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Unprecedented in the history of the United States army is the action of President Roosevelt, just announced, in dismissing in disgrace from the army an entire battalion of negro troops, because of their failure to disclose the identity of some of their number who had been guilty of violence and murder. As an evidence of his intention to be fair with the troops, the president has accompanied his action by an order which may amount to the court-martial of a white army officer of high grade, who was charged with having cast slurs upon the troops. The report by Brigadier General Cardinton, inspector general of the army, relative to the riotous disturbance at Brownsville, Texas, on August 1, 1906, that resulted in the death of one citizen and the wounding of another is the basis of the president's action.

Japan is taking probably her first lesson in the principles of the constitution of the United States. The older treaty powers of Europe have received many lessons on the same complex subject, but it is doubtful if they have learned much. Just now the government of Washington is doing its best to explain to the indignant government at Tokio that the president and congress could have had nothing to do with the exclusion of Japanese children from white schools and the establishment of a separate school for the Japanese in the state of California. The administration has to confess that if California should refuse these little brown people admission to any school at all the national authorities could not stop it.

Our home merchants take the farmer's produce. With them he finds a ready market for his butter and eggs, for his potatoes, apples and other produce. The department stores take only his money. Our home merchants, not for profit but for accommodation and to assist the farmer, buy his produce. They sell it in a majority of cases for less than they pay for it and handle it at a loss, yet some farmers do not appreciate this and take this very same money and send it to a department store when they could get better bargains right here at home.

After several days' hunting a celebrated old grizzly of the Deschutes region was killed by two Bend men and their dogs. The bear has crossed the river twice each year for 18 years, and many a hunter has tried in vain to get him. His tracks measured

14x5 inches, his forelegs were 24 inches around and he weighed over 1000 pounds. The dogs that worried him have trailed 31 bears that have been killed.

It is announced that the proper material has been discovered near Durkee for making Portland cement and a large plant will soon be constructed. Such an industry means much for Eastern Oregon. The demand for cement is growing.

Eating too much sauerkraut nearly caused the death of J. F. Nowlin of Klamath Falls. He was formerly school superintendent of Umatilla county.

The Grand Ronde valley has its first corn crib, near Cove, where a farmer has raised 35 bushels of corn per acre on 15 acres.

JAPAN TOO EASILY OFFENDED

It is just possible that an unnecessary amount of consideration is being given to the Japanese susceptibilities regarding the exclusion of their children from the public schools of San Francisco which are attended by the white children there, and the establishment of separate schools for them. It is undoubtedly true that the American people generally disapprove of the discrimination, and would be glad to see it discontinued. But that is not the point.

If the children excluded are citizens of the United States, the Japanese nation and government have nothing to do with the subject, even though the parents of these children may once have been subjects of the mikado. They are absolutely subject to American jurisdiction and must depend upon American law for the protection of their rights.

If, on the other hand, the parents and children in question are still aliens, they have no rights in the schools except such as the sovereign state of California may graciously afford them. The federal government has nothing to do with the matter, and though treaties become part of the law of the country, no treaty can amend the constitution of the union, under which each state is in supreme and sole control of its own schools.

It is, therefore, something that may be regretted that California, or San Francisco, has discriminated in the treatment of Japanese children in the schools, and it may be proper for Washington to express such regret to the Tokio government, on a similar occasion, that the whole matter is absolutely within the jurisdiction of the sovereign state of California. Japan may not be able to understand this, as Italy was not, but it is a vital element in our system of government, and it cannot be changed to please all Asia, as it never was changed to please all Europe.—Detroit News.

LOWER FARES PAY

When the New Haven Railroad company reduced its passenger rate to 2 cents a mile the officials estimated that there would be a loss of about \$700,000 a year in gross receipts. The reduced rate, which affects nine-tenths of the system, has been in operation several months, and instead of the predicted reduction there is an increase in gross earnings. Lower fares have given the company enough new business to more than make good the lessened profit on each fare. When the Michigan Central charter was repealed and a 2-cent rate was fixed by the legislature the company brought suit against the state of Michigan for \$5,000,000. By the time the case got before the courts the receipts already showed a large increase in passenger earnings. Instead of losing by the repeal of a charter which gave it the right to charge 3 cents a mile the Michigan Central had actually been fitted.

The recent reductions in fare on the confident business belief that there would

be more profit for the company in carrying people for less money. Other companies are planning similar reductions. The next five years will witness unprecedented reductions in passenger fares. Railroad managers are coming to understand the simple scientific principle that there is more money in doing a large business with a small margin of profit on each transaction than in doing a small business with a large margin of profit on each transaction.—New York World.

JOHN COYLE'S VALIANT SOUL.

Do you regard your lot in life as a hard one? Do you think you have not had a square deal? Do you rail at your fate?

Listen! John Coyle of Des Moines has only one arm. He lost one—it was the right one—by accident. The surgeons did not leave even a stump.

But Coyle works every day in a sewer ditch, does as much work as any man on the job—more than some—and gets the same wages of \$1.75 per day.

He knows nothing about the law of the survival of the fittest, or if he does, made no moan about it. As soon as he got over the amputation he learned how—pathetic laborers!—to use his shoulders and left arm, and he makes the dirt fly with the best of them.

