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WHY SHOULD THE FAIR BE CLOSED?

WE ARE IN RECEIPT of what we cannot help calling a very peculiar communication in favor of closing the Lewis and Clark fair on Sundays...

Suppose we closed the fair on Sundays and suppose we pointed this out to our visitors with pride and satisfaction...

Who can say that there would be no justification for this sharp distinction and the proof which went with it?

RUSSIA'S UNENVIABLE POSITION.

RUSSIA claims that Japan is seeking to impose heavy sacrifices upon Russia, deprive her of her position in China and cut off Korea from her entirely...

In reply Russia refused under any circumstances to discuss Manchuria with Japan, or to recognize the special interests of Japan in Korea...

COLONEL WATERSON DECLINES.

He Will Not Be a Party to the Defeat of Mr. Bryan. From the Louisville Courier-Journal. Mr. Bryan has down his ultimatum...

international law that large portion of the dominions of the Son of Heaven have been transferred without that monarch's consent, to his friend and protector, the czar...

There are labor riots, Jewish persecutions and bloody encounters just now rife in Armenia, the ever present, though for the time forcibly repressed rebellion of the Finns and Poles against Russification...

But just here comes the natural reversion of her deceitful policy. No nation can or will accept the utterance of any Muscovite statesman. Promises are made to be broken...

THE IROQUOIS THEATRE VERDICT.

NEVER in the history of the theatrical business has such a combination of circumstances conspired to bring about a calamity as in the case of the Iroquois theatre fire in Chicago...

Thus from top to bottom everything conspired to bring about the calamity. Everybody failed at every point to recognize his responsibility, to obey the law or to do his duty...

It is not likely that the mayor of Chicago or many of those indicted with him will be made to suffer at the hands of the law. Each one is but a link in the chain which led up to the calamity...

ABOUT THE MOON.

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Letters From the People

Wants the Fair Opened Sundays. Portland, Jan. 23.—To the Editor of The Journal: Since the "Sunday question" in connection with the Lewis and Clark fair is agitating the minds of our readers...

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If the laborer does his duty to his employer for six days in the week he will enjoy all the rest of the 24 hours. Let the laborer do his duty and let the employer do his duty and let us have a day for moral and physical betterment...

While we are doing this we want to show that we have as high a standard of citizenship maintained in civic righteousness as can be found anywhere. We have good soil and much to spare. We have a climate safe and delightful. We have air as free and sweet as heaven's breath...

These things are all attractive and are inviting, but if, when the higher, better class of American citizens come among us and see we are violating the noble principles of the American Republic to show our goods, it will surely work a reaction against the very object we wish to obtain...

By all means let us have the fair open on Sunday, and if there are any like our senators asking them to oppose the Hawley-Platt amendment, but not to forget to work hard for the \$2,350,000 appropriation, for since the fair is a worthy matter in every sense, we may say the church on Sunday changes every thirty days, every change in the weather must come within four days of a change in the moon...

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And Still the Goblin Hanna Will Catch Him If He Don't Watch Out

From the New York World.

Friends of the administration have suddenly decided to assume the aggressive in the fight for delegates to the national convention in Chicago. They believe they have waited long enough, and are going to combat the efforts which these now convinced will be made to prevent instructions for the president with a stamped to some other republican...

The news from New York verifying the reports spread in Washington that New York would not assent to the nomination of the advisers of Mr. Roosevelt, what steps will be taken in New York is by no means clear as yet. But something must be done at the proper time to acquit Senator Platt and Governor Call with the belief of the administration that New York is either for or against the president, and that if it is for him it will instruct every delegate to vote at Chicago for Roosevelt.

The news from Kentucky that Representative Hunter was conducting a Hanna propaganda in the blue grass region is also to be grappled with by the administration. If for that state tonight, and it is said he will supplement the efforts which have been made by Colonel Brownlow, national committeeman from that state, to hurry the state committee to call a state convention and have instructions adopted for the president.

The rampant Hanna sentiment in Indiana has led several members of congress from that state to write letters to all their constituents of prominence urging them to get the local forces in line. A surely successful result is being secured throughout the state, and it is deemed necessary in view of the great boom Hanna has had there during the last six weeks.

It is said that there is some hitch about the early convention in Massachusetts. Objection has been made by some of the men whose loyalty is suspected by friends of the administration to an early convention. They say there is no use pledging delegates thus early in order to insure their voting for the president, and if they are going to de-

SPOONER LIKES BASEBALL.

That is Why He is Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars Ahead Now.

From the Chicago Journal. Senator John C. Spooner of Wisconsin is devoted to baseball, but there are few men who have turned a single ball game to account to the tune of three-quarters of a million dollars. But that's what he did once. As he tells it, he was sitting on a fence, in the little New England town where he spends his summers, watching a game, when fortune came to him in the shape of a hard luck story. Ordinarily the senator would not have had time to listen to the hard-luck plea, but as he could watch the game and listen simultaneously, he held the man to fire away.

