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PRESIDENT, RIGHT OR WRONG!

Right, or wrong, Theodore Roosevelt is President of the United States. and acts in manly fashion at all times, but never with a previous knowledge of his wrong estimates. He is absolutely right in his conclusions and acts in relation to the Brownsville outrage, and the discharge of the three colored companies of troops. The further this matter is probed in a public way, the plainer becomes the President's attitude, and the more commendable his deductions and emphatic procedure. It is one of the best lessons in military discipline that has been given in long years and will . have salutary effect in incidents of similar character in the future. But, advance agent of prosperity? we cannot believe he is right in his estimate of the California-Japanese to have on the relations between this country and the "most favored nations" affiliating with us. The two predicates upon which the solution of this vexed issue depend, are, the Mongolian or non-Mongolian character of the Japanese, in the rating and application of that term; and the right of the State of California to declare, and operate, age-limits for the pupils attending her public schools; and in the face of doubt attaching to so grave a matter, we feel that the President's assumptions should have been in favor of this country and its integrals, first, rather than with the country to which the broad doubts so palpably attach

Another peculiar element of this brand new question is that it has nevother state of this Union, until the any islands on us for some time. close of the Russo-Japanese war, and yet has been amenable to adjustment to show that it is, prima facia, an right and practice something else. innovation on the part of a people who are "feeling their oats," and will not operate favorably in the outcome of the matter. We have noth- ly, "but mamma always calls Him ing of reproach to cast at the Jap- O Lord." anese; they are a great people and have a superb future before them, but they will have to learn, and unlearn, a vast deal, before they attain to ALL they desire, and above all friends.

AMENDMENTS: THOSE NEW WARDS.

The pending amendments to Secshifting the boundaries of the old so which the sum of \$75,000,000 as to include the additional integre, paid, are so purely matters of public concern as to need little or no comment. in this office.

The amendment increasing the public debt limit to \$230,000, is, at the present juncture of city finances, very month, delivered by carrier.

essential, and must pass to preserve the credit of the municipality; but we protest against this habit of increasing the debt-limit every time the legislature meets as a quick method of meeting obligations that should not have been incurred, and against the method on general principles, as a bad custom and calculated to belittle the communal wisdom, which calls for the administration of public affairs with a careful and timely observance of the limitations of responsibility in money-matters, rather than a resort to the expedient of securing broader legal allowances in public expenditure. to meet the blunders that carry us to, and beyond, the lawful limit. We advise the adoption of the amendment at this time, for the sheer necessity of making good the public credit; but we trust the habit will be overcome, by an adherence to the safer methods of business, that will obviate its application in the future.

OUTDOING THE COMBINES.

If one-half the testimony rendered against President Cornellus Shea, of the Teamsters' Union, in the Chicago Criminal court, during the past few days, is true, or one-half true, then the limitations of brutal indulgence in this civilized age are indeed unknown. This testimony reveals a scope of violence beyond anything yet charged to the supposedly merciless trusts and combines, and, as it stands, is the dirtiest and foulest record yet produced in the history of the warfare between capital and labor. Hints of these things have been given out before, but hints and proven facts are widely different things and we had hoped the hints were inspired by some warring element in the great fight; but, if there is more to come of this sort, for the sake of justice let us have the worst and last of it, in order that we may form wiser and honester conclusions as common judges of our fellow-countrymen. Thanks be, that there are great labor fraternities in charges will not lie, and they themselves should be the first in the land to deal the knock-out blow to such vile and hateful travesties upon the status and claims of the organized month. (You wouldn't feel it.) And workmen of America!

EDITORIAL SALAD

But that Englishman who is talking school question and the bearing it is about "the joyless American face" never saw us on pay day. You bet!

> The stockholders of the Pullman company have dug up \$27,000,000 that should have been in the pockets of its

Japan feels well qualified to take charge of the deportment of the American people and bring it up to the oriental standard.

The cost of living, according to figures compiled by one of the big commercial agencies, is higher than it has been for twenty years.

Spain is spending \$72,000,000 on a new navy. The source of the money er been raised in California, nor any is not known, as she has not unloaded

One of the easiest things in the in its present locale at any time dur- world to do is to preach the right ing the past generation. This goes kind of philosophy in regard to living

"Tommy," said little Macel, "I'm seeking things they never asqired to writing to the Lord for a little baby before; an element of bravado that sister. What is the Lord's first name?" "I'm not sure," replied Tommy wise-

We wonder how many parents real ize that their child is a book of blank paper in which shall be recorded the record of their lives? Be careful, things, to take as a favor the things therefore, what you have written there they aspire to wrest from their for the world will read it! All your secret thoughts the child will try to write.

Instead of burning cotton seed to get rid of it, a practice that was followed in years gone by in some portions 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 118, and 127, tions of the South, last year 4,500, of the City Charter, which provide for 000 tans of the cotton seed were the setting up of a new ward and bought from southern planters, for WAS

"The times of love touched from It is up to the people at large to ad- the chord of memory will often unite minister their city government upon estranged hearts in private and pubjust what integral basis they will; lic station," says the humorous paraand as there is, practically, no ob- grapher of the Baltimore American, jection manifest, to the proposed re- who writes such things occasionally, adjustment, it may pass undiscussed just to show that his pen is not entirely controlled by his family home.

