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TOLEDO.....OREGON

Weather predicting is a mighty hit-and-miss affair.

What Thaw seems to have needed was to take a second thought.

What a trifling affair that war with Japan must now appear to the czar.

It is a great pity that Mrs. Thaw did not treat her son Harry as insane long ago.

In the golden days just ahead of us all the meat will be good. There will be no worst.

Mr. Cleveland uses a Kentucky reel when fishing. He likes it better than the Virginia reel.

Air navigation has been "in its infancy" almost long enough to have reached its second childhood.

Just what has any of Russell Sage's relatives ever done to earn more than a \$25,000 share of his wealth?

If medical treatment for a week that terminates in death is worth \$25,000, a cure would be really expensive.

If the present reform movement keeps going it is likely to develop that the prisons of the country are entirely too small.

If Frenchmen drank 350,000 hectoliters of absinthe the last year, how many green monkeys and blue snakes were seen in France?

Mr. Upton Sinclair may be a remarkable young man, but he will not solve the servant problem. The servant problem will not let him.

If there is anything in the signs of the times it will not be many years, if he lives, before Czar Nicholas will be forced to look for another job.

Persons who complain that we have no great authors in this country seem to forget the talented gentlemen who write the breakfast food advertisements.

Secretary Root has been the guest of honor at a \$100,000 banquet. We hasten to assure our readers that James Hazen Hyde had nothing to do with it.

Nevertheless, there are plenty of women in this country who would be perfectly willing to assume the immense task that has been left to Mrs. Russell Sage.

The gawkwar of Baroda says he "failed to see" the beauty of American women. The statement is self-explanatory and convincing. He ought to take something for his eyesight.

There are many old-time balloon ascensions these days, and the talk about airships seems to have almost died away. Is navigation of the air after all to be only a dream or an occasional holiday sport?

Mme. Bernhardt has again been rejected by the chancellerie of the Legion of Honor. Without desiring to be impertinent, we would like to ask our French cousins whether they think that is the proper way to treat a lady.

A committee of the British House of Lords has been appointed to consider what alterations in the law are needed to prevent the sale of tobacco and cigarettes to children under a fixed age. This is one of the many efforts making in England to correct the tendency to physical deterioration in the growing race, which was alarmingly noted in a parliamentary report published a year or so ago. A sure way to develop a race of weaklings is to give tobacco and tea and coffee to young children.

Outside of Russia threatened men live long and even in the land of the white czar sudden death does not always follow sinister warning. It is not unlikely, however, that the bullet or the bomb may put an end to Nicholas as the terrorists predict, but will the ending of Nicholas mean the ending of the autocracy? Will it not rather usher in a worse autocracy, the man on horseback—Trepoff, perhaps—who will be as bigoted as Nicholas and ten times more bloody? Is murder ever profitable?

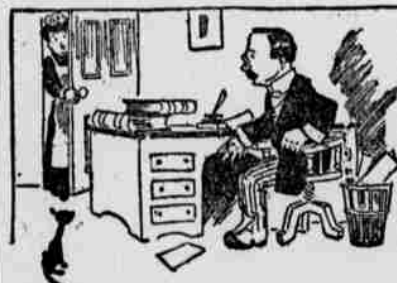
Thomas A. Edison seems to have hit upon a valuable idea outside of electricity. He proposes that molds be made for a house of a given design, so that liquid concrete can be poured into it. He estimates that in this way a house worth \$12,000 can be built for \$600. The thing looks feasible and if it should ever be realized will prove far more valuable than most of Mr.

Edison's electric inventions, one reason being that these hardly ever turn out as well as Mr. Edison expected and some of them are never heard of again after the first startling announcement.

Not until next Independence day will the new star be added to the flag. The formal work of making a State takes time and care. First, Indian Territory and Oklahoma must be divided each into fifty-five districts, from each of which a delegate will go to the Constitutional Convention. The election of the delegates will be by proclamation of the Governor of Oklahoma and the senior United States Judge of Indian Territory, and the proclamation must be made within six months of the day on which the President signed the enabling act. At the convention the delegates must declare for their constituents that they adopt the Constitution of the United States and formulate a State constitution. The State constitution must contain guarantees of religious freedom and prohibit polygamy. The proposed constitution is then to be submitted to the people of the territories for ratification, and at the same time they will vote for State officers. The results will be submitted to the President, and if the provisions of the enabling act are complied with he must within twenty days proclaim the result of the election, and the State of Oklahoma "shall be deemed admitted by Congress into the Union on an equal footing with the original States."

