

BRISTOW'S PANAMA RAILWAY REPORT.

THE RECENT REPORT of Special Commissioner or Investigator Joseph L. Bristow on the Panama railway ought to be sufficient to put an end to the present unfair and trade restricting regime...

IT DID HIM GOOD—PERHAPS.

IF BEIKER, who was given 10 lashes the other day for knocking down and beating his wife, has been correctly reported, he went home not only a sadder but a wiser man.

SWEDEN'S FORMER POWER.

SWEDEN would cut but a comparatively small figure now in a great war, but time was when Sweden was a great military nation and awed nearly all Europe.

WHY SHOULD SHERIFF BE EXEMPT?

A TELEGRAM from Boise, Idaho, brings the news that the sheriff has been forced to resign. He was short in his accounts and it is darkly hinted that other things were discovered that would have rendered him criminally liable.

The Passing of Depew.

From the New York World. The World is unable to share the cynical pessimism of many of its contemporaries over the downfall of Chauncey M. Depew. Neither does it believe that the good people of the country are much disposed to laugh over the degradation of a high public personage.

Estimate of John Hay.

From Harper's Weekly. The fact has sometimes been overlooked by those who have noted in John Hay the rare, though not, of course, unique, combination of the statesman and man of letters, that he did not proceed direct from the library to the council room.

The Only Cure.

From the New York Sun. Sermonizing on the laxity of the moral sense of men of business and financial eminence in fiduciary positions will accomplish no improvement.

SMALL CHANGE.

Since Japan has received a tip that Russia only means purr-purr, Japan will go on fighting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOMORROW.

By E. B. Jenkins, D. D. July 23, 1894—Topic, "The Gracious Invitation." Isaiah 1:1-12.

PEARY IS HAPPY AGAIN.

COMMANDER PEARY, who has finally succeeded in making a start on another Arctic expedition, hopes to winter this year farther north than ever before, and so be in a better position next spring than on any of his previous expeditions to make "a dash for the pole."

LEWIS AND CLARK.

The party is still trudging westward by the Missouri river route. The expedition is now in the Blackfoot mountains.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS.

Launches are becoming popular along the rivers and lake shores of interior Oregon. At Brownsville the weather was so hot one day that the honey in 16 stands of bees belonging to B. S. Martin was all melted, ruining the hives and damaging the bees.

Hallstones and Eggs.

From the Washington Star. There is some strange relation between hallstones and eggs, that fascinates mankind. The hallstone may be dodged, the egg should be dodged, but the comparison between hallstones and eggs never can be dodged.

Leading Up to It.

From the Chicago Tribune. "I wish you would look at this watch case, what the matter with it?" the man said, handing it over.

Will Not Pay Alimony.

From the Baltimore Sun. Judge Parker says "business and politics must be divorced." But business doesn't want to pay politics any alimony.

What About Them?

From the Philadelphia Inquirer. Well, what about the people who hold their buckets under the crop report least? Anything to be done with them?

Mark Twain in Harper's Weekly. Some one has revealed to the Tribune that I once suggested to Rev. Thomas K. Beecher of Elmira, New York, that we set up a monument to Adam, and that I had more to it than that. This matter started as a joke, but it came somewhat near to materializing.

It is long ago—30 years, Mr. Darwin's "Descent of Man" had been in print five or six years, and the story of the evolution of man had been in the popular pulpit and periodicals. In tracing the genealogy of the human race back to its source Mr. Darwin had left Adam out altogether. We had monkeys and "missing links" and an eventually race (II Pet. III:13) inhabit a new earth.

Then the unexpected happened. Two bankers came forward and took hold of the matter—not for fun, not for admiration, but because they saw in the monument certain commercial advantages for the town. The project had seemed gently humorous before—it was more than that now, with this stern business gravity which is the mark of the serious mind. We met several times. They proposed an indestructible memorial to cost \$25,000. The insane oddity of a monument set up in a village to preserve a name that was no longer in the world, was so serious that, and any other thing else; but the Jew is a living fact. He cannot be annihilated. He can not be broken. He remains for a purpose. He witnesses to the truth of the world's history.

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A PRAYER.

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Hear thou my prayer, great God of omnipotence. Give me no blessings, save as recompense for my sins. On needy stranger or on suffering foe, if wealth, by chance, should come to my feet, let it pass.

A Daily Mystery.

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. A man whose income is \$50 a day, lunching alone in a 15-cent restaurant, and a clerk whose income is \$30 a month, lunching with a young woman in a restaurant where the cash register doesn't ring up anything under \$1.

A Friendly Rattlesnake.

From the Madras Pioneer. One day last week Aaron Hoffman had an experience with a rattlesnake which he will not soon forget. While sprouting potatoes in the bin near the house he was conscious of something rubbing against his back, and glancing over his shoulder found that an immense rattlesnake had raised its head and was in the act of crawling up on his back.

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