

dreams?—(A voice: "Humbug")—and the great things that would come through taxing food?

The Protectionist Heaven.

I was passing, the other day, on my way to one of my boroughs, when I saw one of the most beautiful skies. The whole firmament of heaven was just paved with a fine white wool, and if you looked towards the west there was a solid bank of gold of the richest hue; and you might have imagined that at the first shower the whole country would have been covered with enough wool to clothe the inhabitants for the rest of their time, and enough gold to keep us above want for the rest of our days.

All that would have happened if it had fallen would have been that we would all have got a good drenching. (Laughter.) That is nothing but vapor. That is the Protectionist heaven. (Cheers.) Aye, it's the Protectionist heaven paved with food and raiment, and riches golden in hue. But it is nothing but vapor, which if it once comes down on this land will drench it in hunger.

We have tried it before. What did it bring? It brought famine to hundreds and thousands of our people. It is bringing black bread to Germany. Why should we try it here? Let us rather get back to the free, unfettered, unshackled, cultivation of the land of England.

The land makes no promises to the tiller that it does not fulfill; it excites no hopes in the springtime that it does not realize at harvest. The land is the bountiful mother that gives to the children of men sustenance, security, and rest. (Loud Cheers.)

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The most impudent hypocrite of all is the great proprietor who, being a principal cause of the misery which he affects to deprecate, would be disgusted and furious if he were to be shown in his true colors, and so trusts in ignorance and sophistry when

he laments the condition of the poor, but secretly and steadily adds to their burdens.—Professor Thorold Rogers.

BOOKS

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

Readings on American Federal Government. Edited by Paul S. Reinsch, Professor of Political Science in the University of Wisconsin. Author of "World Politics," "Colonial Government," "American Legislatures," etc. Published by Ginn and Company. Boston, New York, Chicago and London.

A collection of materials for the study of American Government suggested to its editor by his own experience in studying the processes of American government with his university class. It consists of selections from articles and statements written by representative men, forming altogether a body of information designed to be useful to any one—whether student or general reader—interested in understanding somewhat in detail the manner in which public affairs are actually managed.

An idea of the character of the editor's work may be gathered from a brief reference to some of his selections. To explain the inauguration of the President, the description, by Frederic Harrison, of President McKinley's inauguration in 1900, has been taken from Mr. Harrison's "Impressions of America" in the Nineteenth Century Magazine; while the Presidential powers are outlined in Congressional speeches by Senator Rayner, Representative Towne, Senator Bacon and Senator Spooner, and in ex-President Cleveland's article in McClure's, on the Debs strike in Chicago. In this manner the editor has covered such subjects—in addition to the President, his powers and his relation to Congress—as the Senate, Congressional conference committees, rules of the House, finan-

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cial legislation, the Departments, legislative and administrative problems, army and navy, American foreign service, civil service, the courts and national conventions.

On the whole the selections appear to have been made with due regard for a fair balancing of controverted matters. But there is one slip in this respect which ought not to be ignored. We refer to the point of Executive power as presented by Mr. Cleveland's article in McClure's. It is in the highest degree proper that this article should appear in such a compilation; but it was culpable in such a compilation to use that article without either using or referring to Governor Altgeld's historic protest against President Cleveland's new interpretation of Executive powers.

PERIODICALS

The enterprising secretary of the Chicago Single Tax Club, Mr. A. Wangemann, is issuing from the headquarters of the club, 508 Schiller Building, very readable bulletins. They not only furnish meat; they pound the eater.

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In Hampton's (New York) for January will be found a paper of peculiar value, by Judson C. Welliver, which explains the intimate relations of the Sugar trust with the Morman Church, thereby accounting for some amazing fellowships in Senatorial politics. Peary begins his story of North Pole discovery in this issue of Hampton's.

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The February number of the Twentieth Century Magazine is brim full of life and its keynote theme is the might of the pen, with the opening a critical essay on the poetry of George Cabot Lodge. The

editor, B. O. Flower, contributes a review full of encomium and fine quotations, of Patterson's play "The Fourth Estate: A Drama Revealing Privilege's Assaults on Democracy's Bulwarks." Speaking of the same topic—the debauchery of the American daily press by privileged capital—William Salisbury in an article on American Journalism asserts that "monthly magazines are doing more real reform work, letting more of the pure white light of truth shine upon the festering sores of the body politic, than all of the daily newspapers combined. And they are doing it by the aid of writers who were discouraged rather than encouraged by the daily press." Three suggestions for improvement are offered, one of which seems eminently practical—"that newspapers be forced to keep standing in each issue a list of all their stockholders and bondholders, and a list also of all corporations in which their stock and bondholders are interested." Direct Legislation as the great guide to true democracy is pleaded for in an article entitled "Power versus Patriotism," by Isaac N. Stevens, and illustrated by John D. Works' brief story of the "redemption" of Los Angeles, which finishes with the magazine's February keynote—the power of the press, only this time for good. In Los Angeles a Democratic and a Republican paper "operated together, in perfect harmony, and rendered vallant and effective services for the good government forces,"—a fact which after all harks the reader back to his secretly cherished notion that the press is naturally the servant of the people and never of the privileged.

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Gilbert K. Chesterton on the Present Crisis.

This is the one historical election that I have seen since I was born, and perhaps the only one that I shall see before I die. And if you ask why it is possible that before I die I may not see a bigger election, I can answer quite shortly and sincerely. I answer that it is possible that before I die I may see an

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