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UNION PACIFIC IMPROVEMENT.

When the business of the railways is broken it gives a fair estimate of the improvement made in financial affairs generally. In this respect the advance in the west is of a satisfactory character, although we have not yet got back to that thoroughly prosperous condition which is desirable, when there is remunerative employment for all, but the time is steadily drawing near. The announcements of the railways in this section for 1896 show considerable progress as compared with the past two years, the latest active of that kind is the Union Pacific railway's statement of earnings and expenses for the month of March, 1896 and 1895. This shows a gain in surplus earnings every month except the Atchison, Colorado and Pacific, the Atchison, Jewell County and Western, and the Kansas City and Omaha roads, all operated in Kansas. The aggregate surplus for the entire system is $602,848.80 in March last as compared with $242,-048.57 in March 1895—a gain of $360,-811.09; for the first three months of 1896 the surplus was $1,811,071.17 as against $1,021,401.07 in the same period of 1895—a gain of $789,670.10. The Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern division, in which centers the chief interest here, and which reveals most accurately the pulse of local business, had a surplus of earnings in March, 1896, of $274,-681.66 as against $132,608.41 in March of last year—a gain of $141,973.25; the first three months of 1896 shows $759,-691.35 surplus, which, by comparison with the figures for the first quarter of 1895, $293,080.80, gives a gain of $466,-870.55, or nearly double last year's surplus. The expense of operating the Short Line this year has been about 61 per cent of the gross earnings, while last year it was about 75 per cent.

THE "INDEPENDENT" AND THE MORMONS.

The New York Independent is one of the ablest weeklies published in the English language, its high standing being due in large measure to the care with which it selects its contributors. Notwithstanding its utmost precautions, however, there occasionally creeps in one of that class whose begotlings brought sin and sorrow into the beginning because of the deceitfulness thereof. An illustration of this kind is given in the last number of the Independent to hand—the issue of May 14. In it appears a two-and-a-half column article headed "Mormon Priesthood in Politics," written and compiled by one Eugene Young, who is somewhat known in this city.

He opens his disquisition with the grave announcement that "there is something extremely pathetic in the present attitude of the Mormons;" he commiserates them with the plaintive assurance that "they are really an honest people, dominated and led by those who are using their Church position, not for the spiritual good of their followers, but to give themselves greater riches and power;" and he pleads that the Mormons "do not like to give up the faith for which they have suffered so much," adding that they are "gradually being driven to a cynicism that cannot but prove depressing," and "are groping for some middle ground where it will be possible to retain both their faith and their manhood and womanhood."

The only feature which gives the article prominence is the reputable character of the journal in which it appears and which is deservedly held in high esteem by a large number of people; and this fact brings the effusion forward as one of that class which has done much unjustifiable injury to Utah in times past, in being wilfully and deliberately misrepresentative of the sentiments and conditions of people here. The article assumes to review some local events of the past few weeks and contains nothing either new or interesting to readers here, but much that is injurious to the State when disseminated elsewhere. It makes some reference to the recent address to the Saints, by which Church officials were reminded that when they proceed to temporarily abandon their Church duties for other callings common courtesy and discipline required that they consult with their ecclesiastical superiors if they would retain their ecclesiastical positions; but it is mainly a rehash of the "spook" story of a local attorney who was a member of the Legislature, and treats as an established fact that which proved a fiasco which made its promoter the laughing stock even of his best friends. It also sees in woman suffrage "an alarming factor" which brings "many tears to think."

All this would be amusing if it had any interest at all when repeated here, where people know better; but the publication in the Independent makes it a more serious matter, since its effect will be to injure the State in the minds of those whose confidence and friendship is greatly to be preferred to their distrust of the people here. We have the article before, however, of knowing that the people of Utah are becoming better understood through closer acquaintance, and we will pass on, as we have done so many similar occasions, without troubling to deny in detail the specificated baited methods in the contribution referred to. There is no surprise here at the commanations from such a source, but the wonder is how the Independent came to be imposed upon by a syringall so incompetent and unreliable.

