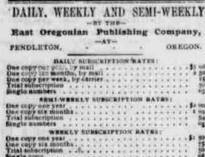
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Lord Salisbury declares that China is not to be "Egyptianized" by Great Britam or with her assistance and consent. He will not hear of partition and refuses to entertain it even as a possible outcome of the present complications. The outrages in North China will have to be adequately punished, but there is no reason why the enforcement of responsibility should take the form of territorial grabbing. The question of overthrowing the dynasty and imposing a new sovereign upon the Chinese has likewise been put aside by Lord Salisbury. Interference by the alties is to be reduced to a minimum. Pacification, with proper guaranties for the future, is all that he will demand. In other words, he does not favor partition of China because Great Britain is not in position to secure the losses increase year after year, not withstanding apparently improved tion of overthrowing the dynasty and lion's share.

The New York World calls attention to the payment of \$38,000,000 in dividends in the past few months to He says:

"Although the great cities are supthe stockholders of the Standard Oil plied with most alert fire departments, company—and adds that it will have with more buildings constructed on try and it is \$9,000,000 mere than the government's annual disbursement for interest on the entire national debt. It represents a 3) per cent dividend upon represents a 3)2 per cent divdend upon a capital of \$1,371,000,000-a sum greater than the value of all the gold supplied by this \$175,000,000 "ash heap?" Does it disprove our theories and silver, coined and uncoined, publicly and privately held in the whole United States. This is only part of the power of the little group of the states of the little group of the littl Standard Oil magnates. There are their ten great banks and trust companies. with annual deposits of \$432,000,000 thirty-story buildings and that to proand annual loans of \$342,000,000-a tect life and property at the great cen financial "combine' that controls the money market of the United States pal fire-extinguishing equipment above more perfectly than a motorman con- what is now considered essential? trois his electric car. And into the pockets of this little group of men the today—and this would apply government, as at present administered, is pouring favors and profits.

Only a few months ago it was shown by the public prints that immense sums of sovernment money was loaned sums of government money was loaned much trust has been placed in the banks belonging to the Standard protection afforded by massive be Oil crowd, who had the use of the money without interest, and this great money-making corporation does not the celiars of abutting property, with contribute a cent toward the expenses heavily charged wires penetrating of the government from which it modern buildings at every floor and receives and expects so much.

public lands in regions where it is tion whether many of the improve-more valuable for grazing than any-ments of nineteenth century civilizathing else has come from quarters tion have not more than counter-where the benefits of a leasehold in exclusive occupancy are already enjoyed construction as regards the fire hazards closing of the free range and prevention of its free use began in one of the necessities of the grazing business. Cattle would drift away to places where there was but little water and when through violations of the law against there was but little water and when under one roof." Many of the fires of this was gone would perish for want of recent times have laid waste importit. Hence the custom arose of putting the blocks in the business sections in "drift fences." From this plan to keep stock within reach of permanent water grew up the fencing of the the danger from the nearness of neighwhole range to secure its exclusive boring finder-boxes. Then they als occupancy. But this is forbidden by law and the secretary of the interior is having these fences removed. Hundreds of miles of them have been taken down. The taking down of the fences is having the effect of converting many of those who have heretofore opposed the leasing of public lands. The opinion of a large number of large stablishing independent standpipe the leasing of public lands. The opinion of a large number of land owners and small stockmen was recently expressed to the effect that they would rather pay 5 cents an acre for leased range free. Of course they would. A monopoly of the land is always better the least of the least of the land is always better the least of the least of public lands. The grain palace built of Oreson and Washington grains and grasses. Music, Gaysty and Yan, Night turned into Day Lowest rail and water rates ever given to place the extinguishing on fire for blocks around. He believes that any eity big enough to support an elevated street railway service should be important enough to maintain an elevated for it.

its benefis. If land owning is right blaze was soon put out, but somewhere and proper, land leasing is surely so about the tenth floor several firemer and proper, and leasing is surely so and the government will soon dispose of its lands in that way and free range street to the seat of the fire. There will be no longer available.

