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ABOUT NURSERIES.

The census bulletin in regard to the nurseries of the United States gives the total number at 4510, valued at \$41,978,835 and occupying 172,806 acres of land. The business engages \$52,425,669 of capital, employs 45,657 men and 3279 women, and produces annual products estimated to be worth in round numbers \$100,000,000. There were found growing in the United States 95,025.42 acres of trees, plants, shrubs and vines of all ages, and figures based upon the best estimates of the nurserymen make the grand total of plants and trees 3,386,855,778, of which 518,016,612 are fruit trees, 685,603,396 grape vines and small fruits, and the balance evergreens and deciduous trees, hardy shrubs and roses. California is credited with 166 nurseries, occupying 11,144 acres of land, worth on an average \$290.08 an acre and having a total valuation of \$4,158,861.58. In extent of acreage planted in nurseries we are surpassed by seven states, New York coming first with 24,840 acres and in the value of land per acre we are surpassed by the District of Columbia, where the value is \$500, and by the states of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Vermont. It should be noted, however, that the price of nursery lands has been found in many cases to be determined more by its proximity to a city than by the value of their products, and this is especially the case in the District of Columbia and the states where the price is rated highest. The rates of wages paid for labor in nurseries in the different states varies considerably. They are highest in Idaho, where the rate is \$1.87 a day and lowest in South Carolina, where they are 60 cents a day. The variation, however, does not follow sectional lines, as in Florida the average wage is \$1.10 a day, while in Delaware it is \$1, and in Massachusetts, where the rate is \$1.63, wages are nearer the Idaho standard than in California, where they are \$1.57 a day. Owing to the fact that this is the first time that nurseries have been made the subject of special census inquiry there is no way of accurately estimating the recent growth of the industry. The first nursery established in America of which there is any record was that of a man named Price, which was started at Flushing, Long Island, about the middle of the last century and for more than a hundred years it was continued by his descendants.

FANATICISM is the outgrowth of ignorance, manifesting itself where truth has but little connection with thought. The religious fanatics of the day do not influence the development of great moral truths or religious activity. On the contrary, they generally put a check to the force of moral precept and cause ridicule to encroach upon truth. Ridicule, London has truly observed, is harmful to truth, and these fanatics do more to provoke ridicule than any other class of public proclaimers. Thus they harm truth by raising public opinion to a pitch of ridicule, and moral precept is left to languish with danger and doubt. In a recent instance, for illustration, one of these fanatics dared to soil and minimize the moral magnitude and majesty of Scriptural precept, by advocating, through its instrumentality, as he claimed, certain doctrinal ideas of his own limited conception, concerning the coming of the last judgment. These fanatics excite very little attention nowadays. The "common herd" have as close proximity to knowledge as the individual to whom they give ear, and their attendance is occasioned by curiosity only. It won't do to fanatize in these days of practical wisdom, in the search for fundamental principles.

Among all the tributes to the memory of James Russell, one of the most fervent in feeling and expression is that of W. T. Stead, the editor of that excellent magazine, the Review of Reviews. He writes from the standpoint of one who was helped to higher standards in living by the words and example of the poet and scholar, and the words in which he expresses his gratitude are not doled out in any meager measure. He does not hesitate to say that "neither on the one side of the Atlantic nor on the other is there a poet left us whose verse is instinct with so much inspiration, or one who has in him so much of the seer of these latter days. He was only a lad of fifteen when he first felt the inspiration of Lowell's word, and from that time on until he reached manhood and thereafter, he found health, strength and comfort in his utterances. Mr. Stead calls Lowell's interpretation of Christ's teachings "a real gospel with grip in it, which is far from cut and dried dogmas."

It will take mints of money just now to prepare the exposition grounds for the World's fair to say nothing of the \$7,000,000 to be spent on the great buildings. Here are some of the interesting figures: Grading and filling, \$450,000; landscape gardening, \$323,600; viaducts and bridges, \$125,000; piers, \$70,000; waterway improvements, \$225,000; railways \$500,000; steam plant, \$800,000; electric lighting, \$1,500,000; statutory, \$100,000; vases, lamps, etc., \$50,000; lake front adornment, \$200,000; water supply and sewerage, \$600,000; other expenses, \$2,000,000; total, \$5,593,500. Besides these total expenses of organization, administration and operation of the exposition is estimated at nearly \$5,000,000. This takes no account of the sums to be spent by the government, the states or foreign nations, without which we have a grand total of over \$19,000,000. Where will the money come from?

