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DR. GOSHEN'S ADDRESS.

Dr. Goshen, last Sunday, delivered a stirring sermon on the duties of public officials, and graphically told the story of the controversy over the paving of First South St., as an illustration of delinquency on the part of city officials. There is difference of opinion as to whether the subject is suitable for a Sunday sermon, but it is generally conceded that the Minister handled it in a masterful manner. It is also admitted that he was forced to take it up, after the challenge hurled at him by the Council—a challenge all the more inexplicable because another charge made by Dr. Short, that the "American" party officials are responsible for the illegal running of slot machines, was utterly ignored by the Council.

Dr. Goshen proved breach of faith on the part of some officials, in favor of California asphalt, and he proved that the cost of paving is considerably higher in this City than in other cities. He left the audience to infer that someone with a strong pull is interested in the California product and is making money dishonestly, at the expense of the tax-payers of this City. But he referred to this matter only as an illustration of general conditions. He might have told of other transactions. There is the water conduit, for instance, which costs about \$100,000 more than the original estimate, though this was much higher than the actual contract price. He might have mentioned the sums thrown away on advertising, and sundry irregularities that have been covered up. He might have told of the paving of Second avenue, where, according to investigations published some time ago, nearly every specification was violated. He might have told other stories that would have corroborated his first charge that all is not as it ought to be in official circles.

We hope the citizens of this City will give heed to the warning sounded from the pulpit. The conditions are serious, when ministers feel called upon to cry out against the unfaithful public servants. But that is what conscience compelled them to do years ago, when fanaticism had seized the public offices in this City and the people were exploited. Then, too, the people were promised "liberty" under "American" conditions. They were promised "reforms" and "prosperity." The facts were that toughs filled the streets, until it became dangerous to walk home at night. Nests of sin and shame multiplied, for they were considered effective anti-"Mormon" agencies. The debt of the City was increased beyond reason, and many home-owners lost their homes and were driven to the outskirts of the City. Finally, the decent citizens took the matter in hand and effected a change. But a great deal of mischief was done. The lesson of it all is that a city cannot trust selfish politicians to run its affairs. The shepherd cannot trust his sheep to the care of a pack of wolves. Those who gain power by means of falsehood are sure to prove true to their nature in the exercise of that power. That is the lesson Salt Lake has learned twice.

FREIGHT RATES.

The proposed advance in freight rates by various railroad corporations has not encountered much, if any, public opposition.

This indifference of the public is naturally a surprise to railway officials; but the explanation is simple: the public objects only to exorbitant rates or to discrimination in favor of certain places or persons.

The popular demand has been, not so much for lower rates as for rates that are reasonably uniform as to distance, place and company.

High rates impartially maintained are less offensive than inequality in charges. One sure way in which to avoid hostile legislation would be to make all rates uniform. Rates should of course be reasonable; but it is chiefly the discrimination shown in the rebate to the favored shipper that injures the business man and exasperates the public.

The action proposed by the traffic officials of railroads in the Western trunk line association, which includes both eastern and western railroads is simply this: they have outlined increases of 10 per cent in freight rates in every class, which will become effective July 1. This advance, if put into force, will be perhaps the most sweeping in American railroad history.

The agreement is reported to await only the signatures of higher officials of the railroads involved. It is estimated that the increase will swell the revenues of the roads to \$100,000,000. The main advance, it is said, will be made from Eastern points to the West. Southeastern roads have filed tariffs with the Interstate Commerce Commission, calling for increases in the rate for hauling meat.

This action in the Southeast is understood to have been taken to sound public sentiment; and public sentiment will be very tolerant of any such action if it appears to be fair, uniform, and reasonable.

On the other hand, the commercial and manufacturing interests of Chicago, St. Louis and Cincinnati have inaugurated a movement for the readjustment of freight charges between

the Middle West and the South Atlantic States.

To most points in this territory the distances from the cities named are no greater than they are from New York, and yet rates from 10 to 20 per cent higher from the West than they are from the East. Complaint might be made at the same time as to the mail service, which is a great deal more efficient from the East than it is from the West.

