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EVOLUTION ORTHODOX.

A press dispatch from Kansas City says:
 Rev. Louthier, who is a member of the Southwest Kansas conference, is charged with being guilty of "disseminating doctrines contrary to and subversive of the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal church," and it is alleged that he is "evolutionistic."
 Either the correspondent who sent this out to the papers of the country is wrong or the Kansas City conference is strangely blind to the progress of thought in the realm of science and philosophy. This Reverend Mr. Louthier certainly may hold the doctrines of evolution, and not violate any accepted tenet of the Methodist Episcopal church. There are atheistic evolutionists, and there are theistic evolutionists, and the theistic evolutionists merely believe that the present organized state of the universe—physical and social—is the result of the plan of an Omnipotent Being who worked along reasonable and rational lines in bringing about the development of higher forms of life. There is not an essential doctrine of the Methodist church that is not consonant with this conception of the manner in which the divine power operated. As a matter of fact, the leaders of thought in that denomination are believers in theistic evolution. It is taught in the Methodist colleges, and all investigations pursued in biological studies in such colleges are conducted by men who hold the evolutionary doctrine, with the possible exception of a few who are not recognized as scientists of value.
 There is no denial of the existence and ruling of God, by those who contend for theistic evolution. Indeed, when scientists offered the system of evolution as an explanation of how these higher forms of life exist now, in view of the fact that ages ago all organisms were low, they solved the problem of how orthodoxy was to reconcile God with the demonstrated fact.
 The efforts of those Kansas City ministers will not make for good to the church at large, if they attempt to excommunicate the Reverend Mr. Louthier for his evolutionary views. They will drive away others who believe in the existence of God, and who at the same time believe that He worked rationally and according to laws He himself set into operation.
 To believe in evolution is not to deny. It is to establish him, and to offer a conception that enables one to travel along the road of scientific investigation with the hope that his destination is truth.
 Such actions as that of the Kansas City conference is retroactive. It is not calculated to strengthen the church in these days of greater liberality of thought. It is unfortunate.

NEWSPAPER ECONOMICS.

The Salem Journal says:
 The Journal is very proud of its record for local news. It employs six persons on its local staff, and prints all the local news. It has four men and two women reporters—a staff unequalled in the state.
 Now, the East Oregonian esteems the Salem Journal as among the valuable exponents of fearless journalism in this state. It is pungent and sly in all its utterances, and wields

considerable influence throughout the commonwealth. Therefore, the quoted statement herein gives us especial interest. To make it the subject of brief study in newspaper economics, will discourage most proprietors of printing establishments whence are issued periodicals. Salem is a town of less than 10,000 inhabitants. It requires six people on the local staff to do the work there for an evening paper. Upon this basis, to issue an evening daily equally as good in Portland, where there are 100,000 people, would require more than 60 people upon the local staff. In fact, to make the computation exact upon that basis, an evening daily in Portland equally as good as the Salem Journal would require 192 persons upon its local staff, divided into 68 men and 34 women.
 Let everyone hesitate before attempting to gain a footing in Portland, for, to pursue the study further, everyone knows that the average reporter furnishes less copy in a large city than in a small town, so that 192 persons on the local staff would not do the work. Something like 130 persons would be required.

NOT THE TRUE REASON

Some of the critics of Dr. Wise have been both unjust and unkind to him in their attacks on his defenses of Chinese immigration. Mr. U'Ren's implication that Dr. Wise would resent the entrance of Chinese ministers is one that the Oregon City statesman would not have made had he known Dr. Wise's broad catholicity of spirit and self-sacrificing zeal in public improvement.
 Dr. Wise is entitled to a great deal of credit for his championship of the Chinese, though it proceeds upon mistaken grounds and insufficient information. He belongs to a race which has known persecution, but which is generally most ungenerous toward other creeds and races. It is a rare thing to find a Jew who does not hate a Catholic as cordially as the Catholics hate the Jews. It is remarkable and creditable, therefore, that Dr. Wise rises above race prejudices to speak a good word for the Chinaman. And if this were all of the Chinese question, one would follow him with zeal and delight. Prejudices of race and religion are among the rapidly dying embers of barbaric and superstitious fires that once burnt fiercely the world over.
 The right that man has an inherent right to migrate whither he will is akin to the dreams of the French revolution. Organized society reserves the right to say who shall and who shall not set foot on foreign shores, and the right of immigration is one that must give way to the right of nations to protect themselves from undesired immigrants as they see fit. The reception of aliens is determinable by the receiving country upon such terms as seem good to it, and with the country of their departure no complaint lies. It is inconceivable that any nation should interpret as an affront the necessity for its subjects remaining under its own benign and unapproachable civilization.

