

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COLUMN

ITEMS TO FILL THIS COLUMN REQUESTED FROM FRIENDS OF THE MOVEMENT

The widespread growth of interest in the movement for public beauty was one of the notable developments of the closing years of the century just ended. Civic improvement promises to be the watchword of the twentieth century. There are numerous reasons why this condition of affairs should be gratifying to all persons concerned with the social problems of our day. The neighborhood improvement society not only does a work pleasing to the aesthetic sense but one which is of direct value in placing our civilization on a permanent basis.

The needs of communities differ so widely that each association must decide for itself that which the town most lacks to make it beautiful and healthy, and supply what is lacking no matter whether it is window gardens or water works.

In your back yard green with grass and gay with flowers, making it a beautiful and wholesome place in which your children may play? Or, is it a death-trap, adorned with a fragrant soil, barrel, heaps of ashes and garbage, piles of old boards, an untidy fence, while the bare ground is soaked with greasy dishwater, making it a place abhorrent to your children as a playground, and as unsafe from a sanitary point of view as a sewer? If you have such a backyard, let me tell you the day is nearly over when educated people keep what some one has wittily called "Queen Anne fronts and Mary Ann backs." Can you wonder why Johnnie and Willie prefer to play in the streets instead of the yard? I think their preference for the street shows a proper instinct and good judgment.

Does your grocer and fruiterer expect the foods he expects you to eat to the dusty contagion of the street? If so, you should teach him that you never offer such contaminated foods to your family. If an organization of influential housekeepers speaks clearly upon this point, glass-covered boxes will be quickly provided that will show the goods quite as well.

How about your dairy supply? In a certain town a shocking infant mortality was traced to the milk. A body of indignant women making a protest against an incompetent dairy inspector was told by the politician, of whom the inspector was a protégé, that they were going outside their sphere when meddling in politics. He was quickly answered that "women's sphere was not

only outside the home but inside the baby." A weekly or fortnightly visit by a committee from an improvement association would have a deal to do with wholesome dairy premises. No educated woman of this age dares to be indifferent as to the source of the food with which she supplies her family. Beauty and health are synonymous terms—you cannot have one without the other. **JESSIE M. GOOD.**
Editor "How of Improvement."

Have you parks and open squares as breathing places for the people? Have you playgrounds for your children? This matter of playgrounds in towns is of vital importance. When the influence upon the character and morals of children of thoughtful play under the care of a watchful, high-principled man or woman, is fully understood, no money will be spared to provide such playgrounds, and a new profession, that of play professor, will be among the honorable and well-paid callings.

Possibilities of such playgrounds are almost unlimited. What mother would fear to send her boys to the public playground if she knew that awaiting them was a man who could teach or oversee them in their games and athletic sports, noting and repressing evil tendencies in speech and manner? On occasion such a man would take them on fishing and swimming trips and excursions through field and forest. The woman teacher has charge of the girls' plays and games, and teaches to both sexes—without seeming to teach—botany and nature study and kindness to birds and beasts, until even boys will see a bird, or cat, and a stone in juxtaposition without deeming to pick up the one and throw it at the other. This is not a fevered dream of mine. In a modified way these playgrounds are being tried in various cities, with the happiest results.

The school garden movement in America is yet in its infancy. Massachusetts is making some progress but not in an organized way—it yet depends on the enthusiasm and infinite labor of some enthusiastic botany teacher. New York City, Cleveland, Detroit, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Chicago are making efforts in this direction, which already have caused noticeable improvement in the knowledge of pupils in regard to the common things of life, the things that tend not only to individual but to national prosperity.—"The How of Improvement Work."

Pears'

the soap which began its sale in the 18th century, sold all through the 19th and is selling in the 20th.

Sargent, the American painter were guests on the occasion. M. Rodin, while he was visiting the Royal Academy exhibition, remarked of Mr. Sargent's printing, "The Misses Hunter, There is a Van Dyke of the present epoch. Sargent has never done anything better. It is a work of a master."

YUKON OPEN.
VANCOUVER, B. C., May 15.—A special from Dawson says: The Yukon river is open from Dawson up to La-Barge Jams all broke yesterday and today the ice is flowing out freely.

STRIKE MAY BE SETTLED.
HELENA, Mont., May 15.—There is every prospect that a settlement will be effected today between the management of the East Helena smelter and its 700 striking employes and that the fires will be started in the furnaces in a few days. While the terms of this agreement are not known, it is believed that the company has agreed to recognize the union as an organization of employes and not as a body affiliated with the other unions and that it will treat with them whenever a demand is made for a conference.

FIFTY PER CENT GOLD.
BAKER CITY, May 15.—A message from Sumpter says the strike in the Golconda mine proves to be very rich. Winze sunk from the two hundred level opened up an ore shoot which was first discovered in 1898 and afterwards lost. There is a rich pay streak of free milling ore, so rich that some of the specimens run over 50 per cent pure gold.

LATEST FROM VOLCANO.
Still Emitting Flashes of Fire—Fifty Robbers Arrested.

