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OUTPOURING FROM THE WEEK'S RECORD.

The week's news has furnished several amusing incidents, along with important happenings such as topless courting for many years. To take up the heavier subjects first, the supreme court decisions in the insular (Cuban, Porto Rican, etc.) cases were rendered Monday. And now the whole civilized world is trying to ascertain whether the government was defeated or victorious in the great legal battle, from the standpoint of layman, it appears that the decisions do those things: virtually abrogate the United States tariff laws; give the islands exactly the status of the District of Columbia; and give the congress power to make laws for the islands precisely as for the territories. In short, the islands are "territories" and not merely "territory." It appears to be a partial victory and a partial defeat for the administration, but more a defeat than a victory.

Then has come this week the Cuban convention's action against the Platt amendment. The amendment was adopted, but with reservations such as are very unsatisfactory to the administration. Hence the president and Congress have met and issued the final pronouncement that Cuba must take the amendment without question, or an armed force will remain in the island indefinitely. To the observant man who looks beneath the surface, it means this—the United States proposer never to leave Cuba free and independent. These two are very important occurrences, the decisions of government's notice to Cuba.

Chas. H. Grosvenor, his personal representative to McKinley, announced yesterday that Mr. McKinley's next president will be McKinley, to break down against third party significant, as Gen. Grover spoke an resident's perspective.

Many prominent men now that Mark Hanna is really a candidate.

This is one of the events of the week. Perry Heath two weeks ago announced Hanna's candidacy. He was at first denied with one of those stock denials always used by politicians (when a thing is sprung a few days too soon). Conference held in the east this week are taken by some to have been in Mr. Hanna's interest as presidential candidate. This puts Fairbanks, of Indiana, as the candidate of the greatest west, Hanna and McKinley as opponents in Ohio and the country generally, and Odell and Roosevelt as representatives of New York's factions in the contest.

Anthropology is Prof. Frederick G. Starr's department in the university of Chicago. Prof. Starr has gained sudden fame this week by his lecture on shirt-waist men and those who part their hair in the middle.

"Parting the hair in the middle is a sign of degeneracy," said Professor Starr, while lecturing a class in biology at the university.

"Did you speak to me, professor?" asked one of the startled young men in the class.

"Oh, not particularly, but I had in mind young men generally."

"Beg pardon," said this young man mildly, as he mechanically put one hand to his hair.

It was still parted in the middle and glued down so that it showed the full effect of his manual architecture.

"Oh, that's all right," continued the professor. "There are other signs that indicate the tendency to degeneracy. Inclination to wear shirtwaists and to tattoo oneself are also symptoms. They show an alarming tendency of our modern civilization."

"Of course I do not say that these things are criminal in themselves, but if a person part his hair in the middle or tattoos his body or wears one of these now shirtwaists it is pretty good evidence that there is a degenerate streak in his nature."

"Tattooing, which is only viewed with contempt by the normal man, is growing at a惊人的 rate. There are generally two classes of people who take tattoos—sailors,

there is tinted to take its place with the paintings in the scheme of decoration, but a cast of it white is here in the Hall of Sculpture, and is to be seen with great interest by all who believe in Mr. Sargent's power to achieve anything which he undertakes to do."

Another work of art which has come from a London studio is Edwin A. Abbey's picture "The Penance of Eleanor, Duchess of Gloucester," which was one of the sensations of the Royal Academy exhibition in London a year ago. Mr. Abbey is one of the few painters who can portray a literary or historical subject, which keeps him in the estimation and admiration of the time, sacrifices none of those artistic qualities which go to the making of a beautiful picture. The field of Shakespearean subject which he has so daringly chosen is a vast one, heretofore practically untouched, but his success in black and white illustration and of late years in serious color compositions justifies his boldness in entering upon it.

The scene chosen for this painting is that most dramatic one in the play of Henry VIII., part II., where the beautiful and aristocratic Eleanor, fulfilling the penance imposed upon her, for too great ambition and treacherous acts against the king, by walking naked through the streets of London, clad in a white sheet and carrying a candle in her hand meets her husband, the noble Duke Humphrey, who, overwhelmed with his agony of grief and shame, has come to the open square through which she must pass. The composition of the picture is strongly original and effective. The white-robed figure of Eleanor occupies the center of the canvas, the falling drapery, the bending figure, the look of despair on her shoulders, and the curve of the neck as she casts her glance backward toward her husband, produce lines full of poetry and charm. In spite of her penance and the hoisting, jeering crowd at the left, it is plain from the expression of her face that her proud spirit is not humbled. As her words imply, "Come you, my lord, to see my open shame? Come you, then dost penance, too."

Another college professor has added to his fame during the week. A month ago, Prof. J. Scott Clark, of the department of literature at Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, sprang into prominence by telling a class that he had never sworn an oath, nor smoked, nor drank, nor chewed tobacco, nor kissed a woman. Many a name flashed from ocean to ocean, paragraphs wrote about him, people flocked to Evanston to see a perfect man, the while skepticism was felt on every side. Now comes Prof. Clark with a trade against present day women. He attacks the society girl, and is ungalant enough to say:

"The society girl is a parasite. She lives on her father, and in return she gives him nothing. She is of no benefit to the world and there is no need of our keeping such a weight with us. They tell not, neither do they spin; yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." The young man who seeks a society girl for a wife is on the wrong track. May Gold help him that marries one of them, for he is tying a millstone around his neck."

Now, that professor must have had a lonely life. At least, such inference is justified by the professor's first announcement and his subsequent pronouncements. Let him investigate those society girls more thoroughly and he will revise his social creed.

A New York man presents the other side of the question and suggests that, perhaps, the society man may have imperfections, too. A New York paper says that Richard Grosser, an official of the society for the prevention of cruelty to children in Paterson, was arrested on a charge of beating his wife with a knotted dishcloth. He expressed the greatest surprise, for he declared that he had a perfect right to chastise his wife when provoked. When Justice Coughlan, before whom he was taken, asked him for an explanation, he said:

"Why, my dinner was cold. Can any man forgive an offense of that kind?"

NOTABLE PAINTINGS AT EXPOSITION.

It is somewhat in the nature of a paradox to begin a mention of paintings by calling attention to something which is not a painting at all, but in spite of that fact we shall stop for a moment in the Hall of Sculpture, before proceeding to the galleries of paintings, our attention caught by the name of John S. Sargent, in a place where we would least expect to find it. This is not the first time that Mr. Sargent has surprised the art world. We have grown accustomed to seeing wonders in portraiture produced from his brush, though once a year or so he creates some such a somber and dramatically fine piece of work in that line, but much wonder was expressed when a few years ago it was announced that he was to do a decoration for the Boston public library. Anticipations of something masterly were not disappointed and his series of Prophets are now widely known through reproductions. He has been largely occupied during the past two or three years with another decoration, also for the Boston library, this time his subject being the "Redemption of Man as expressed in the Gospels."

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