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SINGULAR SECTS.

The terrible occurrences at Seattle have brought into some prominence the alloged doings and beliefs of the sect commonly called the Holy Rollers, but we have not seen in the public prints. any fair and succinct account of the tenets which those alleged fanatics entertain. It is taken for granted by the public press that Creffield, who was killed by young Mitchell for leading away his sister from her home to join the body of which he was a leader, exercised an immoral influence over the young girl, and that there was something lewd and unchaste in the religious exercises among the Rollers. It was because of this generally entertained idea, that young Mitchell was commerided as well as acquitted for

the slaying of Creffield. There may have been some evidence adduced during the trial which justified this opinion. If so, it has not come to our notice. In the case of the shooting of Mitchell by his sister, it is clear that she denied the infamy which attached to her through the actions of her brother. C'reffield's wife and Miss Mitchell'appear to be in the closest friendship and harmony, and nothing that has transpired concerning their conduct and association gives color to the suspicion of an illicit relationship with the deccased Creffield.

We are not defending the Holy Rollers, for we are not fully advised as to their teachings and practices. Therefore we do not join in the general con demnation which has been passed on them, as we think, without sufficient evidence. That the sect holds some pecullar notions about the religious effect of rolling on the ground is quite apparent, but that they associate with it anything of the kind suggested by their opponents has not yet been substantiated.

The society called the Holy Rollers did not originate in the State of Washington, but in the State of New York. It made a considerable stir in the western part of that State some time ago, and aroused a great deal of opposition It was one of those peculiar excitements that occur at what are called "Revivals," and the antics indulged in were not much if any more judicrous and objectionable than many other acts of religious infoxication which attend such excitements. The New York Tribunne of recent date had an article in reference to this matter, which throws some light on the subject and we quote from it the following:

to all inquiries said that the great Je-hovah had commanded him to remain the rest of his life in that uncomfortable position. Shortly after receiving this interesting but inconvenient revelation, he began to preach, his themes being on socialistic lines. Gradually his relatives became imbued with the sincerity of his preachings and espoused the strange religion. The en-tire family soon begun to live on their The enthusiasts now number 0. The Knee Benders deny the knees. about 200. existence of punishment in the next world, declaring that hell will come on earth in the shape of some great sorrow to the wrangdoer. Prayers are not made to the Supreme Being, but to nature, which is held accountable for all changes in the elements and all accidents caused by fire, wind and wa-ter. Communism is the primary priniple of this queer religion; the farms of the enthusiasts are worked in comon, and it is claimed that the weeding, planting and hoeing are done on all fours by the Knee Benders. They hold knee-bending services five times a day on the knoll where Burson was 'inspired,' and in the worship their 'inspired.' and in the worship their faces are turned always toward the sun. Each week a revival meeting is held, and, ridiculous as the thing is, the Knee Benders keep adding converts. Such a story as this belongs to 100 years ago, but, as an illustra-tion of religious frenzy dominating the human mind, it is an interesting psych-

remained on his knees and in answer

ological study of the present day. These particulars are interesting as showing the peculiarities of mind which lead to those remarkable actions that some people deem to be religious. As a matter of fact there is nothing truly religious about them. The system called "Mormonism" has no affinity with them, and does not lead its followers into any such doings as those attending the frenzied and spasmodic attempts at serving God by physical gymnastics, personal punishments or any unseemly performances. It teaches principles for the regulation of human conduct in accordance with divine revelation, for the betterment of mankind, individually and socially, and to prepare men and women for the life to come, by right believing and doing in the present life. It has no exciting or superstitious ceremonies, nor does it require people to act unnaturally or to subjugate their reason or their individual agency to any wild impulse or controlling power. Its teachings are all compatible with good common sense, and they will bear investigation by the closest reasoner on religion, philosophy

JUDGE BARTCH.

or science.

Utah.