HOPELESS SUPPLICATION.

The present attitude of Spain in the Cuban situation is almost ridiculous. The government pulls forth every encouraged to belittle the insurrection, in the eyes of the people, both in Spain and other European countries, as a thing of "foolhardiness and courage," whose followers are "bandits." It is alleged that but for the military upholding the returns would be would already have been greater. The failure to catch those "bandits" and restore peace is accounted for by the fact that the sympathy for the Cubans in the United States is so great as to make an effective campaign impossible. Those who read in this light would have the world believe that 150,000 Spanish soldiers are powerless before a little band of Cuban bandits, only because the sentiment in the United States is against Spain. All though this sentiment has never found so much formidable expression than Vigorous resolutions and resolutions in Congress, and the dispatch of a few ships and some ammunition stations lately sent to Cuba from our sea ports. If Spaniards are not inclinable to humor they must be tempted to laugh in their sleeves if not in their hands when the situation is gravely and officially explained in that manner.

Another feature of the situation, which many will regard as equally humorous, is the national appeal to devoutest persons for aid against the prevailing drought and the Cuban rebels. A few days ago the capital was the scene of one of those strange ceremonies that seem like remnants from the dark ages. A silver shrine said to contain the bones of St. Isidoro was carried in the streets of Madrid, escorted by 800 clergymen and thousands of people, including civil as well as military officials. They carried burning candles and chanted sacred hymns. People in the streets kneeled down, as the relic passed by, praying the patron saint to assist them. The ceremonies were to be performed every day for nine days, and the members of the royal family were expected to join the people in supplications for deliverance.

It seems superfluous to comment on a devotion that seeks to obtain the sympathy of heaven by paying respects to the dust of the great men of the past, but such an exhibition furnishes evidence that the nation has failed to grasp the meaning of the religious progress made in the last centuries, and that it consequently is and fit to rule a people that has been breathing to a more late extent the sweet air of liberty, wailed to them from the shores of the Republic. There is in this display of a sacred shrine at the time of a national crisis much that reminds the world of the frantic efforts of the Chinese to silence the Japanese guns by carrying dragons and lanterns, instead of meeting steel with steel, valor with valor, activity with activity. And if Spain fail to make her superiority over Cuba good, when the island shall have gained liberty the world will congratulate the Cubans on their escape not only from political tyranny, but also from what appears to be hopeless superstition.

RELIGION AND POLITICS.

The announcement of James Cardinal Gibbons made in his letter to Rev. Dr. Stadiger, of Washington, and given in our dispatches from the capital, has a deep significance in view of the attitude assumed by the A. P. A. in political matters. This eminent representative of the Catholic church in this country makes the authoritative statement that "not only is it the duty of all parties distinctly to set their face against the false and un-American principles thrust forward of late, but as much as I would regret the entire identification of any religious body, as such, with any political party, I am convinced that the members of a religious body whose rights, civil and religious, are attacked, will naturally and unanimously espouse the cause of the party which has the courage openly to avow the principles of civil and religious liberty according to the Constitution. Patience is a virtue. But it is not the only virtue. When pushed too far it may degenerate into pusillanimity."

There is no doubt that this declaration will be looked upon by anti-Catholics as a direct threat that in their religious bigotry the members of the Roman church will act as a body on politics upon the issue returned to in the letter, and that such a proceeding will furnish a striking illustration of an interference by that church in state affairs. But whether or not Cardinal Gibbons had made the statement which now comes over his signature, the action must have been the same. When the Catholic organization is attacked as such, in the political capacity of its members, by a secret organization which makes a man's religion a barrier to the full privileges of citizenship, there is no reasonable ground for the members of that church but to defend themselves in the face of the attack upon them. Their extremity may be of that great which would prove them to lay down their lives in defense of their liberty, which constitutes the jurisdiction of all their earthly possessions; but when they are assailed in their religion, which embraces their hopes of the hereafter as well, that same spirit of patriotism has a still higher claim upon them. If the only alternative be offered to Catholics, as the A. P. A. profess to delay, to either abandon their religion or the full privileges of citizenship, then there will be a battle royal before the choice is made. Neither the Catholics nor any other body of religionists will surrender their rights of citizenship at their church authority without a struggle which would, when strength of numbers permits, reach much farther than the ballot box.

