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WILL BENEFIT FARMERS.

After all it does not appear that the rise in the price of beef cattle in the United States is attributable to the rapid decrease in the area of range lands in the West, but is in a large measure due to the rapid increase in foreign demand for American beef. The total number of cattle exported in the fiscal year ending with June, 1901, was 453,218, and the value of this item in our export trade was \$37,565,360. Of this total 50 per cent went to England. The East Indies and Bermuda took about 65,000 head, and some thousands of cattle were sold in South America. Besides this export live cattle, fresh canned and cured beef was exported to the amount of \$40,216,758.

The increase in the price of beef, while it may not be very desirable from the view point of the consumer, may in the end prove a source of profit to the general farming population of the country. With the advent of the large cattle raiser who had free access to the vast ranges of public land for grazing his herds the farmer with a few head of stock found he could not compete in the beef market and was forced to give up that branch of his avocation. Should the changing conditions of the West result in the cattle kings being compelled to reduce their herds and provide range for them at their own expense, it will not be long before small bunches of grain-fed cattle will be seen browsing in the pastures of our farmers who will thus be enabled to appreciably increase his own revenues.

HANDS OFF!

There have been some German expressions regarding South America which would not be worth talking about but for the fact that leading German newspapers think it necessary to disclaim for the nation any responsibility for some of the literature of the Pan-German association. This association has published matter proposing the annexation of most of the South American countries, Holland, Turkey and a few other portions of the earth. The Berliner Zeitung asks of a sentence in one of these publications: "What does this mean but that when our navy is strong enough we shall begin wars of conquest in all lands where the German element is numerous?" The society has some sort of governmental recognition, and for that reason the Berlin paper says its language cannot fail to be irritating abroad, and that with the cognizance of German ministers and consuls an agitation has begun representing Germans in foreign parts as oppressed and needing help from home. This has aroused the hostility of the foreign communities and is hurting German interests, and the more sagacious German businessmen in South American cities are arraying themselves against the so-called Pan-German agitation. It is not likely that a considerable number of responsible Germans have any idea of appropriating South American countries, but if they have they may as well understand that the United States would resist it as it would resist an invasion of its own territories.—S. F. Commercial.

A Kansas young man who is teaching in the Philippines writes home: "The children have learned to read and write from the first reader, and are better students than the American children. They memorize everything. The English spelling is 'much nolo.' They don't save final 'e' or 'ough.' 'Hon,' 'mon,' etc. The natives are friendly and hospitable. The visitor must always accept a cigar or a cigarette and a glass of wine. The sonorous smoke cigarettes and chew betel nut. The dress of the natives is simple and brief. They have solved the problem of comfort. The hembres wear their only upper garment flapping in the breeze. Sonorous clothes are decollete at both ends, but withal they

are becoming and sensible. The shoes are always left at the door and the stockings are left at home."

Schemes for refunding the tariff imports collected on Philippine and Porto Rican goods imported into the United States prior to the decisions of the supreme court pronouncing such duties illegal and returnable, have not only given rise to interesting contentions and conflicting opinions among high authorities, but as yet treasury officials have been unable to settle upon any definite plan of refund that is satisfactory to all importers whose claims of illegal charges are not denied.

The Travelers' Protective Association is agitating the question of compelling the railroads of the country to provide separate compartments for consumptive in sleeping cars. If this crusade against the unfortunate sufferers from that dreaded malady continues we may yet see it carried to the extreme of banishing consumptives to some isolated island, and thus build a living monument to the highly humanitarian (?) doctrine of this enlightened age.

The blizzard prevailing over the Panhandle of Texas will likely prove a disastrous one to cattle men. There has been a long dry spell and feed has been scarce and high, preventing any great amount of provision for the wintering of cattle. The entire section is covered with snow now and if it stays on the ground for any length of time the cattle not in prime condition will die by hundreds.

Nebraska's prairie "volcano" is again in a state of eruption, after resting quietly since 1873. The chief peculiarity of this volcano which has been named Ionia, is that there is neither mountain nor crater connected with it. It is merely a portion of the bluff of the Missouri river a few miles south of Omaha.

