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It is reported that the year 1896 is thus far one of the most profitable in the history of insurance companies. There have been both increased rates and decreased losses. The losses for the eleven months ending Dec. 1, 1896, are reported about \$12,000,000 less than for the corresponding period of 1895.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

The increased earnings are in keeping with those of all the great trusts.

The next legislature of Indiana will probably consider a bill for the abolition of the "quart shop." It is an institution that no community wants, and is now always able to flourish in localities where the regular saloon is forbidden. While the saloons are about it, we would suggest that the drug store bar be given attention, and possibly treated like other saloons; that back doors to all saloons be forbidden; that the regular licensed saloon be protected from all illicit competition, and that every patron of a saloon be obliged to take out a license to drink.

Gigantic trusts continue to be formed with a reckless abandon that is gradually bringing the citizens of the country to a realization that there is great danger in sight for the small manufacturer. The latter are gradually being wiped out of business existence, as the many failures reported each day testify. Wages of employees are being rapidly reduced by the trusts, and then with another stroke of the pen the selling price of commodities manufactured by them are increased all the way from 20 to 50 per cent.

Fraternal societies are also beginning to complain of the slowness with which assessments are paid, and it is claimed that men are now asking for charity whose names two years ago were published among the lists of philanthropic people as contributors to aid the destitute.

License Saloon Patrons.

There is no charge for this suggestion; that in the revision of the saloon law this winter by the Indiana legislature, provision be made for licensing patrons of saloons. This would relieve the saloonkeeper of a great deal of responsibility. He would have no fear of selling to habitual drunkards, minors or other ineligible classes, for each patron would be obliged to produce his license before his glass would be filled. Nor would the law interfere with any man's personal liberty, because no one would be forced to take out a license; it would simply restrict the saloonkeeper to selling only to licensed drinkers. Of course there would be a little expense attached to this plan, such as advertising the application the same as in applying for a saloon license, mere incidentals in so important a matter.

The more we consider this proposition the greater its possibilities appear. Think for a moment what a splendid source of revenue this opens up for the public treasury. Why even at the nominal fee of \$25 a year it would soon establish gold cure sanitariums in every county seat,

build a high school in every township, gravel every turnpike in Indiana, and pension every disabled and aged person. Why the people could dig canals bigger than Gifford's all over the state; they could equip an army large enough to whip Spain and free Cuba, all with the revenues from this grand scheme.

There would be no trouble at all about the fees being paid, for if there is any one special purpose for which people can raise the wind it is above all other things for liquor. And should there be any good customer in temporary embarrassment, why the saloonkeeper could help him get his license just the same as the breweries now often help the saloonkeeper get his license. In fact it might pay, in the case of a first rate customer, to bear the whole expense of keeping up his license. It's a grand, glorious, triumphant Cuba libre.

The Income Tax.

The success of the income tax is only a question of time. We venture the prediction that this feature of the democratic platform of 1896 will be incorporated in the declaration of principles in 1900. A scientifically constructed income tax, carefully graded, offers the best solution of the problem of equal tax burdens. It is a reform which must come. The fact that the declaration for such a tax is still drawing the fire of the republican press and leaders is evidence that it is regarded as an issue that was not permanently disposed of by the results of the recent election.

It will be well to remember the language used by Associate Justice Harlan in his dissenting opinion on the decision of the supreme court. "The practical effect of the decision," he said, "is not only to disregard great principles of equality in taxation, but the further principle that, in the imposition of taxes for the benefit of the government, the burdens thereof should be imposed upon those having most ability to bear them. The decision, in effect, works out a directly opposite result, in relieving the citizens having the greater ability, while the burdens of taxation are made to fall most heavily and oppressively upon those having the least ability. It lightens the burdens upon the large number in some states subject to the tax, and places it most unequally and disproportionately on the smaller number in other states. Considered in all its bearings this decision is in my judgment the most disastrous blow ever struck at the constitutional power of congress."

The adverse ruling of the supreme court practically excluded any recourse to incomes from real estate and personal property for the purpose of raising revenue to meet the wants of the government under any circumstance. It was a decision that exempted wealth from its rightful share of the tax burden. Such a decision cannot always stand, and it is the duty of the democratic party to continue its warfare upon what only can be regarded as a concession to wealth and a discrimination against the masses.—Lafayette Journal.

Two Silver Champions.

Doubtless many of our readers, who appreciate the importance of the restoration of the bimetallic standard, would like to subscribe for and support a farm paper which while unsurpassed in its agricultural, household and other departments, at the same time has been the leading exponent of the bimetallic principle of finance. With a view to supplying this want, we have made a liberal clubbing arrangement with the Farm, Field and Fireside of Chicago. For many years this great paper has been pointing out to the farmers that low prices were the result of a contraction of standard money to the gold basis and urging them as a patriotic duty of self defense to vote for the restoration of silver.

So effective has been its work, especially during the late campaign, that Chairman Jones acknowledged to Wm. J. Bryan that it had done more towards the restoration of bimetallic than any other single agency.

