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TAKE NO BACKWARD STEP

A publication called "Life and Health" is advocating the abolition of State governments and the consolidation of all into one national government. It asserts that, "Experience has proven our system of State government to be fallacious," and, that, "It was more appropriate for the times in which it wes adopted, and is not suited to the present era of progress."

We do not think the project is likely to obtain much favor except among a few theorists and agitators, whose minds are searching after and proposing something different to the existing order of public affairs. It is true that conditions have changed very greatly since the organization of this republic. Means of computinication have been stablished which draw the several States claser together and almost annihilate distance. The railroad, the telegraph and the telephone have worked wonders in this direction, and there may be less need now than there was then for the divisions into local governments, each to some extent independent of the others. But to abolish them would be such a radical revolution that it is most improbable that such a scheme would obtain popular favor. Certainly the local politicians and office holders would oppose it vehemently.

And we see no real necessity for the While there are some variaenange. tions in the laws of the States which conflict with others, and especially those relating to marriage and divorce, that need harmonizing and modification, yet in the main a similar purpose inspires them all and the object in view is the public weifare. Notwithstanding the case with which intercourse between distant States is had, there are conditions peculiar to each which require local treatment and measures adapted to them, which can only be devised and executed on the spot.

All that is needed for the regulation

creatures, originated in England eighpeace, by constantly opening old een years ago, and the effects are said sores and constantly reproducing the most exuggerated and offensive lana be marvelous. In the schools in the guage used by politicians and agitators, east, such training is also given now, thus exaggerating the importance of and it is hoped the effect will be similar, in reducing the number of crimes such expressions. Fake rumors are also and criminals, and produce happiness spread, maliciously calculated to cause strife. All this is evil, from the evil one. among the children of men. Miss Mat-The press needs conversion, and as thewson speaks of her own experience those who control it become aware of in Denver, where at one time there their duty, the work for peace will be were bands of boys infecting certain hastened on. There is no more powerportions of the city. She went among them, and was at first stoned and inful influence for good than the press,

tion of Servia's unfortunate royal cou-

ple, so much bad was said about them,

that it is truly refreshing to see a

the Literary Digest:

ugly and uncouth in appearance,

most a debauchee. Queen Draga has

been interpreted to us as ill-born, old, and (what does not always follow) per-

carry through whatever policy he deemed best for the nation. He was a party leader as well as a monarch, and he was convinced that his policy

alone could assure the national salva-tion. He may have been wrong, but that is no excuse for his assassination. In any case I will stake my soul that

he was sincere. His honesty is surely

Prince Ferdinand had been equally firm, he might have been less prosper-

secured supercrogatory satisfaction from his conscience. Queen Draga was descended from a hero of the war of in-dependence, and ranked with the best

Servian aristocracy. Her first husband treated her badly, and she passed through a time of tribulation when she

had to earn her own living after his

death. Her unfailing good-humor, her wit, her beauty, and her charm con-quered all hearts. Soonest of all, they

tion was pathetic and inspiring."

ory, he says.

indorsed by his refusal to countenance timinal conspiracies in Macedonia.

when used in the right cause. sulted. Gradually, however, she gained their confidence and affection, and now GOOD WORD FOR THE DEAD. many of them are active workers for the humane society. Both before and after the assassina

As for children, she says, it is a most ncredible how many; are brutally shused all over the country. Many Bitle ones who have lost their parents are tortured, mutilated and crippled by inhuman stepparents. No less than 800 such little martyrs have been found nd provided for in Colorado, by the

This gives some idea of the work in which the lady is interested. The laws ere relating to such subjects are certainly not enforced as they ought to he. What is everybody's business is nobody's business, and therefore it happens that much transgression of the humane laws goes on without prosecution. Utab, we are told, is not in

the front ranks of the procession, as far as kind treatment of animals is concerned, though children, we believe, are taken good care of. It ought to be, The Prophet Joseph set a brilliant example in this respect, as in so many others. If his teachings were followed. peace would reign not only between man and man but also between man and animals.

