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THE REVIVAL OF PROSPERITY

There are cheering signs of a revival of prosperity.

The improvement is not only real. The transition from "hard times" to "good times" is never instantaneous. But when it takes place, there is a time when the turn of the tide is unmistakable. That time seems now to have come. It is manifest in the reports of the harvests, the activity of the railroads, the increased transactions and steady advance of the stock markets, the larger demand for commodities at firmer and even advancing prices, and the starting up of idle shops and factories. Most of all, perhaps, it appears in a more buoyant and cheerful feeling among producers and business men in nearly all departments.

Good business depends largely on that intangible influence known as "confidence." When the business community generally expects a good business, it may not always come, but it is more likely to do so than when the contrary expectation is entertained.

There are substantial reasons for the confidence now generally felt. The improvement in business is traceable to natural causes, operating in a large way. One influence of a political character may be recognized. This is the enactment of the Dingley Tariff Act. Whatever judgment may be passed upon that piece of legislation, it is generally conceded that to have tariff conditions placed practically beyond the risk of change for four years at least tends to steady business, and to make calculations for the future possible.

The wide extent of the depression of the last few years helps in stimulating business, because the practice of economy has been so rigid as to compel a renewal of supplies as soon as the means are at hand. After people have been going without things that they want, for a long time, they become excellent customers as soon as they have money with which to buy.

The most substantial basis for the expectation of a revival of prosperity is the abundant harvests: The Secretary of Agriculture estimates that the farmers of the United States will get one hundred million dollars more for their wheat this year than last.

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considered. Of corn also the yield is large, and usually when wheat is high there is a better market for corn. Other crop reports are favorable. Undoubtedly as some one has said, the farmer feeds all; and this is true in a peculiar sense, as this year, the prosperity of the farmer stimulates all departments of industry.—Youth's Companion

When it comes to providing for its editors, the Comet is in a class by itself. It has put one editor in the gubernatorial chair three times and is now having a senatorial toga made for him; put two in the penitentiary (on the pay roll), and got another in a good way to go to the poor house. Now is the time to pay what you owe.—Johnson City Comet.

The latest move is to anticipate yellow fever by preventing its importation. It is claimed that yellow fever like cholera is an imported disease and that careful sanitation and strict quarantine would keep it from our shores. America has quite enough diseases of its own without being afflicted with those of other countries.

The question of the hour is, why does the gold reserve still climb while the Treasury deficit continues to increase. It is as perplexing as the difference between silver and wheat.

Now that Ex-Governor Turney has formulated his plans for the better government of the State, will he please tell a waiting public how he expects to carry them through.

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Bibles With Blunders.

Of various Bibles, the names of which figure occasionally in sales, the following are the best known. The "Vinegar Bible" is so-called because the "Parable of the Vineyard" is printed "The Parable of the Vinegar." The date of this Bible is 1717. The "Servant" Bible makes the error of printing "Servant" for "Serpent" in the third chapter of Genesis, thus: "Now, the servant was more subtle than any beast of the field."

The "Judas" Bible has a bad typographical error, substituting Judas for the Savior. "Then cometh Judas with them into a place called Gethsemane." The "Wicked" Bible is of 1681, and the "not" is left out of the Seventh Commandment. The printer paid for that blunder, so it is recorded, to the amount of £300.

The "Pagan" Bible contains in its illustrations some terrible anachronisms. It was published in 1577, at the time when the same wood cuts served for many purposes. At the head of St. John's first Epistle, chapter 1, appear Mount Olympus, Leda the siren, Daphne and Apollo. The least that can be said about the pictures is that they are good examples of ancient art.

The "Bugge" Bible is exceedingly rare. Psalm xci, 5, reads in the Matthew Bible (1551) "So that thou shalt not mede to be afrayed of anye bigges by nyghte." By bugge is meant "bogge." A perfect "Bugge" Bible will bring \$200 or more.

Occasionally the "Breeches" Bible turns up. In Genesis iii, 7, the text reads: "And they sewed fig-tree leaves together and made themselves breeches." Coverdale make it "apurns"—and, perhaps, comes nearer to primitive fashions.

A queer mistake is in what is called the "He" Bible. In Ruth i, 15, the compositor unsexed Ruth, and makes her "he." This blunder was printed in 1611. The edition in which the word is corrected is known as the "She" Bible.

The "Treachle" Bible is the one in which the "balm of Gilead" (Jeremiah viii) is made to read there is no more treacle in Gilead. When this double blunder was made in 1577, translator and printer were held to task, and all the copies were destroyed. But some few escaped. "Treachle" or "Triage" is not, after all, such a blunder, because, in the sixteenth century, "treacle" meant any kind of an antidote, or a mixture which assuaged pain. Gilead was, per aaps, the compositor's mistake.

The "Wooden Leg" Bible is so-called from a picture, where Satan, with that conspicuous tail which belongs to the part, sports a wooden leg. But why of wood? There may be many surmises indulged in. One is that in the England of that time there were numerous soldiers who were tramps, and some had wooden legs and bad habits.

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