Crude oil is fast making inroads upon the consumption of coal as fuel. In California alone the railroads are using 1,000,000 barrels annually on their locomotives and the refineries of the state are using 1,500,000 barrels. It is estimated at the present rate of increase that the consumption for 1902 will reach the total of 12,000,000 barrels.

Negotiations are under way for the consolidation of the Marconi and American Wireless Telephone and Telegraph Company. The policy of the present day seems to be to do away with competition in all commodities but man's labor, and it is from this policy that we are sure to reap the benefit.

San Francisco's health officer has come on record as saying the only way to clean the Chinese quarters of that city is to entirely destroy it by fire. This would doubtless be an effective remedy and the residents of the Golden Gate city would have, during the conflagration, a practical illustration of what a Chinese "stink pot" is.

No torpedo tubes were recommended for the proposed ships for our navy, and it is believed that the day of this weapon of warfare for ships is over. Future naval battles will be fought at long range and many times out of reach of the projectile from a torpedo tube.

The Kansas Farmers' Co-operative Co. of Solomon, Kas., has begun the direct shipment of wheat to German co-operative societies in Berlin. The grain goes by rail to New York, passes through an elevator which has been leased by the German societies and is then shipped direct.

Chicago citizens having wearied of trying to induce the street car companies of that city to provide better transportation facilities have adopted a plan of paying their fares in pennies in order to make those companies come to time.

TIMELY TOPICS.

Most persons are bigots either in religion, politics, morals, friendship, or science, and genuine toleration is an extremely rare virtue. A bigot is one who is unreasonably wedded to his dogma or opinion, and who will not admit that the contrary dogma or opinion can be right. Few bigots admit or know that they are such, because none of them entertains a suspicion that he may be wrong. Each thinks his own view the height of reason, and can see nothing but absurdity and illiberality in the tenets that he deems heterodox. Religious bigots are bad enough, but irreligious bigots are worse. When a man makes up his mind that there is no God, and Secretary Davis's annual exhibit is one on which the citizens of the United States may well congratulate themselves.

that all religions are wrong, he becomes, frequently, a violent fanatic and has nothing but scorn and ridicule for those that cling to beliefs. The atheist is convinced that his mind is emancipated and that the adherents of religion are in the dark. A great many skeptics and atheists deem themselves possessed of a mission to proselytize. They prime themselves with Huxley and Rob Ingersoll, and set out to extirpate faith and all the ancient doctrines of religion. And while denouncing religious bigotry they fail to perceive their own bigotry. They are like the man who said his mind was open to reason, but he would like to see the man that could convince him.—S. F. Bulletin.

selves and speak in terms of warm appreciation. The country understands that for a long time government receipts have outrun expenditures, and that, in spite of a considerable reduction of taxes, the surplus still tends to increase. But there are other points of significance not so strongly impressed upon the public mind. One is the permanently decreased interest charge upon the public debt. It is much less than before the war with Spain and represents a highly important saving. On April 1, 1898, the annual interest charge was \$24,387,377, and on November 15, 1901, it was \$23,471,225, a reduction of \$916,152. This is a continuous saving year after year, and a remarkable financial achievement, especially as it has closely followed a costly war. The annual saving much more than covers the prospective interest charge on the construction of the Nicaragua canal at an estimated maximum cost of \$400,000,000. Two per cent interest on that amount would be \$8,000,000, and with this sum added the total annual interest charge would be nearly \$12,000,000 less than before the recent war.—State Democrat.

A political party is—or should be—an organization for the promotion of certain principles of public policy which principle may be either permanent or ephemeral. The party which is in power has the task and the duty of putting its principles into practice, in actual legislation and administration. The party which is in opposition should be no less a party of principle, its principles being contrary to those of the other. Its functions are not however, merely to object, to obstruct and to denounce, but to criticize intelligently, to deter from extreme action and to keep itself in readiness to assume at any time the responsibilities of government. It is not a good thing for the party in power to feel that it is free to do as it pleases, that it is not subject to criticism and that there is no other that could take its place. It is not a good thing for the nation to feel that there is only one party upon which it can depend, and that it must let that party administer its affairs no matter how ill it may do it. For that would be practically to abolish the fundamental principle of party government, and to substitute therefor an oligarchy which, however good its original principles, would inevitably become in time despotic and corrupt.—N. Y. Tribune.

