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Oregon and Washington—Fair.

SOCIAL "THAWS" AND "WHITES."

The ordinary, home-loving, woman-respecting American is driven to the last blush of disquietude when he has to admit that the "Thaws and the Whites" and that ilk, dominate the social fabric of the nation; that they take precedence in circles supposedly immune to their actual kind; that they are on the pedestals, while people "whose shoes they are not worthy to unloose" are shunted aside, or never heard of. We are, confessedly, a cheap set; a gullible crew, with absolutely no standards; and satisfied with the tawdriest and rottenest representatives. If extraordinary wealth has nothing to achieve but what this class attains to; if the limit of culture and prestige is to be found in, and of, this type, for the sake of unborn Americans, give the anarchist an open season to glut his fill, and work a hiatus that may be better supplied.

ON THE CARDS.

There is no end to the rumors of railroad building in the Northwest, including, of course, all of Oregon. We are glad of it; for in the railway unrest, and its development, lies Astoria's best chance of recognition and adoption as a terminal point. When that time comes to her, as it surely will, the forecast of her future is the simplest thing in the world. This is the one direful dread that besets the great city of Portland, but when the hour arrives, not even Portland shall intervene to stop it, for nature has done so much and so logically, that influence, artifice, protest, all will be unavailing. Fate is fate.

THE FOURTH OF JULY.

The world of business will please take notice that the Fourth of July is on the tapis, and all things commercial, industrial and ordinary will please take a back seat until the echoes have all died down and the smoke of the Yankee's deafening demonstration has mingled with the clouds. The national holiday has the right of way, even over the police patrol, but the fire apparatus will be given a chance for the noise and display it makes in consonance with the universal schedules of the immortal day.

WHITE, FOR WHITE.

The shippers association of the Pacific coast is making a mistake in using Japanese crews in lieu of the white sailors that have abandoned the ships in deference to the demands of the unions. There are plenty of white substitutes at hand, and the sympathy of the people at large will remain theirs if they discriminate in favor of the white man and do not pick up the Jap with such unanimity and suddenness.

DEMOCRATIC KILKENNY'S.

Hearst and Bailey are at it, hammer and tongs, and the "devil takes the hindmost!" If their exchange of bitter truths can be kept going long enough the country is likely to realize more of the animus, the true inwardness, and the shamelessness of real, primitive, democratic principle, than they ever knew before.

W. J. BRYAN, MINUS.

Now that the fifty-ninth congress has cleaned up all the practical reforms and started the revolution in those that are not quite yet made amenable to law, what is there left for Brer' Bryan to begin on in a canvass that must be replete with something new and wholesome to catch the votes of a people that has been in almost daily receipt of some boon in the way of remedial legislation? But, then, he may not have to shake the canvass; a conclusion fraught with abundant gratification for the country at large.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

As a man who was thrice the nominee of his party, Grover Cleveland may naturally hate to see his record equalled but he can console himself with the reflection that he only fell down one time out of the three.—Washington Post.

Investigations into the English potted chicken and jam factories are also producing some unpleasant sensations. This may turn out to be the Grand International cleamup.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

The turning of trust magnates to William Jennings Bryan as a safe and conservative candidate to prevent anarchy in the White House is a sight for gods and men!—Baltimore American.

Coburn of Kansas and Congressman Longworth should exchange felicitations. It takes as much nerve to decline a senatorship as it does a king's invitation.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"You are very, very wrong," said a House committee chairman to the President; but out in Kansas City it looks as if it were the packers who are in the wrong.

Senator Aldrich's remark that "there are things that might be worse than a Democratic House," has set them all a guessing. Did he mean a Senate without the Rhode Island contingent?

Now that the New York reporters and magicians are developing ambitions as aeronauts, we may expect an early novel: "Balloons that Pass in the Night."

A thing is recrudescence when it becomes "raw, sore or painful again." The word is well chosen for another Bryan boom.

When a monopoly runs against Uncle Sam's eminent domain it will be necessary to search for the monopolistic remains.

What a halcyon time the Bryan boomers would have if they could only dodge a humdrum count of ballots.

If this year's baccalaureate address hit the mark the octopus must be fully employed picking out porcupine quills.

Illinois had a quake in its coal belt. Perhaps the belt buckled.

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Nations May Be Military Without Being Warlike

By General HORACE PORTER, Ex-Ambassador to France

WE cannot afford to rest on our laurels while rival nations are steadily increasing their naval armament. It must be remembered that some foreign countries continue to build not only powerful naval vessels, but at the same time SWIFT COMMERCIAL STEAMERS constructed under government supervision and subject to service as auxiliary cruisers in time of war. We must not deceive ourselves as to our RELATIVE WEAKNESS in this respect.

The entire world is today naturally looking to peace. The only question is how to secure it. It has been fully demonstrated that a strong navy is not a menace, but a conservative force. It may be dangerous when wielded by an arbitrary sovereign, but never when directed by the sovereign people. We have shown that a government may be progressive without being aggressive; that a people may be military WITHOUT BEING WARLIKE.

WE HAVE VERIFIED OUR BELIEF THAT WAR SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN ONLY IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE AND THAT A NATION'S PROSPERITY DEPENDS UPON PUBLIC TRANQUILLITY.

Peace Claims Are Like Eternal Rocks of Truth

By Congressman BARTHOLDT of St. Louis

EVERY argument I have heard advanced in the intellectual combats of the last ten years to support, excuse or justify the BARBARISM OF WAR has been successfully refuted, while our claims stand like eternal ROCKS OF TRUTH and can neither be shaken nor submerged unless our opponents make the damaging admission that our whole civilization and the system of government which today obtains in enlightened countries are a sham and a lie.

IN WHATEVER SPOT WE TOUCH THE INTELLECTUAL ARMOR OF OUR OPPONENTS IT IS VULNERABLE AND PENETRABLE BY THE FORCE OF REASON.

The second Hague conference is to be transformed into an international congress having autonomous and periodical meetings, and this congress is to appoint a permanent council to codify international law and to INSURE CONTINUITY of the influence of the congress.

"Let Us Have No Woman Politicians"

By Pope PIUS X.

THE church blesses every movement tending to raise the intellectual and social level of humanity. We ought all to work, and WHY SHOULD NOT WOMEN DO THEIR PART? They should study everything, with, of course, the exception of theology. They should become lawyers, doctors and teachers.

The care of the poor is in all its forms a woman's calling ABOVE ALL. What is the exercise of Christian charity except maternity in the widest sense of the word?

Women in parliament! The idea is preposterous. Men there make blunders sufficient. At most, women can exercise an INDIRECT INFLUENCE on politics in urging their male kindred to vote aright. But, before all, they should bring up their children in the consciousness of their civic duties.

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