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## GRAND ARMY ENCAMPMENT.

Ex-territorial Secretary George H. Black kindly states to the news that the old soldiers in Salt Lake and elsewhere in the State fully appreciate the friendly attitude of the "Mormon" people toward the G. A. R. veterans. He does not believe, for a moment, that anything will be said or done by any member of the Order, in any way to antagonize the home feeling here. He is anxious to see "Mormon" Jew, and Gentile working together for the success of the 1909 national encampment of the G. A. R.

That is how it ought to be. There ought to be no "Mormon" Jews, or Gentiles in anything relating to the building up of the State. There ought to be but one people, as there is but one country, and one flag. And there would be no class division except for the influence of the selfish politicians to whom neither religion, nor home, nor friendship is sacred. There is none except as far as that evil influence is felt.

We do not for a moment suppose that any member of the venerable order of veterans will say anything to antagonize the home feeling. The antagonism comes from an entirely different source. And now that the City has had the good fortune of being selected as the place of the next encampment, we earnestly hope that local veterans will do what they can to force the traders of Utah and the people here to cease their nefarious work. It cannot be pleasant to the Grand Army men here to know that a newspaper, following a long established custom, as soon as their comrades come here, will dish up all kinds of falsehoods for their edification. It will do the State no good to have those falsehoods impressed upon visitors, for further circulation.

To illustrate what we mean. Some time ago the Tribune contained one of its habitual Palestinian lies about polygamy being rampant in Utah. The story was told on the alleged authority of "a prominent citizen of Salt Lake City who said that recently a well known man said to him." This will be recognized as the formula used in the Tribune office for falsehoods of its own concoction.

The story, however, was reproduced by a Washington paper. It was clipped from that paper and sent to California where a friend of the "News" came across it and sent it to this office.

Our contention is that any efforts to build up the State will, necessarily, be neutralized by the falsehoods spread broadcast by the infamous paper that exists on strife and feeds on blackguardism of its own making. Let the citizens combine their good influence against such damaging journalism, which would not be tolerated in any other State. This, we take it, is a good time to join in a movement for the building up of the material interests of Utah.

## HOLLAND AND VENEZUELA.

A recent number of the Pan American contains a review of the incidents that have led to the strained relations between Holland and Venezuela.

The offense of De Reus, the Dutch minister, consists in sending a letter to Holland warning his countrymen from investing in Venezuelan enterprises. In his letter he referred to Castro as a dictator. "The revival of trade," he wrote, "is practically impossible while the present government rules that country, for it cannot be expected that the present President, after the nine years during which he has reigned almost as a dictator, will change his policy of governing or his foreign and domestic policy."

This letter caused President Castro to send the Minister his passports. The Dutch government complains that this was not done in the regular way, but that objection is rather futile. The point is that Castro was perfectly right in regarding a foreign representative as persona non grata, who should refer in terms of contempt to the chief executive of the country. How long would he have remained in Washington, London, or Berlin, under similar circumstances?

But Holland has other grievances. The Dutch Minister of foreign affairs claims that, ever since 1894 vexatious and arbitrary acts have continued against Dutch vessels engaged in coast trade between Curacao and the coast. During the last year especially these acts have become numerous and, in fact, intolerable. He relates the story of a Venezuelan vessel which left La Guayra with a clean bill of health, but which on its arrival at Willemstad, had to be put into quarantine by the Netherlands authorities, as it had called at contaminated ports and was in such a state of filth that it constituted a public danger. "Immediately," the Minister says, "the Venezuelan Consul, Senor Lopez, without awaiting explanations, sent his government an exaggerated and inaccurate report on the incident, whereupon President Castro issued the decree of May 14th dealing a death blow to the commerce of Curacao." A protest was filed against this arbitrary act.

The controversy between the two countries is not without its comic incidents, showing upon how slender threads the fate of nations sometimes hangs. M. De Reus had written, "I regret that a bad dream (in Dutch an booze dream) is in danger of troubling the calm of our relations." These words, not properly understood, were translated into Spanish by "a maldito espíritu"—that is to say, by "a damned bad spirit." The undiplomatic expression excited great anger on the part of President Castro, who regarded the epithet as applying to himself. M. de Reus wanted to explain the misunderstanding, but met with refusal on the part of Dr. Paul, who, fearing to compromise his administration, would not refer the matter to President Castro.

From what has been made public of the controversy, it is clear that the bitterness of feeling is due, largely, to misunderstanding. It would be a graceful act of some influential power to undertake the mission of peace making. Castro may not be worth the effort, but if he were, he will not be the sufferer. For the sake of the people, we hope there will be no war.