As will be seen by our combination offer on another page, we can give this paper in combination with the People's Pilot, both one year, for the low price of \$1.60. This offer also includes twenty packets of the best seeds in the market from the Farm, Field and Fireside's free seed distribution, where 10 cents extra is

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CHRISTMAS TIME

Is near at hand--How about your Holiday Gifts? Have you purchased yet?

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS OF PRACTICAL WORTH

It does not require a Websterian head to grasp the economy and common sense of purchasing useful as well as ornamental holiday gifts. The best gift is that which gives the greatest benefit to the greatest number. We have them in endless variety, and our low prices on reliable merchandise is what is attracting people to our store. These are times when people cannot afford to be extravagant. We guarantee to save you money on every purchase.

Holiday List for Presents.

Dress Patterns, Silk or Wool.
Handkerchiefs, in linen, lace or silk.
Kid gloves.
Mittens, silk or wool.
Silk Umbrellas.
Mufflers, silk or wool.
Fascinators.
Fine Hosiery, ladies and gents.
Fine Underwear, ladies and gents.
Fine Neckwear, ladies and gents.
Feather Boas, 38c and 48c worth double
Fine Blankets.

From this date until Jan. 1st,

ALL LADIES'
AND MISSES'

Cloaks

AND MEN'S
OVERCOATS

will be sold at half their value.

Special Clearance Sale.

Of the following lots of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Fine Shoes, at one-third and one-half their Actual Value. These goods will be found on our

BARGAIN COUNTER

In main aisle Dry Goods Room. Note the prices.

25 pair Children's shoes, \$1.25, \$1.00 and 90c grade, go at..... **73c**

50 pairs Misses and Boy's fine shoes, the genuine Cowels brand, worth \$2, go at..... **\$1.48**

50 pairs Ladies Genuine, French kid, hand turned shoes, extra grades, former price from \$3 to \$5 a pair.....

Sale price, **\$1.48**

ONE LOT Ladies Fine Shoes, Latest Style, all sizes and lasts. Former price \$2.50 and \$3.00, go at..... **\$1.98**

During this sale a 25 cent bottle of Gilt Edge Shoe Dressing will be given with every pair of Ladies shoes sold at \$2 or over.

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paid for postage and packing. The Farm, Field and Fireside and the People's Pilot are two papers which Mark Hanna's boodle could not influence in the late campaign.

Two Lots For Sale.

Situated two blocks from court house, on Cullen street. Excellent residence location. For particulars see Mrs. Allen Catt, Rensselaer.

Advertised Letters.

The following letters are uncalled for at the Rensselaer post-office:

Mr. Albert P. Markham; Mrs. Johanna Davis; Mr. John S. Meyer.
Persons calling for any of the above letters in this list will please say they are advertised.

E. P. HONAN,
Postmaster.

Corn Shelling.

Michaels & Bullis are prepared to shell corn as cheap as the cheapest.

Fred Phillips has purchased and is putting in a fine line of the latest gents furnishing goods.

Dissolution of Partnership.

The firm of Thompson & Bro., is mutually dissolved. The debts and credits of the firm will be paid by, and to David J. Thompson.

SIMON P. THOMPSON,
MARION L. SPITZER,
DAVID J. THOMPSON,
November 7, 1896.

Scaly eruptions on the head, chapped hands and lips, cuts and bruises, scalds, burns are quickly cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is at present the article most used for piles, and it always cures them. Sold by A. F. Long.

Wheatfield Items.

Court Wheatfield No. 18, I. O. F. of A. went to Medarysville Tuesday and instituted a new court at that place. A good time is reported.

Mrs. R. N. Bukowsky left for Kankakee City Sunday.

C. B. Stewart of Rensselaer was in town Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Page left for Montana Monday. They expect to make their home there in the future.

Simon Fendig has his store filled with a fine line of holiday goods.

Furniture Repairing.

I am prepared to do repairing of furniture, upholstery, and other woodwork; residence east part town. J. H. Fishel.

Remember the best wagon on wheels is for sale by C. A. Roberts. Its the Studebaker.

Marriage Licenses.

Groom. Bride.
Korah Eldridge. Ida Johnson
Thomas W. Turner. Mary M. Gasaway
Charles M. Pullins. Mollie Mason
Levi S. Renicker. Emma D. Wray

Porter & Yeoman.

Rensselaer, Ind.

Christmas Specialties..

The finest ladies' and men's handkerchiefs and neckwear to be found outside the great cities, and at lower prices than ever before.

INITIALED...
SILK...
EMBROIDERED

Handkerchiefs

The most complete line, domestic and imported, the latest designs.

Mufflers and Men's Ties

The choicest, complete assortment, thoroughly stylish and very cheap.

The celebrated Yountsville woolens, Lafayette carpets, C. M. Henderson's Red School House Shoes.

Reduced Prices on Underwear, a Complete Line.

"Smoked Pearls," Monday night, Dec. 21.

For Xmas

Give your gentleman friend a small box of 25 of A. Lewis' fine cigars, all standard brands, "Coleridge," "49" and "New Court House." For sale by all dealers.

It will cost you only 10 cents to attend the Delegates Convention held at the opera house Christmas eve. Delegates will be present from Ireland, Germany, China, England, India, Russia, Scotland, Italy and Africa in their respective country costume and take part in the great convention commencing at 7:30 p. m., Dec. 24th.