There is no doubt that much good to the public will be the ultimate result of the insurance investigations, which made many unnecessarily nervous about the money invested for the future rainy day, or of the packing house investigations, which brought nervousness about the food that is eaten daily. In like manner there must be faith that some good to society will result from the disclosures which are being made in connection with the private life of some people much in the public eye. The testimony of the sister of the steel official, Corey, in the divorce suit of her sister-in-law, that her own brother was not a fit person to have the custody of his 16-year-old son, brought out the statement that the fast life of New York made a wealthy man of that city an improper person to have children under his control. While no such sweeping indictment can justly stand against men of wealth, there has been a surfeit of scandal calculated to strengthen the impression that the testimony of Miss Corey has much of truth in it. A Pittsburg story of home destruction has features of apparent conspiracy against the peace of men and women alike which appear as shameful as they are disgraceful. No matter what the real truth may be regarding the private life of the parties involved, it is an abnormal situation where, in order to secure a divorce decree, detectives are hired to steal letters and letters possibly forged with the definite purpose of blackening character for unworthy ends. A suit now in the courts reveals a man actually engaged in a sort of divorce brokerage business, with a fixed agreement for payment at several stages of the proceedings and final settlement when the nefarious plot is at last successful. The government investigation of divorce conditions in the United States must of necessity discover many of such crimes against the purity of womanhood or the honor of manhood. It may be best for the American people to have the whole story told in full, if out of it may come a clearer and better atmosphere, with greater appreciation of what Benjamin Harrison used to describe as "the American home where one wife reigns in single uncrowned glory."

Force of Habit.



The Nurse—It's a boy, sir.
Jones—Well, just ask him what he wants.

Out of That Color.

She was fond of the writings of the poet Browning. Going into the country, she forgot to take her copy of her favorite author. She determined to try and get one at the village shop.

"Have you Browning?" she asked.
"No, ma'am," was the reply of the shopman; "we have blacking and whitening, but no Browning."—St. Louis Republic.

He Has.

That marriage is a lottery
Is a jokesmith's romance;
It has been proved in lotteries
A fellow has a chance.
—Houston Post.

Many a man puts both feet in it by trying to put his best foot forward.

PAPERS BY THE PEOPLE

SELF-RESPECT CAN BE REGAINED.

By Ian Maclaren.



Some people are hag ridden by the future—the things that are going to happen—other people are hag ridden by the past—the things which have happened. It is common to remonstrate with people about vain anxiety, but little is said about vain regret. Yet the darkest misery of life is remorse for the things which have been and which cannot be changed.

No one has ever lost a person he loves but his conscience held a court with memory as prosecutor. Had this or that been done the dear life might have been spared. We recall in minute detail our treatment of those who are gone—the sins of commission in hasty, unthinking, unmeaning words, our sins of omission in endless opportunities of kindness lost. The worst of all regrets remain and it makes a purgatory for a man's thoughts and secret life.

It is right to condemn sin and right to condemn the sinner; it is right also that he should sorrow for the thing he did and also suffer. What is not necessary by any standard of morality is that long years afterwards he should still be hanging his head in disgrace and judging himself to be a leper cast out of society. Can a man not turn his back upon his past and begin again with self-respect, and the respect of his fellow men? Society by a sound instinct requires a man to prove his repentance by his works; society also by a sound instinct if he is repentant refuses to rake up the past and fling it in his face. Why should a man not humbly but boldly forgive himself if his fellows have forgiven him, and may one not add without preaching if the Eternal has promised to forgive the repentant sinner, why should that sinner be more righteous or more severe than God?

ILL FEELING AND ILL HEALTH.

By Wallace Rice.



When we have been deliberately guilty of excesses in food or drink and awake the next day with a feeling that everything has gone wrong, few of us are self-deceiving or hypocritical enough to lay the blame for ill feelings over to anything but self-induced ill health. But we have not progressed so far that most of us realize that almost all blueness, moroseness, languor and indisposition are rather due to bodily than to intellectual or sentimental derangements, however much they distress the mind.

