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The Statesman has been established for nearly fifty years, and it has some subscribers who have read it for a generation.

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HIS PLANS, REALIZED.

One of the favorite schemes of the late John W. Mackay is about to be realized. While president of the company he had done so much to establish, Mr. Mackay conceived the idea that it would conduce to better service if the men in the employ of the Postal knew that when the best years of their lives had been spent in the brain-racking and health destroying service of telegraphing they would not be cast aside like an old shoe, and compelled to finish out the remaining years on the money they were not enabled to save out of their salaries.

Mr. Mackay's idea was a pension for men who had been in the employ of the company for a certain number of years. His death, which was unexpected, though not sudden, prevented him seeing the fruition of his policy. But it is to come, just the same.

The scheme is that any operator who has been in the employ of the Postal for fifteen years may retire on 20 per cent of the pay he is receiving at the time of his application. For each additional year of service after fifteen years another 3 per cent is to be added, until he is able to draw, without working, 50 per cent of the amount he is drawing at the time of his retirement.

It was the well known spirit of liberality which characterized the late John W. Mackay that prompted the idea. That his influence extends beyond the span of life is shown by the fact that what he would have done had he been spared is accomplished after his death.

TAFT TO MILES.

General Taft makes a convincing reply to General Miles' report upon the food conditions of the Philippines. He lets the General down easy by saying that even he, Governor Taft, thought at one time that the conditions were very serious; but finds now that the recuperative power of the natives is astonishingly great.



You cannot enjoy good health if you allow the bowels to become constipated. Bile, Sick Headache, Sour Stomach, Dyspepsia and Indigestion are sure to follow. The Bitters will open up the clogged bowels without griping the system. Try it.

gratuitous distribution is that the people may be pauperized by it.

In sum, the Governor shows that the General has been too ready to accept things on insufficient evidence. This is the second occasion in which General Miles is convicted of making reports upon important matters without taking case that his statements should stand criticism.

THE WORLD'S FINISH.

Time was to be more exact, time frequently has been when Christian peoples spent a great deal of time upon the end of the world. Many novels have been written on the subject, and the sermons that have been preached about it are as the sands of the sea for multitude.

Of late years preachers have preached not so much about the world's finish as about that of its individual inhabitants. Agreeing that it is too remote a contingency to be seriously thought of by them, laymen have left the consideration of the end of the world to the scientists.

Prof. Albert H. Walker, formerly of Cornell University, and now of the University of Michigan, entertains the belief that the earth will eventually be destroyed by the moon, which will get so close that it will begin grinding around the earth and stamping the life out of everything it contains.

Prof. Simon Newcomb of Johns Hopkins University thinks that the world will be burnt up. He fixes the time some millions of years hence.

Prof. G. W. Hough of the Northwestern University, is convinced that the earth will be a frozen globe. He says that the scientists do not lack data to prove this theory. But he, too, postpones the inevitable as long as possible.

Science has its consolations as well as religion. The exact date of the end of this terrestrial ball cannot be established, nor can the method by which it will again be resolved into the condition of "without form and void" be set forth with certainty and precision.

TRAIN'S DEFECTIVE EXPERIENCE.

That quaint and curious mixture of wisdom and folly, George Francis Train, has been at it again. Train is an old man now. He is full of years and eccentricities. He has always craved eccentricities as a miser craves gold.

Calling his physicians to his bed for a clinic the other day, Mr. Train lectured them in this wise: "I am surprised to find my so-called medicated food (five glasses of milk each day for four days) doctored with alcohol, I never having tasted poisonous liquor.

To save you from blame, I decline to take any more. My special nurse told me she had put an egg in the glass. Now, I have touched no animal food for three decades, and here are two poisons which to me are deadly: besides, I cannot take up a newspaper without being met with an instance of carbolic acid poisoning, and yet each day the nurse sprinkles my floor several times with this poison diluted. I believe the poison to be absorbed by the 7,000,000 pores of the skin.

THE NEGRO PROBLEM IS NOT A NATIONAL ISSUE.

(S. F. Bulletin.)

One or two Eastern papers are fretting themselves in the belief that the so-called negro problem will become a national issue. They are denouncing the South for disfranchising the colored voters and they think it is the duty of the Federal Government to force the Southern States to cease discriminating, politically, against the black man.

The incessant reviling of the Southern whites by the Northern press tends to embitter the South and renew old antagonisms. Time and Booker T. Washington will solve and are solving the negro problem and the North will do well and wisely if it lets the South alone.

