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PROGRESS OF THE TREATY. The negotiations for peace are pro-

ceeding well. Careful observers predicted that Japan would be disposed to make concessions during the conference and, thus far at least, the course of events fulfills their prophecy. In Corea the Japanese obtained exactly "preponderating influence" and the withdrawal of all Russian pretensions. the reigning family" are of no consequence. Corea will become a Japanese world over the matter will not succeed. Czar's. The benighted peninsula had to go to one of the contending empires Russia's treatment of her own people promised nothing for the Coreans but tyranny and repression. Indeed one of her great bugbears is the probable growth of the Asiatic peoples in civilization and power under Japanese in-Under Russian control they would be kept down. Mr. Witte may make a merit of this and bid for sympathy on account of it, but enlightened men do not believe that it is for the permanent interest of the world to hold and free commerce. Russia for perpetmenace to Scandinavia, Turkey, Persia, China and England for many years. She has seized territory by diplomacy and war both in Europe and Asia without scruple and with limitless greed. No charge of this sort can be brought

tan and Manchuria. is now forced to dis- gainsay. gorge, and in connection with this But we are told, and verily believe, fact. It seems, the Russian envoys per- that "times change and people change," spirit of concession which was to be ex- titude as substantially endowed by Anpected in the Mikado's commissioners, drew Carnegie, and worked out in desians to leave Manchurla in Japanese libraries and village libraries-all free control until China could restore the and urged upon the public attention-Russia made ten years ago with Ger- we must admit that it is a condition, evacuate. He demanded a simultan- over, irrevocably, to ignorance. ous withdrawal of both armies and Baron Komura conceded it. Where in back her province after a decade of Russian broken promises, and the world is a diplomatic victory for Witte, may of good temper and common sense for Komura.

The railway south from Harbin has standing that Japan may receive compensation for repairs and altering the to sell to China for whatever she can get. Thus stated, the transaction ment upon the war indemnity. Concerning the Liao Tung peninsula, little the equitable owner of this territory it was precisely like that of Germany house for old magazines and some other ual holdings or quit the country. Many to Alsace-Lorraine before the present war. Now she has again conquered it, contemplated in conjunction with this some having already purchased or

and just that her double title should be recognized.

The plenipotentiaries have followed thing possible before they touch the real points of difference; probably in the for peace will ultimately force whichever party proves obstinate to yield when the critical moment comes actually to choose between concession and continued bloodshed. Meanwhile Russia with subtle astuteness works to cre ate sentiment against Japan. Her .60 principal card is the "yellow peril," which has become rather funny, though she does not seem to know it. More laughable still is the tale sent on from China, evidently under Russian auspices, that Japan is responsible for the anti-American boycott. If Japan were inclined to get up a boycott in China she would not strike at her best friend first, when there are Germans and French at hand. The little brown men may not be very plous, but they have plenty of common sense.

EASTERN PEOPLE AT THE FAIR.

Nearly 40,000 visitors came to the Lewis and Clark Exposition from the East and the Middle West before August 1. A moderate estimate of the aggregate to be attained by the close of the Fair is about 100,000. Each of these ersons will perhaps have passed through the Exposition gates five times. Therefore, the United States, exclusive of the Pacific Coast, will have contributed to the great Oregon enterprise an attendance of one-half million. The figures are highly satisfactory. They excred by far all reasonable expectation of all persons who made estimates as to attendance prior to the opening of Cleveland, O .- James Pushaw, 307 Superior | the gates. They attest the enormous interest created all over the United States in Portland's beautiful show. These people come because they are interested in the West and incidentally in the Exposition. The railroads have done a fine thing for Oregon in making an attractive rate for all excursionists. We hear some complaint that they have not taken care of the traffic as well as they should have done, and it is undoubtedly true that there have been many individual instances of hardship and inconvenience. But we think on the whole the railroads have tried to do their best. What does all this mighty flood of

