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CIVIC PRIDE DORMANT.

Noxious weeds grow wild in many sections of the city where property owners care about as little for their property appearance as a jack rabbit. Civic pride has improved many parkings and many yards this year but alas, there is still an abundance of carelessness. A big majority work and toil and strive to get their residence property into slightly condition only to have the yard next door an ugly mass of weeds. Weeds and thistles that the law specifically requires be exterminated are allowed to grow unhampered. The city's well-kept appearance is marred and there is dissatisfaction all around. With visitors expected at the chautauqua from far and near, it would not be a half bad plan for every property owner to see that something was done to keep down weeds and keep them down to stay down.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF WORLD TRADE.

A statement issued by the department of commerce and labor shows that the international trade of the world increased from \$20,500,000,000 in 1901 to \$35,500,000,000 in 1911.

Arcade Theatre

VAUDEVILLE TONIGHT

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These totals represent the interchange of commodities among the nations, not the entire home production and consumption, which would be vastly larger. The exhibit shows an enormous increase within a relatively short period. This is in line with a trend that has been conspicuous since the beginning of the latter half of the nineteenth century and has been steadily gaining momentum. While the aggregate value of commodities interchanged may have been augmented to some extent by the advance in price of various articles, it is also true that there has been a reduction in the rates for some products. The fact of importance is that the nations are trading with one another to a far greater extent than ever before, and there is no fixing the limit of such transactions in the future.

Many causes contribute to this result. The increasing extent to which the races are becoming civilized and modernized represents a powerful influence. The opening of new territory means additions to commerce. The enterprise which leads the producers of a country to seek markets elsewhere is a powerful factor. Germany is a fair example. Not so long ago Germany took a relatively small part in dealings with other countries. Today Germany is one of the largest exporters and importers, and is energetically pushing trade in every direction. It is gratifying to note that the United States is holding its own in this form of expansion, and the present fiscal year will probably record the largest foreign trade in our history. In common with other nations the United States looks forward to still more remarkable accessions to commerce as a consequence of the opening of the Panama canal, which cannot fail to stimulate intercourse by all commercial people.

By taking the temperature of the political sea, we opine Mr. Taft will observe that he is approaching something ahead that isn't exactly an iceberg.

Whale's skin is two feet thick in places. There's another fellow who'd keep on running after losing Illinois and Pennsylvania.

A contemporary states that there is talk of Morgan buying the Nile to water stock with. We do not think the statement true. In days gone by almost any kind of water went in the stock watering game but at the present time the "aqua" must leave no trace and that of the Nile is a trifle too much like the Missouri. However, if J. P. got short of water the chances are that he would get by in some manner with liquid mud.

Appendicitis was known 7,000 years ago in Egypt but it only secured its modern name when the surgeons got into the game.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- June 21.
- 1675—First stone laid for the present St. Paul's Cathedral in London.
- 1749—The city of Halifax was founded by Lord Halifax.
- 1775—Washington left Philadelphia to take command of the army at Cambridge.
- 1819—"The Western Engineer," a steamboat built for an expedi-

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- tion up the Missouri to the Yellowstone, left St. Louis.
- 1831—Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg made his public entry into Brussels as first king of the Belgians.
- 1848—Isaac Toucey of Connecticut appointed attorney-general of the United States.
- 1853—The seizure at Smyrna of Martin Kazza, a Hungarian refugee claiming American citizenship, severely strained the friendly relations between Austria and the United States.
- 1887—Celebration of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.
- 1898—United States took possession of the Ladrone Islands.
- 1911—The White Star liner Olympic, the largest ship afloat, arrived in New York on her maiden voyage.

"THIS IS MY 64TH BIRTHDAY."

Andrew S. Draper.
Dr. Andrew S. Draper, who for many years has occupied a foremost place in American educational circles, was born at Westford, N. Y., June 21, 1848. He received an academic education and afterward took a course of law

at Union college. For nine years after being admitted to the bar he practiced law in Albany. The next three years were spent in Washington where he served as a member of a committee appointed by President Arthur to investigate the Alabama claims. When this work was completed he returned to the practice of his profession in Albany. In 1886 he was selected state superintendent of public instruction of New York. He continued in this position for eight years and during the next two years he was superintendent of public schools in

Cleveland. In 1894 Dr. Draper was elected president of the University of Illinois. He remained at the head of the university ten years, when he resigned to accept his present position as commissioner of education of the state of New York.

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