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CURRENT EVENTS.

Since the recent publication of the design accepted for the United States building at the Paris exposition the state department has been overwhelmed with letters from all parts of the country in which the writers protest against the use of the letter V for the letter U in the words, "United States of America," which are to be inscribed over the main portal of the building. The stand is taken that the old-fashioned letter U would be much more appropriate and becoming of the vaunted simplicity of the American republic than would be the substitution of the lettor V, though the latter might be considered more artistic. A deluge of these protests were addressed to the President at Plattsburg and to a number of them the reply was returned that the question had been referred to Commissioner-General Peck and that the decision would rest with him.

The eleventh annual convention of railway commissioners began at Denver this morning at the Brown Palace Hotel and will continue for several days. The convention is composed of the members of the interstate commerce commission, the railway commissioners of the various states and other state officers whose duties connect them with railways. At the last annual convention committees were appointed to prepare reports on the subjects of classification of construction expenses, classification of construction and operating expenses of electric railways, railroads statistics, uniform classification; powers, duties and work of railroad commissions; legislation; delays attendant upon enforcing orders of railroad commisions; safety appliances; grade crossings; plans for ascertaining the fair valuation of railroad properties, and permanent organization. The convention also appointed a committee to select other subjects for consideration. This committee was so widely scattered that it has been unable to hold a full meeting, but members of the organization have suggested to the chairman a wide range of timely topics, all of which will probably be exhaustively discussed by the present gathering.

In response to a call issued by the Rev. William Gray, president of the National Federation of colored men, several hundred Negro citizens representing a half dozen states assembled in Cleveland today for the purpose of completing a permanent organization which will have for its object the welfare and advancement of the colored race. The delegates include a number of ministers and school teachers, and represent for the most part the advanced thought and education of the colored people of the states represented. The conference expects to discuss the following subjects: Politics and political parties, Negro citizenship, crimes and punishments, education, churches and secret organizations.

No such elaborate program for the entertainment of the L. A. W. members has ever been planned by a meet club as has been completed by the local cycling clubs to keep thousands of visiting wheel-people busy at Boston next week. The committees have planned not only to entertain the guests by letting them climb Bunker Hill monument and tramp through the Old South Church and the Old State House, but all of eastern Massachusetts and even parts of New Hampshire and Rhode Island will be covered by jaunts awheel. There is to be a century run every day of the meet besides numerous shorter trips to Cambridge, Nantasket, Concord, Nahant and other places of scenic and historic interest.

The attendance promises to be a record breaker and the applications received for accommodations indicate that the visitors from the west will be more numerous than was expected. Early in the week delegations are scheduled to arrive by special trains from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. The crack riders who are to take part in the racing events will also arrive at the same time, the most of them coming from Montreal where the international championships are now in progress.

PHASES OF "ANTI-IMPERIALISM."

There is so little doing in Cuba now that the journals which are on the lookout for sensations there have concluded to investigate the manner in which Governor-General Brooke and his fellow-administrators are enjoying private, life A New York paper, probably the lineal successor of the one which accused President Van Buren of leanings toward monarchy because he kept a brilliard-table, makes the point that General Brooke, who might, if he had looked about, have found cheap lodgings in a water-front hotels, is living in the palace of the Spanish governors. The impression sought to be conveyed is that Brooke exists in a state of ermined grandeur, occupying any number of regal apartments and surrounded by a glittering household of grand equerries and chamberlain.—for all which a struggling people have to pay. It turns out, however, on investigation, that the governor-general has made over most of the rooms of the palace into department offices, including those of an entire wing for the mayor and city officials of Havana. For himself he keeps space enoug in which to eat and sleep and receive his friends, but is by no means as well housed as the majority of civil governors in the states and territories. The sweeping charge of the New York paper includes Generals Ludlow, Lee, Wood and Wilson and two administrative officers of lesser rank. It is equally untrue and absurd in their cases, for all these officials are living so democratically as to astonish the Cubans, who have been accustomed to see their Spanish rulers surrounded by the pomp and luxury of old-time grandees.

Such puerile accusations are not all inspired by the presence of the silly season and the paucity of Cuban news. There is also a political motive behind them. In the effort to convince the public that our generals are falling into the ways and spirit of imperialism the hope is obvious that the cause of an expanded country may be smothered in popular apprehension and disgust. We may hear yet that McKinley wears a uniform in private covered with specimen orders of the "empire." The Democracy went about as far as that when it made the campaign, which seems so grotesque now, against General Grant's alleged taint of "Caesarism," in the course of which its lurid prophecies set the Tanner of Galena on an American throne surrounded by Conkling as the Duke of Oneida, Logan as the Duke of Illinois, Cameron as the Marquis of Philadelphia, and other eminent Republicans in the misfit robes and titles of monarchy.

Fortunately the American people have been trifled with so often in the course of the "anti-imperialist" campaign that they are getting in the healthful state of mind where the current romances do not scare them. They have refused to become excited over General Brooke's reception room or over the number of courses served at General Ludlow's private table, and if they maintain this state of engaging sanity it looks as if the task of firing the national heart would discourage the Democratic stokers before they get half through.

JOURNAL "X RAYS."

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The new Populist dog ordinance doesn't improve the morals of Salem dogs any more than the old statute did, but it puts the fees into the city treasury instead of the pockets of stall-fed officials.

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From the chief executive of Oregon to the humblest private citizen, the people of this state have given proud and generous recognition to the Oregon volunteers. They have more than made up for the slight neglect at times shown to our noble sons.