people mean to Oregon? It is the unlversal testimony that everyone who comes is pleased with the Exposition and astonished at the beauty and resources of the state. We have been under inspection by all kinds and con-Company, 806 Olive street, Washington, D, C.-P. D. Morrison, 2132 and Governors of states down to comditions of people from a Vice-President mon laborers. The Governors come because they have learned that former residents of their respective states have made complete arrangement to celebrate on special days. They brought and they will bring their military staffs and other attaches with them in order to give these occasions the mark of their official approval. We have been honored and we shall be honored in this way by the presence of many distinguished men like Governor Folk, what they demanded before the war, Governor Pardee, Governor Herrick and others. The laborers and farmers come. many of them, because they are seek-The details about "the sugersinty of ing a place where by their own toll and industry they may make for themselves a home. There is much room in province, as Mr. Witte remarked the Oregon for hard-handed, industrious other day; but his effort to frighten the and respectable men, who find conditions and life irksome elsewhere and The Mikado must annex many Coreas who may reasonably hope to get along before his territory will begin to com- a little better here. Of these 160,000 pare in area or population' with the Eastern people, then, we may certainly expect that a considerable proportion come again to stay. Meanwhile, they have seen us, they have found out what we are like, and they will tell their neighbors and friends. We know that those who go back not to return are forever after living advertisements for the state and people of Oregon.

#### BOOKS MADE CHEAP AND READING EASY.

There is some difference of opinion any people in barbarism. Japan stands as to the wisdom of the policy of makfor progress, civilization, free religion ing books so cheap and easy to procure that no individual effort is necessary ual barbarism, an exclusive church and | to obtain them. "Our few books," said | first requirement) but where homes, not the closed door. Russia has been a Whittier speaking of the conditions of Winter isolation that existed in New England In his early years, "were drained of their last virtue." It is unnecessary to cite the fact that New England, under these conditions, produced readers and students, poets and against Japan. That nation has menaced nobody. To say that she will abide with the world. The few books threaten the Philippines, or China, at drained of their last virtue-books that some time in the future is to say so; have been carefully selected and purnothing more. Prophecy is not fact, chased perhaps by self-denial-became prophecies come with poor a part of their world, while the many grace from Russia, whose maw is dis- books burriedly skimmed and passed tended with the undigested corpses of on make relatively very slight impres-Finland, Georgia, Turkes- sion on the mind of the reader. This Manchuria assertion, we presume, no one

ceive a diplomatic "victory." It is and when it is added "if we do not much such a victory as Kuropatkin change with them, so much the worse won repeatedly over the Japanese for us," we turn, half-convinced to the armies, and is probably due to the scheme of supplying books to the mul-Their first demand was for the Rus- tail by traveling librarians and school machinery of civil administration. But and add thereto our feeble indorsethis was too much like the demand ment, being told that we must. Truly many and France to back her; Mr. not a theory, that confronts us here, Witte probably feared the Japanese The world is literally flooded with books would follow the example of his own and every one is asked and urged and country in keeping their promise to entreated to read them, lest he be given

To control and in a way direct the ebb and flow of this tide of books has this is the cocky, bullying spirit the become, not the pleasant task, but the apanese were to display? China gets bounden duty of the state. In accordance with this view the last legislature created a library commission and this gets the open door which Russia had body held its first meeting at Salem definitely denied in Manchuria. If this last Monday. Three of the four members of the commission being present, he go on winning such throughout the its general policy was set out, carenegotiations. It is certainly a victory fully and somewhat elaborately, along five main lines of effort. These have aiready been given to the public in detail It is sufficient here to say that, been ceded to China with the under- if the work as planned is carried out, 000 acres of its public domain to non Oregon will become a community of readers, always providing that everygauge. In language less diplomatic, one rises to meet the opportunity. We and social conditions and schoolhouses the road has been turned over to Japan | are to have at the public expense (that | and churches in their train, might find is to say. "free") public school libraries, what they sought in Western Texas, encouragement through systematic efamounts to the payment of an install- fort of the establishment of libraries in the larger towns, the organization purposes took the precaution to purof traveling libraries, the improvement difficulty was expected, and in fact the and arrangement of the libraries at the their great ranches. With the abolishmatter was easily adjusted, Japan is state institutions and the collection of ment of the lease system, these lessees reference works for the use of mem- will be forced to turn stock ranching by cession from China. Her right to bers of the legislature. A clearing- into stock farming upon their individ-

moral suasion.