These are old grievances and many attempts have been made in the past to secure their correction. In this instance facts and figures are to be laid before the Interstate Commerce Commission in the expectation that substantial relief may be had in that quarter.

Similar conditions prevail in the West. Here rates are still higher. But it should be remembered that rates between Chicago and New York are made lower by the larger amount of the traffic between these and other great centers of trade and population, and that the seaboard rates are always somewhat governed by water competition.

Yet the belief prevails that rates from the East to Salt Lake are higher than to San Francisco, and that this is a discrimination not justified by either sea-board competition or wholesale rates.

Legislation in this State has never assumed a form hostile to railroad prosperity and extension. But officials would do well to see to it that this part of the country is subject to no objectionable discrimination.

NORWAY'S INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Scandinavians of this City have arranged for the observance of what may be called the Fourth of July of Norway, on the 18th of this month, at Wandamere. The 17th is the anniversary of the ratification of the constitution of that country, and the Norwegians generally observe that day with music, song, and patriotic speeches. The day will be observed on the 18th, the 17th being a Sunday, and the general public is invited. We hope the weather will be propitious and that there will be a good turnout. Wandamere is a beautiful resort, easy of access, from which intoxicants are excluded. The day is worthy of observance. The birth of a free nation is an event in the history of the world, of interest to all mankind. The history of Norway, especially, is an object lesson. It proves that a liberty-loving people cannot be conquered. Liberty, like truth, if crushed to earth, rises again. When Norway, after the political upheaval of Europe at the beginning of the last century was separated from Denmark, it was poverty-stricken, weak and apparently doomed. It faced almost all Europe. The European powers were willing to give away Norway in recognition of the services rendered by Sweden against Napoleon, and also to compensate Sweden for the loss of Finland. But Norwegian patriots insisted on a free and independent Norway, and they prevailed against the tremendous forces arrayed against them. The victory of any nation, however small, for liberty is the gain of mankind. It is, therefore, appropriate, in this country where all nationalities unite around a common altar of liberty, that national celebrations be made general as far as practicable.

ARBITRATION WITH JAPAN.

We have heard a great deal lately of the necessity of increasing the navy in order to insure peace, and especially that Japan must be kept in awe by an imposing array of ships. We have read enthusiastic accounts of the reception to our battle-ships on the Pacific coast, and the magnificent spectacle then presented, for the edification of the world.

But we have heard less of the quiet conference between Secretary Root and Baron Takahira who, the other day, met at the State department and signed a treaty between the United States and Japan guaranteeing to arbitrate all disputes excepting those involving national honor and territorial rights. No guns roared in glorification of the event. No flags waved. No crowds had been summoned by curiosity or patriotism to acclaim the ceremony. But that stroke of the pen was a more powerful anti-war measure than the entire naval demonstration on the Pacific.

This is the third arbitration treaty this country has signed with foreign powers since the Hague congress last summer. As these treaties multiply, there will be less danger of war, and less need of large armies and navies. Arbitration treaties leave open to settlement in the old, barbarous way a great range of disputes, but the often-nations agree to settle minor disputes by the twentieth century method of reason the less likely are they to rush to war over a more vital matter of dispute. And when public opinion is thoroughly enlightened on the subjects of war and peace, statesmen will find no difficulty in solving all international problems by peaceful methods.

Not cadets but heroes.

Winter seems to be having a regular frolic in the lap of spring.

The White House conference is much more popular than White House coffee.

High School cadets, if you don't see what you want, ask for it, for you own the town.

Oklahoma must be having its spring cleaning. Several tornadoes have swept over it of late.

Those Ogden dentists who got into a fight believe in the theory of a tooth for a tooth, an eye for an eye.

Bulletins continue to announce Mr. Cleveland's great improvement. May they soon announce his complete recovery.

Once again Uncle Sam's relations with Venezuela are strained. Why not buttress them with reinforced concrete?

Already President Roosevelt has

achieved greatness, but his admirers are determined to thrust more greatness upon him.