The stranger said he was passing through town and wanted to interpose in his capacity of lawyer, in the case of his sister, who was living in abject poverty in Boston with several children dependent on her and no means for support. He went on to explain that his sister had married a barkeeper of that city, and that her husband had been very successful and had finally become interested in a number of hotels and that he was a millionaire. With his change of fortunes he had taken to dissipation, and finally had abandoned his family and was living with another woman who claimed to be his wife.

Senator Spooner listened, but confessed he was not much impressed with the story. The stranger said neither he nor his sister had any money to pay a lawyer, but that they were anxious to have Senator Spooner look after the case, and urged that he take it on a contingency fee, which would be returned if the case failed. The senator remarked that he would see about it, and took the address of the woman in Boston, who was said to be deserted, and thought little more about it.

It chanced, however, that Senator Spooner was in Boston a short time after this, and discovering that there was to be a good ball game in the afternoon, decided to stay over until the day following. This resulted in his having the early part of the afternoon on his hands, and remembering the address of the hard-luck story, he decided to satisfy his curiosity by a visit to the woman. He found her, in the greatest poverty as described, and saw evidences to confirm the allegations of the stranger.

On his way home he stopped in Chicago and collected a service from a friend there to look up the husband, whom he now heard had recently died. In his interview with the wife she assured him that all she wanted was a bare living, enough to keep off want from herself and children. In a day or two he had a telegram from the Chicago attorney saying to come at once, that all the statements made were true, and that a settlement ought to be attempted at once.

A trip was made to Boston. Wife No. 2, who had inherited the fortune, learned with amazement of the existence of a previous wife and her lawyers were quickly astonished. But the evidence was plentiful and a brief investigation led to a settlement by which the \$3,000,000 estate—for that is what it scheduled—was equally divided.

sort they will do so whether they are instructed or not. There will also be great activity during the next few days among the president's friends in Illinois. They are preparing to test the strength and extent of the Hanna sentiment in that state as well as in some of the others in the Northwest. The president's friends are particularly indignant at the work which they say is being done by James J. Hill in the way of undermining him in Minnesota, the Dakotas and Montana.

The New York World prints a telegram from Albany, N. Y., stating that if Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany hall, can carry out his plans the 78 voters from New York in the Democratic national convention next July will cast the first ballot for Mayor George E. McClellan for president.

In another column appears a Chicago dispatch from a staff correspondent, which affirms that Mr. Murphy believes Mr. Cleveland can be elected, and that that sentiment is growing rapidly in the West, so that it is now said the ex-president could carry Illinois as well as New York. The Chicago telegram adds: "While in Chicago 10 days ago Mr. Hanna made no secret of his opposition to the president. He spoke openly to a large number of people on the subject, saying that the business men of the country feared Mr. Roosevelt and had lost confidence in him.

"It is not so much the attacks upon trusts as the uncertainty as to which way the president's restless energies are going to about next, that have alarmed the Western rich men of the Hanna class. One of them said to the World correspondent that the industrial world wanted assurance that it need not sleep that it would not awake to find a financial or political revolution stirred up overnight by the president.

"Mr. Hanna has not refrained from joining in these sentiments. He has spoken them to Mr. Roosevelt, so that he could not be accused of talking behind the president's back.

Advice to the Lovelorn

BY BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

Dear Miss Fairfax—There is a girl in the same house where I am living with whom I am deeply in love. I have not told her so, but show to her in every way that I love her, and she knows it. She does not care very much about me, because when I say anything about the subject she never answers me in such a way as to give me an opportunity to tell her of my love for her. I take her to the theatre and please her in every way.

A man should make a way to tell a girl that he loves her if he really means it. If you see that the girl does not care about you I would advise you not to force your attentions on her.

Dear Miss Fairfax—I am a young gentleman of 26 and have been keeping company with a young lady 10 months my junior. I loved that young lady very much, but I found out last week that she was secretly engaged. At present she is waiting for a divorce and earning \$10 a month, while I am getting \$6 per week. Don't you think this is enough to get married on? C. K.

The young lady is very wise, as you are both young. Perhaps if you wait a year or two your financial circumstances will improve. The salary you mention is not a very large one to marry on.

Dear Miss Fairfax—I am a young lady, 18 years of age, in love with a young man 19 years of age. He loves me very much and has offered to marry me. I have some trouble in the house with his folks and relatives, as they are against me, and he doesn't know what to do. He likes to please his mother and he likes to please me. E. F.

I think the young man is the one to decide that question. Has his mother any particular reason to dislike you, or is it a mistaken idea on her part?

GORDON'S BANK NOT IN DOUBT.

From the Atlanta Constitution. Since the death of General Gordon his war record has been the theme of universal comment, which has given rise to a question as to just what his legal rank was at the fall of the Confederacy. This question is answered by the lamented Gordon himself in a letter he wrote in 1899. This letter was as follows: Homer, Ill., Oct. 23, 1899.—My Dear Major: Yours of the 17th has been forwarded to me on my lecture tour.