

OPIMUM SMUGGLING.

And now comes that promised and anxiously looked for report of the supervising agent of the treasury Mr. A. K. Tingle, touching the smuggling of opium into this country from the other side of the boundary line.

The peculiar feature of the report and one which will provoke more or less comment upon the part of the press of the country is the recommendation of the agent that the excessive duty upon manufactured opium be reduced or taken off altogether.

The temptation to smuggle the article into the country is too great for some men to withstand, and the effectual remedy, as the treasury agent suggests, is the reduction of the duty.

Referring to the smuggling of Chinese the report presents nothing new. As the courts have decided that Chinese coming into this country contrary to law from Canada must be returned to that dominion, it remains for congress to remedy the evil by legislation.

THE WORLD'S POPULATION.

The man is not living who can give anywhere near the exact population of the world. Civilized countries have systems of enumeration by which figures approaching accuracy may be obtained.

German statisticians estimate that 57 per cent of the total population of the world lies in countries which have perfected systems of enumeration. Using that percentage as the basis of their calculations, they estimate the whole at 1,480,000,000.

These figures are instructive. They show that the new world has room for a vast number of people. If the figures for Europe be accepted as the maximum population that can exist upon a square mile of territory, and if it be possible, of which there can be no doubt, that the United States could support an equal number upon the same area it will be found there is room enough upon our 3,000,000 square miles, not counting Alaska, for twelve times its present population or, in round numbers, 768,000,000 souls.

POLITICAL PROPHETS.

The political prophets are at it again and partisan forecasts are already at a discount. Some say that the great light for democratic domination next year is to be made in Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Indiana, Iowa and Michigan.

The tariff, of course, will be a prominent issue in next year's campaign and unless the incoming congress eliminate silver from politics by enacting a satisfactory coinage law it will also be an issue in the platforms of both parties.

It would seem impossible that in this day and generation of cheap newspapers and quick communication of facts and news, that two men could be found who would deliberately and innocently blow out the gas in their bed room before retiring for the night.

The Helena Independent is magnanimous enough to give room for the Tribune's denial of the Independent's charge that mob violence was contemplated or offered against Jew Jake for his shooting Marshal Treat and others in this city last Sunday.

SEVERAL enthusiastic, but thoughtless republican journals, are shouting for Blaine and McKinley for the presidential ticket next year. They do not seem to comprehend the fact that the logic of the Ohio election points to McKinley as the leader of the republican party in the next campaign.

It may be set down as a fact that the silver men of the country will never be satisfied with any silver law which leaves the metal as a merchantable commodity. The question is one easily understood. Today silver is quoted at 94.

BUTTE is happy. Butte deserves happiness. Enveloped as she is in a cloud of sulphurous smoke which would make satan himself desert hades and come to Great Falls for a breath of pure, cool, refreshing ozone, it cannot be presumed her bliss comes in heroic measures.

THE alliance having been swallowed by the people's party, the latter in turn will be swallowed by the democratic party. The people's party will make its fight against the tariff and for free coinage of silver. Its natural home is in the wigwag of democracy.

DENVER CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS.

If the representatives of the 33 states, having delegates at the Denver mining congress, represent the views of a majority of their constituencies there can exist no possible doubt about the propriety of embodying an out and out free silver coinage plank in the national platform of the democratic party.

They say that the demonetization of silver was a practical violation of every contract then existing in the United States. It was. The congress could have gone further and declared that it was a violation of every contract existing between the United States and the holders of its bonds.

The debt was represented by bonds held by banks and individuals at home and abroad. The greater portion of this immense debt was made payable in lawful money of the United States, the interest being payable in coin. Silver was lawful money and a lawful coin. In 1829 the bondholders prevailed upon a republican congress to make the principal payable in coin as well as the interest.

The bondholders then had their innings. They held government securities which they bought under contract that the bonds should be paid in the lawful money of the United States. They had now fixed matters so they should be paid in gold coin. Therefore we say that the Denver Congress could have gone farther and charged that the demonetization of silver was a violation of the contract between the United States and its creditors by which violation the creditors swindled the government and the people of the country.