With Admiral Evans not in command and the cadets back, the battleship fleet doesn't seem to be nearly so important as it was.

Chancellor Day of Syracuse university is reported to be having trouble with his faculty. He seems to have a faculty for trouble.

Chief Running Horse who has undertaken to walk across the continent and back in eight months, should change his name to Pathfinder.

The President has laid the cornerstone of Washington's Temple of Peace. This is better than to have laid the keels of four battleships.

According to the Rochester Herald, Frank Gould lays his troubles to his money. No doubt the love of money is the root of many troubles.

"The Colorado man who pawned his false teeth so that he could buy food must be a vegetarian," says an exchange. Rather is he not a milkop?

If seeking is to be rewarded with finding, then Bella Guinness will be found, for the police in half a dozen cities are seeking her simultaneously.

It is said that there is one divorce to every twelve marriages in Maine. In the Pine Tree state one in twelve of married people is looking out for the Maine chance.

The Kaiser is reported to have abandoned his waxed mustache. If so, it must be the result of cutting expenses, his majesty being unable to live on four million dollars a year.

France also feels very much irritated against Castro. Let France instead of Uncle Sam spank him, as it is probable that they also do these things better in France.

Utah sheepmen are sending wool to Boston, where they will store it, waiting for better prices. All things, including better prices for wool, come to him who knows how and where to wait.

MARTIAN LIFE.

Century.
Whatever its actual age, any life now existent on Mars must be in the land stage of its development, on the whole a much higher one than the marine. But, more than this, it should probably be in the evolutionary stage, Mars has far outstripped the earth. Mars's surface is now all land. Its forms of life must be not only terrestrial as against aquatic, but even as opposed to terrestrial ones. They must have reached not simply the stage of land dwelling where the possibilities are greater for those able to embrace them, but that the further stages of growing momentarily more and more adverse. But, furthermore, the solidarity that the conditions prescribed there would tend to evolve intelligence to cope with circumstances growing momentarily more and more adverse. But, furthermore, the solidarity that the conditions prescribed there would tend to evolve intelligence to cope with circumstances growing momentarily more and more adverse. But, furthermore, the solidarity that the conditions prescribed there would tend to evolve intelligence to cope with circumstances growing momentarily more and more adverse.

ANOTHER MOON FOR JUPITER.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.
With considerable reluctance the staff of Greenwich observatory informs the world that it has every reason to believe it has discovered another satellite of the planet Jupiter. This announcement comes in the midst of investigations by two of the leading astronomers of Great Britain, who were only convinced of the truth of their final conclusion by a series of photographic plates that showed a faint marking which occupied slightly different positions on the several plates. Here was convincing proof for the scientific mind that a new satellite with a retrograde orbital motion had been spotted and mapped and added to the long list of recognized stellar denizens.

SAME AS HERE.

Los Angeles Times.
Denmark faces a serious industrial crisis. Many of its laboring people there are Socialists. Many are out on strike and the city of Copenhagen is full of idle people. Employment might be had if employers and employees could agree on rates of wages and hours. Meantime foreign manufacturers must be used, thus draining the country of money. But the farmers in the rural districts all through the kingdom, farmers are unable to find hands to do farm work, and are bringing in foreigners to do it. So it goes in this country, too. In the cities are many who cannot find employment, but in the country, on the other hand, are many employers who cannot find hands to do the work of the farms. In some instances the tide in the city is too important to know where work is to be had. Others of these unemployed would not know how to do farm work if they were in the field where it is to be done.

JUST FOR FUN.

Teh Ignorance of Youth.
She—You said that I was necessary to your happiness.
He—I was young then and very ignorant. I had no conception of relative values.

She—Do you mean?
He—I mean that I didn't know a necessity from an affliction.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Strenuous Task.
"Your Honor," said the witness, "can't you order a recess?"
"A recess?"
"Yes, sir. I've stood on this stand a stretch, and I'm testatorily wore out. I stretch, and I'm testatorily wore out. I never told the truth that long before—not in all my life!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Time for Action, Not Talk.
A court has decided that a pedestrian has the right of way over a road in preference to an automobile. However, it is probably just as well not to insist upon arguing the matter while the auto is in motion.—Washington Herald.

