

Around the Globe.

The Currency Bill as finally passed by congress was substantially as outlined in these columns. The national debt is to be refunded for 30 years by the issue of 2 per cent bonds to take the place of those now outstanding, which will mature in 1901 and 1908. The government will pay, it is estimated, some \$100,000,000 in premiums on the outstanding bonds. These 2 per cents will constitute a foundation for an increased national bank circulation, the banks being allowed to issue notes to 100 per cent of their bond holdings and paying a tax of 1/2 per cent a year on this circulation. How much this plan will expand the currency is still a question; the premium on the bonds will probably reduce the profits on bank circulation so as to prevent a very large increase; otherwise the increase might go as high as \$600,000,000. The bill provides for banks of \$25,000 capital in places of 3000 population or less. All forms of money must be kept on a parity with the gold dollar of 25.3 grains, which is the standard. A silver dollar will be as good as a gold dollar. A division of issue and redemption will help keep the gold reserve at the \$150,000,000 mark, taking care of issue and redemption, and keeping hands off the reserve when there are deficits. Three per cent bonds may be sold to replenish the reserve if it falls below \$100,000,000. The greenbacks are to be retired and replaced with silver certificates.

The National Conventions of the chief political parties will be held as follows: The democrats at Kansas City, July 4, republicans at Philadelphia, June 19, populists at Sioux Falls, S. D. May 9, middle-of-the-road populists at Cincinnati, May 9, prohibitionists at Chicago, June 27. The anti-imperialists will probably meet at Indianapolis and endorse the Bryan ticket. Kansas City is the westernmost place ever chosen for the national convention of a great political party. In 1856 the democrats went as far west as Cincinnati. Since 1876 they have not once convened east of the Alleghenies, but until now they have not gone further toward sunset than St. Louis, as the republicans have not gone further than St. Louis and Minneapolis.

The Boer War—England went wild with enthusiasm after the successive strokes of the three generals which relieved Kimberley, Ladysmith and Mafeking. This phase of the English character surprised foreigners staying in England, having the appearance of the French or American character rather than of the British. The days in which the gloom of months lifted were found to be thrilling ones. There was nothing too good then for Generals Roberts, Kitchener and Buller. The 115 days' siege had left the troops in Ladysmith more reduced in numbers and vigor than those of Kimberley. The possession of these widely separated places was the first long step toward the invasion of the Transvaal, which the sanguine Englishmen had planned for last fall. Gen. Cronje and his 4000 Boers, captured at Paardeburg, were removed to Cape Town, and Cronje and some of his men placed aboard ship. These English victories left the Boer army at an estimated strength of 40,000. The British have, or will have shortly, 250,000 men in South Africa, 25,000 having sailed recently from England. The large and gallant part which Canadian troops took in the capture of Cronje stirred much enthusiasm in England and in the Dominion.

Bell telephone is threatened at last with competition on a large scale. The Eric system, which covers Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Arkansas and Texas, has been bought by New York and Philadelphia millionaires organized as the Telegraph, Telephone and Cable company of America. The Eric system uses the Bell instruments.

The project of a library post, whereby books from free libraries can be sent by mail to their regular subscribers at the second-class rate of one cent a pound, reached congress in the form of a bill, introduced by prominent librarians, educators and statesmen. Such a law would greatly broaden the field of free libraries and brighten the life of many small communities.

Our Veterinary Adviser.

INJURY—J. A. S. has a calf which passed blood with its urine. It died on the third day and when opened the lungs were bloodshot all through. From the description I would consider the animal had been injured. In such a case medicines would be of no service.

COLIC—Mr. Subscriber has a young mare which has spells of colic when she is idle. Feed on good hay and oats, not too much, and give her regular exercise. When she takes the colic give 3 oz sweet spirits of niter and 2 oz tincture opium at a dose, in 1 pt cold water, and repeat in two hours if needed.

LAMENESS—A. H. S. has a mare which goes lame or stiff when first taken out of stable but after being driven for a time she seems all right. This is a case of founder. Poultice the feet with hot bran mash put into bags and put on the feet. Change twice a day. Continue this for two weeks. Then mix cantharides 2 dr with hard 1 oz and rub around the coronets. Then give a month's rest.

INDIGESTION—M. W. A. has a colt which eats and drinks well but keeps thin in flesh. Boll 1/2 a teaspoonful of flaxseed into a pulp and while hot pour it on 1/2 a pail of bran and make a mash. Feed a mash of this kind once a day with one of the following powders 1/2 lb: Sulphate of iron 4 oz and potassium nitrate 4 oz; mix and divide into 24 doses.