First Trains—You oughtn't to tell people you want a nickel to quench your hunger. Second Trains—Ain't that what we do all year long? Darn correct! First Trains—It's correct, all right, but it ain't diplomatic.—Puck.

TO STOP A COLD.

After exposure or when you feel a cold coming on, take a dose of Foley's Honey and Tar. It never fails to stop a cold if taken in time. Hart's Druggists.

Old Gentleman—Are you sure you love my daughter, sir? Young Man—Well, if I don't, sir, she is the worst looking girl in this town.—Puck.

SATISFIED PEOPLE.

Are the best advertisers for Foley's Honey and Tar and all who use it agree that it is a splendid remedy for coughs, colds or sore lungs. Hart's Druggists.

She—What did papa say? He—He said he'd be delighted to have me for a son-in-law, only he couldn't afford it.—Stray Stories.

A cold, cough or la grippe can be "nipped" in the bud, with a dose or two of Foley's Honey and Tar. Beware of substitutes. Hart's Druggists.

Mrs. Hoyle—I can read my husband like a book. Mrs. Doyle—You must have good eyes to read such a small type.—Smart Set.

J. W. Bryan, of Lowder, Ill., writes: "My little boy was very low with pneumonia. Unknown to the doctors we gave him Foley's Honey and Tar. The result was magical and puzzled the doctors, as it immediately stopped the racking cough and he quickly recovered. Hart's Druggists."

By reference to the holiday ads of Astoria merchants in this paper you will be convinced you should do your Christmas buying in this city.

C. W. Lynch, Winchester, Ind., writes: "I owe the life of my boy to Foley's Honey and Tar. He had membranous croup, and the first dose gave him relief. We continued its use and it soon brought him out of danger." Hart's Druggists.

Macley and Webster Davis might save much expense by merging their histories, and having them both corrected and brought down to date at the same time.—Denver Republican.

Nicaragua is evidently a "Barkis" in respect to the Nicaragua canal. She is willing to make almost any kind of a treaty with those who will only set his shovels to work.—Minneapolis Tribune.

Charles Replogle, Atwater, O., was in very bad shape. He says: "I suffered a great deal with my kidneys and was requested to try Foley's Kidney Cure. I did so and in four days I was able to go to work again. Now I am entirely well." Hart's Druggists.

Mrs. Tovey—What do you need with those dark-colored shirt waists in the country? Miss Unta Town—Why, mamma, won't there be any young men up there to sit in the hammock with evenings.—Smart Set.

AN EVANGELIST'S STORY.

"I suffered for years with a bronchial or lung trouble and tried various remedies but did not obtain permanent relief until I commenced using One Minute Cough Cure," writes Rev. James Kirkman, evangelist of Belle River, Ill. "I have no hesitation in recommending it to all sufferers from maladies of this kind." One Minute Cough Cure affords immediate relief for coughs, colds and all kinds of throat and lung troubles. For croup it is unequalled. Absolutely safe. Very pleasant to take, never fails and is really a favorite with the children. They like it. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

Jackey—He used to be a newspaper man, but a rich uncle left him a small fortune. Jackey—But I understand that wouldn't make any difference. Jackey—Oh, yes. He's a journalist now.—Pittsburgh Press.

SAVED HIS LIFE.

