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THE INTERESTING KAISER.

SOME physicists and psychologists assert that all people are insane in some degree, which only amounts to saying that no one is perfect, but there are all degrees and kinds of insanity, and a monarch or man of eminence may be no more sane than an obscure citizen.

The kaiser has a title to consider himself somebody of consequence, no doubt. He is the emperor of one of the great powers, the ruler of a great people. He has maintained his high position strongly, and with pardonable pride of race, position and power.

Really sympathizing with Russia the kaiser could not become its ally because France was so, and as soon as it was perceived that Japan was the victor he rushed in great pomp over to Morocco and sought a quarrel with France because that country had made a friendly treaty with England.

Not that all this is merely for show and to gratify the emperor's vanity. There is method in his madness, and he doubtless means to serve notice as frequently as possible on the other powers that the German empire is and must be considered the really leading nation in power and prestige of Europe, and respected as such.

It is also surmised that he is insisting that a monarchial government be established in Norway, if a separation takes place, for the emperor is a very strong believer in and vigorous supporter of the doctrine of the divine right of kings.

A WISE DETERMINATION.

THE MOVEMENT started by the people of The Dalles to build wharves and extend the state portage road from its terminus at the Big Eddy to The Dalles is so obviously and logically the outcome of the new conditions presented there that it would have been surprising if no such step had been taken.

FROM GALLOWS TO GLORY.

ACCORDING to Reverend Mr. St. Pierre, the Oregon penitentiary chaplain, murderer Lauth, who was executed Thursday, died a sincere, happy and complete Christian, and one reports credits the chaplain—a very good and useful man—with saying that no person who ever died was better prepared to go to Heaven.

We make no criticism of the administration of spiritual consolation to condemned murderers; we know the preachers and priests and chaplains are actuated by high and holy motives; we pretend to no knowledge of the future, but we cannot and will not think, except with reverence and respect, of a reformed murderer in glory and his innocent victim in torment.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BRAINS.

THAT MEN have larger brains than women, on the average, is a well ascertained and undisputed fact. It is also true, according to the weight of authority, as the lawyers say, that men's brains are a little larger than women's even after taking into consideration men's larger bodies—that is, men's brains in proportion to the weight of their bodies as compared with women, are still a little heavier.

But it does not necessarily follow that the average man has better as well as more brains than the average woman. A canary bird knows more and can be taught more in some ways than a mule. Men's bodies have been developed to exceed women's by greater physical exercise, by being as a rule the breadwinners, and so too their brains, through many generations, have been engaged in more conflict, exercise and exertion, and so have become larger than women's, but the brains of the supposedly gentler sex may have in the meantime developed a finer fibre.

Another point is to be considered. Brains should be compared not with mere avorupois but with effective weight, eliminating mere fat. It has been found that in man the proportion of muscle to fat is 100 to 43, while in woman the proportion is 100 to 70, the relative brain weight being, as stated, 100 to 90.

So we don't think the men have very much to boast about or crow over in the matter of brains, as compared with women. At least we are willing to concede rather than argue about it, that women, all things considered, are in the matter of brains, fully men's equals.

A NOBLE BAND OF WORKERS.

THE POLICY of preventing disease has taken strong hold of the doctors, hundreds of representatives of whom spent the past week in this city. The same philosophy is extended to the domains of morals and humanitarianism by the National Convention of Charities and Correction. All that they claimed for it has been realized and each year, with the added experience of those who are pursuing the work with single-hearted earnestness, broadens the scope of the philosophy, while it extends the work and increases the benefits which flow from it.

Much of what we call viciousness in children is simply misdirected energy. They are bottled up and hemmed and hedged in by rules and regulations the significance of which they do not understand. Then immediately they are punished and humiliated leaving behind a rankling sense of injustice for which the state sooner or later pays the penalty in careers of crime.

RAILROAD BUILDING IN EARNEST.

THE EXTENSIONS of the Elgin branch to Joseph and the letting of contracts to complete the Riparia gap to Lewiston are in line with what we hope and believe is the new and broader policy of the O. R. & N. under a local man who thoroughly understands the local conditions. The first-named extension opens a particularly fine stretch of country that in some respects has reached a remarkable stage of development considering the lack of transportation facilities.

Bill Paid After 35 Years.

There is hope for a tree when it is cut down that it will grow again. But what hope is there for a debt that has been running for 35 years? Yet William Proebstel of La Grande received last week a remittance of \$30 in payment of a debt that had been due 35 years. Mr. Proebstel was formerly a bankrupt and in 1876 he made a settlement with a young woman who married and moved away without settling the bill, and in the course of time the matter was forgotten as far as Mr. Proebstel was concerned.

KEY WEST COMING TO THE FRONT AGAIN.

FLORIDA has been in existence for a good long time, but were it not for the enterprise of two men it would lack many of the attractions and occupy a great deal less of public attention than it does today. The peninsula is dominated by two men, Plant and Flagler. On the west coast Plant has exclusive jurisdiction, so to speak, and his orange and black colors on railroads and caravansaries are everywhere to be seen from Tampa and beyond to Key West.

most beautiful of starlight and sunlight seas, the shallow channels dug out of the coral reefs, the eastern bays teeming with the shock of the ocean storms and making travel not alone comfortable but safe.