## THE REAL VALUE OF THINGS.

Newport society has at last done something that should command universal approbation.

The fashionable set there, it is said, has returned to the practice of wearing paste jewels made in imitation of the originals. The reason assigned is that so many valuable articles have been lost that the cheaper substitutes will be used.

This seems sensible enough, considering the intrinsic nature of these costly trinkets. Why not use the imitations, when they will answer the purpose of personal adornment just about as well? "But suppose," asks the New York World, "some unscrupulous person should presume to wear a pendant of paste diamonds and sapphires while motoring and should lose it? And suppose it should turn out that the costly originals did not exist? The whole summer colony would immediately fall under the suspicion of cheating. Nobody's character would be safe. Friend would distrust friend and society would be rent with charges of fraud and deception."

That paper then goes on to suggest that:

"As a matter of common protection, Newport might arrange for a clearing house committee of authorized social leaders to act as trustees. The original jewels could be placed on deposit and paste imitations issued only against them. Persons who could not offer satisfactory security, of course, would get none of the emergency jewelry, and any one who ventured to blaze forth in a ballroom in a paste coronet would be put down as a counterfeiter to be barred from good society."

We think that this suggestion has much merit, if only to show the real nature of the desires that are gratified in the wearing of diamonds and other expensive but otherwise comparatively worthless trinkets.

We have never been able to appreciate the "intrinsic value" of jewelry at the same rate as the possessor or wearer of this form of ornament seems to value it. A feeling amounting to conviction on the part of economists and moralists has often been expressed to this effect; that the only thing really accomplished by jewelry worn for adornment is to enlarge the vanity of the wearer and to cultivate the envy of others foolish enough to desire these baubles.

The purchase of jewelry has also the effect of diverting money from productive into unproductive channels.

## EXPERTS ARE FALLIBLE.

Expert testimony is not generally considered very reliable. It has been proved time and again that such testimony can be secured on both sides of a question, and that so-called "experts" have testified to impossible and ridiculous assertions.

A well known Vienna paper tells a funny story illustrating the blunders of which experts sometimes are guilty. A terribly mutilated body came floating down the river Waag. It had been done up in a sack. The police at once called in experts. The stomach of the victim was found to contain blackberries and pieces of bark. That proved conclusively that the victim had been insane when murdered. The experts testified that the man was in the neighborhood of sixty years, and that the body had been six weeks in the water. The remains were solemnly buried in a prominent cemetery. Then a reward was offered for the capture of the murderer.

And now the experts were confounded. A certain count explained that he had killed a bear in the woods not far from the town precisely as he had shot other bears in previous years. He had taken off the head to have it prepared for stuffing and had skinned the animal. His hunter had then, without his knowledge, thrown the remains into the river the day they were found.

The people of Austria are now having a great deal of fun at the expense of the experts who caused the remains of the bear to be buried in consecrated ground, and the papers suggest the propriety of raising a headstone, by public donations. But this was in Austria.

Money makes the campaign go.

The unlucky rather than the lucky believe in luck.

The typewriter girl is the modern recording angel.

A woman is as proud of her figure as a man is of his bank account.

"The speak-easy" is the very reverse of the still still, small voice.

Candidates who travel the grand circle do not necessarily argue in a circle.

"What is a fetching hat?" asks an exchange. One that fetches a big price.

It is reported that Lillian Russell is to wed again. She is the genuine merry widow.

The dialect talk of the modern novel is far worse than the baby talk of the nursery.

In engaging coaches the schools and colleges should be careful not to get "slow coaches."

Strange that no one has thought of

introducing the safety razor into politics. It has such a pull.

Should politicians who wage a hard and successful campaign be called wage earners?

An Iowa woman says that heaven is filled with pianos. She has got matters up side down.

Naturally, the Pan-Anglican congress is finding its hardest task in solving the divorce problem.

Few children will suffer from heart trouble tomorrow because of excess of joy over the opening of schools.

Should war balloons of hostile powers ever sail over our land the American eagle can be depended on to rend them.

Castro thinks he shines in the diplomatic world. It can scarcely be denied that he does cut up monkey-shines.

Most men change their politics for the same reason that they change their boarding houses—to get more and better grub.

The navy department has ordered the name of the monitor Wyoming changed to Cheyenne. It will now become a regular sea dog.

Today is dedicated to the toilet—and it is he who rules the world. Truly, he is entitled to this holiday, and may it end a merry one.

