

THE NATION'S WEALTH

TOTAL VALUATION PLACED AT \$107,104,192,410 in 1904.

Per Capita Debt of Government is \$35.50—General Property Taxes the Principal Revenue Receipts of States and Cities.

New York.—In the period of 1850-1904 the national wealth of the United States ran up from \$7,135,780,228 to \$107,104,192,410.

In 1870 there were two increase valuations, one of \$30,000,000,000 in currency and one of \$24,000,000,000 in gold, then at a premium.

It is a common fact that, omitting the decade 1860 to 1870—a period marked by lessened productivity due to the civil war and by a loss due to the emancipation of slaves—the annual increase of wealth per family has been almost uniform.

Real property and improvements taxed account for a trifle more than half of the national wealth of 1904; railroads and their equipments are estimated at \$11,244,762,000.

Manufacturing products over \$7,400,000,000, live stock more than \$4,000,000,000, manufacturing machinery, tools, etc., nearly \$3,300,000,000; clothing and personal adornments about \$2,500,000,000.

It has long been recognized that taxes increase faster than population. The relation between tax levies and wealth has not been generally observed.

The aggregate public debt of the national government, states, territories and municipalities, the last term including counties (or parishes) and all minor civil divisions, as cities, villages, towns, boroughs, precincts, school districts, etc., was \$2,159,994,120 in 1902; per capita debt, \$35.50.

Of principal revenue receipts of state and municipal governments general property taxes form about 75 per cent., special property and business taxes 6.7 per cent., liquor licenses 5.9 per cent.

The increase in the national wealth from 1900 to 1904 was over \$18,500,000,000. This records an advance without parallel in the history of the country save in the decade of 1850-60, when its wealth more than doubled.

MOTHER GETS INCUBATOR BABY. Wins in Long Legal Fight for Child Exhibited at St. Louis.

Topeka, Kan.—The Kansas supreme court has decided that Mrs. Charlotte E. Bleakley of Lawrence is entitled to the "incubator baby" exhibited at the St. Louis world's fair.

The baby was placed in an incubator by a St. Louis midwife after the mother had been told it was born dead. There Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Barkley adopted the child and took it to Illinois.

WILL GROW DATES IN TEXAS. Experiments Prove Fruit Will Thrive in the Rio Grande Delta.

San Antonio, Tex.—The growing of date palms for their fruit is a new and rapidly developing industry along the delta of the Rio Grande river in Texas. Experts from the department of agriculture at Washington have made exhaustive experiments in this section.

Hired Escorts for Dogs. Paris.—A new "profession" has been started in this city—that of the "promeneurs de chiens" men who take dogs out for an airing.

Psychological Doubts. "I see that man in so many places that sometimes I think he is ubiquitous." "So do I, and it's puzzling me to decide whether he's leading a double life or if he's twins."

PRICE OF LIFE IS LOW.

London Roughs Will Put Any One Out of the Way Cheaply.

I am told that a £10 note will buy a man's life in London, that any unsuspecting person can fall into the Thames on a dark night, or break his neck going round a slippery, dark corner, or fall under a van, if a little bit of crisp paper changes hands, says the London Sketch.

SECRET OF GOOD MANNERS.

Two Theories of the Acquirement—Unselfishness and Conventionality.

Most mothers hold, consciously or unconsciously, one of two theories about the acquirement of manners by their children. One mother says, "Manners are only the outward sign of the inner nature."

Good Substitute for Bell.

N. C. Goodwin, the actor, described at a dinner a Turkish bath that he once took in Mexico. "My rubber," said Mr. Goodwin, "was a strong man, a very strong man. He laid me on the slab and prodded and kneaded and punched and hammered me in a most emphatic way."

Ruse Didn't Work.

A bailiff, having long tried in vain to arrest a Quaker, at last resolved to adopt the disguise of a Quaker himself, and so got access to the interior of the house.

Before Breakfast.

Shall we walk before breakfast? Assuredly? Why this eternal yearning for breakfast? Forget it. Dr. Latson says: "We get to-day's strength (not stimulation) from yesterday's food, not from to-day's I have walked many hundred miles without breakfast. In fact, all the walking I have done in the last four years has been without breakfast—for I never take any."

Force of Habit.

"How was it Wiggins was foolish enough to write those letters read in the suit against him for breach of promise?" "I don't know, unless it was that being a district attorney's office he got so in the habit that he even took to writing love letters."

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PLEASURE FOR AN EVENING.

Novel Idea in the Way of a Church Entertainment.

Here's a novel idea for a church entertainment which requires little preparation. A rustic bridge was built out from the stage, inclosing a square space that was used for a fish pond.

FAMOUS CANALS OF CHINA.

Holland's Waterways Outdone by the Celestial Empire.