FORT DE FRANCE, May 15.—Great flashes of very bright light were emitted from Mount Pelee between 10 and 11 o'clock last night. Thick glowing red clouds, interspersed with flashes of light, are issuing from the volcano this morning. Showers of cinders, lasting some 20 minutes, accompanied the activity. People in the districts of Lorrian, Marrigot, Sainte Marie and La Trinite are panic stricken.

The French cruiser Sichel will sail tomorrow with local authorities, who will be landed at St. Pierre and will thoroughly investigate the situation. Fifty robbers were arrested in St. Pierre and sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, May 15.—Reports from Barados say that two million tons of volcanic dust from eruptions on St. Vincent have fallen over that island. Volcanic dust is now falling in the higher altitude of Jamaica.

Schooner Abbie with 150,000 feet of lumber from Hauppman's landing sailed yesterday for San Pedro.

Fred Lieneweber, formerly of this city, but now of Portland, will be in the city today with his wife to spend Sunday with friends and relatives.

WOULD VOTE FOR VAN WYCK.

Richard Croker Thinks He Is the Proper Man to Lead Tammany.

LONDON, May 15.—In an interview at Wantage, Richard Croker said that were he in New York he would certainly vote for Robert Van Wyck as grand sachem of Tammany Hall and that Mr. Van Wyck, in his opinion, was as fine a man as ever drew breath and a good mayor. Mr. Croker said that Thos. L. Feitner had been his lifelong friend, but that he had been grand sachem many times, in fact, far too long a time.

Mr. Croker said he saw his own friends split up, some of them voting for Van Wyck and others for Mr. Feitner. He expressed himself as very sorry that Lewis Nixon had resigned as chairman of the finance committee. He said that he had been given no orders but that he (Croker) had left the matter entirely to the leaders to decide. Mr. Croker said he had said Mr. Nixon last Wednesday to do just as he pleased and "if Mr. Nixon could not control them, it was not my fault."

Mr. Croker said he had no intention of returning to New York in August and that he could not say when he would go back.

COSTIEST RAILROAD STATION.

LEIPSI, May 15.—The municipality of Leipsic yesterday approved a contract for a railroad station of Leipsic by the Prussian and Saxon railroad authorities to cost 106,000,000 marks (\$25,500,000) of which Leipsic is to pay 17,000,000 marks (\$4,250,000).

The state railroad administration is projecting new and splendid stations at other cities.

Emperor William wished to spend 5,000,000 marks (\$1,250,000) for the construction of a new railroad station at Hamburg, but the conservatives in the diet refused such a large appropriation for a railroad station at such a small town. Emperor William is proceeding to press his scheme, however, and a curious scene occurred in the royal waiting room of the Hamburg station yesterday when his majesty ordered the burgo-master of Hamburg and a number of prominent citizens of the town to attend a meeting in the waiting room and hear Herr Thielen, the Prussian minister of public works, lecture on the desirability of the proposed new station at Hamburg, and the architects found their plans of the projected building.

BLACK MAN'S COUNTRY.

DUBLIN, Natal, May 15.—On the eve of his departure for London to attend the coronation of King Edward VII, Colonel Sir Henry Edward McCalm, Premier of the Colony said to an interviewer that he intended to consult with Mr. Chamberlain, the British Secretary for the Colonies, with reference to the dissatisfaction that has been fostered among the colored people by American Ethiopian preachers who argue that South Africa is the black man's and not the white man's country. The Premier said that the propaganda was doing much mischief and that Cape Colony and Natal must be protected by legislation.

AMERICAN FUGITIVES.

MONTREAL, May 15.—The tug Spray with Colonel Gaynor and Captain Greene on board arrived in Montreal at 3:10 o'clock this morning. The detectives proceeded to police headquarters with their prisoners who will be brought before Judge Lafontaine, extradition commissioner this morning. The detectives agreed to allow Colonel Gaynor and Captain Greene to stay at the Windsor Hotel until the court proceedings are begun, when application will be made for their release on bail.

PEACE ASSURED.

LONDON, May 15.—The Daily Mail this morning says it understands that sufficient indications of the attitude of the Boer leaders at Vereeniging have transpired to justify the assertion that peace in South Africa is absolutely assured. A powerful factor in attaining the results, the paper says, has been the British generosity in the matter of farm rebuilding for which it believes about 25,000,000 has been granted.

RODIN IN LONDON.

LONDON, May 15.—The French sculptor, M. Auguste Rodin, who is visiting in London was entertained at a banquet yesterday, the Right Hon. George Wyndham, Chief Secretary for Ireland, presiding. The leaders of artistic London, including Mr. John S.

SUITS OUR CLIMATE.

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Nickels and cents	225 54
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Specie	\$113,300 60
Legal tender notes	1,005 00
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Total	\$656,956 43

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National Bank notes outstanding	12,500 00
Due to State Banks and Bankers	753 70
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Demand certificates of deposit	101,480 91
Total	\$656,956 43

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11:30 a.m.	Flavel, Fort Stevens	4:00 p.m.
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