The arguments for a great navy are equally available for a great army. But do the American people want a million men constantly under arms?

If probed to its lowest depths, Upton Sinclair's scandal regarding defective armor plate will hardly be as odorous as the Pockington affair.

The defeated finds all too late that he has done the things he ought not to have done and that he left undone the things he ought to have done.

So far the news columns have failed to record a collision of airplanes—but probably the time is very near when such accounts will not be uncommon.

At a swell wedding in Newport the wedding breakfast was given on the lawn. This would not necessarily indicate that the bride was a grass widow.

"After a man passes fifty, it shocks him a little to be addressed by his first name," says the Atchison Globe. No it doesn't, it tickles him, for it makes him think he is still a boy.

To put a wireless telegraph station on top of the Washington monument, even if it is to connect with all parts of Europe, will, we hope, be abandoned. Such use of the monument is hardly within the boundary of National decency.

The triumph of the reform element in the recent Boise convention in securing a place in the platform declaring for local option is but the victory of decency over an element that hardly deserves any name or place in the social scale.

The press the other day told of another Utah product—Milk chocolate, as good as the article from Switzerland. Utah, it seems, may supply all men's needs. If there is one remaining want, let some man voice it and some Utah manufacturer will hail him with the cry, "Here it is. Utah supplies the world with its every need."

## A KAISER OF THE BALLET.

New York World.  
The German Kaiser has invited Orientalists from many countries to see at the Royal Opera-House in Berlin today the first representation of the pantomime ballet in Byron's "Sardanapalus," as arranged by his Kingly and Kaiserly self. From America have gone Profs. Jastrow, Hilprecht, Bloomfield and Haupt, all accomplished scholars, to see whether the costumes and scenic setting are historically accurate and artistically worthy of an imperial press-agent and impresario. Every one of these scholars and properly so, must have a counterpart in some Assyrian rock-picture with an arrowhead-script caption. Every proper pantomimist who poses as a heaven-aspiring one must express thereby an emotion demonstrably Babylonian and guaranteed to be at least 4,000 years old, or the professional critics will make the most of it.

## INLAND OR SEASIDE SANITARIA

Chicago Record-Herald.  
While medical authorities are practically unanimous in affirming that the open-air treatment for tuberculosis is the most satisfactory that has yet been discovered, there is difference of opinion among them as to the best place to send the patient. It is generally agreed that those suffering from consumption, or pulmonary tuberculosis, make better progress in high altitudes where the air is dry, but the relative advantages of seaside and inland sanatoria in cases of bone tuberculosis are still being debated. In Europe and on the continent most of the hospitals for the treatment of those affected with bone tuberculosis are located near the coast, but in America there is no such unanimity of opinion as this implies.

## FINE DIPLOMACY.

Springfield Republican.  
Minister Wu Ting-fang's influence with his own government is now to be severely tested, if the report from Pekin is to be credited that his recall from Washington is being contemplated on account of various indications of which it is alleged that he is guilty. The general impression is that the Pekin report is at least a roundabout notification from headquarters to Mr. Wu not to encourage any more the New York Herald's noisy and absurd agitation for a Chinese-American alliance—an agitation that has put in an appearance, curiously enough, since Mr. Wu returned to this country. It may be unjust to charge the Chinese minister with any degree of personal connection with the Herald's campaign, but in view of its frankly anti-Japanese aspect, it is likely that the Tokio government has its suspicions concerning the extent of Mr. Wu's activity. If it should turn out that Japan was able, by exerting pressure at Pekin, to end the Chinese minister's diplomatic career in the United States at this early date, we should witness a new and striking display of Japan's real power over the Chinese government.

## UNCLE SAM'S PAYROLL.

San Francisco Chronicle.  
Some idea of the tremendous growth of Uncle Sam's payroll may be gained from studying the appropriations of

the sixtieth Congress, which show that there was a net increase of 10,632 persons to the rolls last year, whose wages in the aggregate amount to \$9,068,332 annually. The increases were chiefly in the naval and postal services.

## JUST FOR FUN.

"You need not be afraid of my dog. He attacks himself very easily to strangers." "That is exactly what I am afraid of him for."—Baltimore American.

Miss Bunkerhill: "Have you read Scott's novels?" "Miss Lavey?" "I have seen it advertised a great many times in Chicago, but I have never been able to get a copy."—Judge.

"Stop the machine." "But, sir—" "I think I saw some red ferns." Better let me keep on, boss," advised the chauffeur, earning them red ferns for the local constable's whiskers."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

"Do you take any periodicals?" asked the clergyman on his first round of parish visits. "Well, I don't," replied the woman; "but my husband takes 'em frequent. I do wish you'd try 'em him to sign the pledge."—Judge.