"I wish to say that I feel I owe my life to Kodol Dyspepsia Cure," writes H. C. Christensen, of Hayfield, Minn. "For three years I was troubled with dyspepsia so that I could hold nothing on my stomach. Many times I would be unable to retain a morsel of food. Finally I was confined to my bed. Doctors said I could not live. I read one of your advertisements on Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and thought it fit my case and commenced its use. I began to improve from the first bottle. Now I am cured and recommend it to all." Digests your food. Cures all stomach troubles. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

"I could follow your footsteps all my life long, dearest." "Oh yes, you say that, but when we are married no doubt you'll always walk about ten feet ahead of me. Just like all other husbands."—Exchange.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

A poor complexion is usually the result of a torpid liver or irregular action of the bowels. Unless nature's action is carried off it will surely cause impure blood. Pimples, boils and other eruptions follow. This is nature's method of throwing off the poisons which the bowels failed to remove. Dr. Williams' Little Early Bitters are world famous for remedying this condition. They stimulate the liver and promote regular and healthy action of the bowels, but never cause griping, cramps or distress. Safe pills. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

"I have decided to be a hospital nurse," said Amy. "I saw it stated that 15 per cent of the unmarried men fall in love and propose marriage to the women that nurse them through severe illness." "I saw that statement, too," added Mabel, "but my recollection is that it said pretty nurses."—Stray Stories.

INFORMATION WANTED.

The manufacturers of Banner Salve have always believed that no doctor or medicine can cure in every case, but never having heard where Banner Salve failed to cure ulcers, sores, tetters, eczema, or piles, as a matter of curiosity would like to know if there are such cases. If so they will gladly refund the money. Hart's Druggists.

A Formula.—Your teacher says you would be the first boy in the class if you attended to your studies! "Oh! The teacher's got into the habit of saying that every once in a while to about half-a-dozen boys!"—Puck.

OF BENEFIT TO YOU.

D. S. Mitchell, Fulford, Md.: "During a long illness I was troubled with bed sores, was advised to try DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve and did so with wonderful results. I was perfectly cured. It is the best salve on the market." Sure cure for piles, sores, burns, rawness of countenances. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

When a man has to ask his wife for the price of a haircut, the spiritual affinity is due for a jar. We are not surprised, therefore, to learn that Henry and Wilhelmina of Holland are out.—Chicago Tribune.

Editor Lynch, of the Daily Post, Phillipsburg, N. J., has tasted the merits of Foley's Honey and Tar with this result: "I have used a great many patent remedies in my family for coughs and colds, and I can honestly say your Honey and Tar is the best thing of the kind I have ever used and I cannot say 'much in praise of it.'" Hart's Druggists.

The feeling of gratification a hold-up victim has when the postpaid fails to get the large sum concealed in the other pocket should never lead him to boast of it for publication.—Chicago Tribune.

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The New York Herald announces the death of Griswold Hart, eldest son of Bret Hart, the novelist.

The successful Germanization of Poland is declared by the Novoye Vremya to be impossible.

Frederic H. Bushnell's famous St. Bernard dog, Le Prince, Jr., one of the greatest prize winners in America, is dead of dropsy. Some time since Mr. Bushnell refused an offer of \$1,000 for the dog.

The reports of the consolidation of plants of leading makers of pneumatic tools has been confirmed as the New York office of the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company.

The report of the opening of the Manchurian Railway to traffic is declared by the Odessa correspondent of the London Times and New York Times to be incorrect.

The Vienna correspondent of the London Times and New York Times points out that whatever may be the attitude of the Russian government in regard to the Wreschen school scandals that of the Russian press is severe toward Germany.

The New York Herald says that Richard Croker, with a party of friends has left that city for West Baden, Ind., where he will be the guest for a week of David Gibson. He says he will not discuss politics until his return.

The football team of the Heliance Athletic Club will soon start for Portland, Oregon, where it will play the team of the Multnomah Athletic Club on New Year's day. The team that will go north will be almost without a change from that which has played through the present season.

The heads of legations in Caracas a few days ago held a meeting and decided to send an identical note to their respective governments regarding the present situation in Venezuela and the inability to transact any business or arrive at any agreement with President Castro concerning their claims or affairs.

Vice President Kruttschnitt, of the Southern Pacific, announces that orders have been placed for 60 freight engines, five passenger and 10 switch engines.

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