The reason for Chinese restriction, as Dr. Wise will apprehend when he has longer on the Pacific coast, is not racial or religious prejudice, but the simple fact that exclusion is better for our own people and better for the Chinese. The choice involves a sacrifice, for we need cheap labor in certain lines, and the Chinese, need employment. But the price is too high. It means eventual embroilment, riots and murders. It is better for the Chinese to stay at home than to come here and be mobbed. It is better for ourselves that our working people should be contented and orderly than aroused to fury by the constant menace of cheaper labor of a despised race.
 It is easy to say, of course, that we might bring in the Chinese in limitless swarms and protect them with standing armies, just as some of our reformers say we ought to pass laws preventing divorce and annihilating saloons. But things that are planned with instant facility are often impossible of execution. No one who has had experience with race conflicts desires to encourage their repetition. The peace and order of our Pacific coast communities are of higher concern than the dollars the coolies may earn or the land they may clear. Their great and enlightened government, which we are adjured not to offend cannot complain if they are asked to continue to bask in its wisdom and light.—Oregonian.

AGAINST BOER'S INTEREST.

Both Secretary of State for England John Hay and his understudy President Roosevelt insist that the United States has no power to interfere with the military operations being carried on by the British government at Chalmette against the Boers. Both studiously ignore the treaty of Washington. Yet it is stipulated in Act VI. of that treaty that a neutral government is bound—
 Second, not to permit or suffer either belligerent to make use of its

own ports or waters . . . for the purpose of the renewal or augmentation of military supplies or arms, or the recruitment of men.
 And the high contracting parties agree to observe these rules as between themselves in the future. The only question open is whether this treaty is still alive. This question was left open by Judge Parlange in his recent decision. But the language of the treaty is clear enough. The use of any American port by Great Britain for the purpose of collecting and shipping munitions of war to South Africa is explicitly prohibited. No one except Mr. Roosevelt and his British secretary of state could have any possible room for doubt on this score.
 Yet congress refuses to take any step to enforce the laws which the executive ought to enforce. It is possible that the treaty is not alive. But why not ascertain the fact if there be any doubt? Why not have a prompt judicial determination of the question? And then, if the treaty still be in force, as it probably is, why not proceed to drive England from our shores?
 It is accepted on all sides that if Great Britain were denied the privilege she is now enjoying in spite of the treaty of Washington she could not long continue her cruel war on the Boers. Our horses and mules are absolutely essential to her success in subjugating the brave little people who have fought and are still fighting so heroically to preserve their liberties. Within a month seven ships have cleared from New Orleans with American horses and mules for use against the Boers. It is admitted by English authorities that if they were shut out of the American market their progress in South Africa would be instantly checked. American and Boer students of the situation declare that if Great Britain were compelled to observe the stipulations of the treaty of Washington, her cause in South Africa would collapse. It is kept alive only from the resources she draws from the United States.
 It is up to the American people to bring this matter to a focus. They cannot permit this thing to go on as it has been going without becoming a party to the monstrous war of extermination which England is waging against the Dutch republics. We may proclaim our sympathy with the Boers as loudly as we please and we may shout ourselves hoarse in applauding the heroism of the Boer defenders; yet it will all be but hollow pretense if we continue to aid and abet the English by permitting them to conduct military operations against the Boers upon our soil.—Johnstown Democrat.

JOHNSON FOR PRESIDENT.

Erving Winslow, secretary of the Anti-Imperialistic League, is a Bostonian, whose affiliations of recent years has always been with the republican party. He is now a Lincoln democrat, and as such was strong in his advocacy of Bryan in the last presidential campaign. During a recent visit to Washington, he made a canvass of the democratic members of congress and discovered that they were unanimously in favor of Tom L. Johnson, mayor of Cleveland, for president in 1904. Upon this the Pittsburg Kansas comments as follows:
 There can be no doubt now that imperialism and monopoly will be the leading issues of the next national campaign. Monopoly is a general term, and has been used in campaigns in a more or less vague sense, but Mr. Johnson has given it a significance so definite in his political battles that those who profit from it have a wholesome fear of him. He knows where the roots of privilege are, hence his remedies for the injustices and oppressions which come from the evil are certain to be effective.
 Our un-American policy of conquest by force of arms is merely an outgrowth of the monopoly which republican politics has nourished. To discuss it fully is to discuss the legislation and degeneracy of that party for the last thirty years. Tom L. Johnson

son has all the essential qualities of the logical candidate two years hence, assuming that the democratic party wants to be democratic in belief and aim as well as in name.
 Ad if Tom L. Johnson should be nominated, he will be elected, as he was elected mayor of Cleveland, and as he will be elected Governor of Ohio next year. This is not a prophecy. Anyone with eyes to see and ears to hear, knows it just as well as we do.—The Public.
 Letters received in New York from Harry DeWindt, leader of the expedition which is attempting to make its way overland from Paris to New York and which left the former city December 19, 1901, dated Yatkutsk, Siberia, February 16, announce his intention to depart on the following day for Sedne-Kalymak, in East Siberia. DeWindt had already traveled 2000 miles of his land journey since he left the railroad, through blinding blizzards and with the thermometer at from 25 to 50 degrees below zero.

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