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H, for a lodge in some vast wilderness. Some boundless contiguity of shade, Where rumor of oppression and deceit, Of unsuccessful or successful war Might never reach me more! My ear is pained, My soul is sick, with every day's report Of wrong and outrage with which earth is filled. There is no flesh in man's obdurate heart; It does not feel for man; the natural bond Of brotherhood is severed as the flax

That falls asunder at the touch of fire. He finds his fellow guilty of a skin Not colored like his own, and, having power To enforce the wrong, for such a worthy cause Dooms and devotes him as his lawful prey.

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ONE CITIZEN'S VIEWS.

Important Statement of the Recent School Fracas

filed in this office last evening by its an education is, in my opinion, a misauthor and is published at his request and with the knowledge of his very definite interest in the matter as a citizen and as an official:

"Astoria, Ore., Dec. 6, 1906.

"To the Editor: "I notice in Wednesday morning's issue of the "Astorian" you report the nounce that Superintendent Clarke of the city schools recommended the suspension of Thomas Andrich and Lawrence Upshur of the Olney school.

"The principle of Olney school is one J. W. Kester, against whom so much objection has been made by the parents of children in the communities where he has taught. To me, as deputy prosecuting attorney, have come numerous persons with complaint against this same Kester, on account of his severeness in punishing the pupils for trifling transgressions of the rules. All persons with complaints I referred to the school board.

"Several days ago I was called to the justice court to prosecute a boy by the name of Thomas Andrich. The complaining witness was one J. W. Kester, alleging that Thomas had assaulted and beat him. The testimony adduced at the trial showed that Thomas Andrich and Lawrence Upshur, while marching up the stairs at the commencement of the afternoon session of school, whispered to one another on the stairs, at which "gross" violation of a rule of the school, Kester rushed up, grabbed Thomas by the collar and threw him down the stairs, Thomas striking several girls in his fall and piling them all up on the floor at the bottom. But that was not all. While Thomas was down, Kester sprang after him and placed his foot on Thomas's chest, refusing to remove it when requested, upon which Thomas shoved Kester off and got up. Then Kester ordered

Thomas to leave the school, which he After school had taken up, Kester collected the books belonging to Thomas and threw them out of the window into the street, where several wagons passed over them before they could be gathered together again. This before all the pupils. An excellent exhibition of an angelic dispo-

"Later in the afternoon and after school had closed, Thomas came back for his books, but Kester ordered him out again and enforced the order with a few blows from a rubber hose which penditure of six to ten dollars every he keeps for that purpose. Thomas

month for any considerable period of resented the blows and Kester had him arrested for assault and battery thought. But when you consider that Now Thomas and Lawrence are rechalf that amount will, nine times out ommended for suspension, as an exof ten, be expended anyway every ample to the rest of the scholars, with month; and nothing of very lasting the idea that discipline must be maintained. And Kester, against whom so many complaints have been made, is retained as principal, to whom taught, and from whom these children four dollars you wouldn't miss; and are supposed to get the inspiration to attain the highest degree of manhood and womanhood.

"Our public schools are for the education of our boys and girls and not to furnish a livelihood to teachers with ungovernable tempers, nor do parents send their children to school to be unmercifully beaten and insulted. As was remarked in my hearing Bailey, Marshall & Wendell, H. M. yesterday, "If a teacher can not handle Cable and Aeolian pianos to select the scholars, don't expel the scholars; get a new teacher." And "them's my

"President Roosevelt in his message to Congress say that our children must be educated and kept out of factories and work-houses. Laws are passed compelling parents to send their children to school. Parents are anxious to have their children in school. But here is a case where a principal makes an ungentlemanly. unmannerly and unnecessary assault upon a boy for a very slight infraction of a rule, and to uphold the teacher in such conduct and deprive The following communication was a boy of the opportunity to acquire carriage of justice and a wrong, nay, a crime committed for the purpose of upholding a teacher in enforcing unnecessary rules in a harsh and unprincipled manner.

"What is to become of these two boys if they are refused admission into the school? The School Board should meeting of the school board and an- look to the interest of the children (and I have no doubt but what they will) and not to that of the teacher because he is a man and should know better, while the boys-are boys.

"CHAS. H. ABERCROMBIE."

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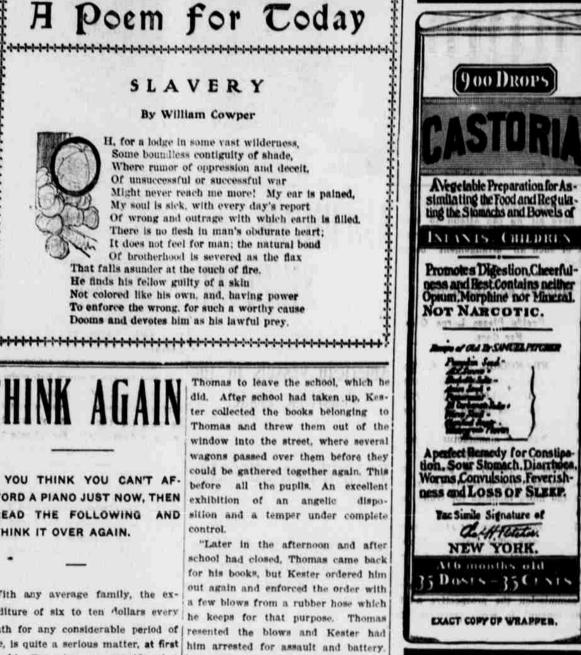
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