Holland's canals are famous, but the canal system of China is far more marvelous and its value to the enormous empire is simply incalculable. No country in the world has more navigable rivers and canals than China.

All the Difference.

Attorney General Hadley of Missouri condemned in an address at Topeka before the State Bar association, certain trust methods. "I am sure," he said, "that we all want to see laws enacted that will give a square deal to everybody."

Pontiac, Great Organizer.

Pontiac exemplified at once the best and the worst traits of the American Indian. As an organizer among a people with whom organization is almost impossible, and as a master of the treacherous statecraft of his race, he probably surpassed them all.

Melon as Fish Bait.

It seems that the melon is a dainty much appreciated by fish, and in high favor as a bait among German anglers. The method of procedure is as follows: A hole is cut at the end farthest from the stem, the seeds are extracted and a part of the fruit hollowed out a number of hooks attached to a line threaded through the stem are buried in the flesh of the melon, which is then sent adrift, being buoyed on the surface by two pieces of wood and furnished with a line, by which it can be drawn ashore when the bobbing of the bait shows that a fish has been hooked.

Not Labor Lost.

The safe bore a paper stating that there was nothing of value within. Nevertheless, the burglar blew the receptacle open, finding the statement correct. "Well," he remarked, gathering up his tools, "it's worth something to ascertain that there are still people who tell the truth."

The Actress Lady.

"Polly Pinktoes, the poubrette, celebrated her silver wedding yesterday." "Nonsense! She's not old enough to have been married 25 years." "Certainly not, but she was married for the twenty-fifth time yesterday."

The Only Newness.

Ascum—You were at the opening performance of Faker's comedy last night, weren't you? Anything new about it? Crittick—Well, the people who laughed at the jokes were evidently new.

BROTHER SMOTHERS A VICTIM.

Suffered Much Because of Suspicious of Colonel Slaughter.

"I dess wants to speerify," disgruntledly said Brother Smothers, "dat Cubbel Slaughter am de moss'picious white gent'leman I ever had de pleasure of witnessin'!"

WHEN THE EARTH IS FULL.

Professor Thinks Limit Will Be Reached About 2072.

Prof. Ravenstein, of the Royal Geographical society, has estimated that the fertile lands of the globe amount to 28,000,000 square miles, the steppes to 14,000,000, and the deserts to 1,000,000.

Grim Epitaph in Hungary.

What is the most terrible epitaph in existence? One of the grimmest is surely that on a stone which was set up a few years ago in the cemetery of Debreczin, eastern Hungary: "Here rest in the Lord Joseph Moritz, senior, who died in his 63d year. He was shot by his son, Frau Joseph Moritz, senior, who died in her 47th year. She was shot by her daughter, Elizabeth Moritz, who died by her own hand in her 17th year, after shooting her mother, Joseph Moritz, who died in prison, aged 27. He had shot his father. May eternal mercy have pity on their poor, sinful souls!"

Women of Great Bravery.

Women are not, as a class, either moral or physical cowards. In personal bravery they far excel the majority of men when faced by an emergency. Some of their achievements are worthy of record among the heroic deeds of the race.

Can Women Be Friends?

Can women be friends? Sacrifices for the sake of love of man and offspring are recorded without number, but female Davids and Damons are not readily discovered in either history or legend.

Beyond Her Sphere.

Mrs. Flanckly—Narah, I just read that a celebrated German doctor says a broom is full of bacteria, so hereafter you'll have to give your broom an antiseptic bath each day. The Maid—"I'll do awthin' as the kind!" It'll likely get worse soon, as this rhyt-queer alkylol robs, massage thre-atimite, bippydydne injections an' hot water bottles at night, an' I'll have ye understand right now that I'm no trained nurse!—Puck.

TEMPLES OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Great Areas Enclosed by Solidly Built Stone Walls.

The temple ruins at Rhodesia are puzzlers. The erudite folks used to say they were ancient, but Dr. Randall MacIver, their latest explorer, says they were built in the Middle Ages. He says the great "elliptical temple" was the fortified residence of the great chief or Monomotapa, whose sway extended over an enormous area and an extensive population.

LAND WEALTH OF NEW YORK.

Greater in Aggregate Than That of Many a Nation.

Few people realize the tremendous land wealth of New York city to-day, says a writer in Mow's Magazine. The total land valuations of the city by its recent census reached the enormous figure of \$5,800,000,000.

Keeping Youthful Things.

A busy woman once said that she never knew how much she could accomplish until she became the companion of her young sons, sharing their sports and limiting her own working hours to theirs. Today they are young men and she looks like their sister. There are other young mothers of grown men and they are rather formidable rivals to younger women.

The Nicest Way He Knew.