Whereas, the demonetization of silver worked a practical violation of every contract then existing in the United States, entailed untold losses, reduced prices more than 30 per cent and its effect is practically to make debts perpetual as it takes from the debtor ability to pay, that it caused a contraction in the currency, that we believe the certificates of the government backed dollar for dollar by gold or silver coin on deposit in the treasury of the United States is a safe and sound currency and has been approved by the people, be it

Resolved, That the first national mining congress is unalterably in favor of the principles of bi-metallicism as approved by Jefferson and Hamilton enacted into law by congress in 1793 and accepted by the country for all public and private business for the first eighty years of our country's history, that we believe gold and silver—not one to the exclusion of the other—are the money metals of the constitution, that we are opposed to any law which treats silver as a commodity, that we believe gold and silver should have by law equal rights and uses for monetary purposes and to that end we demand of congress the enactment of laws by which silver shall be coined free in all the mints equally with gold and to have with it full and unrestricted monetary power and that they be in the ratio of 16 to 1, and when coined as represented by treasury notes, each dollar shall represent 42 1/2 grains of standard silver or 25 1/2 grains of gold.

Resolved, That the alien act, at least so far as it operates to exclude foreign capital from investments in mining lands in the territories is false in principle and pernicious in effect and that therefore the interests of mining territories demand at the hands of congress an immediate repeal.

That gold wave which the signal service bureau predicted would strike the northwest came on at the appointed time. As a weather prophet the bureau is out of sight.

THE CHINESE PROBLEM.

The presence of Chinamen in any community is the cause of more or less friction and trouble. The history of the Pacific coast during the past forty years and that of the Rocky mountain states for the last quarter of a century prove this. Still, disagreeable as is their presence, no way has been found by which a community may rid itself of them when once they have obtained a foothold in it.

The Chinese cannot subsist upon each other in this country. They must work for the superior race in order to make a living. It then follows that if labor be withheld from them they must go where they can find employment or become a public charge. A Chinaman will return to his native land rather than become a dependent upon the bounty of an alien country.

Every city in the state except Great Falls is infested with the pestilence of Chinese presence and about everyone has its Chinese quarter where about every known vice under the sun is practiced, and where the street schooling of many white children is obtained. The necessity of suppressing these dens of vice is recognized by everyone and yet they go on and on all the same and probably will continue to exist until some sudden calamity arouses the people to determined action against them.

It straws show which way the wind blows then the feelers which leading republican newspapers are throwing out indicate that an effort will be made in the United States senate to unseat Senator Brice from Ohio. Sherman wants to succeed Sherman. If Brice can be unseated upon the charge that he was not a resident of Ohio one year previous to his election room can be made for both Sherman and Foraker and all friction between those two gentlemen will be avoided. It is a dirty little game, but it is very doubtful whether a sufficient number of republican senators can be found to go into the nasty business to insure success.

At the recent gathering of the members of the constitutional convention Hon. T. E. Collins presented an exceptionally able paper on "Revenue and Taxation." The subject was handled in a logical, forcible manner, and every sentence was most conclusive and convincing. Chairman Collins is an earnest, patriotic worker in every cause identified with the best interests of the masses, and his recent contribution to political literature shows him to be a hearty and enthusiastic advocate of practical reform.

The binding twin trust has now got its grip on the throats of the farmers of the country. It now owns every binding twine manufacturing plant in the United States. With free raw material and a protective tariff on twine to prevent competition from foreign countries the trust holds the key to the music box and can make the grain growers wait to its music whether they like it or not. Without a high protective tariff trusts could not exist in the country. Stick a pin there.

AND now comes the Chicago Tribune with the admission that there has never been a sheet of the triplate needed for the domestic article made in this country. The elections are over, and some newspapers think they can afford to tell the truth, while the triplate liar is getting his breath for next year's campaign.

Now that the Chicago police have their hands in they should see to it that not an opium smuggler leaves that city only to take a trip to the penitentiary. Chicago has led out in arrests and San Francisco, Sacramento and other coast cities in this country where Chinese congregate should follow suit. Let no opium smuggler escape.

PENSION EXTRAVAGANCE.

The proportions which the pension list is assuming is really startling. If one were told that it had increased from 207,000 in 1871 to 676,000 in 1891 he would question the figures. But they are right, and, what is more, there are over 500,000 new claims pending, nearly all of which will doubtless be allowed, as desertions and dishonorable discharges are no bar to claims for a pension. The cost of pensions this year will reach \$150,000,000, an increase of \$100,000,000 within the last ten years. That is more than double the whole expenses of the government before the war and at least one third of the national revenue. These are facts which the people of this country must sooner or later consider and act upon.

