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An Annexation Movement.

If certain reports emanating from Washington are to be relied upon a movement is organizing with the object of taking every possible step for the purpose of impeding the success of the Cuban government and of forwarding the annexation propaganda, both directly and indirectly. It is asserted that those who were so active in speaking for annexation at the close of the last session of congress only fired the first gun in a campaign which will be waged without remorse.

There is no question that there is a sentiment in this country favorable to the annexation of Cuba and it has more or less Cuban support. Senator Elkins of West Virginia is a prominent and earnest advocate of the idea that the United States should absorb the Cuban republic and give it American statehood. He does not propose any forcible step for the attainment of this, but that the Cuban people should be invited to become a part of the United States, with a guarantee of rights and privileges on a perfect equality with those enjoyed by the people of the states of the union. Mr. Elkins is not alone in this position. There is a considerable number of Americans who earnestly believe that Cuba ought to be a part of this country and that ultimately she must be. They think that must be the inevitable result of the close proximity and the necessary political and commercial relations between the two countries.

The wisest cannot predict with absolute certainty what the future will bring forth, but it seems to be unquestionable that at this time there is no general sentiment in favor of Cuban annexation. We believe it to be to-day the practically unanimous feeling of the American people that the republic of Cuba should be given the fullest and fairest opportunity to demonstrate the fitness of its people to carry on an independent government and to establish and maintain themselves among the nations of the earth. We do not doubt that it is the judgment of a great majority of our people that it is the duty of the United States to aid the Cuban government in every legitimate way to establish its stability and to commend itself to the confidence of the civilized world.

We therefore think that any movement looking to the promotion of Cuban annexation is to be condemned, as involving not only a wrong to the Cuban people whose independence we are invariably committed to, but also as inimical to our own interests and welfare, politically and socially.

Growth of Rural Delivery.

The rate at which rural free delivery is growing is shown by the fact that Postmaster General Payne will ask congress at its next session to appropriate the sum of \$12,000,000 for its maintenance and extension. For the fiscal year 1901 the appropriation amounted to but \$1,750,000. In the next year these figures were more than doubled. For the present year the postal officials have available for this purpose the sum of \$7,500,000. It is estimated that there will be a deficit of about \$300,000. By July 1, 1903, there will be 14,000 rural routes in operation. It is estimated that it will require \$9,000,000 to maintain the service next year and that the other \$3,000,000 will be necessary in making the extensions demanded.

These seem like very large figures. A jump from \$1,750,000 to \$12,000,000 in three years means that the service has grown immensely. There is no question that the service is popular with the farmers, whom it is designed to benefit. The only question, therefore, is whether it is not growing faster than the department can stand. But in answer to this objection it is urged that the postoffice department is very near a solvent showing and that in time the rural delivery service will be placed more nearly on a paying basis by superseding fourth-class offices, star routes and mail messengers, and by bringing about an increase of business. At any rate there is not likely to be a restriction of the delivery. The more it is extended the greater will be the demands for new routes. Every part of the country will want to share in its benefits. Consequently, the expenditures on this account will be a steadily increasing item for some years to come.

Editorial Chaff.

As most people expected, the moral crusade in Portland was nothing but a bogus affair, and it is not out of place to inquire what kind of a game the Lord (of Portland) was trying to play?

We wonder what Dundee Reid was doing when the bankers from the Eastern states were in Portland a few weeks ago, or had he forgotten that he had planned a railroad to Tillamook without the all important "dough."

Does a man, when he goes out on a

strike, quit his job? The employer says he does and the employee says he does not. This is now the burning question with those who cannot get back their old jobs as a result of the late coal strike. We wonder what the board of arbitration is going to do about it?

Wonder if the crown prince of Siam brought with him a trunk full of multi-colored ribbons and fancy medals for distribution among the members of the various committees acting as his hosts during his visits to the United States? He certainly should be as lavish with his decorations as was Prince Henry.

The scheme to supply Detroit with electricity generated by the falls and Sault Ste Marie is a pretentious undertaking, which will be watched with more than ordinary interest by the general public. The long distance transmission of electrical power would solve many serious problems that confront our big manufacturing centers.

The full run of salmon at Tillamook and Nehalem is unusually large and a heavy pack is anticipated. This will increase the output of "choice Columbia river salmon."—Astoria Herald. Astoria is nothing but a fish town, anyway, and for that reason we are not surprised to hear that Tillamook packed fish goes for choice Columbia river salmon.

McMinnville has nominated a law and order ticket. That is a pretty good indication that the present city officials are not enforcing the law. What is wanted in every city is a law enforcement association. No honest, conscientious, law-abiding citizen can logically object to the enforcement of the law. Where are we at if the law are not enforced?

Every once in a while we hear persons predict there will be another financial crisis in the United States before many years. Over-speculation will be the cause of it when it comes, then see the plungers and the corporations with watered stock suddenly peter out. However, a financial crisis may be a bugaboo to them, but not to those who are doing business on safe and conservative lines.