To be in good health we should feel good. If we do not feel good, something has gone wrong. The study of diseases in modern times has brought out some curious pathological interpretations of character.

An oculist of repute in Philadelphia has written a book in which he shows how many of the miseries of authors were due to eye troubles which the medical science of their day had not recognized as diseases at all. One begins to understand the case of Milton, for example, who was not in his home the man we would like to believe him to be from reading his majestic verse.

Only nowadays, when the pace of twentieth century life is bringing more and more of us into neurasthenia or nervous prostration, we are coming to understand how real and how terrible are the obscure troubles which may leave a man in seemingly robust health an almost hopeless invalid. With every vital organ in the best of condition, something happens to the tiny filaments which connect these with the brain and with one another, and not only is a state of acute misery induced, but the character and disposition changes absolutely and always for the worse.

Karl Marx taught the historians to read the annals of

LATIN-AMERICAN FIGHTERS.

Armies Lack Science, but Not Courage—Case of Paraguay.

It is our Anglo-Saxon way to speak slightly of the military prowess of most of the Latin-American nations, says the Boston Transcript. Their armies are not indeed calculated to stand much chance in the open field against our soldiers or those of the European powers. They lack science, but not courage, and even as they are, fighting behind barricades, they are by no means foemen to be despised.

The trouble with most of the Latin-American countries is the absence of what we know as "public opinion." The ruler of the hour knows no check but force, and utilizes the resources of the country for his own purposes as despotically as ever did a Czar those of Russia. Poor Paraguay, under the sway of Francisco Lopez, fought allied Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay for five years. Probably there never was fiercer fighting in the new world. The Paraguayans yielded only at the last gasp, when they had put into the ranks old men and boys, when their towns were ashes and when starvation stalked through the desolate land. Paraguay remained a nation only because the conquerors could not agree on a division of the spoil, and the Brazilian army of occupation was withdrawn only in 1876, eleven years after hostilities began. Yet the man for whom the Paraguayans battled so stoutly and sacrificed so much was simply a modern Nero.

Ice Cream Soda for the "Perps."

Drug stores that have soda fountains are making more money than ever from the sale of ice cream soda this season, owing to the fact that women with canine pets have taken to feeding them on the frozen beverages. In some stores, says the New York Sun, special receptacles are kept for this dogs' use and they sit up at the counter like humans lapping their soda from low flat dishes. Occasionally the ice cream alone is fed to the animals on the floor. The proprietors of stores don't like the idea, but women declare that their dogs are

the nations in the light of strivings for economical advantage, rather than for mere power and glory. The time is coming when some astute neurologist is going to teach the historian that only too often the lives and destinies of nations have depended upon rulers and statesmen whose nerves were too hopelessly deranged to permit either their feelings or thoughts normal expression.

One consolation surely remains from such a study. As we understand the nervous limitations of others we come into sympathy with them, certainly when their troubles were in no way of their own seeking or making. Some of the most abject of characters, like Louis XI. of France, for example, were neurotics, deserving pity quite as much as blame.

REORGANIZATION OF THE CHINESE ARMY.

By Rev. E. J. Hardy.



Thinking of the 400,000,000 inhabitants of China and of the wonderful resources of the country, Napoleon said at St. Helena, "When China is moved it will change the face of the globe." Well, China is moved with a vengeance for past bad treatment, and some will have cause to regret that sleeping dogs were not allowed to lie.

China has recently started an army council for organizing an imperial army. It is said that there are at present ten divisions, or 120,000 men, properly equipped and trained by foreigners. It is hoped that within the next ten years the numbers will mount up to half a million. Enlistment is voluntary, and for three years with the colors, after which the soldier passes into the first and second reserve. Recruits are carefully chosen after a period of probation. They must be between 20 and 25 years of age, five feet five inches tall, and able to lift a weight of 150 pounds. No opium smoker is accepted, nor any one who cannot get recommended by the head man of the village.

