

WEST SHORE's cartoon on the evil effects upon the industries of the United States of unrestricted immigration from Europe has aroused considerable discussion by the daily press. Some go so far as to deny that one producer can ever be an injury to another, and that the great cause of industrial disquiet is the increasing number of non-producers that are living upon the sweat of the laborer's brow. While it is shallow to deny the fact that unrestrained immigration of ignorant and cheap labor is most harmful, for its evil effects are visible on every hand and are recognized even by these objectors in their own opposition to the Chinese, it must be admitted that class distinction and privileges founded upon a condition of society that permits one man to enjoy the fruits of another's labor are a more fundamental cause, existing the world over. However, it was an evil peculiar to America WEST SHORE was pointing out and one which can be remedied by the exercise of power we as a people possess under the present conditions of society. The other evil is world wide and fundamental, rooted in centuries of usage, and can only be cured by an upheaval that shall completely overthrow society as now constituted and construct a new basis for the mutual relations of human beings. Such a revolution can only be effected by many generations of education, which shall bring the people far nearer than they are now to that equality which is its essential feature. To be sure, from time to time, a little pruning may be done, a few branches may be lopped off and even a few roots cut, but any effort prematurely to completely uproot this growth of centuries can but result in utter failure. To return, then, to practical measures, WEST SHORE repeats its advice to the toilers of America to shut off the stream of cheap labor flowing into this country from whatever land it comes.

Bismarck says the masses of Germany and Russia are being educated too much, and, in consequence, are becoming dissatisfied with their inferior condition. His idea is that there should continue to be a small portion of the people who should receive the education and do the thinking and governing—and, only incidentally, of course, enjoy the wealth and comforts of life—for the "masses." He says the people of Russia do not yet know what they want, and must be ruled with a rod of iron. It may be that the slaves of Russian imperialism do not know what they want, yet they do know what they do not want, and it is to get rid of this they are agitating. Education is not hurting the masses, but it is the classes that feel its—evil effects. It destroys the foundation upon which rests their claim to superior privileges. And right here comes in the broad distinction between imperialism and democracy. The former requires an

ignorant, servile mass that can be managed by force and unquestioned authority, like a band of cattle, while the latter, to be a true and successful democracy, requires education and intelligence among the masses, the fountain head from which authority springs.

Two hotel waiters in San Francisco, having had a falling out about a woman, and having fallen upon each other, adjourned to the rooms of the Golden Gate "athletic" club, otherwise a prize-fighting pen, and so belabored each other that one of them was killed. This scientific contest "for points" has gotten the surviving principal, the seconds and the officers of the club into trouble—temporarily only, no doubt—since they have been arrested on the charge of murder. It is a mystery why the decent element of San Francisco does not suppress these prize fighting clubs by an enforcement of the law that is broken every time such a contest occurs.

Those citizens of Portland who have not heard Mr. Locke Richardson in any of his Shakespearian readings have missed a fine intellectual treat. Never before have the works of that great master of English literature been so rendered in this city. Mr. Richardson will read "Merchant of Venice" June 14, and "As You Like It" June 21, at the high school, and those who wish to enjoy a mental feast should go to hear him.

A few of our militia generals and colonels—political ones—might offer their valuable services to China to conduct campaigns against the Formosa rebels, as the general and one colonel of the last unsuccessful campaign have been beheaded for their failure; and if they should fail and lose their heads, why, the governor is still alive and the woods are full of the same kind of material.

It is only a few months since the last volume of the census reports of 1880 was issued, and now the enumerator is after us again, seeking even more information than before. It will be close upon the dawn of another century before the exact number of Americans who have bunions on their left little toes will be duly tabulated for the information of the corn doctors.

The citizens of Portland have undertaken their usual celebration of the Fourth of July, and extend a cordial invitation to the people of the northwest to visit the city on that day.

It is almost as amusing as studying the pattern of a crazy quilt to read the "intelligent" comments of the eastern press on the late Oregon election.