The resignation of Judge Bartch means the retirement from the Supreme bench of the State of a Chief Justice who, during a long incumbency of that important office, has won for himself a prominent place of honor and respect in the hearts of the people of Utah. Judge Bartch has, for a number of years, held judicial positions of the highest importance, and he has invariably discharged his duties with impartiality and ability. As a citizen, although faithful to his political creed and friends, he had always given the welfare of the general public the first consideration. and his influence has been for peace and harmony. We hope success will follow him in private life, as it has during his official career. He certainly retires with the well-wishes of the people he has served so ably, almost

establishments here is performed. The hero of the book, who is, we have no doubt, drawn true to life, is manfully struggling for years against fearful odds, struggling and hoping, all in vain When the book is read in the vari-

ous countries from which the foreign immigration is largely drawn to this country, it may save many an unsophisticated laborer from the fate of the family who are the chief figures in "The Jungle." It may open the eyes on many who otherwise would have joined the crowd rushing across the Atlantic in the firm conviction that all they have to do in order to become weatlhy, is to land in the United States. In this way, even if the book parity failed in its purpose, it will be of inestimable benefit to intending immigrants who may read it, and understand it

The sound of the upraising in Russia is Muzhik to the Czar's ears.

And now the loud laugh that speaks by vacuation mind is heard.

The arms of the summer girl look like

hose of the Nut Brown Maid. In the Muscovite empire no news doesn't necessarily mean good news.

The gent who is said to have murleved Mrs. Gentry has been captured.

No matter where his fortune goes, Russell Sage's will is almost certain to go to contest.

Dissolving of the douma means that the revolution is in solution. It will yet be precipitated.

The Japanese naval program, like that at a young ladies' seminary musicale, is very long.

Having been received by King Edward, Mr. Bryan now can boast that he has stood before kings.

There was scarcely enough rain to tell whether or not it fell upon the just and upon the unjust alike.

The Thaw case, it is said, is to be dramatized. There are in it pienty of elements for a melodrama or a tragedy.

The salaries of the Zion City officials have been fixed at one dollar a year. The perquisites must be something unusually good.

One of the reasons why the douma was dissolved was that in the reply to the speech from the throne the lower house "talked back."

It is officially denied that an officer at the Cercle Militaire slapped Major Dreyfus's face. It may have been a case of absent treatment.

Clerk Byerly made some twenty-five thousand dollars on his Panama bond deal. "Nothing venture, nothing have." But he ventured nothing but a postage stamp.

eating

Forest City, Iowa, has been having a convention of bachelors and old maids. They wrestled with the question whether to marry or not to marry but came to no decision. On that question such

in financial circles. There has been reform, compulsory for the most part, and Russell Sage conformed to the new order of things and continued to pile up earthly treasure. Concerning his private life there has never been hint of scandal. He lived the life he liked best. It was not the life which a teacher of ethics would hold up before oung men as an ideal toward which to strive. His only monument will be mi lions. And how perishable a memorial

New York World.

vas not a good man to quote in sympo siums on how millionaires amuse them selves or on the duty of rich men to retire from the strenuous life. Work was his play. He loved fine horses. retire from the strenuous life. Work was his play. He loved fine horses, however, owned many of them and was fond of driving. He read nuch and could repeat long passages of Shake-speare from memory. Undoubtedly he was a man courageous to a degree, since other the degree ince neither the dynamite of the crank Nor cross nor other people's ideas of a mil-lionaire's duties led him to waver from the life he chose to live as his own,

city permissible, but a duty binding upon men to accumulate wealth. Wis-dom, he thought, was in hoarding money and not in spending it. True wis-dom is in spending the superfluity of our income, and the truest wisdom is in spending it in the truest way for the best good of the rest of humanity.

Kansas City Star.

Personally Russell Sage was exceedingly quaint. He was a curiosity. He was the subject of flippant comment. He achieved more distinction than he sought. If he was less hated than some ther multi-millionaires by those who have suffered from the oppressions incident to greed, it was because he was not aggressive. He had enough to do to look after his own business, and he did not meddle with other people's affairs. But he lived a comparatively useless life. He was not even a benefactor in the way of initiative contribution to his country's enterprise. He had no ideals except riches.



