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Mexico City, Aug. 3.—The superior board of health reports that there are only four cases of yellow fever in the entire republic. These cases are in the city of Vera Cruz, where they are thoroughly isolated.

TILLAMOOK IS IN LINE.

Will Have Full Exhibit at Fair by September 1.

Tillamook, Ore., Aug. 2.—The Tillamook County court, after much agitation, has made arrangements to send an exhibit to the fair. P. McIntosh, the veteran cheese manufacturer, will have charge of it, and left last evening for Portland to make arrangements with the fair commissioners for space. The exhibit will be of cheese, butter, cranberries, honey, grains, grasses, vegetables and other products. All the exhibit will not be in place before September 1.

COUNTY FAILS.

Santa Fe County, New Mexico, Goes in Receiver's Hands.

New York, Aug. 3.—Santa Fe county, New Mexico, whose indebtedness amounts to \$1,000,000, has been forced into the hands of a receiver if negotiations now pending fail to satisfy the holders of its bonds, who are taking steps to enforce the payment of principal and interest, due on which the county is alleged to have defaulted.

Two banking houses in this city are the principal holders of the security, which are known as railway aid bonds, having been issued to encourage the construction of railroads through the county.

JAPANESE MUSIC.

Instruments Given by Mikado Shown at Boston Institution.

The Japanese soldier marches to war without the inspiration that comes from a brass band for the simple reason that there is no such thing as a brass band in the length and breadth of the mikado's kingdom. Indeed the only orchestra in the land of little heroes is the one maintained for the emperor's own pleasure. It was an American, by the way, Dr. Luther Whiting Mason, who undertook to modernize Japanese music, and, although he did not score any particular success in his efforts, he won the appreciation of the mikado himself. There may be seen at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston a collection of Japanese musical instruments that stands as a testimonial of the imperial satisfaction with the results of the instruction that Dr. Mason gave Japanese students.

In the collection are drums of all sizes and shapes, excepting snare



ORCHESTRA OF JAPANESE GIRLS.

drums; the fuyi, which is a wind instrument made of bamboo and closely resembling a flute; the bichi-riki, another wind instrument, which is warranted to give any westerner a headache; the koto, which, when full fledged, has as many as thirty strings and is played by means of ivory finger tips; the samisen, perhaps the most familiar of Japanese musical instruments, whose silken strings are plucked with a piece of wood; and the koku, a sort of samisen on a small scale.

George Ade recently heard that an old lady from the neighborhood in Indiana where he was born was in New York on a visit to a granddaughter. Mr. Ade thought that theater tickets would be a fitting attention, says Harper's Weekly, and on consulting her as to her choice of plays she explained that she had seen "The Merchant of Venice" over thirty years ago and had always had a strong desire to witness it again. He accordingly looked to it that her wish was gratified.

Calling the next day, he asked her how she found that the performance compared with the one of long ago.

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