This is, of course, merely the beginning. The work and the salaries will the wise plan of agreeing upon every- grow from year to year. Let us hope that it may not result, a generation hence, in making reading a dissipation hope that the strong desire of the world | rather than a healthful mental stimulus, an excuse for indolence, rather

#### TREATMENT OF THE INSANE.

To the attendants at the Insane Asylum a method of dealing with "aggravating patients," described by Charles Read in Hard Cash, is recommended as safe, for themselves, and quieting to the patient. He should first be gagged. He is then stripped and thrown, and, everything being in readiness, one attendant holds his legs while another walks with his knees up and down the bare chest, giving judicious bounces at carefully chosen spots. The collar bones, the ribs, and even the breast bone may thus be fractured with no external signs of violence left upon the patient. This method of discipline seems more discreet, to say the least, than "severely thrashing" the manlacs, which many sentimental people think barbarous.

At the town of Gheel in Belgium. "murderous maniacs" may be seen strolling about, prattling and playing with little children in the streets. The children are not harmed and the patlents need no "discipline." But that is a method of scientific mental therapeutics which would, of course, be impracticable under "American conditions."

#### THE CIVICS CONGRESS.

Speaking generally, the subjects so far considered at the Civics Congress fall under these heads: The causes of the city's too rapid growth-whether essential or artificial; the evil influences attending city life, and how far and in what directions they can be remedied; the possibilities of improvement in city life, both in tendency and in

actual practice. Dr. Strong, on the first head, referred o only three powers, as drawing from the country and heaping population in the city. He cited the application of four men do the work of fourteen) as driving the released laborers into the city, because the world cannot eat food at production; second, the substitution of mechanical labor for muscular in manufactures, and consequent concentration of population in factory centers; third, the railroad, carrying people from country to city and enabling the city to be fed.

As to the first of the three causes suggested the reasoning is not satisfactory. Issue may be joined in the proposition that improved farm machinery diminishes the demand for labor. Contrariwise, improved machinery indicates higher farming and can employ more, not less, labor on the farm. Increased production will result, and, in the end, reduction in price of products if-but only if-the demand falls below supply. How far the nation is from prices of what comes from the farm testify. No. improved machinery the farm demands more labor and of a higher quality, therefore at a higher is barder to get, and is dearer than ever before, every farming state in the of men from farm to city results from the attraction of the city and its life, not from expulsion from the farm

Take then the second point. True it is at present the most convenient cendwellings. True, also, that hence come many of the aggravated evils making up the problem of the city. These conditions are not fixed and essential, but are remediable

The remedy lies in recognition by cap-Italist and manufacturer of his duties to the men, women and children whom he attracts by offering work and wages. Where the factory is built thither will the working population follow. If the factory is set up where success of the manufacturer is possible, (this is the houses, can be had for the people, the grade, quality and worth of labor will be raised. That virtue in the manufacturer will be its own great reward. In such case rallroads will aid, not hinder, the city from coming to the country. So will the rallroad help the preachers whose names and works yet intermixture of city and country of factory and farm.

The city has grown enormously, so fast, indeed, that it has outrun the rights of its inhabitants to healthy life in body, mind and spirit, true and the weight of the problem does press heavily on every thinking started in the other direction, and is fast gathering force, is also plain. Not "garden cities" have taken root. There

FROM RANGE TO FARM. On the first day of September of this year, the state of Texas will place upon the market 6,000,000 acres of land. This means the breaking up into farms of nany large cattle ranches in Western Texas. At present, and for many years past, this land has been under lease by the state to cattlemen. Until within recent years it was thought that it was valueless as farming land. The agricultural element kept going farther and farther west year by year, until it was discovered that the land dedicated by common consent to grazing was more

than pasture land and that it only Awaited the plowman's steen decree

Then came the contest for supremacy, and, as in the great Eastern Oregon wheat belt, the farmer won.

Finally the demand for land for new settlers became so great that the state could no longer ignore it, and resolved to abandon its policy of leasing 5,000,residents in order that people who want homes and will bring families In most instances the cattlemen who have these lands leased for grazing chase a few sections as a nucleus for

things of minor importance are also of them will pursue the latter course

this time from Russia and it is fair effort to make the people readers by leased large ranches in Mexico, whither they will move their herds and ranching outfits. This represents at first glance a distinct loss to the state, but inasmuch as a multitude of homes is better than a vast area devoted to cattle raising, the loss will in a few years prove a decided gain.