If Chinese soldiers have on many occasions fought so badly that the army came to be considered a negligible quantity, this is simply because they were badly fed and badly led. But it is not true that they have always fought badly. At Tientsin six years ago they were not more in numbers than its defenders, and yet they nearly took the city. And the admirable way in which Chinese gunners then worked their guns surprised every one.

PATRONIZE YOUR HOME STORES.

By Gov. Joseph W. Folk.

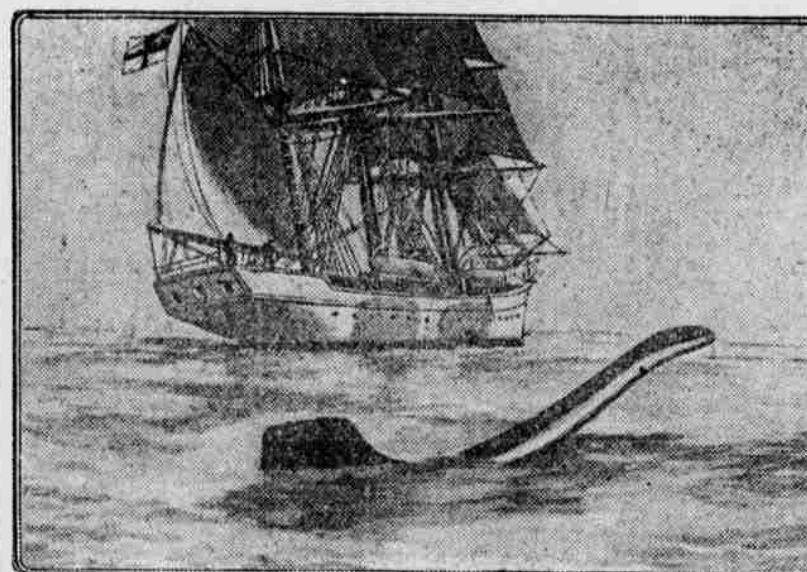


GOV. FOLK.

We are proud of our splendid cities, and we want them to increase in wealth and population, but we also want our country towns to grow. We wish the city merchants to build up, but we also desire the country merchants to prosper. I do not believe in the mail order citizen. If a place is good enough for a man to live in and to make his money in, it is good enough for him to spend his money.

No merchant can succeed without advertising in one way or another. Patronize your town papers, build them up, and they will build the town up and build you up increased trade and greater opportunities. Do not be afraid that business is going to be hurt by the recent exposures of wrong-doing in the commercial world. No man who is doing an honest business can be injured by the light. All business will be better for the cleansing process it is going through and for the stamping out of evil.

MEN OF SCIENCE SEE SEA SERPENT.



The sea monster pictured here was sighted by Lord Crawford's yacht, the Valhalla, in latitude 77 deg. 4m. 4s., and longitude 34 deg. 20m. It projected some eighteen to twenty-one inches from the water. It had a large fin or frill, dark seaweed brown in color, and somewhat crinkled at the edge. The head was something like a turtle's. It was first sighted in 300 fathoms of water. The Valhalla is given in the picture to show the distance at which the monster was sighted. The drawing of the serpent is by Mr. M. J. Nicoll, naturalist to Lord Crawford's expedition, who saw the creature from the Valhalla. Its famous predecessor, observed by H. M. S. Daedalus, was sighted on Aug. 6, 1848, off the west coast of Africa.

just as good as they are and if the former are refused they will quit the shop; consequently to keep the custom the druggists don't refuse to serve dogs.

Diagnosis of Headache.

"There are more than fifty kinds of headache," said a physician, "and sufferers from the more common forms may cure themselves by locating the cause and treating themselves accordingly. The more frequent forms are a dull pain across the forehead, due to dyspepsia; a pain in the back of the head, due to the liver; a bursting pain in both temples, due to malnutrition; an ache on the top of the head, as though a weight pressed on the skull,

due to overwork; an ache between the brows just above the base of the nose, due to eye strain."

Stale Brains.

Of course there is no future for stale brains or for a man who stands still and ceases to grow. He is old who thinks he is old and useless who thinks he is useless. When a man has ceased to grow he begins to die, and many people are half dead at 50, not because of their age, but because of their mental attitude, because of the way they face life.—Success Magazine.

Many a man's so-called dignified silence is due to the lamentable fact that he doesn't know what to say.