Booker Washington sees that the true course for the negro is not to imitate the whites and endeavor to become their social equal but to live his own life among his own people. Law cannot compel a white man to dine with a colored man. Why should a colored man force himself into company which resents his intrusion?

Two things the negro must accomplish, according to Washington's idea, before the negro problem will be in a fair way of solution. He must develop in himself a character which will make the white man respect him. He must learn to be useful in his station of life.

There is no need or room at present for the university educated negro. The white men will not accept him in their society and there is no society for him among his own people. The colored man should learn in order that he may labor, not that he may be idle.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois is the spokesman for the colored man that is not content to wait and work. He chafes under the injustice which the negro suffers. He resents the disfranchisement of his people, the separate schools for colored children, the Jim Crow cars.

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Difficult Digestion

That is dyspepsia. It makes life miserable. Its sufferers eat not because they want to, but simply because they must. They know they are irritable and fretful; but they cannot be otherwise. They complain of a bad taste in the mouth, a tenderness at the pit of the stomach, an uneasy feeling of puffiness, headache, heartburn and what not. The effectual remedy, proved by permanent cures of thousands of severe cases, is Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills are the best cathartic.

Bishop had received telegraphic information from the mayor of Heppner that money was needed, on yesterday, over \$1000 in cash was made up. If the needs of the people of the stricken district demand it, the amount will be doubled or trebled by the people of Salem.

Never before was a public subscription as large as \$1000 so quickly made up in Salem, and never was any sum more cheerfully given. When it was learned that the subscription papers were being circulated, people hunted up the members of the soliciting committee and eagerly tendered their money.

It was very well and generously done. Such a demonstration of the spirit of sympathy and helpfulness makes one glad he lives in such a community.

THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT.

One of the results of the massacre of Jews in Bessarabia, has been an increased activity and zeal on the part of the promoters of the Zionist movement. In every city where any considerable number of Jews are located mass meetings have been held to promulgate the plans of the Zionists and to arouse Jewish interest in them. It is thus quite probable that the indignation excited by the Russian outrages will advance the cause of Zionism further than it could have been otherwise carried by years of ordinary argument and appeal.

In nearly every instance where such meetings have been extensively reported the main argument of the speakers was that so long as the Jews are without a nation of their own they cannot have a voice in international affairs. As one speaker put it: "A national nobody can expect no national recognition. If you wish the powers to recognize what you are you must plant the standard of nationality and establish a government." At a great meeting held under the auspices of the Zionist Council in Boston one of the speakers said: "So long as you look for help from anybody but yourselves and God you will look in vain. There is but one nation in the world which can solve the Jewish problem, and that nation is the Jewish nation. It is for you as Jews to help yourselves, and then the other nations will help you. Zionism presents to you a broad platform upon which every Jew may stand. Zionism offers the only adequate or suitable solution for the Jewish problem."

There is, of course, an element of truth in all such statements, and yet to outsiders the Zionist movement appears to be nothing more than a day dream colored by emotion. Sentiment has always been a powerful factor in human affairs, and consequently the Zionist is not subject to derision solely because he is trying to build upon sentiment; but in this case the end to which the sentiment inspires seems to be not only impracticable but undesirable. The Jew born in America, for example, has America for his country. Why, then, should he seek another? Most people agree with a writer in the San Francisco Call who declares that a strictly racial nation is in our time impossible. An attempt to establish one in Palestine would be an anachronism. Should the Jews, by their wealth, their energy and their business capacity, manage to redeem Palestine and make it once more flourish like the rose, the country would inevitably attract immigrants from all quarters. It would not remain a distinctively Jewish community very long after it had become prosperous, and the aims of the Zionists would be defeated by the very means they took to accomplish them.

The only hopeful feature of the movement as seen from the outside is the zeal with which it is being supported by many Jews of undoubted ability and sagacity. It is not easy to believe that such men are idle dreamers. Probably they perceive something in the race that outsiders cannot see, and despite outward appearances are not building wholly upon an unreasoning sentiment. The one thing certain is that they are making a vigorous propaganda and from all reports are vastly increasing their strength by the accession of large numbers and the receipt of liberal contributions to their funds. Thus, whether they succeed or not in establishing a Jewish nation in Palestine, they will form a body of Jews powerful enough to make its influence felt in the councils of Russia itself.

The amount raised in Salem for the Heppner sufferers now amounts to approximately \$1200. This will be materially increased, no doubt, by the receipts of the musical entertainment at the Grand Opera House on Saturday evening, the entire proceeds of which are to be sent to Heppner.



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