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The Boomerang  
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is a brightly written illustrated weekly  
Devoted to the advocacy of  
Broad Democratic Principles

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The Boomerang is in favour of

One adult one vote  
The effectual enfranchisement of seamen and others following migratory occupations  
The application of the referendum to the settlement of vexed public questions  
A progressive tax on land values, exclusive of improvements  
An income and absentee tax  
A state bank of issue  
A maximum labor day of eight hours where practicable  
A minimum rate of wages on Government and municipal contracts  
The establishment of a department of industry  
Courts of conciliation and arbitration for settling disputes between labor and capital  
The exclusion of aliens and workmen under contract  
Simpler and cheaper methods in legal procedure  
The recognition of the principle that it is the duty of the state to provide work for its own unemployed and to supply food to the destitute  
A federated Australia with fiscal protection against the world

*The Boomerang* is flung at an expectant world after much cogitation on the part of the promoters. A paper of its class is unquestionably required in Victoria, and its policy has been formed so as to commend itself to the support and approbation of the bulk of the reading public...

Purely democratic journals - papers with consist policies and published with the avowed object of fighting the cause of the masses - are the exception not the rule in Victoria. At the same time the columns of the Boomerang will not be deluged week after week with lengthy dissertations on subjects so recondite that to the ordinary intelligence they are regarded as mere drivel...

*The Boomerang* may not succeed in causing the Czar of Russia to tremble in his shoes, nevertheless it hopes to convince the Democracy or Victoria that a perpetuation of the existing policy of Grab, Concentration and Cut-throat Competition is not calculated either to better their position or enable them to participate to a greater extent in governing this politician-be-ridden country. And above all else, *The Boomerang* will strive to induce the Democrats to form themselves into one complete, coherent body, bent on clamouring for their just rights and only returning to Parliament men who will honestly endeavour to assist them in obtaining the objects to which they at present vainly aspire. Victoria has too long been at the mercy of the Few, who care not what may be the lot of the Many, so long as they are well fed and the perquisites are not curtailed.