The Baltimore Sun, Maryland's leading and most highly respected journal, declares that if by their ballots the people endorse the McKinley policies we are not merely irrevocably committed ourselves to the new principles that governments derive their just powers from superior armed force; that alien Asiatic peoples 1 19 may be first hought and subjugated and then held under our flag as subject colonies, to be ruled as Britain rules India and South Africa, as Germany rules Alsace and Lorraine, as France rules Algiers and Madagascar or as Russia rules Poland and Finland, In committing ourselves to such principles and policies we cannot avoid committing the rising and future generations to them also. For such reasons the Sun considers it its duty to support Bryan for the presidency, although it supported McKinley in 1896 and did much to give nim Marviand's electoral vote.

### ELEVATED FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

property will be burned during the year 1900 and that the insurance combe burned during the withstanding apparently improved methods in building and superiority of construction material, as well as the improved facilities for fighting fire.

paid by the end of the year \$48,000,000 fireproof principles than ever before,

—48 per cent of its capital stock, and three or four times 48 per cent upon the actual investment. This great sum is \$2,000,000 greater than the dividends reported in any previous year save this grift the mother herself of all the national banks in the countries at exceptional periods, when such dis-

> Now, what lesson, asks Mr. Boes, is ters of population means must be found for raising the standard of our munici-

One insurance expert has said there is not a fireproof building in New York and steel frame work. "With escaping gases confined beneath asphalt running criss-cross from structure to structure, with powerful engines and Most of the opposition to leasing the independent lighting plants installed in most modern buildings, it is a ques-

fire department. He would have these elevated pipes or tanks built of sufficient height to overtop the highest buildings, and have them equipped with express elevators, by which firemen could be sent aloft the instant a fire breaks out and unlock the flood-gates of water upon the burning building at the very vantage point of attack.

Mr. Boles notes that the standpipe systems on high buildings are effective at 300 feet in any direction, and from this he argues that the expense of installing independent systems of this nature in the business districts would be comparatively small. In the dry goods district of New York, for instance, where \$900,000,000 of insurable values are considered to be concenvalues are considered to be concentrated, he figures that \$1,000,000 would frated, he agares that \$1,000,000 weath fully equip this section with an elevated fire service. With streams of water pouring on a building from both above and below he asks what chance would there be for flames to gain much headway? Mr. Boies does not go into details, but it is presumed he has in mind steel structures of sufficient height carrying from tanks at their top gines from below, and that by means of elevators the firemen could in a few of elevators the firemen could in a co-seconds have streams playing on the blaze through hose kept near the tank. It may be recalled that two or three weeks ago a small fire brock out on the thirteenth floor of the Stock Ex-change building in this city. The would be none of this ardnons and delaying work with the standpipe system proposed by Mr. Boies. To him the present methods of lighting fire offer nothing but a zigzag connection with the street engine, with the constant danger of hose giving way at a sharp corner somewhere.

Mr. Boies' suggestion certainly is worthy of con-ideration by both in surance men and those in control of the city fire departments. The stand pipe m the high buildings has passed does seem reasonable to suppose that it and dislikes in this regard. Unless might be used to great advantage in finely done up, colored shirts and being made an independent feature of shirt waists isn't half presentable. being made an independent feature of the city's fire-fighting equipment. Now we fight fire up-hill, apparently for-getting the well-known physical law that it is easier to let water run down hill than to force it up hill. To be able to throw large quantities of water at a moment's notice right on top of at a moment's notice right on top of a barning structure seems much better than forcing it up from the street or even pouring it in windows half-way to the roof by means of the portable stand pipes now used by the fire departments. At any rate, the fact that fire is destroying nearly \$200,000,000 of propert every year, and that the aggregate loss is growing instead of becoming less, is sufficient ground for Mr. ming less, is sufficient ground for Mr suggestion and a good reason for outting his scheme to the test.



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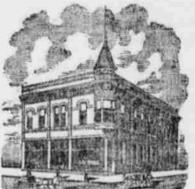
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