The area of land which the state pro poses to place upon the market two weeks hence aggregates about \$400 square miles. It is larger than Massachusetts, New Hampshire or New Jersey, four times as large as Delaware and twice as large as Connecticut. It is to be sold in lots of one to eight sections each, no purchaser being permitted to acquire more than the amount last named. Thus disposed of it will provide homes for about 5000 families. Every inducement will be offered to settlers, each of whom must reside three years upon his holding before he

will be able to perfect his title The policy of withdrawing this vast tract of land from lease is justified by a careful glance into the near future. It means a quick multiplication of homes and the dedication of a vast tract of beautiful wilderness to the uses of civilization. Texas has in this instance acted wisely, especially so since the state has still 12,000,000 acres which it will continue to lease to cattlemen until such time as the settlers' demand for more room becomes imperative.

The Van Dran investigation seems to have been ended. It is agreed that the unfortunate woman was poisoned, and it is also agreed that no one knows been expected from the start that the police force would learn nothing, for to find out from various drug stores him that they had sold no such poison enough to satisfy the local sleuths that | it all right. machinery to farm labor, (by which there is no need of more work, when they have other more congenial things to do; but it will not convince the enough to keep them busy on the farm should be done. The detective who disposes of a baffling death mystery in a few hours by the dictum that it was all an accident is a wonder.

D. R. Francis was at the head of the greatest exposition in the world's his- as death." tory. He was its master mind, and its magnificent success was due in no small part to his genius for management and exploitation. Not everybody from the Pacific Northwest went to the St. Louis Exposition; but many did. and all came back impressed with the stupendous achievement of the enterprising citizens of St. Louis and Missouri. Mr. Francis comes to Portland to see what we have here. We do not we may be sure that he will find here any such condition, let the ever-rising an exposition in itself complete, attractive and worthy of his commendation, Portland since the Fair began than Missouri's distinguished citizen. The most That farm labor of a good class that may be hoped for is that when his as pleasant an impression of Portland-Chion will proclaim. The constant flow and Oregon as we already have of him.

The men who come from the East to talk on civic rights and duties, on economics and the obligations of the is that manufacturing by machinery citizen, on municipal government and "I got ter go over to the undertaker's but there is no evidence whatever of nvolves factory life; and that the city its abuses, tell us that the worst of all should be most on our guard-are fran- down Birdville way." chise thieves. Which causes us all to remember that certain franchises of Portland, got for nothing, except the work necessary for corruption of the various branches of our municipal government, were recently sold for \$6,000,and representatives of the first families-the hereditary plutocrats of Portland-put the money in their pockets and their newspaper applauded. The people of Portland and of Oregon will deal with their franchise thieves later.

In Washington, D. C., those who are ooking three years ahead figure out that it is to be Root or Taft. As there is no danger of an injunction against guessing, perhaps the dull season may as well be employed in picking the win ner. Other things being equal, the Republican party is not likely to go to New York for a candidate. Its natural choice would be for a man west of the Allegheny Mountains, and there are several men available outside of the state of Ohio.

Japan has shown a spirit of conces-But that a world movement has sion unlooked for under the circumstances in letting go of Manchuria. She is not likely to be so accommodating in one place, but in many, not in this when it comes to Sakhalin. Japan has nation only, but the world over the fairly taken or retaken that island; she needs it from a national standpoint, is the solution, if anywhere, of the and is most likely to hold on to it. problem of the city of which we are Otherwise the world may well look on victories have brought her.

> A drinking bout with fatal results at Westfall, Malheur County, last Sunday, serves in recital to remind us that there are still frontier communities in this state where the six-shooter is the arbiter in the free-for-all fight in the crossroads saloon on the border. The casualties are one dead and three or four, including the town marshal, more or less seriously wounded.

Our visitors, who talk of municipal abuses tell us that all the party and political thievery of the country is nothing, in comparison with that of our franchise thieves. Portland knew it already, but emphasis on the fact is profitable.

But for Thomas Jefferson there would have been no Lewis and Clark Exposition. But for Henry W. Corbett there would be no Lewie and Clark Exposition. We ought to have a Jefferson Day and a Corbett Day,

bred as if Judge Frazer's decision had been the other way. For this day. Portland's colors are purple and white, though they are always combined with the red, white and

Let there be no perturbation of spirit.

Just as many good race horses will be

The addition of three detectives on the city payroll will greatly assist the force in doing nothing.

We hope Captain Spencer feels better. | you?"

### OREGON OZONE

Don't.

If the world has gone awry And you're stranded high and dry, a clutch upon your collar. Twill not help you out at all

If you just sit down and bawi-Don't holler!