Housekeeper: "You're a big healthy man; why don't you go to work?" "Lady, I'll tell you my trouble. I'm an unhappy medium." "What do you mean?" "Well, yer see, I'm too heavy for light work and too light for heavy work."—Weekly Telegraph.

Professor Stone: "To the geologist a thousand years or so are not counted as any time at all." "Man in the audience." "Great Scott! And to think I made a temporary loan of ten dollars to a man who holds such views!"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

"Step lively, please," said the conductor. "If I was young enough to do that," responded the aged passenger, climbing aboard. "I'd walk and beat your car."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Benevolent Old Gentleman—I am sorry, Johnny, to see you have a black eye.  
Promising Youth—You go home and be sorry for your own little boy—he's got two!"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A teacher, after patiently defining words in a spelling lesson, gave the word "gruesome" from among them, to be put into a sentence. With this result from the brightest little girl in the class: "I cannot wear my last summer's dresses, because I grew some."—Life.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The issue of Harper's Weekly for Aug. 22 contains the usual number of interesting features. The story of the Erie canal, the enormous vote for its enlargement, and the delay in carrying out the work, which has caused the canal to be sold to the Erie Railroad, are told by Edward Hungerford in a striking article. Victor Rousseau presents a humorous picture of the couples that throng the marriage license bureau in New York city. The masterly story, "A Spirit in Prison," by Robert Hichens, continues in an exciting instalment; and Edith B. Sturgis has written a fascinating and unusual story entitled "An Irish Lion." W. F. Bradley describes at length the training undergone by chauffeurs contesting in modern automobile races. John Kimberly Mumford writes of a remarkable interview with James J. Hall, in which the relation of the railroads to the great west and the problems that confront them are strikingly brought out. There are many other articles of interest, sketches in lighter vein, photographs and pages of humor in this interesting issue.—Harper & Bros., Franklin Square, New York.

General Kuropatkin's Memoirs of the Russo-Japanese War, which were suppressed by the Russian authorities, furnish the leading article in the September McClure's. General Kuropatkin makes striking charges concerning the causes of the war, and remarkable revelations concerning the great policy of the Russian Empire. The fiction in the number is diversified and attractive: Henry Graham's story of Charlotte Corday has a fine, romantic appeal; Gertrude Hall's "The Death of Maudie" is a love story of unusual quality and insight; Elmore Elliott Peake contributes "Jungle Blood," a strong and notable tale of negro life; George Horron's lively comedy of child life called "The Americanizing of Andre Francois, Flis," and Percival Gibbon tells another African tale, "The Buried Anchor," a story of a peculiar mystery on a lonely, far-off coast; Ellen Terry's Reminiscences of English notabilities, running from the time of her early friendship with Lewis Carroll to the end of "Arling House," to Bernard Shaw, whom she describes as "a gentle creature with brainstorms," contain a collection of lively personal anecdotes rarely couched. The Reminiscences of Carl Schurz will end with the last chapter of this extraordinary life, which he completed prior to his death in 1906. George W. Langer's "Manly form the subject for T. M. Cleland's article on 'An American Master of Landscape.' There are poems by Louise Imogen Guiney, A. E. Housman and Edward Vance Cook—44-60 East 23rd St., New York.

Ainslee's for September has a list of short stories, a complete novel, and a serial that together make a refreshing change from the conventional type of fiction with which the reading public is so familiar. The complete novel is called "The Veiled Mariposa" and is by Mrs. Wilson Woodrow. It is a story to attract attention because of its original plot and striking characters. The serial, "The Immortal Moment," in this number. Among the short stories is one by E. Phillips Oppenheim, called "Men Are Such Poets." Another is by Frank Danby, whose book, "The Heart of a Child," has been one of the season's successes. "Lobster à la Newburg," as he calls this unique bit of fiction, shows the author's practical hand. Mary H. Vorse has another of her funny boy stories, entitled "Aunt Maria and the Oil-can." A charming love-story is called "Elizabeth," by Charles Neville Buck. Johnson Morton has a delightfully whimsical tale called "Mrs. Manton Waring Casts Her Voice," which develops entertainingly a phase of the woman suffrage question. A Western story, "The Rattlesnake Girl," by Steel Williams, and an army-post story, "Inspected and Condemned," are by M. D. Deane, among the others.—79-85 Seventh Ave., New York.

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