On the Way.
A member of Congress from New

York defends the use of the secret service to secure evidence in army and navy divorce cases. We have not been Russified as yet, but we are on the way.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A National Question.

With the night-riders menacing the peanut crop at the opening of the baseball, and circus season, that trouble down in Kentucky becomes a national affair. Call out the regulars.—Pittsburg Leader.

Somewhere.

A man may be absolutely impossible, but somewhere there is some woman who doesn't think so.—Chicago Record-Herald.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Literature worthy to endure is Helen Keller's "A Chant of Darkness"—certainly this remarkable blind girl's most notable achievement. The lines were originally a passage in the first draft of Miss Keller's "Sense and Sensibility," published in the Century for February and March; but as Miss Keller developed the thought her style became diffusive, and made a poetical chant which stood out from the prose. This passage gradually shaped itself into a complete stanzale structure—enriched with quotations from Job and from some of the modern poets—a remarkable and exquisite chant of faith. Of peculiar personal interest also is "The Prince of the Power of the Air," the article upon which Edmund Clarence Steadman was engaged at the time of his death, printed from a full, but not a final draft, of which the first paragraph was Mr. Steadman's last written words. The individual note is sounded again in the first of Dr. George F. Shrady's papers dealing with his memories of "General Grant's Last Days." Dr. Shrady having been one of the consulting surgeons. And Dr. W. A. N. Dorland follows up his interesting and suggestive discussion of "The Age of Mental Virility" in the April Century by "What the World Might Have Missed," a brilliant showing of the great work wrought by men over 40. The text of Th. Bentzon (Madame Therese Blanc) and drawings by Andre Castaigne make the leading feature of the issue notably strong. "Literary Rolls of Honor in France" is a picturing of the Academie Française, the Academie des Goncourt, and the committee of women of "La Vie Heureuse." Another of Mr. Sigmund de Ivanowski's brilliant portraits, reproduced in color, Miss Mary Garden as "Molande," is the frontispiece of the number; with a sketch of this distinguished American singer by Henry T. Finck.

Richard H. Edmunds of Baltimore, editor of the Manufacturers' Record, and probably the best authority on the industrial resources and interests of the southern states, contributes to the Youth's Companion an article on "The Undiscovered South." He predicts that the south will some day be able to duplicate the entire iron and steel industry of the United States today, and that the southern farmers in the world. The facts from which these conclusions are drawn are presented in a way to convince as well as interest, and their citation, among the many thousands of southern families that read the Youth's Companion may perhaps turn the eyes of some from British Columbia to the far more inviting and equable climes of the southern states of their own country.—Boston, Mass.

Anyone who is interested in studying anarchism from original sources should read Dr. Paul Eltzbacher's book of today, and the southern farmers in the world. The facts from which these conclusions are drawn are presented in a way to convince as well as interest, and their citation, among the many thousands of southern families that read the Youth's Companion may perhaps turn the eyes of some from British Columbia to the far more inviting and equable climes of the southern states of their own country.—Boston, Mass.

"Nannie Walters" is the title of a novel, in which free masonry, it is said, will be interested, because it contains a petition to the Order of the Eastern Star that the ritualistic ceremonies be so amended as to permit candidates of the Jewish faith to subscribe to the obligations of the order. The author prefaces her book with a prayer for guidance in the writing of it. This is a novelty. There is a description of visit to Salt Lake City that will be of some local interest, though the conversations reported evidently contain a great deal of fiction.—J. S. Ogilvie Publishing Co., 57 Ross St., New York.

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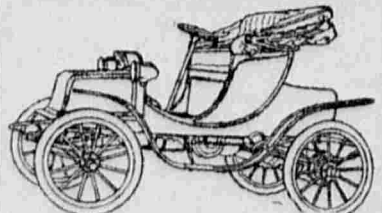
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