If you want to know how to tell oleomargarine from butter, try this test. Take a little bit of the doubtful article and rub upon a piece of glass. Then look through it toward the light. If the smudge forms a smooth blur, the article is butter; if light, with bright specks and spots through it, it is oleomargarine. These are crystals of beef fat stearine. Pure lard can be distinguished from the compound in the same way. The lard will make a smooth blur.

It is not often that an editor hears a word of commendation, while, in fact, it is the opposite that is so lavishly heaped upon him from time to time. Said a person who is prominently connected with the press in Portland the other day: "I consider the Headlight one of the best country newspapers in the state, for it is decidedly loyal to Tillamook and to the interests of the county." One feature I admire is its outspoken and fearless attitude. Perhaps, while this was being said, some other fellow might have been giving the Headlight hell for the very thing it was being commended for. Anyway we take them both as compliments.

It is preposterous to talk about over-production of butter and cheese in this little kingdom of Tillamook. Had this county produced ten times the amount the past year it would have gone like hot cakes, for the butter and cheese that is making Tillamook famous and the dairymen comfortably well fixed, is in great demand, and is getting more so every year, for it is the pure unadulterated stuff. And as a result of this, the manufacturers of cheese are selling their product at 12%e. a pound in Tillamook City to the wholesale people. And Tillamook dairymen does not buy mill feed for their dairy herds either.

A good many people complain that some ministers and churches are chronic beggars, but our curiosity is instantly aroused when we hear such assertions, for we have an idea they are the very parties who finger round in their pockets for a nickel when they know the plate is about to be passed round, for it is surprising the number of nickel contributors there are who attend church and then go home and complain about ministers being beggars. A congregation that is ingardly in its contributions will never succeed in build up a successful church home, hence the continual appeal from the pulpit for money.

Anyway, who cares whether Spud Gear Hughes approves or disapproves of the new dredge built by the Port of Portland Commission. Because Hughes could not be the whole thing and because his brother commissioners saw he had the "big head," it was necessary, so as to make a success of the dredge, to ignore the commissioner who thought he knew it all and the other members of the board were ignoramuses and should do exactly as Hughes told them. The next legislature will be failing in its duty if it does not drive the spud gear into Hughes and remove him from the commission, for he is no longer useful nor ornamental on the board.

DE WET TO HIS MEN.

The Famous Boer General's Remarks to His Soldiers After the Surrender.

An Englishman who was present when De Wet addressed the men and women in a concentration camp after the signing of peace, sends a summary of his remarks, says the Manchester Guardian. The speech was a remarkable and strong mixture, displaying at once De Wet's natural chagrin and his determination grimly to abide by the promise he had given. "Knowing," he writes, "the Dutch as well as I do, I could see De Wet still had injured feelings, although he gave them (the men and women) a proper talking to. He said, 'Of course you will all like to ask me the question: 'Have we lost?' In a word I must say 'Yes.' Our flag is fallen. It is dead and buried, never to rise again, and we are now under a new government whom we have to serve, not as well as we served our own, but a great deal better. Hunger,' he went on, 'compelled me to give in, but I stood till the rifle was taken out of my hand. I could point my finger to a good many cowards here who were going to shoot the English in this way and that way, but who never fired a shot and simply surrendered. I, indeed, thought more of you would remain loyal, as some of us did and were true to the last. But as it is, if ever I hear of anything wrong among you (that is disloyal to the new government), I Christian De Wet, will be the first to arrest you and have you well punished.'"—Manchester Guardian.

LICENSES FOR CATS.

Authorities of Berlin, Germany impose Restrictions on the Felina Tribe.

It has recently been discovered that there are about 30,000 cats in Berlin, and, full of their knowledge, the German Society for the Protection of Animals, has conceived a thoroughly Teutonic idea, says a Berlin correspondent of the Chicago Inter Ocean. According to its carefully conceived plan, the town council of the city is to take the matter in hand, and to issue licenses for cats, just as they do for dogs.

Cats are only to perambulate the city when wearing their authorized little badges, hanging, locket-like, from their throats. There is nothing in principle to be said against the issue of the licenses, but what puzzles reasonable people is the list of penalties that these ingenious people have drawn up. The owner of a cat is to be fined, if the latter "be found wandering in the public gardens of the city; or if the birth of a kitten, or litter of kittens, be not punctually reported to the authorities; or, if a citizen's pet is discovered prowling about the streets without its distinctive official badge, etc." This word "etc." sticks in one's throat, after the enumeration of the previous offenses.

DAMAGED BY SEA WATER.

Steel Rails Succumb Rapidly to Corrosion in the Tropics Near the Sea.

Mr. Bricks, one of the engineers in charge of the railroads owned by the French government, recently read a paper in which he said that sea water, particularly in tropical countries, has a very destructive influence on steel rails. A few weeks ago the same observation was made by Mr. Delprat, the engineer in charge of the Dutch railroad in Sumatra. This gentleman says that the short railroad at Port Emma, on the coast of Sumatra, which has been in operation for ten years, and which occupies a position only a little above mean high tide, has been greatly damaged by sea water, the rails having been largely eaten away by rust. The rails on one of the shorter branches of this road, which runs over a breakwater, have been diminished in weight by about two and a half pounds for every three and a half feet of the length of the rails. He says that every year these rails are losing about four per cent. of the weight of new rails. The width of the rail surface has been diminished about one inch.

