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COMMUNICATION

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The passage of the great Interstate Commerce bill, which is the result of a popular movement beginning twenty years ago, marks the past week in Congress. There was a good deal of important legislation besides this, however, such as that giving the Agricultural Department Executive importance and its chief a seat in the Cabinet; that hierarchy at Salt Lake City, and that doubling the militia appropriation for the year. This last act will doubtless, be well received everywhere; for the time has come when it is acknowledged that the citizen soldiery of the land ought to receive more attention on than has even yet been shown them.

It was expected that the Senate would settle the vexed question of Commerce by railroads as it did, about the hour of midnight on Friday, but no one knew how many more Senators would be found supporting them opposing the bill. It came triumphantly through by a vote of forty-three to fifteen, although a number of Senators who voted for the measure were dissatisfied with it. Those decided to set aside their own views and follow the dictates of their constituents, saying in this instance, where legislation is necessarily experimental, it is safe to give the people the benefit of the doubt.

The Interstate Commerce bill was framed and pressed forward by men who were mostly honest in their effort to relieve the people, but there are a good many legislators who doubt its efficacy. Some say the railroads will put up their through freights, and thus insure the equality which the law demands.

Now that the Anti-Mormon bill has been passed by the House, one hears a good many comments which indicate an appreciation of the severity of the measure. It not only makes polygamy a felony, but dissolves the financial corporations known as the Latter Day Saints, and the Perpetual Emigration Fund Company, and practically abolishes all the machinery, religious or political, that is now employed directly or indirectly in the maintenance of the Mormon Church system. There are differences of opinion as to the wisdom and justice of the policy, but the friends of the measure just passed as a terrible nature as to require heroic treatment. Its opponents say it would be better to wait upon the slow attrition of time and the pressure of public opinion to wear the evil out.

The Republicans pledged themselves to eradicate polygamy in 1856, more than thirty years ago. They held power for nearly quarter of a century and as Mormonism still flourishes it is left for the Democrats to perform a duty which the Republicans neglected or else could not. Of course everybody desires that the "twain relic of barbarism" shall be destroyed, if it can be done without straining the Constitution. Hon. Randolph Tucker of Va. who reported the Anti-Mormon bill, held that there was nothing in it that could hurt the conscience even of a Mormon. If he thought there was, he said he would vote against it.

The State reception at the White House on Thursday evening was gorgeous in the gold lace of the guests of honor, the Diplomatic Corps, with music, gaslight, flowers and palms on every side, a crush of richly costumed women and a crowd of famous men, many of them in brilliant uniforms. Beside the official world of the Capitol, about sixty persons in private life were invited to the reception. Among these was noticed Mrs. Frank Leslie, and it was difficult to decide whether she or Mrs. Stanford, the wife of the Senator from California, wore the largest or the finest or the greatest number of diamonds.

The Marine band which furnishes music at White House receptions, is enthusiastic in praise of the present Administration. Mr. Cleveland feeds them well and is sociable and kind to them, and Secretary Whitney is a man just after their own hearts. When they got through at the President's on New Year's day, the Secretary of the Navy took them over to his house to play at the reception there. He paid them \$5 apiece for their services, and the leader \$10. This was the first time they ever received any remuneration from a Cabinet officer or any other Govt. official. They say the worst treatment they ever had was under President Arthur, when they were sent home at two or three o'clock in the morning with their stomachs full of oyster soup and beer. Blame was not fixed upon Mr. Arthur himself, but upon his steward.

The far-famed Marine Band is composed of thirty eight men, and the salaries paid them are \$38 per month for first-class talent, \$24 for second-class, and \$21 for third-class. The leader gets about \$1,600 a year. This and the West Point band are the only two bands, as such, that the government supports. Although the Marine band enjoys some perquisites, and a good

many privileges and honors, it complains that its salaries are too small, and that first-rate men cannot be kept at the wages paid by the Government.