If it is, as is sometimes claimed, intuition rather than common sense that guides woman to her conclusions, intuition has the call. Woman has at all events, shown most conclusively during the past week her superiority to man in the matter of holding conventions; and if her guide was intuition it is a better guide than logic. When men hold conventions they appoint them for the hottest months of the year, when travel is most uncomfortable, and the difficulties of accommodating one's self to strange surroundings in the matter of bed and board are worse than at any other season of the year. Woman, on the other hand, selects for her conventions September or October, when travel is a delight and when the most critical person can, without much discomfort, adjust herself to novel surroundings. This is why the meeting of the American Society for the Advancement of Women, at Grand Rapids, and of the Young Women's Christian Association, in Chicago, have been so successful.

It is interesting to learn from a press anecdote that an American who called upon Tennyson was corrected by the poet for his use of "awfully," declared to be an "Americanism" which was as objectionable to the Laureate as the slang use of the adjective "bloody." It happens that the slang use of both these words is of cockney derivation, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. Nevertheless it is satisfactory to learn that the American citizen who had adopted either specimen of English slovenliness, was properly crushed by the Laureate. We can forgive the latter his inaccuracy with regard to the origin of the terms, in view of the pertinence of his reproach.

THERE were two Generals Sherman during the civil war—Thomson W. Sherman and William Tecumseh Sherman. The former led an expedition against Port Royal, South Carolina, at the opening of the war, and proved himself an able military man. Does anybody know whether he was a family connection of General William Tecumseh Sherman? He died in 1878.

THE Louisiana lottery is still alive and active, and the latest news is to the effect that the lottery men are somewhat ahead in that state. They have succeeded in capturing the Democratic central committee, which is composed of ninety members. There is an unusually bitter fight for the control of the committee, but the lottery men had a small majority on a test vote, and are greatly rejoiced thereat. The governor of the state is highly indignant over the conduct of some half a dozen friends holding office under him, who deserted the anti-lottery section at the last minute and went over to the other side. It is always the most effective manner to educate public sentiment in order to make successful any public reformation, and the people of the United States must do this if they would rid the country of gambling and gambling games.

JUDGE WHITE, of the South Dakota court, must be a survival of the "wild cat" days when business men did not dare to go to bed with a dollar bill in the house because they were afraid it would depreciate from 10 to 50 per cent. in the night. He has just decided that it is unconstitutional for the legislature to undertake to legislate for the regulation of banking because it is a private business. Logically he will be compelled, if the question as to the constitutionality of laws against lotteries ever comes before him, to hold that the legislature is powerless in respect to those institutions also. A lottery is as much a private business as a banking office; and in some sections of the country the one is just about as risky as the other.

It is said that Bellamy has cleared \$16,000 of the proceeds of his book, "Looking Backward." A man can afford to advocate almost anything now-a-days if there is money in it, but we are led to wonder if Bellamy would take to the woods with his \$16,000 if nationalism were really to be precipitated upon us at an early day. There is nothing like having the government a subject of the people. Bellamy's scheme would enslave us, and make the people subjects of the government. Independence is power.

DR. TALMAGE, the great Brooklyn divine, preached a sermon on the alarming increase of suicide, and attributes the cause of it to either infidelity or insanity. Many snap the bond of terrestrial life because they recognize a glorious somewhere or a pleasant nowhere so far as the future is concerned, and tired of earthly turmoils they quit life thus precipitately. The insane man Dr. Talmage does not remark responsible for self-immolation, but the one who, in the possession of his reasoning faculties, suicides, had better look out for the shackles of eternal death.

THE bland celestial continues to flatter himself over the Canadian border without let or hindrance, exclusion laws to the contrary notwithstanding. Four hundred, it is said, have come across at Kingston within the last two months. The only way to stop this thing is to cut off the pigtail of every mother's Chinaman that can be laid hold of and then turn them loose on the Canadian side. They would be specimens of such awful retribution that the average Chinaman would not stop flight this side of Hudson Bay.

THE successful struggle of the great ocean liners with wind and wave during the past ten days is calculated to give the public confidence in their staunchness and safety under any circumstances. The gales which they safely out-rode were the fiercest of modern times; and while the passengers suffered a good deal of discomfort they do not appear to have been at any time in serious peril. It is a pity that some of the great steamers did not try the effect of oil on the waters. The opportunity was an excellent one.

Crry improvements make Corvallis look better. All we need now are additional cottages for rent. The demand for them is increasing.

A CONVICT in one of the penitentiaries in Pennsylvania has fallen heir to \$1,000,000, and it is now announced that he was innocent of the crime of which he was convicted, and that a movement has been started to get him released. It is very pleasant to know that the man is innocent, for it would never do to release him simply because he has become a millionaire. The only matter of regret is that somebody did not find out he was innocent before he inherited the fortune.—S. Jose Mercury.

