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one of the largest public bath systems in the country, and is about to build a Turkish bath. It provides public laundries in the poorer districts, furnishes flowers and plants for windows in the slums, and sells sterilized milk at cost. It has engaged to provide music, etc., gives municipal lectures and concerts, and has a technical school and an art school, besides a college which it is now planning. But its greatest municipal undertaking has been to buy up and clear away the slums, replacing unsanitary dwellings with model tenements. This plan, which is to extend over twelve years, involves doing away with no less than 22,000 old dwellings and replacing them with a type of building containing rooms within the pecuniary means of the very poor, and equipped with such conveniences as hot water and penny-in-the-slot gas meters. Consul Boyle, of Liverpool, reports to the Department of State at Washington that the capital invested in municipal undertakings in Great Britain has risen from \$46,000,000 in 1875 to \$1,200,000,000 in 1900, and is probably to rise a third as much again at the present time.

THORNS FROM BRAMBLES.

Major Gardner, whose accusations against American soldiers in the Philippines were so extensively exploited in Congress and are now in process of investigation at Manila, is ill and on the verge of a nervous collapse, owing to the strain of the proceedings—and it is no wonder. Major Gardner complains bitterly of the position in which he has been placed—and he has a right to complain. Note the train of circumstances of which the Major is a victim.

POLICY OF PRUDENCE.

The Government is planning very properly to "begin easy" in the work of reclaiming arid lands under the new irrigation law. We say very properly because all irrigation work on a large scale must as yet be essentially experimental in its character. The scientific advisers of the Government, mindful of the limits of demonstrated knowledge in these matters, have steadily counseled a go-slow policy in opposition to the boomers who have sought to start out dramatically with some great project, and the determination of the department to take up small works first is the assurance that these prudent counsels have prevailed.

IRIGATION IS ALMOST AS OLD AS AGRICULTURE.

but with a single famous exception—an exception whose methods have yielded nothing to practical science—it has been pursued always upon a limited and domestic scale. Even in this domestic practice, a simple device has been demonstrated. The Italian peasant has much to teach the American in the methods of applying irrigation water, but there are very simple limits to his knowledge. He knows nothing about any system too big or too complicated for domestic handling. And nobody else knows much more. Every engineer, of course, has a theory, or a half-score of them, but the engineer who has created a great and successful irrigation system under difficult and complicated conditions does not exist. Important works have been built in this state, in Washington, in Arizona, and particularly in California, but none of them on a very great scale or under conditions offering anything very serious in the way of a hazard or a problem. And, what is more, no one of the systems thus far created is to be named as an example of superior irrigation.

UNDER THE INCENTIVE OF A RISING MARKET FOR THE PRODUCTS OF THE HOPFIELDS.

The management of the Chautauqua at Gladstone Park, near Oregon City, has secured an unusually attractive and important programme for this year's assembly, which begins its sessions on Tuesday of this week. The social, educational and amusement features of these annual gatherings are deservedly acquiring increasing interest among the people of the state, and the outlook this year is more than ordinary wide and desirable. The Oregonian hopes the Chautauqua will prove a financial as well as an educational success.

AMNESTY IN THE PHILIPPINES IS THE BEST POSSIBLE EVIDENCE OF PEACE.

The War Department would not thus empty its prisons if it knew the released persons would render civil government precarious. It is a small thing in a large way.

WHAT GROWERS' PROSPERITY.

The heavy rains of the past week, while damaging small fruits and Fourth of July finery to a certain extent, were of immense value to the large crop of cereals now nearly ready for the sickle. Laboring farmers in this section may be forgiven for feeling that the weather is a blessing in disguise, and that the rains are a boon to the wheat crop.

SHOULDN'T THE BATTLE-SHIPS OREGON AND WISCONSIN BE SENT TO SEA BEFORE TRACY CAPTURES THEM AND DECLARES WAR ON THE UNITED STATES?

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS.

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Army and Gardner's own unhappy plight, from which he now bitterly complains, is but another count in the long and damning indictment of anti-imperialism; of that devoted band of statesmen who have displayed their wisdom in chasing off after another rainbow of impossibilities and their patriotism in trying to make their country's cause ridiculous and unsuccessful. Rarely have sarcasm and venom, pharisaism and vindictiveness been marshaled with such indefatigable purpose as in this four years' effort to make the worse appear the better cause. They persuaded McKinley to refrain from suppressing the Filipino insurrection and then complained that it wasn't suppressed. They have encouraged the insurgents to continue their struggles and then chided the American forces because the struggles were continued. Upon them is the responsibility for Gardner's rise and fall, for the ebullitions of Miles for the delay of peace, for which they clamored, while they did everything possible to strengthen the rebellion and hamper our own forces. The harvest that now rears them is a logical result of their tortuous course and perverse ambitions. They reap what they have sown.