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IT SELLS IN JARS OF DIF-





"The Holy Rollers were organized about six years ago on the shores of Canadaigua lake, and the story of the rise of this strange religious sect is absurdly out of place in the 20th century . Hell is the chief tenet of the Holy Rollers' belief --- a hell of sputtering brimstone and flame that eternall; torture, but never consume, the bodies of the danned. To this hell is des-tined every one who does not accept the faith. The creed embodies doctrines which were regarded as essen-tial to happiness 100 years ago. It is tial to happiness 100 years ago. It is a creed that converts by fear, and the writer has seen a number of young women in various stages of hysteria at the conclusion of a Holy Roller re-vival meeting. The leaders of the failh are Mrs. Mary Molntyre, Miss Emma Chase, Prof. N. L. Eastman and Elder Lamas Woodsworth of Syracutes Elder James Woodsworth of Syracuse N. Y. Regeneration is effected in several ways, the course of treatment in-cluding prayer, bathing, robing and baptism by immersion. When these remedies prove futile in cleansing the soul of the sinner, the penitent is obliged to perform what the believers call the 'holy roll.' The unregenerate lies on the floor at one end of the building and rolls over and over like a log until every one present is satisfied that the devil has been rolled out Sometimes the ceremony lasts a quar-ter of an hour, but if the convert has been an unusually tough customer, he may be compelled to roll for four or he may be compened to roll for four or five hours—a most heroic method of securing salvation. As the subject toils by the kneeling andience, every person has the privilege to ask such questions as each sees fit, and the convert must make satisfactory answers before he is allowed to rise. The sins of a lifetime must be confessed in detail and the junermost secrets of the soul made public.

The same paper gives some particulars in reference to another sect. which arose in western New York about the same time as the movement of the Holy Rollers. The New York paper refers to the state of excitement under which these sects arose as being "not unlike that which marked the beginning of Mormonism." "In this remark there is, as usual when "Mormonism" is referred to a great mistake, "Mormonism" at its very inception was opposed to all such spiritual inebriety as that which is exhibited in revival gatherings and emotional ex-

erclass, improperly called religious. It. appeals to the intellect mather than to the emotions. It requires rational investigation and its ordinances and ments have been completed, we unceremonies are absolutely free from those performances that carry away their devotees into unseemly and eccentric actions.

"Mormonism" at the very start denounced all such erratic movements as "from the devil," and declared the operations of the Spirit of God are to guide into truth, temperance, virtue, sobriety and order. But the New York Tribune adds the following remarks concerning the establishment of what it calls "the sfrangest of all sects; the adherents of which are known as "Knee-Benders." It says:

The Knee Benders are a small com-The Knee Benders are a small com-munity and live along the easiern shore of Senera lake. This sect originated about five years ago. At that time a Swedish farmer named Burson, a man of some education, began to act in a strange manner. He claimed that he had visions and refused to assist in work on the farm, and spent most of his time on a knoll near the lake. He AN IMPERIAL ALLIANCE.

from the first day of his arrival in

The compact between the three emperors of Europe to preserve Poland, not in the interest of humane principles but for the benefit of the reigning houses, reminds one of the holy alliance signed by the Emperors of Russia and Austria and the King of Prussia in 1815. According to the first arilcle of that treaty, the three monarchs | Lake, were to consider themselves as belonging to one country, obligated to render one another "assistance, protection, and aid." In the second article this is made still more emphatic. The governments and the citizens are, according to the agreement entered into, to consider themselves as "members of one and the same Christian nation;" and the three monarchs were to regard themselves "only as instruments of the divine Providence, to govern three branches of one and the same family, Austria, Prussia and Russia." It would not be surprising to learn of the revival of some such principles as those which inspired the holy alliance. Europe is now passing through mighty upheavals very much akin to the events that shook the thrones a century ago.