It can not be supposed that this work of claim agents and pettifoggers and demagogues can go on forever. There must be an end to the reckless pension policy of the present administration. Every deserving war veteran recognizes and acknowledges this fact. He knows that the way the pension list is being daily added to must result in the bankruptcy of the nation or a scaling down of pensions by which the really meritorious must suffer in order that the undeserving may be provided for. Something must be done to protect the honorably discharged and disabled old soldiers. This reckless pension extravagance does them great injustice.

That law is powerless against public sentiment is strikingly illustrated in East Tennessee. The miners at Briceville liberated 500 convicts whose labor had been leased under a state law to certain mine contractors. A mob of 6,000 or 7,000 men turned the prisoners loose. Gov. Buchanan offered a reward of \$5,000 for the arrest of the leaders. These leaders are at work every day about the mines and attempt no concealment, but so strong is public sentiment or sympathy in their favor that no man can be found in that part of the state who will point them out and cause their arrest. The \$5,000 reward offers no temptation to the sturdy miners who have in this instance taken the law into their own hands.

When Senator Teller said: "The demand for free coinage of the American product only is the demand of the enemies and not of the friends of silver," he said what every observing thoughtful man knows to be true. And furthermore when he said that if the friends of free silver coinage listen to any compromise based upon the coinage of American silver alone they will neither get unlimited coinage nor the coinage of the home product, he also said what was true. Unlimited coinage of the white metal will be obtained only by persistent and vigorous fighting. No half way measures should be accepted. The people want unlimited coinage, and the time is fully ripe to give it to them.

There is nothing small about New York. She wants both conventions. One of the inducements that city offers is a sight of the Grant monument which she didn't build.

That great apostle of temperance, ex-Gov. St. John, has figured it out that if all the saloons in the United States were placed in a line they would make a solid street 800 miles long. In this calculation no account is taken of the joints, blind pigs, and boot-legs of those staunch prohibition states, Maine, Iowa, and Kansas. If they were added the street could be extended a couple hundred miles further.

As a butter producer the Texas steer is forging rapidly to the front. An increase of 12,000,000 pounds in the manufacture of hullymargarine the last week shows why his horn should be exalted. Soon the revenue from this soul-destroying industry will rival that from whisky. Pioneer Press.

"CHICAGO will make no undignified scramble for the national convention," says the News of that city, "but Chicago's position must be interpreted as similar to that of the coy maiden who is prepared to consider an offer of matrimony. Chicago's blushes simply mean 'Yes, thank you.'"

Ohio republicans are figuring how they can gerrymander that state so as to elect seventeen of the twenty-one congressmen. If they leave the democrats four the latter should feel very thankful.

LOUISIANA lottery prizes are very much smaller than they were before the mails and newspapers were closed against them. But they are much larger than 999 of every one thousand of their victims will ever draw.

LAW VIOLATORS.

The supreme court of the District of Columbia and the supreme court of the United States have each decided on the statute forbidding the levying of political assessments or the receipt of political contributions is constitutional. Yet the law was openly and notoriously violated by federal officials in New York during the recent campaign in that state. They issued and sent circulars to government employes asking for contributions for political purposes. The law is very explicit in such cases and provides that its violators may be punished by fine and imprisonment. One of the offenders is Postmaster Van Cott of New York city. Congressman W. W. Worth, whose name was signed to the circular as treasurer of the committee resigned on that account. Yet notwithstanding the publicity given to the resignation of either, neither the district attorney of the city of New York ask for an indictment against them. But the republican party of that state howling itself hoarse in urging its members to "stand for civil service reform."

Very desperate, indeed, must be the condition of a party when its most prominent representatives and leaders openly violate a law to maintain itself against its political enemy and very unscrupulous, indeed, must be the officials who knowingly violate it. During Cleveland's administration begging letters to federal employes were unknown, as federal officials on the stump were to be seen, but in these Harrisonian days it is expected that every office holder shall work on or off the stump, and every federal employe shall contribute something out of his salary for the good of his party, and they must do this or lose their official heads. Civil service reform is a very good thing to talk about when elections are not on, but it cuts no wood when it comes to fat frying for a corruption fund. Every clerk and policeman and scrubwoman in government employ must put up or give place to those who will.

PROFESSOR C. G. SWALLOW has taken editorial charge of the Montana Mining Review which has been sold to a syndicate of Helena citizens. The Review is enlarged and otherwise greatly improved under the new management.

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Also one bay horse about same age branded on left shoulder, with just over four River bridges. \$10 reward for their return to Great Falls & Canada railway Co., Great Falls.