

Vegetarianism

Some of our Eastern friends do not seem to be very enthusiastic about irrigation. They are up setting their acridity of mind by making gloomy deductions from the recently passed irrigation law, which provides, in substance, that all money derived from the sale of public land within the arid and semi-arid belt, including receipts since July 1, 1906, shall be set apart for purposes of irrigation. The treasury now holds about \$6,000,000 available under the provisions of this new law. It is estimated that more than 60,000,000 acres are in need of irrigation and that it will cost \$400,000,000 to furnish it. The total prospective outlay will thus be in excess of \$600,000,000. The magnitude of the scheme seems to have a paralyzing effect on ultra-conservative Easterners. They are afflicted with the idea that the government is making a serious mistake, the end and consequence of which cannot be foreseen, and are not at all likely to be pleased. They should calm themselves. Their mental perturbations and prospects of financial disaster, of an endless drain upon the Federal treasury are positively silly. There is nothing wrong about irrigation. It will result in an enormous growth in national wealth and population bring about tremendous changes in economic conditions, and increase the material welfare of the people of every state in the Union. East and West, South and North will share in the results. Those who oppose such a law are fighting against their own and their children's interests. Such shortsightedness, such Judas economy, is truly deplorable. It betrays a little mind, a vision that does not go beyond the tip of the nose. It is the very quintessence of Little Americanism. There is nothing visionary about irrigation. It has already been put in practical operation and proved wonderfully successful. The people of the West and Southwest want irrigation, because they need it, and because they know it is perfectly feasible. And they are going to have it.—St. Louis Mirror.

Choice of Mr Henry E. Dorsch as the executive head of the Lewis and Clark Exposition is eminently wise. In Mr Dorsch there is combined business thoroughness and habit, great personal activity, a very considerable experience in connection with the special work to be done, and a loyal enthusiasm for Oregon and the Northwest. There is no vice of the politician about Mr Dorsch, as his management of Oregon interests at Omaha, Buffalo and Charleston has shown. His administration of the Lewis and Clark Fair will be a strictly business affair; under him there will be no jobbery and no waste due to inattention or to shiffling and loose methods. On the whole, we believe the very best man for the place to be found in the whole Northwest has been chosen.—Oregonian.

N. H. Dixon of the Geological Survey asserts that the water which flows from artesian wells in Wyoming and the Dakotas comes from the Black Hills, where it enters into an upturned strata and is conveyed thence under most of the Great Plains.

President Roosevelt is reported to be playing tennis at Oyster Bay. Has the strenuous life of the White House precluded the president from becoming a ping pong enthusiast? asks the Tacoma News.

A little over \$25,000 has been paid into the Lewis and Clark Fair fund, and about \$2,000,000 remains to be paid. This is the amount of the first installment levied.

It is charged that vegetarianism will make it necessary, for people to spend more time at the table. The assertion is made that a strong person endeavoring to live and work on a vegetable diet must eat about six times a day instead of three. As most men find their attention is already taken up too much with eating, they would not take to the idea of doubling the time devoted to supplying the stomach. But the point is one that is not settled. There are people who eat no meat and manage so do a large amount of work without being obliged to go to the table oftener than their neighbors who devour beefsteaks and chops. They may be differently constituted, but still their cases cast doubt upon the correctness of the indictment of vegetarianism to which reference has been made.

Senator Hanna says that President Roosevelt is not a safe man. Senator Hanna is high authority on such subjects and his decision should be respected. But the dear, untutored people, the great common herd, would like to know what constitutes a safe man in Senator Hanna's way of putting things. The people want a safe man, the safer the better. One without a shadow of suspicion within his horizon. One who will stand pat for the people's rights, one who has sense and honor enough to construe the law rightly, and backbone enough to execute it unflinchingly. The people want a man who is safe out of their sight as well as in their presence. They want a man of the true American mould, whose sense of justice, whose conception of right and wrong, is nice enough that he will scorn to shield a common pestifereous thief under his influential wing. They would like to hear Senator Hanna's definition of a safe man. It would be a bit of curious literature.

Judging from the practice of this eminent corruptionist, his ideal safe man whom he would suggest to rule the American people, would resemble a personage whom Satan might choose to send upon a missionary journey to Paradise. The people want a safe man; they need a safe man; but if the rugged faith of American citizenship retains its keen perception, they will not select Marcus A. Hanna.

"I have come," said the clever young hypnotist, making two or three mysterious passes with his hands and looking straight into the dear old man's eyes, "to ask you for your daughter. We love each other dearly—look out, there is a horridly buzzing near your left ear!—and we want your blessing. I am fully prepared to take care of a family—you don't remember your name, do you?—and the sweet one who is so near and dear to you will be perfectly safe in my keeping. Of course, you would not think of raising an objection—come, now you are a dandy, and I will lead you over where the grass is nice and green and tender—you would not think of raising an objection that might make her unhappy the rest of her life, would you? Yes, it is very kind of you to give—oh, poor old dandy, have you eaten all that nice fresh grass? Come I will lead you to another spot where it is longer and greener, and we will—"

"All right! All right!" said the office boy, snapping his thumb and finger close to the clever young hypnotist's ear. "Wake up! It's all over."

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