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THE WEATHER.

Minnesota—Fair; continued cold Sunday and Monday; fresh west to north w. S. Iowa—Fair; continued cold Sunday and Monday; fresh west to north winds.

PROF. ELY ON THE TRUSTS.

By far the most intelligent, comprehensive and able presentation of the problem of monopoly, recently so greatly intensified by the trust organizations, which recent discussion has produced, is that made by Prof. Richard T. Ely, of the Wisconsin university.

With the utmost clearness Prof. Ely directs attention to the false view, now so prevalent, that industrial organization and concentration of itself is dangerous to the general welfare.

Concentration of production has its own problems, but they may coexist with the keenest competition, as it usually does in business cases.

But up to date the result of the best sugar bounty law has not met public expectation. The state paid out in 1898, as bounty on beet sugar, \$19,917, and in 1899 a further sum of \$19,473, or a total of \$39,391 in bounty.

This company is said to have made 4,000,000 pounds of beet sugar in the past year, and expects to double its output in a year or so.

The entire product of this bounty-fed company, amounting to about 48 days' supply annually for the whole state of Minnesota, would have but small effect on the price of sugar, as the annual consumption of the state is said to be about 30,000,000 pounds.

The reason is not far to seek. The whole product of the Minnesota Sugar company is sold to the jobbers, who dispose of it to the retailers at the same price as trust sugar.

The only beneficiaries up to the present from the sugar bounty law, which has cost the state \$40,000 up to the present time, in the course of two years, have been the jobbers who have handled the product, the Minnesota Sugar company and the few farmers who have actually raised and sold sugar beets to the company.

It would seem that an amendment to the law of 1896, providing that the product of any beet sugar factory receiving the state bounty should be disposed of directly to the consumer, and is not offered to jobbers.

lem of natural monopolies, with a view to determining whether such monopolies should be owned and conducted by the public and through public agents, or whether they should, in accordance with prevailing methods, continue to be owned by private individuals and regulated through public agencies.

OUR ANCIENT ALLY HESITATES.

That "open door" for American commerce in China has not yet been conceded by all the powers possessing "spheres of influence."

The return concessions made or offered by the United States are still unknown, the public not yet having been taken into the confidence of the administration, but they must necessarily be in the nature of a sacrifice of the Republic's policy of high protection—a sacrifice of a Republican eye lamb upon the altar of Mammon.

MINNESOTA'S BEET SUGAR BOUNTY.

In 1896 the legislature of Minnesota passed a law offering a bounty of 1 cent per pound on beet sugar made in the state from beets grown in Minnesota.

With the general adoption by the great carrying systems of the country of the plan about to be inaugurated by the Great Northern, many of the problems which receive discussion from time to time concerning the great agencies of internal communication will be effectively disposed of.

The general public will watch the operation of the new plan with the deepest interest in the hope that it may commend itself not only to railroad administrators generally, but to all classes of employers whether engaged in purely private or quasi-public pursuits.

THE GOSPEL OF PEACE.

And now comes one Martin D. Shutter, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, a Universalist church in Minneapolis, and expounds the doctrine of peace on earth and good will to all men in this wise:

"I should advise our boys in the Philippines to 'aim low,' so I should devoutly pray for the success of every shot and for the final and complete suppression of Aguinaldo's savage insurrection.

With one minister of the Gospel praying that the arms of the enemies of his country may be strengthened, and another declaring that he would pray that the unfortunate Philippine islanders may be mortally wounded in the bowels, the mind of the average Christian must be somewhat perplexed as to which of these ministers correctly interprets the teachings of Christ.

DROP A TEAR FOR MCKINLEY.

The most perplexing question with which congress will have to deal is that of the application of the tariff laws of the United States to the Philippine Islands.

An Englishman hailing from the north went into the Chatham hotel in Paris recently and cautiously asked the price of a whisky. "One franc, sir," replied the bartender. "And a whisky and soda?"

Edward Everett once concluded a state speech in congress with a long, sonorous and superbly modulated citation of a passage from Tacitus, and then took his seat. No sooner was he through than his neighbor, a burly member from the West, had once begun an Indian agent, and he began to pour out a vehement harangue in Chactaw.

be paid it would be well that the taxpayers receive some benefit for the expenditure.

THE GREAT NORTHERN PLAN.

The determination of the Great Northern system to place at the disposal of its employees at par value the stock of the corporation will be regarded with gratification by every class of society.

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ate American manufacturers, trusts and monopolists and the workman all at one stroke, may be looked upon by President McKinley and his supporters as a really very wise and commendable lapse from virtue.

But it is enough to make a cat laugh to see William McKinley placed in the position of being compelled to undermine the foundations of McKinleyism.

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The Warm Corner. (FOR MEN ONLY.)

Among the good things that are expected early in the new year is the decree of infallibility of the Pioneer Press.

Women wonder why men refuse them the franchise; at least some of them do. It is simply because the good looking women do not ask for it.

A Minneapolis clergyman, asked by one of the mighty hand organs of the Minneapolis press for his text last Sunday, wrote on a slip of paper:

The intelligent compositor, aided by the proofreader and the accomplished staff, printed it as follows:

A popular railroad man returning from the East saw at the baggage room of the union station, recently, a trunk with a card on it which read "J. Smith." Now that is also his name.

After he got through explaining the situation to the baggage man, he entered upon the life work of telling his wife why he prowls about depots sticking his card on the personal effects of strange women.

The "advanced woman" with a rainy-day skirt, a gray golf cape and a gray mud-pie hat looks like a toadstool with a "Tam" on.

It was Christmas eve; Letson was going home. Shivering on a corner was a young woman with a weary, reckless face that seemed to appeal to his bank street car which is making me late at an autopsy!

It is extremely probable that the end of the century will come before the end of the industrial concentration. The shades of our forefather, could the Pioneer Press be mistaken!

The Warm Corner wishes a happy New Year to its readers. It will allow it to be brand new year—to all oppressed masculine persons, and to hope that it will bring them equal suffrage, emancipation from petticoat government, the right to work and drink today. May God have mercy on them, and the happy privileges that were theirs before this unhappy century struck us.

Adulterated Baking Powder and Lead Must be Labeled as Such. The manufacturers of baking powder are not the only people affected by the new law regarding adulterated products which goes into effect tomorrow.

THE PASSION PLAY. Reproduction of the Famous Event at St. Luke's Church. The impressive spectacle which is to be shown tomorrow evening at St. Luke's church is highly recommended by the clergy, press and public of all the large cities.

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