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TIMELY TOPICS.

Dr. Dr. Washington Gladden has made the March Century on "The Strength and Weakness of Socialism," from which we make the following extracts: "Instead therefore of pulling down the existing order, as the socialists propose, the thing to be done is to encourage its foundations. They begin by saying that an industrial system whose sole motive power is self-interest and whose sole regulative principle is competition will end in pauperism; but they are far from thinking that humanity will thrive under a system which discards or cripples these self-regarding forces."

Farmer reads these sensible words from the laza Farmer, "How are you to induce the boys to stay on the farm? Make it their pleasure to apply to them all the books, papers, magazines, music and periodicals that the various members of the family demand. Beautify it surrounding by planting trees, shrubs and flowers; make walks and drive ways, and plant the various fruit trees and berry vines; so that the family can have a real home in their season. Have a half pond, stocked with good fish, to be the boy's holiday, to which to roam and see the sights in the city. Lay out your work with the things in view. If you should at times have a year not so profitable as dollars in your pocket to the dollar in your farm or to your interest account, you will have more joy in your work."

One of the most remarkable Canadians is the Rev. Mr. Terrence Hart of Hantsport, Nova Scotia. Mr. Hart is a cousin of Sir Charles Fupper, his father having been one of the trustees of the Rev. Charles Fupper. The reverend gentleman is now 76 years of age, and for forty years has been a missionary to the Chinese Indians in the mountains and general good health and his peculiar age are not a chief peculiarity. Though he never received the advantage of a college education he is said to be one of the best linguists in the world. He is the master of twelve languages, English, Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Irish, Italian, German, Spanish, modern Greek, Vienna, Maltese, and Yiddish. In Latin he has, it is said, a vocabulary so large as to be an authority than any other scholar in the world.

The following report just issued from the bureau of statistics for the month of January indicates a decided revival in immigration. The total for the month was 87,458, as against 82,127 in January, 1902. For the seven months beginning January, 1903 the falling off as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year was 20.6%. The immigration for January was distributed as follows: Great Britain and France, 7,187; Germany, 1,898; Ireland, 21; Italy, 2,516; Holland, 2,120; Poland, 71; Sweden and Norway, 293; Denmark, 84; Netherlands, 52; Italy, 1,222; Switzerland, 38; all other countries, 177.

The French academy of sciences held a special meeting recently to consider a M. Pasteur's method of preventing hydrophobia by inoculation. M. Pastur read a long paper, giving the most complete description yet written of the system and detailing the treatment in the case of every patient upon whom he has operated. He stated that the treatment had not failed in a single case, and that its complete success as a prophylactic had been fully demonstrated. The academy adopted a resolution thanking M. Pasteur for the paper he had read and congratulating him on the name of science and humanity upon the success of his labors.

Leaving politics entirely out of the question, President Cleveland's attitude on the Chinese question, as expressed in his message to the senate a few days ago, is sensible and statesmanlike. That there are urgent reasons for excluding the Chinese is so plain as to be not even a debatable question, but those who are here are entitled to the protection of our laws. This is done them on the score of humanity, to say nothing of our treaty obligations with China. President Cleveland's evident determination that they shall have it with hearty approval from all law-abiding citizens.

Wrens characteristic chattering, after the blizzards and storms are passed, is a sign of prophetic fame, says the Wiggins. Of prophetic fame says that in last August he predicted that the winter of 1903 would be unusually cold and stormy on account of the planet Saturn being in particular. This planet, it said, had forced the great stream out of its course and near to the American shore, which accounted for the lack of snow in the maritime provinces this winter.

A Victoria, B. C., merchant was so pleased with the photograph of a young woman living in Nova Scotia, that she struck up a correspondence with her, as if she had been his girl. She had been living in Nova Scotia, that she struck up a correspondence with her, as if she had been his girl. She had been living in Nova Scotia, that she struck up a correspondence with her, as if she had been his girl.

AROUND A GREAT STATE

Wages and Worker Wages

Labor Commissioner Paul has just issued his first annual report—the third annual report of the labor commissioner of the state. It covers the period from April 1, 1898, to February 1, 1903. The report contains a wealth of statistics and information regarding the labor market in this state. It shows a general upward trend in wages and working conditions over the period covered. The commissioner notes that the industrial revolution has brought about significant changes in the way labor is organized and compensated. He also discusses the impact of immigration on the labor force and the challenges faced by workers in a rapidly changing economy.

May 18 is a distinguished day in the history of the state. It marks the anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. This event is a cornerstone in the struggle for civil rights and equality. The report also touches upon the economic conditions of the state, including the effects of the agricultural depression and the impact of industrial growth on the rural population. The commissioner provides a detailed analysis of the labor market, highlighting the need for better regulations to protect workers' interests.

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