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THE MEXICAN ARGUMENT.

The report of the committee of the Chicago Trade and Labor assembly, sent to Mexico to investigate the conditions there among the laboring classes shows that the common people are living under quite primitive conditions. The wages are low and the living cheap. Many of the tillers of the ground are virtually slaves, handling their crude agricultural implements much as their ancestors have been doing for centuries. The American workingman is a prince as compared to the Mexican laborer. Such are the conclusions reached after a careful investigation.

The report is, of course, to be used as an argument against the agitation for free coinage of silver, but as such it is utterly valueless. No matter what stand an investigator takes on the coinage question, he cannot but perceive that the condition of the common people in Mexico depends on other factors than the financial policy of the government.

Were, for instance, a committee to go to Turkey to institute a similar investigation there, they would find wages way down below those noticed in Mexico. They would find cuirves in some places working for 15 and 20 cents a day and supporting a family on those earnings. They would find them living in houses built of mud, devoid not only of furniture but of windows, too. They might see occasionally the ground tilled with a crooked stick of wood, drawn by a team consisting of a half-starved donkey and a woman. Laborers are there driven to work in the same way as cattle, the overseer's club being their chief encouragement to their toil under a burning sun. Yet, Turkey is classed as a gold and silver country, just as the United States, with a money circulation of $90,000,000, fifty million dollars of which is gold. It would be absurd to hold the native metal responsible for Turkish conditions, and it is equally absurd to blame silver for the slow progress of Mexico's advancement.

FLOODS AND EARTHQUAKE.

The record of disaster by circumstance of the elements continues to grow apace. News now comes of a frightful catastrophe in Siberia and in Japan. The telegraph made brief mention of floods in Siberia in August, and of storms and another earthquake in Japan on the last day of that month. Now some details are arriving, which give a faint picture of the calamitous visitations.

In Siberia the plains bordering on the Amuri were the scene of terrible devastation. The rivers Sighoun, Mur, Saula Cimea and Inam were all out and the plain for hundreds of miles was turned into a lake, in some places twenty-six feet deep. The Siberian railway was flooded for 150 verts from Imam, the last station on the road, and in many places washed away, and for some days telegraphic communication with Vladivostok was cut off. The grain crops were being gathered and were stacked in sheaves in the fields, and the winter stock of hay was being housed in stack. All these were carried away, so were the stores of the farmers as well as their homes, and many lives were lost. Search parties were out in all directions taking the farmers and their families in places of safety in the few boats to be found in the district, and the governor-general at Vladivostock dispatched a party of soldiers, with two light steamboats, searches and bear litters, to assist in the work. As the settlers have lost their all, even their stock is made off to the winter, there will almost assuredly be great distress and famine in the region during the coming winter, and, further, the test place of Blagoveschensk is absolutely necessary during the long and terrible winter have all been washed away by the raging waters, and to the pangs of hunger will be added the terrors of the proverbially severe Siberian winter with no provision for keeping warm.

In Japan some towns were destroyed and many severely damaged, and there was great loss of life. The widespread terror which prevailed after the earthquake was heightened by a typhoon which seemed to add to the work of devastation. This was followed by disastrous floods. Official reports say that 18,937 houses have been washed away, 115 totally wrecked and 301 partially destroyed. Numbers of people were drowned, considerable loss of property by the sinking of embankments, etc. Landslides have taken place in 1,061 places.

These disasters are interesting to some since that interest therein is comparatively dull to some quarters. But in others where events of modern times are being closely watched for the trend of their bearing, these occurrences are noted with a consciousness of the influence they will have upon the nations and peoples whose destiny is involved in later times.

MILITARY ACTIVITY IN RUSSIA.

The brief intimation this announcement that Russia is mobilizing troops in her Black Sea ports, and evincing military activity at other points, may indicate that the conferences held between the czar and the leading continental rulers are about to bear fruit, notwithstanding previous assurances that the peace of Europe must be maintained at any cost. This supposition is strengthened by the publication of an audience given by the czarina to a deputation of English workingmen, who came to plead for the Armenians, on which occasion she assured the delegates that she would use whatever influence she might have for the benefit of the oppressed people. If the czarina keeps this promise it is probable that the Turkish sultan's day of reckoning is not very far off.

IMPORTANCE OF NOMINATING CONVENTIONS.

The developments under the new law in force in this State ought to impress upon the minds of the solid element in voters the great importance of their taking part in nominating conventions. The present statute provides the way in which candidates for office shall be placed before the people, and how certificates of such selection shall be filed. Already there has been a necessity for recalling the nominating convention because the law has not been complied with by the officers of the first meeting. This second convention is a necessity in order that the nominees should be on the ticket. The inactivity of the convention officers has caused this extra trouble, besides rendering themselves subject to a severe penalty for violating the statute, which makes mandatory the filing of a certificate inside of ten days.