LEUCORRHEA—P. Y. has a mare that has leucorrhoea. This disease is represented by a chronic form of inflammation of the lining membrane of the vagina and is usually very difficult to cure. Feed the mare on good oats and hay and give a teaspoonful sulphate of iron at a dose in a small bran mash once a day, and continue it for a month. Also clean out the part by injecting warm water, then mix 1/2 oz each of sulphate of zinc and acetate of lead in a quart of water and inject the whole at one time. Repeat this once every day for one week, then skip three or four days and begin again if necessary.

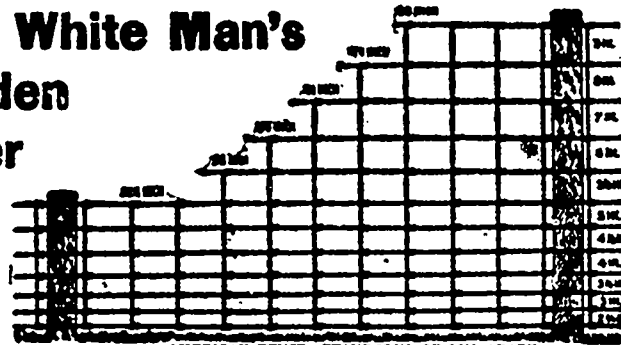
SOCIALISM—"As a wage slave," writes C. F. Nielsen, "I have very little time for reading, and thought of stopping your paper, but feel that F & H is a valuable paper for the working class, and therefore I like to renew. You could do a great deal more for humanity by telling your readers a little about socialism. It is coming rapidly all over the world."

Though socialism is but another name for co-operation, there are as many brands of socialism as there are of flour, almost. The co-operative principle is pushed along about as fast as the public is ready to receive it, and the limits set for its application mark the different grades of socialistic sentiment. In New Zealand, for example, the general government not only owns and operates railroads to the satisfaction of the people, but pays old-age pensions and aids the penniless unemployed to acquire homes in unsettled territory. The ownership of numerous factories in England by employees, who get handsome dividends, seems to be a step toward public ownership of industries. Many municipalities in the United States own water supplies, and some their gas and electric lighting plants. This of course is socialism. Everybody who believes in public schools is a socialist, to this extent. The disciples of Edward Bellamy go so far as to advocate the final control of all industry by the state, making wages the same for one class of service as for another.

DIRECT LEGISLATION—"Why don't you come out boldly for direct legislation, the initiative and referendum and imperative mandate?" writes Charles E. Lamb. "It is the only way in which the people can get the right to govern themselves, described in the Declaration of Independence, the quickest and best way, much better than sending petitions to congress. It has the great advantage of being above party, non-partisan and non-sectarian. S. D. has it by amendment to her constitution and Mo. has it by a small vote. I don't think it necessary to organize a new party, only get a determined majority of the voters to demand it, and the old parties will try to see which can give it to us first." The referendum is one of the articles of F & H's social and economic creed. I "came out boldly" for it long ago. Mass and N. H. have used the referendum off and on for more than a century. The initiative permits the people, when a certain number want to do so, to bring a desired question before the legislature. The referendum provides that a bill or resolve passed by a legislature shall be referred to the citizens of the state for ratification before it can become law. Will our friends in S. D., Mass or elsewhere write and tell us of the recent working of the principle as noted by them?

ASK—"I think the adoption of a question and answer department would be a benefit to the paper and the people in general," writes Vernon Mancus. Well, bring on your questions, friends, and I will do my best to answer them.

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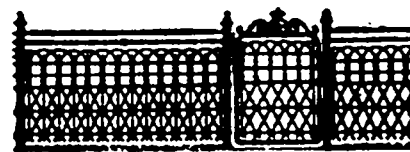


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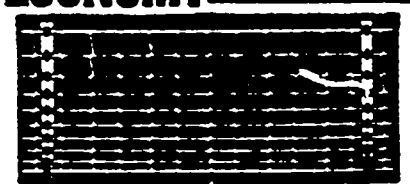


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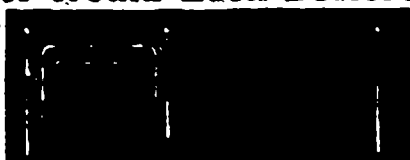
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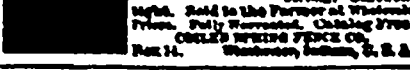


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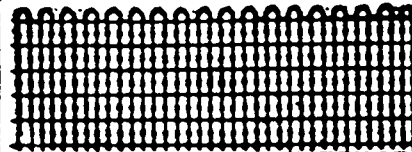


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