

COLUMBIAN MEDALS

Not Issued Yet Because the Design Still Hangs Fire.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE FARMER

The President of the Canadian Pacific Predicts Two Dollars a Bushel for Wheat.

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WASHINGTON, April 7.—John Boyd Thatcher, chairman of the world's fair committee of awards, wants the world's fair medals issued at once. He is not so particular about the design as are the members of the senate committee. Neither does he share the views of Secretary Carlisle as to the artistic shortcomings of the design submitted by St. Gaudens. A ribbon or fig leaf on the modified figure doesn't make any difference to Mr. Thatcher, and he wants the medals completed at once. He and Representative Strauss, of New York, called upon Secretary Carlisle today, and urged him to push the work on the medals to an early completion. Mr. Carlisle explained that the original design had been rejected, and that the amended design recently submitted was little better. He explained further that Artist St. Gaudens had been requested to make further changes, and that until these were made to the satisfaction of the director of the mint and the art critics, who constitute the senate committee on quadro-centennial, the medals could not be used. The obverse side of the medal has been finished and is waiting for completion of the disputed reverse side. As soon as the controversy is settled and St. Gaudens submits a design that is thoroughly acceptable, the department will proceed with the work. In the meantime John Boyd Thatcher will have to contain himself in patience, and so will Mr. Strauss and others interested in the matter.

THE PRICE OF WHEAT.

A Prediction of Two Dollars Made by the Canadian Pacific President.

TORONTO, Ont., April 7.—President Van Horn, of the Canadian Pacific railroad, in the course of an interview here this afternoon on the present conditions of the wheat crop, said that the price of wheat will go to \$2 per bushel within the next 18 months. Mr. Van Horn, after estimating the world's total annual product at between 2,600,000,000 and 2,700,000,000 bushels, said: "Last year farmers received but little more than the cost of production for their wheat, while in many instances the return per bushel was smaller than the expenditure. This can only have one effect—the discouragement of wheat producers and the consequent decrease of acreage. If there is a decrease of 10 per cent in wheat production this year, on account of the low prices of last year, there will be a shortage of 275,000,000 bushels, and 10 per cent of a decrease is well within the mark. As far as I can remember there has never been a surplus of 150,000,000 bushels. This year the surplus has been used up by feeding to stock, and we will probably start in with a nearly clean sheet as ever before. If there is a shortage of but 150,000,000 bushels, this will not be discovered until too late to sow more wheat and wheat will go up with a jump."

Whalebacks Would Not Make Good War Vessels.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The naval board appointed to investigate the feasibility of converting the whaleback type of ship into auxiliary war cruisers has reported that these vessels do not present features which would make them useful as commerce destroyers, or fighting ships, on account of the impossibility of mounting them with heavy ordnance. The board was designated by Secretary Herbert several months ago to report upon the proposition of a western shipbuilder, who believed it impossible to make formidable coast-defense ships out of the whalebacks by mounting them with heavy, high-powered guns. Their low free-board, which makes them in measures like monitors, was also in

their favor. Experience with weights, as well as calculations, show that any of the vessels would stand on its stem with a heavy gun placed forward. It would not be possible further to instal heavy ordnance on any part of the ship, owing to its light construction and little deck space. Only the lightest rapid-firing and machine guns could be used at all, and for this reason the board recommended that the whalebacks could not be counted upon for auxiliary cruisers in time of war.

They Objected to the Charge.

MIDWINTER FAIR, SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—A pitched battle occurred in the streets of Cario, at the midwinter fair, this afternoon. The large gates at both entrances were besieged by a howling band of infuriated Assyrians, armed with cutlasses, hatchets and beams, with which they proceeded to batter down the gates. The move was directed against the gate charge of 15 cents to the inhabitants of the streets of Cario, which the concessionaire maintained against the protest of the subconcessionaires. The latter are reported as having sworn over crossed swords last night that the objectionable barrier would be removed, hence today's charge. The guards hurried to the scene and quiet was soon restored.

THE EARTH'S INTERIOR.

A French Scientist's New Theory on a Much-Discussed Subject.

The question which is at present more seriously exercising physicists and causing the most marked divisions of opinion among them is that of the constitution of the earth's interior, says an exchange. By some we are told that within the crust is raging a liquid fire of gases; by others that the fire is not gaseous, but merely incandescent solid matter, while a third section contends that the center of the earth is not in a molten state at all, that what little heat still exists is being rapidly radiated, and that ere long the earth will be a solid rock throughout.

The most recent contribution on the subject is that made by M. Lateau to the French academy of sciences. In his judgment the phenomena of the earth's crust are explained by regarding its interior as molten, but he assumes that a layer of gaseous matter separates it from a portion of the crust forming the continents, whereas the sea beds sink. This theory, M. Lateau thinks, explains why volcanoes have successively receded inland where the sea has encroached, though it scarcely supplies an explanation for the existing marine volcanoes. The gradual escape of gases imprisoned under high pressure will, we are told, excel in time the production of new supplies, and when the pressure diminishes the continents will fall in and a more or less crateriform configuration of the earth's surface will be the result. This is the condition of the moon's surface at the present time, and M. Lateau believes its appearance is due to action similar to that which he supposes to be in progress in the interior of this planet.