Another of the late Mr. Ziegler's North-Pole expeditions has been rescued, the the stupid panic and to prove the sufmen three-fourths starved and out of ficiency of modern knowledge concernprovisions. But the North Pole is still ing yellow fever, New Orleans is the there, wherever it is, and the American best place for that demonstration. We flag is not there yet. N. B.-The same do not expect a great epidemic. The microbe, or bug, induces some men to go sufficient armament of New Orlbans in up in airships and others to hunt for the its present emergency is the will and North Pole. St. Louis brewers are hitterly opposed

to the plan to prohibit the sale of intoxicants in the coming new State of Stanford Chaille, the veteran of many Oklahoma and are organizing to prevent Congress from including such a provision in the bill admitting the new commonwealth. They are reckoning without their hostess. Carrie Nation is running a pa-per in Okiahoma called "The Hatchet," what chance have the brewers against her weapon?

Young women who call themselves Edyth, Allyce, Carrye and Male may be superior to the girls we used to know as Edith. Alice. Carrie and May, but we have our inborn and deep-rooted

#### No Excitement at Casper.

Things are quiet just now at Casper Wyo, how it was done. It seems to have The Arilington Appeal has received a letter from a resident of Arlington, W. H. Colwell, who recently took a train-load it was recognized that it was a case of Merino sheep to Casper. Mr. Colwell entirely beyond its skill and industry. writes: "There has been no excitement A detective made a half-hearted effort here since I came-that is, to speak of," and then he goes on to say that "there who had recently bought cyanide of was a fellow came in with my wool the potassium, and of course he found out other day, and another fellow took a Health Service, granted after five days nothing. Because the druggists told couple of shots at his head and he thought in the detention camps, are turned he might hurt him, so he just shot one to suspicious persons, he promptly gave arm off and shot a hole in the other it as his expert opinion that death was just to stop his shooting." The language due to accident. Certainly. Such a is a trifle ambiguous, but most of us theory formed on such premises is wild and woolly Westerners can interpret

It reminds one of Opte Read's story of Birdville, Ark. When Mr. Read was a newspaper reporter he covered Birdville public that all has been done that for his paper, by interviewing citizens from that village and its vicinity. One day he met old Bill Simmons, who resided near Birdville, and asked him if there was any news in the neighborhood.

"Nope," replied Bill: "everything quiet

"No weddings, or anything of a social sort?" asked Opie.

"Wal, no," said Bill; "the' would 'a' be'n a marryin' over at Sim Smith's place las' night, 'ceptin' thet Si Jones wuz plumb gone on Sim's darter, which Hank Thompson wuz gwine ter marry, an' jess Si met up with Hank on the Yellville turnpike an' shot his right arm off, an' then Hank tuck his gun in his left hand invite comparison with St. Louis, but an' dropped Hank ter the ground, an' jess then old man Thompson, Hank's paw, Si, an' Si's stepuncie. Jim Rivers, come in respect to notification of infectious and sparsely sattled district, where vegealopin' down the crick bottom an' shot diseases. There are plenty of paper table decay abounded, but animal refuse old man Thompson's head clean of his defeater. allogin' down the crick bottom an' shot old man Thompson's head clean orf his shoulders afore he could say Jack Robinson. 'Course thet sp'lled life weddin' nam' so I hain't got no noze fer the state of the state o No more important visitor has come to a lopin' down the crick bottom an' shot stay is concluded he may go away with plans, an' so I hain't got no nooze fer ye ter-day,"

detail.

,"I can't wait," replied the man from Birdville, where it was quiet as death; tory of yellow fever at New Orleans, shop an' order three coffins right orf. | bad faith in connection with the pres offenders-those against whom we I'll let ye know when the's any nooze

> A St. Louisan, who confessed to having killed a man in a fight, has withdrawn his confession because the fight in which he engaged took place at I A. M. on a certain corner, while the man who has been found dead, according to the evi- in Portland Tuseday night, General Coundence of the detectives, was slain at 2 sel Cotton is reported to have said: o'clock on a corner fully a block away. The police department, it is said, will which nearly \$500,000 has been spent. release the prisoner. Some towns have land is not ret under irrigation and will not queer moral ideas.