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Jay Frizzell, Salem's street commissioner, who holds Capt. Worrick's former place, ain't writing any platitudinous letters of resignation for the press, but he says if Capt. Worrick wants his old position he can have it immediately upon his return.

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THE JOURNAL is reminded by a bystander that in its statement showing that the present city recorder's court saved the county a thousand dollars in fees to the recorder and marshal the first six months, it failed to state that a like amount must necessarily have been saved in witness fees. We accept the amendment.

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Had Robert G. Ingersoll died twenty years ago he would have been consigned to the bottomless pits of sheol with about seven fathoms of burning brimstone over his head. The elegy preached literal hell fire then, but a great change has come and many of the most eminent clergymen and exemplary Christians are now saying kind words for Ingersoll. Although Ingesoll uttered scathing things about some of the preachers it seems to have had its effect and his efforts to disqel superstition have made it possible for him to die without being utterly damned. Ingersoll's life was an exemplary one, his character most loveable, and his sympathetic heart bled for unfortunate humanity. He has been accused of destroying ideals, but certainly believed he was replacing false ideals with a more beautiful and perfect realization of justice and humanity. It seems plainly evident that his efforts have lightened the burdens of his fellow men and that as a result of his life there is more tolerance between creeds and a more charitable feeling among mankind. Those who have not believed as he did do not malign him but express tender sentiments in memory of the great agnostic. No more books will be written depicting horrible death-bed scenes of infidels.—Argus.

Oregon Press Association.

The Oregon Press Association will meet in annual session at Astoria, Ore., on August 21.

It is the desire of a great number of publishers throughout the state, profiting by the recent meeting of the N. E. A., at Portland, that this association be built up at once into a strong organization, capable of doing its members untold good by an interchange of ideas.

As a further inducement to attend our annual meeting attention is called to the fact that the Sixth Annual Regatta of the state of Oregon will be held at Astoria at this time and without doubt will be the greatest event of its kind ever scheduled to take place on the Pacific Coast. Rowing crews from San Francisco, Oakland, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, Victoria, and other cities have entered for the events and will be there. Also the annual meet of the Pacific Coast Amateur Athletic association will take place at the same time. This regatta was originally started as an Astoria institution but it has grown to such proportions that it can be properly classed as a state regatta.

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ATWATER'S EXPERIMENTS.

And the Teaching in Regard to the Alcohol Question in the School.

The recent experiments of Prof. Atwater are of great interest to physiologists and chemists since they throw much light upon one of the doubtful questions of physiological chemistry or pharmacology, that of the metabolism of alcohol in the body.

It is a mistake however, to think as some people apparently do, that the result of these experiments should change the teaching in the school in regard to the use of alcohol from a hygienic point of view. The schools teach that the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage is not justifiable under the laws of hygiene. The results of Prof. Atwater's experiments do not contradict this teaching.

These experiments merely show that the body can derive some energy from alcohol. This does not in itself entitle alcohol to be placed among the food substances in the hygienic sense of the term, which is the sense in which the schools and people in general use the term food. If it did, such a violent poison as muscarine, the active principle of the poisonous plants of the mush room family would have to be classed with the foods, since it also is exidized in the body with liberation of its contained energy.

To class a substance among the foods we must know that the sum total effects of its use are beneficial to the body. Muscarine is not a food because its poisonous effects offset the benefit of the energy which it liberates. Alcohol has poisonous effects as Prof. Atwater himself admits. The question as to whether it can be considered as food depends entirely upon whether its beneficial effects are greater than its poisonous effects. Prof. Atwater's experiments do not prove this. Until this is proven the burden of the proof is against those who would include alcohol in the list of food substances. For scientific experiment so far, experiments upon large bodies of men in in the ordinary conditions and vicissitudes of life in the armies and in exploring expeditions where labor and exposure have to be endured, indicate that when the regular "moderation" quantity of alcohol is, taken, the harmful effects offset the beneficial ones and that the drinker is made less fit rather more fit to work.

And stronger still is the reason against speaking as Prof. Atwater does of alcohol as food in the same sense as sugar. For people generally, will interpret this to mean that it is a food equally to be recommended with sugar and ordinary hygienic foods. And this as Prof. Atwater will agree is an entirely false idea and one calculated to do much harm. For while we get our energy from sugar without risk of poisoning, to get energy from alcohol we run great risk of poisoning, and to get any amount such as would be necessary to support life in ordinary conditions, we must take enough alcohol to poison ourselves seriously. (By poisoning is meant some harmful effect upon the functions of the body.)

The above dangers in the use of alcohol, also the possibility of the formation of the alcohol habit, make its use as a beverage unjustifiable even if there were no other arguments against it.

It is unfortunate that the alcohol question has been brought upon this technical ground. The question of the hygienic status of the use of alcohol does not depend upon the technical question of the definitions of a food and of a poison. The controversy upon this point has produced statements upon both sides which have given rise in the public mind to great misconception of the truth.

Both sides in this technical controversy will agree in regard to the main question, that children should be taught to look upon alcholic liquors as dangerous substances, to be avoided from considerations of health and general welfare.

And in the present light of our experience and of scientific investigation, the school books must continue to exclude alcohol from the list of substances desirable as foods, and teach the avoidance of this substance as a good hygienic rule. H. F. HEWES, M. D.

Boston, Mass, July 5, 1899.

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I hereby certify that the above statement is absolutely true, and that Bertha P Conner, the person mentioned in the affidavit, has resided in my family since early childhood, bearing the relationship to me of niece.

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