More about John Coyle: He not only makes a living for himself by hard work and decent living. He supports with his left arm, shoulders, pick and shovel an aged father and mother.

Most of men in his place would have waited for an easy job to turn up, or haunted the street corners, hat in hand, or asked society for help.

But John Coyle had nerve and courage and grim endeavor under his vest. Like the soldier with broken sword, he fought on.

In the light of this man's high purpose and achievement in rough, ought not you, with two good, strong arms, be ashamed of your complainings?

Unfortunately Mr. Carnegie's medals do not come to such noble souls as John Coyle. But, just the same—warp and woof of his valiant soul, he is made of hero stuff.—St. Paul News.

GOULDS OF ROYAL BLOOD

That her son, Kingdon Gould, might be able to trace relationship to the rulers of England and that she might show that the blood in her own veins is of the purest, Mrs. George Gould has employed a firm of genealogists to prove it.

Working with a dozen agents in England and France, these genealogists have now succeeded. They show that Kingdon and Mrs. Gould have in them blood of British Kings, and reveal ancestry back to the twelfth century. The result of the probers' labors Mrs. Gould has made up in pamphlet form. Every entry in the record is backed by letters from the English College of Arms or from churches and old records in England.

It cost Mrs. Gould \$50,000 upward for the work of preparation. The records show that the Kingdons have the right to quarter their arms with those of the Hockins of England, as a Miss Hockins, known in heraldry as an "heiress," married a Kingdon. By an heiress, it is explained by the compilers of the book, is meant a maiden who is the last of her race, and in this connection it is stated that Mrs. Gould is an heiress, being the last of the direct descent of the Kingdons.

DON'T

Don't ask the editor to publish a list of wedding gifts.

Don't add to the terrors of death by talking several stanzas of doggerel to a death notice. Don't crowd the mourners.

Don't lug old clippings into a newspaper office and tell the editor that you have brought him "something to fill up with." Take him a cabbage; he can fill up with that.

Sitting in the end of a church pew, don't get up to admit others. Move on.

Don't kick a man when he is down unless you are sure that he will never get up again.

Don't put lard on a man's shoes when you see a man going down hill. They are already greased for the occasion.

Don't pray with a hungry man until you have given him something to eat. Prayer without pork availeth not.—Exchange.

A Year of Blood

The year 1903 will long be remembered in the home of F. N. Tackett, of Alliance, Ky., as a year of blood; which flowed so copiously from Mr. Tackett's lungs that death seemed very near. He writes: "Severe bleeding from the lungs and a frightful cough had brought me at death's door, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, with the astonishing result that after taking four bottles I was completely restored and as time has proven permanently cured." Guaranteed for sore lungs, coughs and colds at the Palace drug store. Price 50c and trial bottle free.

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Treating Wrong Disease.

Many times women call on their family physicians, suffering, as they imagine, one from dyspepsia, another from heart disease, another from liver or kidney disease, another from nervous exhaustion or prostration, another with pain here and there, and in this way they all present alike to themselves and their easy-going and indifferent, or over-busy doctor, separate and distinct diseases, for which he, assuming them to be such, prescribes his pills and potions. In reality, they are all only symptoms caused by some mercurial disease. The physician, ignorant of the cause of suffering, encourages this practice until large bills are made. The suffering patient gets no better, but probably worse, by reason of the delay, wrong treatment and consequent complications. A proper medicine like Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, directed to the cause would have entirely removed the disease, thereby dispelling all those distressing symptoms, and instituting comfort instead of prolonged misery. It has been well said, that "a disease known is half cured."

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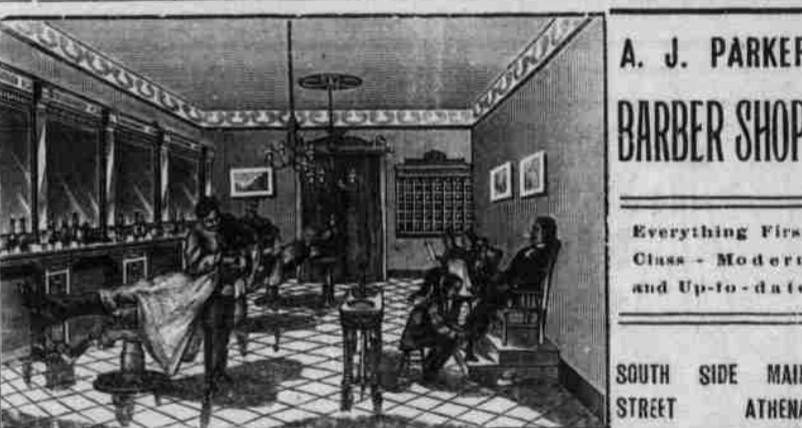
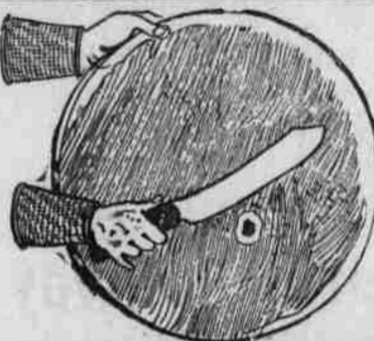
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