NEWSPAPERS

There are now published in the United States 14,160 newspapers and periodicals of all classes. The net gain of the year has been 666. The daily newspapers number 1,216, a gain of 33. Canada has 679 periodicals. There are about 1,200 periodicals of all sorts, which enjoy a circulation of more than 5,000 copies each. The increase in the weekly rural press, which comprises about two-thirds of the whole list, has been most marked in states like Kansas and Nebraska, where the gain has been respectively 24 and 18 per cent. Kansas also shows the greatest gain in daily newspapers. The weekly press is gaining in Massachusetts, while the magazines and other monthly publications are losing ground there. The tendency of such publications toward New York city, as the literary center of the country, is shown by the establishment there of not less than twenty-three monthly periodicals during the year.

Some of the curiosities of newspaper statistics are worth a paragraph. There are 700 religious and denominational newspapers published in the United States, and nearly one third of them are printed in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, and Chicago. New York is far ahead in this respect, but Chicago leads Boston. Three newspapers are devoted to the silk worm, six to the honey bee, and not less than thirty-two to poultry. The dentists have 18 journals, the photographers 9, and the deaf and dumb and blind nineteen. There are three publications exclusively devoted to philately, and one to the terpsichorean art. The prohibitionists have 129 organs to the liquor dealers' eight. The woman suffragists have seven, the candy makers three. Gas, tronomy is represented by three newspapers, gas by two. There are about 600 newspapers printed in German, and forty-two in French. The towns which have most French periodicals are New York, New Orleans, and Worcester, Mass.—four apiece. There are more Swedish prints than French. Two daily newspapers printed in the Bohemian tongue. The toughest names are found among the Polish, Finnish and Welch press; for instance, the Dziennik swietny and the Przejacieli Ludi of Chicago; the Yhdysvalta in Sanomat of Ohio, and the Y Wawr of Utica New York. There is one Gaelic publication, one Hebrew, one Chinese, and one in Cherokee language.

All of these facts have a direct interest to philosophers and students of sociology. There is no better gauge and register of American civilization than the newspaper directory.

MATRIMONIAL ADVICE.

Lecture By Dr. N. W. Lane Before the Y. M. C. Association.

A very interesting address on matrimony was delivered last night by Dr. N. W. Lane, to the members of the Young Men's Christian Association, in the lecture-room of the organization on Sutter Street. The lecturer strongly advocated early marriages, as tending to insure better physical health, besides being a great incentive to a young man to rise in life. These, however, who had contracted diseases which are usually hereditary, should, thought Dr. Lane, not enter into a married state. A man should not marry simply to gratify the baser passions of his nature, but should remember that marriage was not only a holy rite, but was a necessity to the welfare of the nation and the progress of humanity. In selecting a wife, a young man should look out for some healthy, sensible young woman in his own condition of life, who would work with him, and by her sympathy and love and provide a home where he could feel that he had a heaven of peace to spend his evenings in. Dr. Lane instanced the many wealthy men of this state who had married while still young and poor, girls as poor and struggling as themselves, and said that most of the success of the parties cited arose from the help they received from their wives. A man should not marry under any circumstances for money, nor should he wait till he had attained a competence before taking a wife. A good wife was a competence in herself and needed no gilding. Further, after marriage, a man should treat his wife as his equal and not as his slave. He should be as attentive after marriage as before. Then again, Dr. Lane said, the treatment received by the wife from the husband exercised an immense influence over the children, while still unborn, and much of the criminal instinct of humanity was entirely due to brutality and bad treatment inflicted on the wife before the child was born. A husband should protect his wife's reputation at any cost from slander; and ought to lay down his life to shield her from danger. In conclusion, the lecturer said that unless married people were true Christians they could not expect to enjoy the full joys of the married state. It was an undoubted fact that science had indorsed that Christian couples were happier by far than those who did not believe in Christ.

SCIENTIFIC TRUTH

Regarding the Functions of an Important Organ.

Of Which the Public Knows But Little—Worthy Careful Consideration.