### The Unofficial Autocrat.

"If I lacked the brain-power," says the brains instead of his Panama, I should an indefensible course, we still find some never permit myself to enter a hall where such a man is speaking; I'd go fishing, which requires no brains, or I'd attend in my open mouth. For my part, I never could understand just why some people persist in going into assembly halls such where conventions, such as the Conference on Civics, are in session, when they haven't brains enough to absorb anything above a rugtime rabout in a 10-cent vaudeville joint or a band concert of concatenated concords. I observed yesterday that, when a distinguished sociologist from the Otherwise the world may well look on East was delivering a learned and vitally the land and water and till crops and in wonder and ask what her hard won interesting address upon the government harvest them and let them rot on the of great cities, dozens of people got up, ground a few seasons in order that the in various parts of the hall, and creaked their way to the exits. Even if I lacked the brains to stay till the finish, I most certainly should remain seated, just to must be done for it. Doubtless man show that I had been properly bred and was not a maverick or an uncaught wild to serve man. steer. If you ever delivered a public address to an audience of people in which there is a sprinkling of persons who abundance of power for manufacturing don't know why they happened to be Our livestock interests are already large. present, you doubtless have acquired No some notion as to how happy it makes it will not find immediately all the busithe speaker feel to see a dozen or so ness it can handle. But such of his audience, one at a time, turn won't come and tie itself up and sit and tall and make for the exits. When I wait for transportation. Fools don't push observe persons taking this method of out so far from the metropolis. advertising to the rest of the audience that they lack brains and breeding, I want to get right up in meeting and hise a few hot adjectives in their directionand if I could do it without disturbing the speaker any further I'll wager my chance of a vacation this year that I'd say my say in such simple but expressive language that even they would compre-ROBERTUS LOVE

#### Wanted an Older One. Modern Society.

"Yes," said the old man to his young visitor, "I am proud of my girls, and would like to see them comfortably married, and as I have made a little money, they will not go penniless to their husbands. There is Mary, 25 years old, and a really good girl. I shall give her \$5000 when she mar-ries. Then comes Bet, who won't see 25 again, and I shall give her \$15,000. And the man who takes Eliza, who is 40, will have \$25,000 with her." The young man reflected a moment and then inquired:
"You beyon't one about 50, have

the races.

### YELLOW FEVER EPIDEMIC AT NEW ORLEANS

Apply Modern Medical Knowledge in the Treatment of Cases-Not the Club of Frantic Quarantine,

In the present epidemic at New Orleans, yellow fever is perhaps making its last serious demonstration on American soil. If nothing less than a great object lesson will suffice to quell ability of her people to apply modern medical knowledge to the suppression

of yellow fever.
At New Orleans, in May, 1903, Dr. yellow fever campaigns, in an address to the American Medical Association. after asserting his belief that stegomyia is the essential agent in the dis-tribution of yellow fever, he pro-nounced the theory of transmission by fomites to be dead and ready for burlal, and concluded with the words of the popular undertaker: "Gentlemen, please do not crowd the mourners."

Quarantine regulations of the most stringent sort have been almed at New Orleans. To prevent all travel to and from New Orleans is not nearly enough to satisfy some of the neighboring towns. They will have no fruit from New Orleans, no dry goods, no dressed meats. In some places freight cars must be fumigated before the doors are opened. Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas have quarantined New Orleans. Through passenger cars from New Orleans must be locked while traversing Mississippi and Texas. Passenger coaches from New Orleans are not allowed to enter the State of Alabama. At the state line passengers must change cars Passengers bearing the health certifi cates of the United States Public back by the health authorities of Mississippi. Louisiana, in order to avoid being quarantined, has imposed quarantine on her own chief city.

Memphis and Chattanooga have not seen restrained by medical advice. In Baton Rouge, the capital of Louisiana, the medical members of the Board of Health resigned because their views were publicly denounced by a large mass meeting. In Texas all the possi-bilities of sanitary government, for good or evil, are entrusted to one medical man, and he has almed at New Orleans a kind of quarantine that is best described as rabid. Hardly less ferocious is the quarantine by Mississippi, for which Governor Vardaman is the official sponsor. Those who are ot firmly rooted in their belief that umane impulse is a dominant power in modern civilization, should their backs to the South until this

The present outbreak caught New Orienns without an effective notifica-tion law. The first half dozen or more cases went their several ways unknown to the authorsties, but not unknown to other persons, and physicians among them, who saw their duty and In this way many foci infection were established before the authorities were informed. Among seemed not to fulfil the conditions of his large cities in this country, four at theory, and this one at last gave up its most are better off than New Orleans secret. Yellow fever appeared in a wild facts They did indeed wait for au-"Walt a minute, Mr. Simmons," urged topsy findings before informing of the first Onie, who wanted to get the story in case notified was already fatal, this delay was probably of little consequence. Prevarication and conceal-ment are not unknown in the past hisent enidemic. had been withheld overlong, the guilt the General and transferred, as Chaille of the authorities would have been ex- says, to the blockade.