The physical essentials of this theory assume the crust of the globe to be eighteen and one-half miles thick, the pressure of gases six hundred and fifty atmospheres, their temperature nine hundred degrees centigrade and their density nearly equal to that of water. Whatever may be thought of this view, as a reasonable explanation it has the merit of combining, in a measure, the two most prominent theories on the subject.

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AMUSING BLUNDERS.

Desperate Situations of Diffident Young Orators.

Some amusing examples of unintentional transpositions are given in a recently-published collection of "Bulls and Blunders." Slips of the kind usually result from nervousness rather than from ignorance, but it is a question which was responsible in the case of the pompous colored preacher who told his flock that it was "easier for a camel to go through the knee of an idol than for a rich man to enter Heaven."

Not so in the case of the courtly and cultivated George William Curtis, who, it is said, was so overcome with stage fright when he commenced his first lecture that instead of the reference to the bottomless pit which he intended to make, he astonished his hearers by beginning tremulously:

"Ladies and gentlemen, the pit—less hole—"

The crowning specimen of ludicrous helplessness in the face of elusive syllables is that of the unfortunate speaker who, at a pathetic point of his address, when his hero was about to undergo a heartrending parting from home and friends, uttered, in his most melting voice:

"Biddy, diddy—"

He stopped confused; flushed, set his mouth and tried again, with a difficult resumption of the interrupted pathos:

"Diddy, biddy—"

Something was wrong still. He grew scarlet, perspired, and gasped forth a third attempt, not more intelligible. His hearers could none of them interpret it. It might be High German, or it might be a Mother Goose refrain:

"Diddy, diddy, biddy doo!"

The situation was desperate; but the persistent orator rallied, paused until he had fully recovered his self-control, and trying once more, with slow utterance and distinct enunciation, conquered at length the simple phrase which had overthrown him. He said: "Did he bid adieu?"

Some Queer Poisons in Tobacco.

Chemists say Turkish tobacco contains prussic acid and Cuban tobacco has another alkaloid called collidine, one-twentieth of a drop of which will kill a frog, giving the creature all the symptoms of paralysis. Experiments have proven that three drops of the liquor that accumulates in the bowl of the pipe will kill a rabbit in nine minutes. A drop of pure nicotine inserted near the conjunctiva of any small animal will kill it almost instantly; eight drops will kill a horse, giving him frightful convulsions. If one drop of the stuff would give a man convulsions one day it would take two the next, four on the third, etc., which shows how readily the system adapts itself to poison.

Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Wasco Independent Academy, at the academy building, in Dalles City on Thursday, May 10th, 1894, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing seven directors, and transacting such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

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PROGRESS IN AFRICA.

A Country That Is Slow to Adopt the Customs of Civilization.

As a continent it is the home of a vigorous race of mankind, which, while resisting assimilation with European civilization, defies permanent conquest. According to the Nineteenth Century, it views with equanimity, or at least is powerless to resent, the occupation of its coasts and the more healthy contiguous regions; but the heart of the continent remains, and must ever remain, the home of the African. Allied races, and people who have for centuries undergone the scarcely perceptible process of acclimatization, may, it is true, effect a lodgment in the heart of Africa; but if they remain there, they themselves eventually undergo absorption into the primitive elements of the population or suffer total extinction.

Nature has, in short, marked off tropical Africa as the abiding home of the black races. European travelers, traders, missionaries, conquerors may at their will and at their peril penetrate into this dark sanctuary, but their sojourn is for a day, and on the morrow the faint traces of their passage are obliterated by the exuberant growths of barbarism. Grudgingly as it is sometimes conceded, it is nevertheless a fact that the bulk of the continent of Africa is still untouched by western civilization. I, for one, can not believe that Africa will ever be Europeanized or brought within the pale of western progress. For, in order that Africa may progress, it is absolutely essential that it be developed along natural lines; but, as yet, the inherent powers of native genius have neither been discovered, nor, in the absence of any cohesion among native tribes, and in view of European rapacity, are they, even if discovered, ever likely to be encouraged or fostered. No Africa is a continent fated to be conquered and exploited by the heirs of civilization, to whom it may pay tribute, but homage never.

An odd illustration once given Emerson, the philosopher, of the fact that the laws of disease are as beautiful as the laws of health is reported in his lecture on "The Comic."

"I was hastening," he says, "to visit an old and honored friend, who, I was informed, was in a dying condition, when I met his physician, who accosted me in great spirits.

"And how is my friend, the reverend doctor?" I inquired.

"Oh, I saw him this morning. It is the most correct apoplexy I have ever seen; face and hands livid, breathing stertorous, all the symptoms perfect. And he rubbed his hands with delight, for in the country we cannot find every day a case that agrees with the diagnosis of the books."

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