A Boston physician has two young hopefuls, Master Tommy and Miss Jennie, the latter the elder by a year or two. A few days ago Master Tom came in, whimpering, with the complaint: "Papa, Jennie's got my roller skates on, and I want 'em, and she won't give 'em to me."

All the Particulars.

French gendarme sent in the following report to his superior officer recently: "The undersigned declares that at ten o'clock in the morning he passed in such a street and saw two women and two men in a shop occupied in breaking glasses, the two women by the hair of their heads and the two men by the scruff of their necks, and of which one had a broomstick, which was the master of the shop and which affair the undersigned has nothing to say and knows nothing about it."

Continual Scheming.

They were calling on the garret bard. "And I suppose it is essential that you poets should have wonderful imaginations?" ventured the pretty girl. "Well, I should say so," replied the poet, as he lashed off another sprig sonnet. "If we didn't have wonderful imaginations we could never create the yarns we tell our creditors when they come around looking for money."

They Don't Grow There.

British Dowager.—Has that Australian heiress, Lady Bareares, married any family tree? Aristocratic Splinter—Certainly not. Didn't she come from the bush?—Baltimore American.

COXEY PLANS A CRUSADE.

Leader of Hard Times Army Promises Sensation.

New York.—After years of quiet, the old love of battle has inflamed the heart of Jacob Seehler Coxey, and he promises to have doing, pretty soon that will put the famous "Coxey's army" of hard times fame in the shade for sensationalism.

As the armed regiments of nations improve their equipment upon every succeeding campaign, so Gen. Coxey will benefit by experience and provide modern conveniences for his new pilgrim's progress, or campaign of education.

A whole train of cars will carry his troop of faithful. A circus tent will be set up at each stopping place, and meetings will be held in it. Bands of music will charm his savage hearers.

He may begin operations this summer. It all depends on the outcome of his investments. Since he went through bankruptcy two years ago, following the failure of the steel mill which he had built at his home in Mount Vernon, O., he has been engaged in retrieving his fortune.

Mr. Coxey was in New York several days ago and said: "I am preparing to take up my campaign of education where I was forced to leave it several years ago. I shall conduct this campaign on new and original lines, and in a way that will be certain to attract the attention of the nation. This country is becoming ripe for just such a great movement."

BRITAIN GROWS TOBACCO.

Editor Makes Experiments Showing Plant Will Flourish There.

London.—Important experiments in tobacco growing on English soil are being made by Mr. E. S. Caton, editor of Tobacco. If successful they may encourage the Londoner to grow his own tobacco and roll his own cigars—that is, if he can arrange the matter with the revenue authorities.

Mr. Caton's growing tobacco plants will be shown at the tobacco trades exhibition, to be opened at the Royal Horticultural hall on Saturday, April 20.

Tobacco seeds—some 30 varieties in all—reached London last December from Cuba, North America, Turkey, southern Germany and Holland. The Royal Horticultural society undertook to raise the plants, and at the end of December they were placed in the conservatories.

SCIENCE SETS HARD TASK.

Student Keeps Constant Vigil for Two Months.

Baltimore, Md.—Over two months of constant vigil, with his eyes kept being taken in half-hour naps, is the task to which William W. Strohm has set himself in the interest of science.

Strohm, who is a graduate student in physics at Johns Hopkins university, is engaged in the study of the ionization of air, a study that promises to throw much light on existing problems of physical chemistry as well as those of pure physics.

He is working with large and intricate apparatus, and is obliged to take readings every 30 minutes. For some two months or more Mr. Strohm has been sitting by the apparatus, leaving only long enough to eat. Even at night the apparatus must be read and watched, and accordingly Strohm has been taking cat naps beside the apparatus, accompanied by an energetic alarm clock that tells the unwelcome half hours.

The long vigils are now nearing their end, however, and the watcher by night will be amply repaid by valuable results that have been obtained. The results of the work, it is said, will be of much value in bringing about the solution of present problems of ionization.

MUST PAY \$300 FOR A NOSE.

Man Who Bit Off Enemy's Proboscis Is Assessed Damages.

Nowak, N. J.—For biting off the end of Natalo Luzzo's nose, Frank Sculonia must pay \$300, according to the judgment rendered in the First district court. Luzzo told the court that Sculonia came to his house while he was fixing a fence, on December 26, and without a word of warning, took hold of him and bit the end of his nose off. As proof of his claim, Luzzo exhibited his nose to the judge.

"That's our case, and the best of proof," said James D. McDermitt, counsel for the plaintiff. The defendant said, in justification of the act, that he had heard that Luzzo wanted to run away with Mrs. Sculonia, so he thought he would stop any elopement by disfiguring the plaintiff.

"So you wanted to disfigure Luzzo, did you?" said Judge Benjamin F. Jones. "Sure. He wanted to run away with my wife," was the reply. "Then you must pay him \$300. Judgment will be entered for that amount."