It is a mistake, though, for the potentates of our time to combine against the patriots whose hearts are filled with the lofty ideals of liberty and human rights. They justify it by reasoning that revolutionary movements, if not checked, will spread across the borders to neighboring states, and thus jeopardize more than one throne. On that supportition interference is justified. But, suppose that not only the Poles but all friends and sympathizers of Polish liberty, in Germany and Austria-Hungary, are provoked to revolution by the imperial compact, then would come to pass the very thing for the prevention of which the emperors combined. The Polish situation involves the issue of human liberty. Mankind is interested in that. All assaults upon liberty must result in disaster to the conspirators.

TO READ THE JUNGLE.

According to notices that have appeared. Mr. Sinclair's "Jungle" is to appear serially and in book form in many European languages. Arrange. derstand, for its publication in L'Acton of Farls; Il Tampo of Milan; in an underground revolutionary paper in Russia, and in a Dutch paper at Amstordam. In the United States it is appearing in the Fornot, a Bohemian paper: in Bobotnick, a Pollsh paper, and in the Jewish Dally Vorwaerts in New York. It will also be published in various German papers.

The author is quoted as having regretted that his book really falled in Its purpose, because it aroused the public more on account of the sins against the laws of cleanliness it revealed, than on account of the moral rottenness that it laid bare. One of the points made in "The Jungle" is the hopelessness of many foreign laborers, notwithstanding the physical strength they may possess, to cope successfully with the conditions under which labor in some of the gigantic

"It's surprising how rusty the ice man's scales will get in warm weather. This must have been the cause of the defect in seventy-eight out of the 689 oal stock. sets of scales seized in New York from ice wagons. From twenty to forty pounds in every hundred was the average fault. Number of cases where the difference was against the dealer, 0," says the Boston Herald, All samee Salt FREEDOM'S AWAKENING. Cleveland Plain Dealer. News of the agitation for constituonal government in Persta seems as incredible as did the report of a wo-man's rights movement in the Constan. tinople harems a few months ago, yet whatever the foundation of the latter. the news from Persia is so circumstantial as to leave little doubt that the absolutism of the shah is threatened. though the popular movement has attained no such proportions as in Rus-sia. Last January this agitation wrung from the shah a rescript recognizing the principle of the equality of all persons before the law, and the vizier was ordered to draw up, with the aid of Europeans, a scheme of represen-tative assemblies for the larger cities, So little has since been heard of this project that the people have become impatient, and last week the heads of the clergy published a pronunciamento demanding that last January's promise of reform be fulfilled.

RUSSELL SAGE.

Portland Oregonian. Russell Sage is dead and it is estimated that he has left a fortune of \$100. 000,000. The reason he left it, of course, was his inability to take it with him. He lived out his long life doing few deeds for the betterment of his fellowman. All around him, in the greatest and wickedest city on earth, children were dying every hour in the year for want of the bare necessaries of life income from a fortune of \$100,000,-0, judiciously expended, would have ought light and comfort and even life itself to the perishing innocents. But there was nothing on the tape of the Wall-street licker that told Uncle Rus-sell that any money could be made in saving the lives of children. Money was the only idol before which he worwas the only idol before which he wor-shiped, but he eventually found its lim-itations. His transportation on old Charon's ferry is no better than that of the poorest Bowery outcast, who per-ished for want of some of the things which Russeij Sage had, but would not give up. The world is hardly better for Burnell Sage's baving lund in if Box Russell Sage's having lived in it. Per. haps it is better for his leaving it.

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San Francisco Chronicle.

If Mr. Sage has ever been prominently identified with the devising or exe-cuting of any useful work we fail to remember it. He was a very old man, and may have done so during some for-mer generation, but the reputation which he leaves behind him is that of a which he leaves being him is that of a man who profited by his sound judg-ment of the ability of others and of the real value of stocks and bonds, either as security for loans or for purchase when offered for less than their value. One can understand the joy of con-structive accomplishment aside from the money which it brings. One can appreciate the pleasure of accumulating for one's children, under the mistaken notion that great inherited wealth is a blessing. It is difficult, however, to see what pleasure there can be in accumu-lating enormously for nobody and for no object. Possibly when his will is opened it may appear that he had some real object in life after all.

Pittsburg Gazette-Times. In the making of the Sage millions especially in the early days, methods were employed which are now tabooed