What the American People Want to Know.

By ERMAN J. RIDGWAY, Publisher of Everybody's Magazine.

THE biography of unrest is the history of PROGRESS—yesterday an idea, today a custom, tomorrow move on.

A hundred years ago the unrest was political.

THE UNREST OF SOCIETY TODAY IS CAUSED BY THE INEQUALITIES AND EVILS THAT GROW OUT OF THE CONCENTRATION OF WEALTH. THE RESTLESS MEMBERS OF SOCIETY SAY, "WE WANT TO KNOW HOW A FEW MEN MAKE SUCH HUGE FORTUNES WHILE THE VAST MAJORITY OF US ARE STRUGGLING TO KEEP SOUL AND BODY TOGETHER."

We want to know why the Wall street game is not played ON THE LEVEL, so that a man can invest his savings with some assurance that he will at least get back the principal.

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We want to know what right the few have to borrow our savings to build railroads, take our grants of public land along the tracks and then, instead of letting us share in their prosperity by reducing passenger and freight rates, POUR WATER INTO THE CAPITAL AND COMPEL US TO PAY INTEREST ON DOUBLE OR QUADRUPLE THE ORIGINAL CAPITALIZATION. Not only that, but we want to know why they make SPECIAL RATES TO SIDE PARTNERS, enabling them to kill off competitors, with the result that many of the actual necessities of life are put almost beyond our reach. Not only that, but why in some instances where monopoly exists THE QUALITY OF FOOD AND SUPPLIES IS INFERIOR TO WHAT IT WAS BEFORE MONOPOLY, leaving us the choice of taking the inferior article or going without—not only that, but why when we pay so high a toll for travel we must risk our lives in tinder box coaches running on imitation steel rails.

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We want to know why our subways and trolleys and gas plants should make some men millionaires and at the same time give the multitude such execrable service.

We want to know why the enormous reserves in the insurance companies should be available to this group or that group of financiers for gambling purposes.

WHY ARE LITTLE CHILDREN WORKING IN OUR MILLS WHEN THEY OUGHT TO BE IN SCHOOL? WHY MUST WOMEN TOIL IN OUR FACTORIES WHEN THEY OUGHT TO BE REARING A HEALTHY RACE?

Why are there sweatshops and slums?

What or who is responsible for so many strikes and lockouts and boycotts?

Why should one hundred thousand families scrimp and slave in order that ONE family may have a paradise of parks and palaces, more money than is good for it, more than it can possibly spend?

THESE ARE SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THE RESTLESS PART OF SOCIETY IS ASKING. THIS IS THE SOCIAL UNREST OF OUR TIME.

What We Can Learn From Japan

By OSCAR S. STRAUS, Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

JAPAN, ALONE AMONG NATIONS, has given the world an example of how a people can throw off the shackles of an oppressive autocracy and endow itself with all the safeguards of liberty and justice under a constitutional form of government WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE TERRIBLE STRUGGLES AND DEVASTATION OF BLOODY REVOLUTIONS by following along the paths of peaceful evolution.

Japan is the land of LIBERTY, CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS. Her religious liberty is even far in advance of nations who pride themselves upon this most precious of national virtues. Her people have no prejudices based upon religious or ecclesiastical grounds, and all men of every church and creed are free and equal to worship their God in accordance with the dictates of their own conscience in the fullest and widest acceptation of the meaning of religious liberty.

JAPAN, WHICH HAS LEARNED MUCH FROM THE WEST, HAS EVEN MORE TO TEACH THE WEST.

Persistency, self control and preparedness are among her NATIONAL QUALITIES; her officers exemplify the highest skill united with the highest patriotism; her soldiers, while reckless in their bravery in sacrificing their own lives, are uniformly humane even to their enemies, and no nation is served by a more competent diplomatic body—men of reliability, judgment and moderation.

Decline of Our Family Life.

By Professor SHAILER MATHEWS, Dean of the University of Chicago Divinity School.

DIVORCE is increasing with ALARMING RAPIDITY. The conditions are much the same today as in the days of Jesus, when He forbade divorce, although it had become so common that a man might divorce his wife merely because she was not a good enough cook. So with us, the family has become a mere conventionality and a matter of personal convenience.

THERE ARE MANY YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE GROWING UP WITH THE IDEA THAT MARRIAGE, WHILE IT MAY NOT BE SIMULTANEOUSLY, AT LEAST MAY BE SUCCESSIVELY, POLYANDROUS AND POLYGAMOUS.

We fail to take our family relations with sufficient seriousness. WE GO INTO FAMILY RELATIONS WITH THE SAME SANG FROID THAT WE GO ON A PICNIC. It is so much easier to write books about child training than it is to bring up boys and girls.

We have need of better laws on divorce, we need better protection for children, but it is the business of the church to see that we have NOT MERELY BETTER LEGISLATION, BUT BETTER PEOPLE.

