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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The assassination of Ito, Japan's eminent statesman, by a Korean journalist, but emphasizes the unrest that exists in political and social conditions, and the insecurity of the lives of public men. This spirit of unrest seems to permeate all nature, so that things natural as well as political are affected, and even the distant planet, Mars, according to scientific research, is said to be passing, or to have passed through change vital to conditions supposed to have existed there.

We perceive that there is unrest of natures forces on and in the earth. The cyclone's trail, strewn with debris, shows its destructive force; the earth's quake followed by fire, or the inundating wave, leaves death and chaos to reign where but a moment before peace and tranquility reposed; the storm with its deluge, or its tempestuous winds driving the waters of the sea beyond their bounds, carrying death and devastation with it, testifies of the unquiet state of things natural, while wars and rumors of wars is evidence of the differences of nations, and strikes, riots and other disturbances mark the unrest of internal life in governments.

All things speak of inquietude, and while we may be loath to believe it, and not able to perceive it, yet there seems to be a relationship between things animate and things inanimate which link them together so that both partake of the same spirit.

And why should they not; the same force that spake the one into shape, brought forth the other to occupy, and the life-giving principle that causes the earth to bear fruit, sustains the life that is thereon; the same hand which rules the earth has reserved the right to govern that which he has placed on it, hence He whose right it is to direct and control, has supervision of both conditions, and it is not to be wondered at if both are moved upon to bring about the purposes of the mind that designed them.

Man was placed in possession of the earth and given a law by which he might inhabit, and subdue all things, but he has sought out his own method of subjugation, and instead of using the law of love, by which all things will cling or hold together, he has chosen a method that separates instead of binds, that brings dissension and strife, instead of peace, and this spirit of unrest is now manifest in things natural and in things political. It designates man's inability to rise to perfect government, and very likely marks the beginning of the ushering in of a new dispensation.

The Czar of Russia will have a large fruit orchard in Southern Oregon, so says report. Well he will not be the first prominent man of Europe to invest in U. S. lands. Many Europeans look upon this government as being more likely to survive political upheavals than monarchies are, and hence, some of them have invested with the idea that while ordinarily the investment will pay, it will be a nice thing to fall back upon, should their own government collapse. The Pope of Rome is said to have large possessions in this country.

Washington state is making considerable progress in freeing its borders of the saloons. During the past three months elections were held under local option conditions, and twelve out of fifteen towns have gone dry, the other three voting wet. Three of the towns to banish the saloons were county seats, namely: Wenatchee, county seat of Chehalis county, Colville of Stevens county, and Prosser of Benton county. The ban is on the saloon and sooner or later it must go. Its influence is baleful and there is nothing that can be said in its favor.

And now comes one Jacob Suter and makes the declaration that Dr. Cook never made the ascent of Mount McKinley and gives as a reason, that "It is a physical impossibility, because the peak of that mountain is a pyramid or pinnacle of solid, glaring ice, almost perpendicular, and that no man even if he chopped steps in the ice, could climb up." He adds that he has been around that mountain and knows what he is talking about. The Explorer is having strenuous times to maintain his claim, and if present conditions continue, will have a large Annius Club by the time the controversy is settled.

There is the gun that "isn't loaded," but it goes off and some one who was in front dies because of carelessness. There is the moving brush and the over anxious hunter shoots and human life goes out because of rashness. There is the football game and—well it is no use—there is nothing fatal enough to compare it with. Saturday's games resulted in three fatalities. Eugene E. Byrne of West Point, a broken neck, died three hours later; Michael Burk at Philadelphia, skull fractured, died Sunday morning. The last was at Buckner, Missouri, where Ray Spybuck, a Wyandotte Indian, sustained a shattered vertebrae and died Sunday night. It is time that institutions of learning and the public place a ban on this deadly game.

### A Big Birdcage.

A very peculiar institution in the New York zoo is what is known as "the flying birdcage." This magnificent aviary is the largest of its kind in the world, being 55 feet high, 72 feet wide and 150 feet long. Large oak and other trees grow in this cage, and the birds live within its wire netting bounds in the utmost freedom. The frame of the cage is built of iron pipes, which are covered over with thin meshed netting.

### Literary Note.

"You write too much," said the critic to the author.  
"But, my friend," replied the author, "I've got to live."  
"How about your readers?"  
"Ah, well, we were all born to die!"  
—Atlanta Constitution.

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