To the Editor of the Scientific American: Will you permit us to make known to the public the facts we have learned concerning the human kidneys and the organs which discharge their waste matter? You are publishing a scientific paper, and it is useless to say so unless you are prepared to give a scientific explanation of the facts for every obvious reason.

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We slice this delicate organ open lengthwise with our knife and will roughly describe its interior. We find it to be of a reddish-brown color, soft and easily torn, filled with bundles of little tubes, which are called the ureters, and which are the filters, or, roughly speaking, a sack, which is for the purpose of holding the water to farther remove impurities. The ureters pass down from here into the ureters, and so on to the outside of the body. These little tubes are the filters which do their work automatically, and right here is where the disease of the kidney first begins.

Doing the vast amount of work which they are obliged to, from the slightest irregularity in our habits, from cold, from high living, from stimulants or a thousand and one other causes, which occur every day, they become somewhat weakened in their nerve force.

What is the result? Congestion or stoppage of the current of blood in the small blood vessels surrounding them, which become blocked; these delicate membranes are irritated; inflammation is set up, then pus is formed, which collects in the pelvis or sac; the tubes are at first partially, and soon are totally, unable to do their work. The pelvis goes on distending with this corruption, pressing upon the blood vessels. All this time, remember, the blood, which is entering the kidneys to be filtered, is passing through this terrible, disgusting pus, for it cannot take any other route.

Stop and think of it for a moment. Do you realize the importance, nay the vital necessity, of having the kidneys in order? Can you expect when they are diseased or obstructed, no matter how little, that you can have pure blood and escape disease? It is not so just as reasonable to expect, if a pest-house were set across Broadway and countless thousands were compelled to go through the pestiferous fumes, and contract consumption and disease, as for one to expect the blood to escape pollution when constantly running through a diseased kidney.

Now, what is the result? Why, that the blood takes up and deposits this poison as it sweeps along into every organ, into every inch of muscle, tissue, flesh and bone, from your head to your feet. And whenever, from any cause, influence or otherwise, some part of the body is weaker than another, a countless train of diseases is established, such as consumption in weak lungs, dyspepsia, where there is a delicate stomach; nervousness, insanity, paralysis or heart disease in those who have weak hearts.

The heart must soon feel the effects of the poison, as it requires pure blood to keep it in right action. It increases its stroke in number and force to counteract the natural stimulus wanting, in its endeavor to crowd the impure blood through this obstruction, causing pain, palpitation, or an out-of-breath feeling. Unnatural as this forced labor is, the heart must soon fail, becoming weaker and weaker until one day, without warning, and death from apparent "heart disease" is the result.

But the medical profession, learned and dignified, call these diseases by sounding names, treat them alone, and patients die. For the ovaries are carrying the poison to the uterus, and constantly adding fuel brought from these supporting, pus-laden kidneys which herein our wash-bowl are very pretentious itself, and which should have been cured.

But this is not all the kidneys have to do; for you must remember that each adult takes about seven pounds of nourishment every twenty-four hours to supply the waste of the body which is constantly going on, a waste equal to the quantity taken. This, for the kidneys have to separate from the blood with all other decomposing matter.

But you say, "My kidneys are all right. I have no pain in the back. Mistaken man! People die of kidney disease so had a character that the organs are rotten, and yet they have never there had a pain or an ache!" Why? Because the disease begins, as we have shown, in the interior of the kidneys, where there are no nerves of feeling to convey the sensation of pain. Why this is so we may never know. When you consider that the great work, the delicacy of their structure, the ease with which they are deranged, can you wonder at the ill-health of our men and women? Health and long life cannot be expected when so vital an organ is impaired. No wonder some writers say we are degenerating. Don't you see the great, the extreme importance of keeping this machinery in working order? Could the finest engine do even a fractional part of this work without attention from the engineer? Don't you see how dangerous this hidden disease is? It is lurking about us constantly, without giving any indication of its presence.

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