MONTANA BRIEFLETS.

SHORT ITEMS OF NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

What Has Happened in Montana During the Past Few Days.

HELENA, Sept. 5.—The board of directors of the Odd Fellows' home for Montana met here this afternoon to consider the selection of a site. The report of the sub-committee, previously appointed, recommended that further consideration be given to sites at Bozeman, Missoula and Helena. This report was adopted, which means that the race has narrowed down to these cities.

BILLINGS, Sept. 5.—The first auction for the sale of townsite lots of the Huntley irrigation project was held in the offices of the local land department. A considerable crowd gathered, but the bidding was not spirited except in the single case of the corner lot of block 7, desired by the Huntley State bank. In this instance the assessed value of the lot was $500 and the final bid of the bank that secured it was $610. Fourteen lots were sold to eleven parties, in all cases save the one mentioned with a single bid at the appraised valuation.

LEWISTOWN, Sept. 5.—The new law which requires all proprietors of hotels and lodging houses to provide a rope in each room for the protection of guests in case of fire is pretty generally ignored in this county as it is elsewhere over the state, according to report, and the first of next week the city and county authorities who are charged with enforcing the law will begin a campaign to see that its provisions are complied with.

BILLINGS, Sept. 5.—Chas. O'Donnell of this city, who recently purchased the Thomas Cruse herd of 5,000 cattle, yesterday disposed of the entire bunch to Spear Bros. of Sheridan, Wyo., at an advance over what he paid for them. The cattle are to be delivered before November 1. They will be used by Spear Bros. for breeding purposes and will run on the range between the Powder Horn river and this city.

LIVINGSTON, Sept. 5. — Secretary Taft and party came out of the Yellowstone Park and left for the west yesterday morning by way of Helena and Missoula, but no stops will be made until they reach Tacoma, where the secretary is billed for an address. The trip through the park was made in less time than any similar trip. Transportation for the Taft party was furnished by General Allen, in command of the troops at Fort Yellowstone, and the party toured the park in an open army wagon, three seated, drawn by four mules. Relays were frequent and the round trip of 138 miles, taking in every point of interest, was made in two and a half days.

BUTTE, Sept. 6.—Ella Price wants $10,000 from Tom Lavelle for damages alleged to have been sustained in a runaway. In her complaint she says that she took passage in a hack belonging to the Butte Cab company October 27 last and that while on the way to the depot the team ran away, turning over the hack and inflicting injuries which caused and still cause her great pain and suffering.

HELENA, Sept. 6. — Last Sunday morning the agent at the Lombard depot of the Northern Pacific and Montana railroads met a grewsome sight when he went into the express room and found G. M. Karn, the cashier, cold in death. Karn had attended a dance in Lombard Saturday evening. The hotel was full and he could find no other place in which to retire for the remainder of the evening except the express room in the depot. He laid down on the floor and fell asleep never to awaken again.

MILES CITY, Sept. 6.—One of the most peculiar criminal cases ever recorded in this section of the state is up for trial before Judge Loud in the district court. The case is that of the state against Charles Walters. The defendant is held on a charge of forgery which he preferred against himself. Walters forged the name of his employer here to a check for $15. The crime was not discovered and Walters left the vicinity and went to Spokane. There he surrendered himself to the authorities, confessing his crime and asking that he be brought back to this county for trial.

MISSOULA, Sept. 6.—Major Bellew, agent of the Flathead reservation, received word yesterday from the department at Washington that the work of preparing the reservation for opening has progressed far enough so that the work is ready for the appraisement board and instructions were given that the Indians be notified to select the two members of the commission to which, under the treaty, they are entitled. Messengers and riders were at once dispatched to all parts of the reservation and the Indians will be assembled in council next week to make their selection of the men who will represent them on the board.

GREAT FALLS, Sept. 7.—Suits aggregating $30,000 were filed in the district court today by Olaf Hinderager, Edward Ulrich and Ole Jacobson, against the Boston & Montana smelting company, alleging personal damages in that sum from injuries sustained in the falling of a scaffold over the new flue last May.

GREAT FALLS, SSpt. 7.—George W. Martin and Y. Tanne, Japanese, were arrested by Officers Bakke and Sage for gambling, in a raid on a rooming house run by several Japs last night. Dozens of decks of cards, many of them being new, and a number of poker chips were taken in the raid, and will be used as evidence against the little brown men.

BUTTE, Sept. 7.—A test of the new gambling law enacted by the last legislature is to be made in the prosecution of the case against Dennis F. Egan, who is charged with having conducted a stud poker game August 12 last. A demurrer to the information in the case was filed yesterday in Judge Donlan's court, and the argument on the demurrer was set for next Monday. The attorney for the defendant ventured the opinion that the new law is void.

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