THE great crowds of men and women that waited in the cemetery all day the body of Parnell laid to rest on Irish soil, attest the love and honor which Ireland has for her lost leader. It would be well if all factions of her people, remembering his loyalty to Ireland, could forget his faults and their own quarrels and above his grave join harmoniously in establishing a united Ireland as an enduring monument to his name.

THE World's Columbian Exposition promises to be the most stupendous affair known to the memory of man. Think of it! Every conceivable character of interest will be exhibited, and every section of the earth will present a brilliant display of representative fruits, cereals and vegetables. It will be a grand school of profitable education to those who may be so fortunate as to attend. The world will be there, and all the achievements of civilized life.

'Tis astonishing what things are found out on a man when he runs for office. The mean Republican papers charge that Flower, the Democratic candidate for governor of New York state, sent over to Lunn for a coat-of-arms and a crest for his carriage and silver, don't know. The worst of it is they prove it, and Tammany is mad, while the mugwumps fold their hands in silent prayer.—Astorian.

THE Democrats in Ohio are making rash predictions on the election of Campbell, but of course, this is where it always ends. No reasonable man has ventured to question the certainty of McKinley's success by an increased majority. If the Democrats capture the legislature, they will Michiganize the state, and thus secure a majority of its vote in the electoral college. Ohio is Republican.

THE poor of Europe are suffering the pangs of hunger, while the American farmer is selling his wheat at an advanced price. "It is an ill wind that blows no one any good," is an old saying, and a truthful one in many instances. If the crops in Europe were not short this season, the wheat of the United States would not be purchased at the present high figures.

A NEWSPAPER writer rises to remark that spanking is a lost art. Well, mebbe; but it is safe to wager that this newspaper man is an only and spoiled child. Had he been laid across the maternal knee in youth and felt the stinging application of the maternal hand or carpet slipper (as the case might be) he would depose and say otherwise.

In a few years the population of Corvallis will be doubled. We can easily discern metropolitan manifestations throughout the city and the outside world will make a note of this. The plow factory is now a reality, and there will certainly generate a healthy boom, just such as Corvallis needs. The next thing is a cannery.

GEN. MILES's statement of the reasons for the Sioux outbreak of a year ago is an arraignment of the United States government and of its traditional policy of dealing with the red men. There needs to be an absolute change in this regard. The Indian should be civilized instead of being supported in idle savagery.

It has been resolved by the Chinese government to make no more concessions to foreigners outside of the treaty ports; and hereafter any native selling land to a foreigner for settlement or residence will be severely punished.

POOR RICHARD says: "time is money." "Poor Richard," it will be remembered, was at one time a country editor, and like common class of today, he probably was compelled to take most of it out in "time." He thus knew the value of it, being that "time" was all he could get.

UNLIKE Henry Clay, Governor Hill would rather be president than be right. If he continues his present course in political life, there is not much likelihood of his ever being either. Hill is a dirty politician, and a shyster of the first magnitude.

It is said that the war secretaryship stands between Elkins, of West Virginia, and Estee, of California, to succeed Redfield Proctor, who is going to the senate from Vermont. The GAZETTE would like to see a Pacific coast man in the cabinet.

TUESDAY will be a great day for the people of the East. The question of paramount importance to both Democrats and Republicans is, How will the Farmers' Alliance stand when the polls close? The Alliance is certainly much weaker than it was one year ago, and this will go a long way toward Republican success next Tuesday.

The year of '91 will go down or up in history as the year in which all the racing records were broken. Sail, steam, trotting, pacing, running, jumping, etc.; in all the departments of speed the participants have displayed speed hitherto unheard of.

JOHN P. IRISH gets the benefit of some scathing Examiner write-ups recently on his proposition regarding the postoffice site at San Francisco. The Examiner and Irish are decidedly at outs, and have been for some time.

THE question of Irish leadership agitates the land of Erin. John Dillon may prove a forcible political figure to succeed Charles Stewart Parnell; but there are many aspirants for distinction just now, and the successful one is the question.

We are informed that the empress of Japan is quite musical, and plays the koto. How delightful! If the koto is anything like the kazoo, what a charmed life the emperor must lead.

A NEW YORK physician has killed himself by drinking too strong coffee. Caffeine, tannin and nicotine are as deadly as alcohol if taken in corresponding doses.

BLAINE has got back to Washington. He is confident of Republican success next Tuesday, and says he is in good health generally.

QUEEN VICTORIA is not dead, as reported, but she has been somewhat indisposed. She is now said to be in perfect health.

DESPITE the anti-agitation regularly inaugurated by various dress reform movements, the corset continues to stay.

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