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EXTERMINATION AS A POLICY.

To all appearance the Spanish purpose in Cuba has settled down to the extinction of the majority of the inhabitants of the island, without regard to sex or age. This measure, says the Globe-Democrat, was set in motion by Weyler, and its effects are visible in all the provinces. The mortality in Havana last week is officially reported at 443, in a population of 260,000. In St. Louis for the same week the mortality was 188 in a population of over 600,000. Havana's death rate is seven times that of St. Louis, and Havana's condition is not so bad as that of Cuba at large. As soon as the reports of our consuls in Cuba, which have been called for by congress, are laid before the people, the world will realize the extent and fatal character of misery among the Cubans. The perishing of the population is largely the result of the Weyler concentration order, which will be found to have been practically a sentence of death pronounced against the wives, children and helpless relatives of the insurgents, and of the neutral class, if there was any, engaged in tilling the soil in the interior.

The idea of destroying a whole people by expelling them from their homes and depriving them of the means of support is not new, though Spain is the only nation in Europe that would attempt it in the present age. Cromwell tried it to some extent in Ireland, but not until his armies were complete masters of the island. His edict banished the entire native population to Connaught, the smallest and least fertile of the four provinces.

Cromwell's plan was to turn over the other provinces to English and Scotch settlers. It failed, and was dogged to failure from its nature. Before many generations passed Connaught had leavened the lump anew. If Cromwell had put every person with Irish blood to the sword, the result might have been different; but that monstrous crime would not have been endured in England. The children of Cromwell's settlers in Ireland were Irish in feeling, and partly in blood by intermarriage, and their descendants are not now distinguishable from the oldest native type.

Recent wars between civilized nations have been brief. They were fought to a speedy conclusion in the field without savagery. The sacred claims of the wounded and the sick were undisputed. Women, children and the helpless were not disturbed unless for their protection. They were not allowed by an invading army to starve. Home was the recognized place for them unless too near a battleground. All these rules of civilization are discarded by the Spanish in Cuba. The wounded are killed. Women and children are huddled in concentration camps, and the mortality throughout the island is probably ten times the normal rate.

When the United States asks how

long this reign of terror is to last, the only answer from Madrid thus far has been that Spain will not undertake to set a date in dealing with her own revolted colony. It is true that this country might avoid a war by agreeing with Spain that what goes on in Cuba is no affair of ours. But unless this is the position to be taken, the Spanish policy of extermination, which is contrary to reason and history as well as humanity, will be subject to our effective protest.

The effecting yesterday of a temporary organization of wool men for the state of Oregon is one of the good results flowing from the present convention. An industry so important as that of wool raising needs some association which can be of mutual benefit to its members. We trust that as many as possible of the Oregon wool-growers will be present at the permanent organization today.

The Moro Leader, a new paper published in Moro, Sherman county, reached this office today. The new journal is a bright and interesting one, but just why Moro needs two newspapers is a little hard to understand.

HE WAS WILLING.

Time Had Tempered His Grief for His Lamented Partner.

There was an old man with a big and bulky satchel at his feet and a weed on his hat leaning against the Griswold street front of the post office the other day, says the Detroit Free Press, when a wag who had been hanging around for the right sort of a man to appear approached him and said:

"I see that the grim destroyer has invaded your hearthstone?"
 "The which?" asked the old man.
 "The grim destroyer—the angel of death. I take it your wife has gone hence."
 "Yes, gone hence."
 "Allow me to extend my heartfelt sympathies."
 "Yes, you kin extend 'em."
 "You must be lonely."
 "Yes, purty lonely."
 "I have lost the partner of my own bosom and I know how it feels. You seem to be all alone in this great world."
 "Yes, that's the feelin'."
 "Life appears to be a desert to you?"
 "Yes, a reg'lar desert, with sand a foot deep."
 "But in your loneliness—in the seeming emptiness of your life—has it not occurred to you that you could do something to add to the happiness of your fellowman?"
 "Yes, it has."
 "And will you do it?"
 "I will. It's seven months now since my wife was taken away and if you'll point me out a woman about forty years old who wants to get married I'll pop the question so quick that it will make her heels lift up. You betcher life I want to do something for my fellerman and I'm waitin' right here to get another sight of a woman whom I've follered fur three miles and winked at over a dozen times."

Fingers and Toes.

There is one curious fact respecting the animal creation with which you will never become acquainted if you depend on your text books for information. It is this: No living representative of the animal kingdom has more than five toes, digits or claws to each foot, hand or limb. The horse is the type of one-toed creation, the camel of the two-toed, the rhinoceros of the three-toed and the hippopotamus of four-toed animal life. The elephant and hundreds of other animals belonging to different orders belong to the great five-toed tribe.

Curious Remedy.

A centenarian in the Newry (Ireland) workhouse, being troubled with asthma, tried to relieve himself by opening his chest with a cobbler's knife, as he said "to let out the wind." It was thought to be an attempt at suicide, but the man had done the same thing before and had obtained relief in breathing, he said.

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