And it seems that Fate has got you with American Medicine, of Philadelphia, | tenuated, if not quite extinguished, by the circumstance that most of the authorities in neighboring states are unable to make rational use of such information.

According to newspaper accounts, Havana is operating a quarantine against. New Orleans just as our own comparations in the South are doing. Every day a chronicle is made in American news-papers of the vessels arriving at Ha-vana, and of the disposition of people and cargo. Trisconia detention camp is said to be crowded, with 150 or so persons under observation. The quarantine operations at Havana are, however, in amazing contrast to those of the frantic American sanitariums. The huge cable which formerly closed the harbor ies its everlasting rest on the The same calm and orderly procedures which were instituted under General Leonard Wood go on now under Finlay and Gulteras. Arriving ships from infected ports anchor midstream within halloaing distance of Havana wharves. If a fever case is on board, the patient is placed in a screened boat and taken ashore, where he is transported in a screened ambulance through the streets of Havana, without haste or excitement.

to Las Animas Hospital, and there he awaits the result in a screened room. Patients suffering from other diseases lie within easy conversation distance, and the only barrier is a double-screened door. The ship's passengers are transferred to Triscoula, on the opposite side of the harbor, for five days' medical obser-Trisconia is not crowded, vation. can its capacity be overtaxed by any pes-tilence of less than Oriental magnitude. The infected ship is furnigated for the destruction of mosquitoes, and for no other purpose. The cargo is promptly lightered ashore. By this simple means Havana, has been perfectly defended since the American evacuation. To the list of in-fected ports in Central and South Amer ica two ports in the United States have been added. This is all. There is neither nor suprise in Havana, nor a brand ished club.

In 1862, General Benjamin F. Butler gave New Orleans such a cleaning-up as the city never had before nor since. It is not certain that he ever saw a case of yellow fever, but he professed to have been a profound student of the disease. The parasitic theory of infectious diseases confirmed to a nicety his views of the origin and transmission of yellow fever, and in \$88 he considered it his duty to publish his matured convictions. medical science of 1888 supplied him with wo facts. He was in possession of these facts long before, but in 1888 he considered them established in medical science Of these fundamental facts, the first was that the cause of malarial fever is always generated in the presence, and never in the absence of decaying vegetable matter. The other is, that typhold fever is always generated in the presence, and never in the absence, of putrefying antmal matter. Yellow fever, he sald, never appears where only vegetable decay or only animal decay is present, but requires, as a sine qua non, both sorts of decaying refuse. In the atmosphere charged with both malarial and typhoid germs, and not elsewhere, he says, the yellow fever germ will grow. Proceeding on this theory General Butler believed it possible to prevent yellow fever everywhere. Among his very numerous observations, but one seemed not to fulfil the conditions of his could not be discovered. The learned that a number of cattle had died in this district and their bodies had been deposited in a shallow pond. This pond was the focus of infection. General Butler's apparent conquest over vellow fever profoundly impressed the public of that day.

With the proof that vellow fever repuires an intermediate host, and that this nost is the Stegomyia mosquito, all credit for the exemption of New Orleans from If, however, the truth was lost to the sanitary astuteness

### THE RAILROAD HOG.

In an addess at the Harriman banquet

I have been at Bend. That is a project be for some time to come. To ask us to build these lines and then have these irriga-tion projects developed is a burden upon us and an imposition upon the community.

Pardoning something for rhetoric, and Unofficial Autocrat, "to sit through an something more for the instinct of the address by a man who talks through his advocate trying to justify his client in thing to criticize in Judge Cotton's broad declaration. There is land under irrigabish requires no brains, or I'd attend quarter of a million more acres will be baseball game, ditto, or I'd sit down irrigated and producing by the time a comewhere and stare at the ground for means of transportation to market shall 40 minutes, or I'd lie down on the grass be provided, no matter how soon that and go to sleep and let the files gambol may be. Nobody has asked a railroad to build "and then have these irrigation projects developed." The irrigation projects are developing right along. What is persist in going into assembly halls such asked is that the railroad hog shall get as the Auditorium at the Exposition, its feet out of the trough and do some rooting to provide part of its own sus-tenance. Now it has all four feet and snout in the trough and is squealing for

others to bring in more food.