ARE MEN BETTER IN SUMMER?

IT IS NOT a college professor, but the secretary of the Cleveland Humane society, who has advanced the theory that bad men are better in warm than in cold weather. He bases his theory on the alleged fact that the demand for the society's aid for abused wives falls off 90 per cent in summer as compared with winter.

This might be explained on the theory that it is not only easier to find remunerative employment but easier to live at small expense in the summer than in the winter. There is less demand in summer upon the perhaps scant stock of patience and endurance of people of low degree, intellectually and morally, but Mr. Ricksecker carries this theory a little farther than: "I have an idea that the primary reason for this is to be found in the uplifting and rejuvenating influence of June and ample sunshine. I may be accused of spinning fine theories, but this is my honest belief. In the winters it is cold, life is only maintained by a hard struggle, and the struggle for mere

English as Spoken in America

By Theodore Debia. King's English. A crowd of ladies round a shopwindow in Regent street or Bond street, or if you please, a crowd inside the shop, provokes startling revelations in the elasticity of English as she is spoken when elevated to the heights of the scientific.

HYMNS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

My Faith Looks Up to Thee. [Ray Palmer (Little Compton, R. I., Nov. 12, 1858—Newark, N. J., March 23, 1887) was well known as a Congregationalist. He was the secretary of the Congregational union. He wrote this popular hymn when he was but 22 years old. He says that it was the expression of his own feelings at a time of great trouble. One year later Lowell Mason set it to the tune, "Olivet," with which it has ever since been wedded. It has been translated into almost every dialect and tongue. Almost all church people know it by heart, and certainly all love it heartily.]

existence among the poor is an exhausting one. What finer instincts they may possess are certainly subdued by this struggle for a mere existence and even almost blotted, I will not say entirely killed, for there is some good in every one. Now in the summer it is exactly the reverse. Work is more plentiful, the tendency to drink to drunkenness is less; the warm, bright sunshine makes even the wicked and the vicious feel a little remorse for what they have squandered in saloons.

LEARNING FROM THE JEWS.

NOT VERY LONG AGO any advice to the Anglo Saxon or Teutonic race to study and imitate the Jews would have been received with scornful sneers, but this would not be the case now, or will not be long, if several pieces of evidence that have been given to the public lately are reliable.

Noting this statement, a writer in Harper's Weekly says: "The Jews of this class are more intelligent and more temperate than their neighbors, and manage under difficulties to have a better family life. It would surprise no one to have an investigation of the alums of New York yield statistical results of the same general nature. Of the 700,000, or more New York Jews, a great many are extremely poor, yet no one seems to doubt that most of them will eventually work out of their hard conditions. Because they are Jews they are expected to win."

We are studying the Japanese, across the Pacific, and learning from them, as we would have despised to do a generation or two ago, and may we not in some respects profitably study the habits and character of our citizens of this ancient but scattered race?

Sermon for Today

THE SIGN OF A SAINT.

By Henry F. Cope. "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love one to another."—John xiii:35.

It seems as if it would be a good thing if every man bore some sign or mark which accurately indicated his true character. If the sign was the witness were their right clothing in this world as well as in another.

This is the true worship. Church meetings are but means of suggesting ways of doing this, of stimulating our otherwise selfish hearts to their service of love. That only is a religious service which leads men to sacrifice, to serve one another. There is more worship in giving pure milk to stum babies than there is in sitting Sunday after Sunday drinking in, drinking, the sincere milk of the word or the honey of the choir.

Sentences Sermons. By Henry F. Cope. Hope always helps. Patience is self-punishment. Opportunity wears rubber shoes. Nothing fights age better than happiness. The open heart always finds the open heart. Better a sweet failure than a sour success. The best eyed people are those who are blind to some things. Sow the seeds of sin and the fruits of sorrow will take care of themselves. Nothing is easier than being benevolent to other people's money. You never can see the worm in the apple from the other side of the fence. Friendships sown in youth furnish the sweetest fruits for old age. Most men feel like giving good measure when malice is in the market. The fortunate people are those who believe they are. Many a moral squint comes from a money monocle. Most men show their conceit of themselves by their criticism of others. A little plain honesty is worth untold professional holiness. It's no use trusting to Providence if you find your pastime in tickling the motor end of a mule. The orator in the pulpit needs to remember that no man was ever struck by thunder. Jerome's Compliment to Depew. From His Chautauque Speech. "Platt is bad enough, but Depew, he would have fallen into that obscenity long ago if he had not been held up by the Vanderbilt. Now he is held up by the Equitable Life company. When Morgan Bulkeley was elected to the senate from Connecticut the senatorship was put up at public auction and sold to the highest bidder. I was there, and I know. Take the houses of representatives. Except for 'Jim' Sullivan, who is never there, the entire delegation from this state is there by the grace of God, dispensed by 'Charley' Murphy and 'Pat' McCarron. McCarron is the representative of the Standard Oil company, and Murphy represents himself. 'Oil' iron and coal own the state of Pennsylvania, boots and breeches."