

Wholesale condemnation of Western people for their general dissatisfaction with certain forest reserves has been a feature of the present features of forest reserve management.

That great river, the "blue transparent Vandals" of Pope—the stream where old Isak fished for trout marked with marble spots like a tortoise—the river which even now is the most perfect specimen in the fifth of the big brother Thames.

But while gentle fishermen and quiet gardeners have always poetized about the river, men of the world have fought about it, well known to the man on horseback.

THE MAN ON HORSEBACK. Twenty-two Years Ago the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt Wrote Equestrian Parables.

From the Century Magazine for July, 1886. My own hunting has been done with the Meadow Brook hounds.

The fences are high and the pace fast. Foggy brained individuals appear to have got it into their heads that the dog is a same creature as hunting with a wild animal.

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ST. PIERRE COMING TO LIFE AGAIN.

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