It is a rather novel idea, that railroads should not be built into a new field until the traffic is there to move. Do same men expect farmers to get out and clear railroad shall find traffic waiting for it? That blessed, sacred railroad must n be asked to push out into the harsh world and do something for itself. Everything made for the railroad, not the railroad

There is more than irrigation in this country, anyway-a great deal more. We have billions of feet of timber and an ratiroud can get here so quickly that

### Maine's Liquor Law.

Springfield Republican, Maine's liquor law enforcement com mission is busy going from county to county stirring up things. The result is the arrest of many liquor dealers and the imposition of many fines. The outome of all this activity is likely to be a strong sentiment calling for the resub-mission to the people of the whole question of the prohibitory policy. The spec-tacle of having a commission to do the work which the Sheriffs are paid to perform is not generally relished. The ulti-mate result may be that Maine will come to the local option law, which prevails in Massachusetts. There is no doubt that the present order of things constitutes such a farce as does not combe get about how to run his business. mand the respect of the people.

### Juvenile Bostonians.

Boston Herald.

Visitor (to little girl of the house)—
Thanks, darling, for the pretty tune. And can your brother play the plano as well is simply part of the Interstate Commerce Commission's report on rallway Little G(=) (apornfully)-No! He plays casualties for the first three months of 1865.

## ADMIRAL CLARK'S RECORD.

New York Post

Rear-Admiral Charles Edgar Clark, & member of the General Board of the Navy, better known as the man who brought the hattleship Oregon around the Horn from The San Francisco to Key West during the Spanish-American War was placed on the retired list-for age last Thursday, August 10. He entered the Naval Academy from Vermont, in which state he was born, in September, 1869, remaining at that in stitution until 1863, when he was graduated. He was promoted to ensign in that year, was commissioned master in 1866 Heutenant in 1867, Heutenant-comma in 1868, commander in 1881, captain in 1896, and rear-admiral in 1902. Rear-Admiral Clark was on the steam sloop Ossipped of the western Gulf blockading squadron from 1863 until 1865, taking part in the battle of Mobile Hay and the bombardment of Fort Monroe. His next assignment was to the Vanderbilt on the Pacific station, remaining on this duty until 1867. From this vessel he went to the Suance, which was wrecked off Vancouver Island on July 7, 1868. Though the fifth officer in rank on the Suance he was left in command of 33 survivors on Hope Island. Refore they were rescued their camp was surrounded by 400 armed indians. He has also served on the following vessels: Vandalia, Seminole, Dictator, Saratoga, Mohopac, Hartford, Monocacy, Kearsarge, New Hampshire, Ranger, Mo-hican, Independence, and the Monterey. It was while in command of the latter vessel that Rear-Admiral Clark was placed in command of the Oregon, relieving Capt. Alexander H. McCormick, now a rear-ad-miral on the retired list. The latter was at that time in poor health, Rear-Ac Clark was ordered to sail from San Francisco on March 19, 1898, and covered the 13,000 miles around the Horn in 65 days, the quickest time on record. Despite this long voyage, the Oregon joined Rear-Admiral Sampson's equadron without any accident or delay, and played a conspicuous part in the battle of Santiago. He wadvanced seven numbers in rank for Spi ish War service. After the war Rear-Ad miral Clark was on duty at the Philadelphia yard, and later at the Naval Home in that city. In 1902 he was appointed United States naval representative at King Ed-ward's coronation, but he declined the po-No promotions will be made by this retirement, as Rear-Admiral Clark additional number in the list Rear-Admirals.

### Reflections of a Bachelor.

New York Press. A woman thinks she sees a great many things that she knows she doesn't Having a "pull" with most people is being able to get for \$4 something worth \$2. It makes a girl feel awful queer to be hugged when she has a porous plaster on her back.

A girl's idea of being dressed is in way that makes her feel uncomfortable lunatic asylum if he took all the advice

### The Sanguinary Rail.

Chicago News