OUR WATER RESOURCE.

A statement made in this column a few days back to the effect that the daily consumption of water in Portland is now practically equal to the full capacity of the Bull Run conduit has, it appears, created general surprise. The common idea has been that the Bull Run works are equal to any demand, and that there is water in Portland both to use and to waste. It is this universal notion that the supply is without limit that has run our daily per capita water consumption up to the unreasonable average of 200 gallons, and which already works to its full capacity a system calculated to supply the wants of a population of double or more our present numbers.

LABORING WITH MR. BRYAN.

Mr. Bryan should be for a moment let aside the scepter of party leadership ere it slips from his grasp. He should put on his thinking cap, and, having divested his mind of all surplusage of vanity, self-confidence, pride of opinion, he should commune with himself. If he should do this his thoughts might perhaps take this turn: "Although I am not President of the United States, I have done fairly well for myself in my career. I went to the National convention of the Republican party, a newspaper writer and I came away its nominee. From that day to this I have been in a popular idol. Money has come to me in a sufficient quantity to make me independent and comfortable, if not affluent. I have done my best for an unprosperous cause and have lost it. I have done my best for a just cause, which appears to be the objective point—if not the underlying springs—of political activity. I believe that from first to last I was right. I shall always think this. But I agree that there are many ways that one for catching a rabbit, and, as it seems that my way has not caught him, I will let some one else try his way. I am a constructive man, and I will do my best to not risk my popularity and influence with my own people nor wreck their future and my future by breeding quarrels and making enemies. I will continue to help them when I can. I will go to the next National convention to help rebuild the fences, to help mend the breaches, to help bind up and heal the wounds. I will go there with love in my heart and smiles on my face, and I will take off my hat to the boys and I will say to them: 'I thank you for all you have done for me, for all you have been to me—I may not be able wholly to agree with you in the course of things you are intending to do and to say—but I am with you, heart and soul, and I will go with you, even if you go to perdition!'"

PRIZE OF LIVING MEN.

President Eliot's Reading of Some Harvard Honoraries.

World's Work.

There are sound reasons in support of the meter system which could not fail instantly to bring down the consumption of water to something like reasonable limits. This has followed wherever the meter has been introduced. The most heedless wasters of water all of a sudden turn frugal when the cost of their recklessness is fully shown upon their bills.

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There are some things which the miners do not say in their statements. The corporations are and have been notoriously acting in contravention of law. They break the law when they add to the business of a common carrier that of coal-mining, and it is none the less unlawful when done indirectly through a nominally independent but really subsidiary coal company. They break the law when they charge absurdly high and unreasonable rates for carrying coal-rates that exceed those charged for freight of the highest class and that are three or four times as high as rates on bituminous coal. And they break the law when they combine to regulate production, limit the output and establish prices on a complete monopoly of the coal-mining business. They have been privileged to monopolize for private profit a limited and invaluable store of nature.

There Are Two Morgans.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, ought to be reasonably happy. Whichever route across the isthmus is finally taken, Senator Spooner allows that the ancient Alabamian Senator might claim a share in the history of that of the father of the canal. It will thus be necessary for the future historian to point out that there have been two Morgans—J. F. and J. T.

The One White Hair.

Water Savage Lander.

Listen to pretty lies.

Another more benign.

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liquidation of long-standing debts on the part of some of the farmers. Two years later most of the debts had been paid, and new houses, barns, machinery, etc., were becoming plentiful. Last year the debts were practically all paid, new farms had been purchased for cash, and most of the farmers had money in the bank. The crop of wheat now indicated in the three states is worth at present prices very close to \$25,000,000. This enormous sum, or the greater part of it, at least, will be distributed among men already rich or in comfortable circumstances, and that it will find its way into the channels of trade much more easily than in former years is an assured fact.

AGUINALDO IS NOT CONTENT TO BE FREE OF HIS OWN PEOPLE.

He now fears harm from his own people, and would like the Government to protect him. The spectacle of a patriot for you, of a man conscious of the righteousness of his cause and rectitude of his own efforts to serve his fellow! Think of a George Washington skulking about by night in order to avoid contact with the people whose fetters he was striking off! Aguinaldo is properly assured that he will have the freedom and protection of any other citizen, and he cringes under a smiling countenance and a smile with fear. In any incidental light shed by the way, on the Washingtonian character of the Tagais, with whom our anti-imperial friends have been so violently enamored? What could Aggie have to fear from the Adamases and Jeffersons with whom he has been associating?

IF PROOF WERE FORTHCOMING, OR IF EVEN IT WERE APPARENT IN THE APPEARANCE OF THE POPULARITY AND THE STREETS THAT THE CONSUMPTION OF WATER IN PORTLAND IS NOW PRACTICALLY EQUAL TO THE FULL CAPACITY OF THE BULL RUN CONDUIT.

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