

CONTINUOUS PROSPERITY.

Business Under Republican Legislation is Constantly Improving.

That 1898 was a record-breaking year in the domestic and foreign trade of the United States has been shown so conclusively that to repeat it now seems a trifle superfluous.

The merchants interviewed declare that as results of these causes the following effects may be enumerated: "Farmers and other classes who have been spending little for several years again are spending money freely with the local merchants."

The trade improvement noted is not confined to special sections, but extends to the entire country. In the west and south especially, where the former depression was felt severely, there is a marked revival of prosperity.

Much is anticipated from the expansion of American trade at home and abroad as a natural result of the war with Spain, the enlargement of American territory, the enhancement of the national prestige and the new political importance to which the United States has attained.

A BIG ACHIEVEMENT.

Satisfactory Handling of Railway Business by the Present Administration.

Among the important events of the McKinley administration is the almost complete repayment of the government debt of the subsidized Pacific railroads.

Thirty years have passed since the first railroad across the continent was opened for traffic. In 1868 there was still nearly a thousand miles of stage coaching in the overland journey.

Workingmen in Many Trades Have Been Benefited by Republican Prosperity.

The last bulletin sent out by the Massachusetts bureau of labor presents in tabulated form the rate of wages paid in 1870 and 1898, taking the average for 12 cities scattered through the United States.

Table with 2 columns: Trade Name and Wages. Includes Blacksmiths, Boot and Shoe Makers, Cabinet Makers, etc.

Col. W. J. Bryan appears to have succeeded Agonizante's representative in the United States.

Col. Bryan, in his recent address at Ann Arbor on "Imperialism," said: "Our forefathers fought for independence under a banner upon which was inscribed the motto 'Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute.'"

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FUNNY FOLKS.

Goodness Gracious. Mrs. Bevan—How do you like young Mrs. Hawkins, dear?

He kissed its crumpling petals and he loved it, unawares. That from mother-fellow's hand it had passed to the maiden fair.

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The Wrong Measure. Employment Agent—Those are fine recommendations that girl has, mum.

None of His Affairs. The Mormon smiled placidly as he leaned against the front gate and listened to the noise of conflict which floated out of the house.

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Our Naval Station at San Juan. The new United States naval station to be located at San Juan, Porto Rico, will be the most important to this country since the time when the Nicaragua canal is constructed.

Amst Diana Heard From. "Rats!" yelled Amst Diana in a loud voice, "I've been deceived again."

Oh That Delicious Coffee! Costs but 10c per lb. to grow. Salzer has the seed. German Coffee Berry, etc.

Making Sure of Her Ground. He—Do you like classical music? She—Do you want my honest opinion or are you thinking of inviting me to the opera?

Many School Children Are Sickly. Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York.

In No Danger. McGonigle—The candidate's voice has played out. He—Well, he can still sign checks, can't he?—Philadelphia North American.

How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward or any case of Catarrh that can not be cured by Mother Gray's...

Hard on the Collector. The Merchant—Did he kick at the bill? The Collector—Yes, but I don't see what he thinks I had in my big pocket.

You Can Get Allen's Foot-Ease FREE. Write to-day to Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y., for a FREE sample of Allen's Foot-Ease...

Water (yelling down the kitchen-tube). "Hey, Alphonse, make that coffee steak." "Sacred! You're drunk! I'm a chef, not a magician."—Tit-Bits.

Move the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25c and 50c.

Quick time from the West to Port Tampa and other Florida Gulf Coast resorts via Plant System. Less than 41 hours from Chicago.

Few men can keep their good resolutions and a diary at the same time.—Chicago Daily News.

This is the time of year for those who own bicycles to store up wind for their pneumatic tires.—Ocean (N. Y.) Times.

Coughing Leads to Consumption. Kemp's Balm will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Don't use cannon to kill chipping birds.—Ocean (N. Y.) Times.

There's Only One Standard of Quality in Athletic Goods—"Spalding" Accept no substitute.

THE GRANT FENCE AS LOW AS 16 CENTS PER ROD. The ESTABLISHED GRANT FENCE works offer...

SIX MEN IN LOVE. And All with a Young Lady Who Wrote Circular Love Letters.

Yes, people can come close to each other without scraping in a big city. I stumbled onto a case the other day.

This one did. He told me of a poor little Columbia girl who was hopelessly in love with him.

I had begun to fear for the sake of the girl when one day I called in on a lively little friend of mine in a High Street office building.

"Circular letters?" I asked. "Yes, circular love letters," she laughed, showing the addresses.

"Margaret, you don't mean that you are the composite young woman in love with these six men?"

"Oh, yes, I am, and it's great fun, too. And you ought to see how they will try to love me!"

"Yes, it is rather extravagant entertainment, but then, you know, I'm understanding a part of the theater that just needs such practice."—Ohio State Journal.

The Nautical Woman. He (an old hand)—They had dropped their anchor.

Settlers Wanted on Michigan Farm Lands. Choice cleared and stump lands in Central and Western Michigan, suitable for fruit and general farming.

Source of Great Annoyance. First Cook (reading)—Wanted, to go to Connecticut, a first-class cook.

The Grip of Pneumonia may be ward off with Hale's Honey and Horehound and Tar. Pike's Toothache Drops Cure in one minute.

"I just saw a touching scene." "What was it?" "Two fat men in a four by six elevator. They touched on all sides."—Chicago Daily News.

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IS THIS YOUR STORY? "Every morning I have a bad taste in my mouth; my tongue is coated; my head aches and I often feel dizzy."

What does your doctor say? "You are suffering from impure blood."

What is his remedy? "Ayer's Sarsaparilla."

You must not have constipated bowels if you expect the Sarsaparilla to do its best work.

We have a book on Palems and Weakness which you may have for the asking.

Write to our Doctors. Perhaps you would like to consult eminent physicians about your case.

GOOD UNCLE SAM FOR AND GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. Bears The Signature Of Dr. H. H. Fletcher.

"A FAIR FACE MAY PROVE A FOUL BARGAIN." MARRY A PLAIN GIRL IF SHE USES SAPOLIO.

WESTERN FARMS. A beautifully illustrated paper called "The Corn Belt" is published every month.

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FREE HOMES. In the Great Grain and Growing Belts of Western Canada and information as to how to secure them can be had on application to the DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OTTAWA, CANADA.

MAINE STEEL SOUVENIRS. A National Black is Produced by Buckingham's Dye.

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