OLD-FASHIONED SURF BATH.

How Long Island Farmers Used to Go Bathing in Their Big Wagons.

It is not so many years ago when surf bathing of a very primitive kind prevailed at the eastern end of Long Island and, for aught I know, at other points, says a writer in Outlook. Every Saturday morning or afternoon as the tide willed, throughout the summer, big farm wagons trundled down to the beach and were swung around abreast of the line of breakers. Old fish houses served the purpose of modern bathing pavilions, and the sea costumes were those of last year's village street. A long rope was drawn from under the seats and hitched to the wheel, and then some sturdy ex-whaler or life crew man, in red flannel shirt and old trousers tied at the ankles, slipped his wrist through the loop at the end of this primitive life line, and, wading out, kept it as taut as circumstances permitted, while the women and children hung to it and revelled and wallowed and shrieked, rejoicing in their "Saturday tub."

Library Muzzles.

Some of the students in Paris, when perusing ancient books in the national library, protect themselves with muzzles. This is done to prevent the inhalation of dangerous microbes, said to infest old volumes.

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The retort of all verbal coins the quickest to get into circulation and the readiest to pass from one hand to another. Perhaps of all coins it is also the oldest, relates the Rochester (N. Y.) Post-Express. In our English tongue we have legends of the repartee of King and courtier for well-nigh 1,000 years. The pun, which is often a species of retort, goes as far back as our language. To play on words, often in a very personal manner, is the simplest form of retort. Old Thomas Fuller made a witty as well as a true epitaph for himself when he bade them write on his tombstone two words only, "Fuller's Earth." But Fuller himself got caught sometimes. The name "Sparrowhawk," in which one of his friends rejoiced, was too tempting to the habitual punster, and so he asked the unfortunate man who was afflicted with it what was the difference between a sparrowhawk and an owl. The answer which he got was: "An owl is fuller in the head and fuller in the face and fuller all over," which was probably more fuller than Fuller bargained for.

Dunning, the famous wit and lawyer was hagering a witness on one occasion and persisted in asking him if he did not live "in the verge of the court." He was probably a poor debtor, who in the then condition of the English law did this to avoid his creditors. The witness was forced to admit that he did. "And, pray, sir," said Dunning, "for what reason did you take up your residence in that place?" "To avoid the rascally impertinence of dunning," answered the witness.

The perplexities of our English tongue gave a chance for a fusillade of retorts in a western court.

The judge was fond of indulging himself occasionally in a joke at the expense of Councillor B., a practicing lawyer in the same court, with whom he was very intimate and for whom he had a high regard. On a certain occasion when pleading a case at the bar Br. B. observed that he would conclude his remarks on the following day unless the court would consent to "set" late enough for him to finish them that evening. "Set, sir," said the judge, "not set; hens set." "I stand corrected, sir," said the counsellor, bowing. Not long after, while giving an opinion, the judge remarked that under such circumstances an action would not "lay." "Lie, may it please your honor," says the counsellor, "not lay; hens lay." A debate once took place among the members of the court of another state as to how long they would set to dispose of the business before them. Three weeks at last were determined on. "Why, in the name of wonder," inquired a wag at the bar, "do they not set four weeks like other geese?"

Historic retorts almost invariably illustrate the quickness which is essential to the success of this species of wit. Jekyll was as famous at the bar as was Dunning for his brilliant repartee. Hearing that a very empty-headed person had gone to Greece, he quoted at once: "To the Greeks, foolishness." James Smith, join with his brother Horace of "Rejected Addresses," being challenged for a motto

on rooks and crows, responded instantly with the line, "The cause, my soul, the cause." To Charles Lamb, Henry Crabb Robinson, lawyer and delighted companion was speaking of his first brief, when Lamb said to him, "Did you not exclaim 'Thou first great cause, least understood?'" When Alfred Tennyson appeared in the Oxford theater to receive his D. C. L. degree his disheveled hair and generally negligent state provoked the undergraduates into greeting him with the inquiry: "Did your mother call you early, call you early, Alfred dear?" Sydney Smith perhaps despised pet dogs as heartily as do some of us and this may have given the sting to his answer to the lady who begged from him a motto for her poodle, "Spot." "Out, damned Spot!" was his suggestion, but it was no doubt too near the truth to be adopted.

One of the dullest of his dull race was the duke of Clarence, afterwards William IV. of England. Lord high admiral, the duke, went down to Portsmouth to inspect the naval establishment. The first person he met was his jolly old messmate and friend, Captain Jack Towers. The prince took him by the hand and laughingly said: "Why, Jack, my boy, they tell me you are the greatest blackguard in Portsmouth!" "Oh," quoth Towers, "I hope your royal highness has not come down here to deprive me of my character?"

Penn had been long enough at court to manage a retort himself when he cared to indulge in word play. To his sovereign's question wherein their religions really differed, the Quaker replied: "The difference is the same as between thy hat and mine; mine has no ornaments."

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