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WHITE SLAVERY AND "RESTRICTED" DISTRICTS.

A NEW YORK dispatch says that 300 women and girls have disappeared in that city in the last three months. Many of them—probably the most of them—have been swallowed up in the white slave traffic and have found their way to the so-called "restricted" districts of the different cities of the land. This is the side of the "restricted" district plan of handling the social evil problem, a problem that has confronted civilization from its dawn, that is the most baleful. The setting apart of a "district" within a city, with the understanding that within its precincts vice may reign, makes a mockery of law and provides an example of inconsistency and depravity that has anything but a beneficial effect—particularly upon the youth. But by far the worst feature of the "restricted" districts is that they provide market places for the prey of white slave fiends. They make it possible for men to commercialize the ruining of girls. The temptations that confront girls who go from the farms and out of the way places to the large cities are great enough under any circumstance. They are increased a thousand-fold when a prize is offered which makes their destruction a profitable business. Evil practices of no sort can be eliminated by crime-making statutes nor by police regulation. However, we can at least put the professional procurer out of business, and the first step in that direction must be the destruction of his public market places, the so-called "restricted" districts. We cannot stop individuals from committing crime by making statutes nor by police action, but we can uproot organized crime. We cannot make everybody be good, but we can destroy the white slave traffic.

After all it is not surprising that Taft should be doubtful about the wisdom of having too much democracy in government. Think what the people did to him!

POPULIST PARTY AND HISTORY.

A N EASTERN magazine writer discussing socialism in the United States refers to it as the "second growth of the Populist movement that reached full tide in the middle nineties." History will hardly justify that conclusion. While there were socialists in the People's or "Populist" party, and the average platform of that party contained planks that might appropriately be termed "socialistic," the strongest force in the party was its democracy. The People's party, which went out of existence as far as all practical purposes are concerned when the Democrats nominated Bryan for President, will probably live in history more because of the "initiative and referendum," which is now accepted by all political parties and is a part in the fundamental law in many States, than anything else—unless it be in the fact that it ceased to exist the moment that the masses secured control of the Democratic party. The "initiative and referendum" are purely democratic measures. They bring government closer to the people. They make it possible for the people to control public affairs. And that is the essence of Democracy.

It has been said that nothing is so safe or so futile as to predict what historians of the future will say of the present. However, sufficient time has elapsed to give us fair perspective in discussing the People's party, which cast more than 1,000,000 votes and chose 22 electors in six states for James B. Weaver in 1892 at a time when the voting population of the Nation was only about two-thirds of that of the present time—and that was nearly four years before the party had reached its zenith.

The record of the party and its disappearance at the moment that the Democratic party accepted the leadership of Bryan and began a career in keeping with its name clearly gives it title to the credit of being the forerunner of the "back to the people" movement, which has characterized the last decade, rather than the apostle of socialism. Nearly all of the controlling leaders of the Populist party of the early nineties later affiliated with the Democratic party where most of them who are now living still retain their political homes. James B. Weaver served in Congress as a Democrat after the disappearance of the People's party. Senator Allen, of Nebraska; Senator Harris, of Kansas; Senator Patterson, of Colorado; Senator Heitfield, of Idaho; Gov. Rogers, of Washington, and many others who came into note as Populist officials afterward held office as Democrats or they have been prominent in the party's councils. Senator Gore, of Oklahoma; Gov. Lister, of Washington; Mayor Cotterill, of Seattle, and others who were prominent young men of the Populist party two decades ago now hold high offices as Democrats.

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6:30 a. m.	7:10 a. m.	7:15 a. m.	7:15 a. m.	Leaves Sheep Creek for Treadwell, Douglas, Juneau	Leaves Douglas for Sheep Creek
8:00 a. m.	8:25 a. m.	8:30 a. m.	8:30 a. m.		
9:00 a. m.	9:25 a. m.	9:30 a. m.	9:30 a. m.	7:00 a. m.	6:45 a. m.
11:00 a. m.	11:25 a. m.	11:30 a. m.	11:30 a. m.	1:30 p. m.	1:15 p. m.
1:00 p. m.	1:40 p. m.	1:45 p. m.	1:45 p. m.	5:30 p. m.	5:15 p. m.
3:00 p. m.	3:25 p. m.	3:30 p. m.	3:30 p. m.		
5:00 p. m.	5:40 p. m.	5:45 p. m.	5:45 p. m.	Leaves Juneau for Sheep Creek	Leaves Treadwell for Sheep Creek
6:30 p. m.	6:55 p. m.	7:00 p. m.	7:00 p. m.	6:30 a. m.	6:50 a. m.
8:00 p. m.	8:25 p. m.	8:30 p. m.	8:30 p. m.	1:00 p. m.	1:20 p. m.
9:30 p. m.	9:55 p. m.	10:00 p. m.	10:00 p. m.	5:30 p. m.	5:20 p. m.
11:00 p. m.	11:25 p. m.	11:30 p. m.	11:30 p. m.		

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