There has been a great hue and cry over the church dominating the state, and the A. P. A. has carried it to the full extent in its crusade against the Catholics. The indications now are very strong that the shoe will be on the other foot soon, and that the Catholic church will treat with potent relish that politicians and secret societies seem using the state as a means to assail it or its members, or take the consequences. The rule invoked is of general application—churches ought to be left to conduct their own internal affairs, and meddlers should keep out.

One healthy sign in this business is the A. P. A. attitude as Major McKinley. If the doughty Canton is a nominee for the Presidency—and there seems to be little doubt that such will be the case—it is perhaps quite as well that this secret society is getting into the field right now, as the issue it raises can be settled. If it makes the fight promised by its delegates at Washington yesterday, it may as well be upon such a nominee and under such circumstances, that the brethren may be effectually ended by the American people before it can reach the same potentous situation indicated by Archbishop Gibbons, when the Catholic church as a body will take up the fight on its own account. The way to close the business with best results to the country probably is for the people generally to stop the contest before it goes any farther as a political fight against a church. If so, let us have it and be done.

THE ESTRAY LAW.

In this issue of the News we publish the new estray law, which goes into effect on the first of next month. It is a rather long document, but the law makes many changes from the former rule, hence we give it in full, as the interest in the subject is general. In some respects the law may not be as good as the former statute, especially in the poor way it provides for advertising estrays or trespassing animals. The limited posting system therein is very meager notice in a large or thinly populated precinct; and lovers of animals have some reminder in making application to county clerks to ascertain whether such animals have been advertised. The chief hardship this provision will then work is where animals may wander across county lines. Otherwise the law probably comes about as near being satisfactory as anything on that system can be. There is one important provision in it regarding county commissioners, and that is the requirement that, immediately after the first of June, when the law goes into effect, those commissioners must declare by resolution where constitute a lawful fence in the county over which they have jurisdiction.

Here are some figures that tell a startling story, and furnish at least one reason for the poverty and destitution which we hear so much about in the Old World. The people of the United Kingdom, including the babies, spent an average of $18.18 apiece last year for wine, beer and alcoholic liquor. This, an average of 5 cents per day, while of itself alarming enough, is said to show a decided falling off in consumption over previous years. The decrease is attributed to scarcity at work and low wages, and is therefore hardly encouraging to the friends of temperance.

SIX SKILLS.

QUICKLY CLASSIFIED.

Fellow Employes—Five whatsoever needed help for a day's work.—Exchange.

"City Editor—Group these under the heading, 'Five Well.'"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

THE PLATFORM.

"Why have you pursued me all these years?" sternly demanded the prisoner of the judge.

"I don't know," answered the only witness. "Unless it was to give you a chance to get out of your business."

Drawing his mouth three times about him, he subided to the footer of the arraigned.—Detroit Free Press.

THE DECEPTION.

Young Husband—Why do you object to tobacco?

Young Wife—Because it is poison.

Young Husband—But it's a slow poison.

Young Wife—That's my objection.—Puck.

IF WOULD.

"Is it cold?"

"Yes, sir."

"Would it be great if these car seats were made of ice and we could sit upon them always cool in winter?"—Chicago Record.

NATURE'S TEACHER.

A young woman who knew that the war horse, for instance, was made day but Bucklin would forgive her and ask her to be his wife. While she received the proofs she was much interested over the book, the stranger came on the platform and spoke to her. Then she handed back a copy of the book.

"Well, sir," said the gentleman, "can you tell Bucklin's wife to be true?"

"No," replied the young girl, "but you can give society a shove."—N. Y. Evening Sun.

HOW DOCTORS DIE.

Miss Antique—How they love to see you coming, my dear. Why, I have not a single visit to-day.

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