The nominating convention is now a part of the election machinery of this State, as much, in its place, as is the voting. There have been, and are, many people who are disgusted with politics to the extent that they will not attend primaries and nominating conventions. It is a fact also that these same people will continue to be disgusted, disappointed and oppressed with unsatisfactory political administrations until they recognize the important truth that the way to get decent officers is to come out to the primaries and conventions and place suitable candidates in nomination, grumbling will not do it; expressing disgust at politics will not do it; holding to the principle of voting for the least men will not do it; even reducing salaries will not do it. For, unless the better class of citizens get to the primaries and make them and the conventions respectable and responsible, affairs will go on the way politicians direct. Grumbling will not improve the quality of the candidates; disgust will not remove bad ones from the ticket; low salaries will be "made up" by unprincipled office-holders; and inactivity the election day means the chances too to see that when the voter comes to mark out his ballot he will have no "best man" to select and vote for. He has only those the nominating conventions give him; and it is the duty of every reputable citizen, partisan and non-partisan, radical and conservative, to secure representation in the nominating department of selecting officers.

It is to be hoped that hereafter the only citizens of the State, and of every election precinct thereof, will view this matter actually as it is. Then they will go to nominations, or send representative delegates thereto, instead of permitting this work to be performed by accounts and irresponsibles, as is too often the case now. Then nominating conventions will not be howling mobs, and the choice thereof will be representative of the better class of citizenship. Then, and not before, will officers of the highest integrity be chosen. The greater number of those of our fellows and enough substantial men in different parts of the territory rests upon the issue of responsible voters, either who alive to duty be neglected in this through what is sometimes termed military necessity or being starved, and when the cream of offices is celebrated upon the quality of those who select the candidates before election day arrives.

OBJECT LESSONS IN IRRIGATION.

Yesterday, October 12, the irrigation air at North Platte, Nebraska, was definitely opened, although visitors have been admitted since Friday last. The site of one by in the present history very large, and a great number of people have had an object lesson in irrigation that is as new to it as effective in impressing upon them the methods by which water is applied artificially to crops. In this matter the arrangements of the fair grounds are said to possess a remarkable degree of interest. Several large irrigation canals, aggregating sixty miles in length, run by and through the grounds, and these are being supplied with various irrigation appliances to illustrate the processes. A lake, two acres in extent, has been built for the purpose of showing the capabilities of windmill and pumping plants, and the practicality of the storage system as a method of irrigation. Lateral ditches crossing the grounds, in which are displayed measuring weirs, lateral gates, drill boxes, division boxes and other appliances for the distribution and measurement of water. The whole presents more of an even greater interest than to the visitors than was hoped for by the most earnest advocates of the plan, who are highly elated at the outcome, for the good that is believed to be accomplished.

SHOULD MAKE A CHANGE.

The San Francisco Chronicle, as a leading newspaper in the West, has an efficient corps of correspondents covering all parts of the country. There is one locality, however, in which our esteemed contemporary needs to make a change if it would preserve in this locality its reputation for accuracy and legitimate enterprise. That change is to fire Salt Lake correspondent. A sample of the latter's work appears in the Chronicle of Sunday last. There is a report of the semi-annual Conference which met October 6th. In the report are many statements that are true, and also many that the most casual observer knows are untrue. The News will not trouble to point out all of the latter, but only a sample, that our contemporary, and others, may know how it is being imposed upon.

For instance, in describing the Tabernacle there are statements which every visitor to that great building will note as inaccurate. One of these is that "three richly carved thrones, elevated high above all others, were occupied by the First Presidency of the Mormon Church; in the front, and on a lower level, were twelve other thrones occupied by the members of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and to the rear of these, and on a still lower plane, were thrones occupied by the seven presidents of the Seventies." The fact is, not a "throne," or anything to be described as such, is in the building; there are stands consisting of neatly and plainly constructed and cushioned seats in the rear of pulpit, but nothing in any way suggestive of a "chair of state," or a "royal seat," as the word "throne" indicates.

It is also stated in the Chronicle article that "one of the principal motions submitted in this conference was the substitution of a name for that of Moses Thatcher, one of the members of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles and a high dignitary in the Church;" that in the place of the gentleman mentioned another name was "submitted to the Conference for ratification or rejection;" and that this action "was promptly ratified and duly endorsed." Nothing of the kind took place at Conference, or at all. No name was submitted for that of Elder Teachner, hence there was no ratification or endorsement of such submission.

Of a like imaginative and inaccurate character is the assertion that last April's address, or "manifesto" as the article unwisely it, expressed the right of the Church authorities "to direct not only the spiritual affairs of the members of the Church, but their temporal affairs as well, and which expressly includes their political acts;" also the statement that "in assisting an Apostle of the Church into usness, which it is claimed have been divinely revealed to the First Presidency, are by them submitted to the quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and are balloted upon, and the successful candidate is by them declared to be the choice of the Lord, and his name is then submitted for confirmation." These portions of the article are false in fact, wholly misleading and uncharacteristic to their character. From a long acquaintance with the Chronicle the News is satisfied that our California contemporary does not want its readers imposed on in the manner aimed at in its Salt Lake article.

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