## TWO STORM CENTERS.

There are at least two dangerous dorm centers in the world, just now, According to reports Japan is mobilizing her forces, and the opinion is said to prevail in Russian circles in Tienisin, that an outbreak of hostilities in the far cast is inevitable, and immi-

From eastern Europe, the reports are iso disquieting, A Berlin paper is stormed that the Bulgarlan war office has called out 20,000 reserves and ordered two batallions to the Turkish frontier. The Frankfurter Zeitung states that the Turkish government has decided to immediately order 106 quickfiring guns from the Krupp works, and the Dally Telegraph's correspondent at Vienna says the belief prevails there that Bulgaria intends to send an ultimatum to Turkey.

Thus it appears that war clouds are descending simultaneously upon the eastern parts of Asia and Europe, with threatening aspects. There may not be any connection between the two, but if Russia must go to war with Japan, it would be to her advantage to have He adds: "When I saw him there was Great Britain occupied elsewhere. Perhaps it is hoped, by threatening to let the war dogs loose over the Balkan, to compel Great Britain to neutrality while the conflict over Manchuria is on. The ways of diplomacy are mysterious,

## THE PALACE OF PEACE.

Mr. Carnegie is the recipient of letters Beigrade. It is true enough history

during his fatal illness. He jokes with death itself.

"The devil lurks in the sodawater fountain," says Dr. Wiley of the Agricultural fountain. But that isn't the name usually given the ingredient,

City Chemist Harms found the only foreign substance in the milk furnished him for analysis to be dirt. All houses wives, and they are not chemists, find that every morning in the milk they buy

Young Ted Roosevelt came near upsetting the whole secret service system by coming home by an infrequented path and nearly reaching the house before he was discovered and halted. It is highly improper for a mere lad to eatch a presidential guard of word of guiogy from one who claims to guard.

be well informed. A writer in the As yet the President has not receiv-Westminster Gazette, says both Alexed the B'nai B'rith petition and feels ander and Draga were maligned by rather annoyed over the delay. Such press reports sent out through foreign things should be handled while hot to hannels. He claims that the malconbe effective for nothing is harder to tents in Servia were few, and confined warm over than indignation grown to jealous women and disappointed cold. The B'nai B'rith people have dearmy officers. He says, as quoted in layed so long, that much of the popular indignation has cooled very per-"King Alexander has been persist-entiv described as a weak, peevish youth who did not know his own mind, ceptibly. If it cools entirely they will

have themselves chiefly to blame. TO THE LYNCHING QUESTION.

New York World.

Race prejudice is not a Russian mo and (what does not always inter) per-haps no better than she should be. Now, whatever the king was, no one who ever saw him could question his strength of character. The only symp-toms of unpopularity ever discernible were aroused by his unfilmching zeal to carry through whatever policy he nopoly, and we are unfortunately open to an easy retort from any country that we undertake to instruct in tol erance and humanity. Still, an American wrong does not make a Russian right. The enlightened public opinion of the world ought to be exerted upon us and upon Russia alike when its pressure is needed. Official intervention in the affairs of a sovereign na-tion may be resented, but the moral intervention of mankind is always admissable and wholeso

> Kansas City Journal. What the negro is chiefly concerned about these days is not so much the

right to vote as the right to die a natural death. Chicago News.

Last week a few more desditory moves were taken in court toward bringing ex-Lieut-Gov. Tillman of South Carolina to trial. Not being a colored man, the people of that state are not alarmed at the prospect of a delay of justice in his case.

Springfield Republican.

conquered that of the king, who was content to quarrel with his parents, to In short, the lynching bee in this In short, the lyfhching bee in this country is to some extent a by-product of our popular form of government. Un-der despotism, where rulers are not re-sponsible to the people, and local senti-ment can be defied with impunity by an official, there would be very little hesitation in mowing down scores of a mob in order to defend the honor of the law and maintain least sutherity. risk estrangement with his subjects, and to place himself at variance with all Europe for her sake. Their devo-Colone! Snowden, formerly United States representative fn that country takes a similar view\*in The Indepenthe law and maintain legal authority In accordance with this principle, the dent. He says the allegation that the effort is often made during violent strikes to secure from a distance police or soldiers as little amenable as possiate king was a "degenerate," comports ill with the character of one who ble to local influences. State militia is considered better than local police, and at 17 planned and carried out a successful plot, and at 14 was regarded the regular army a great improvement as one of the mathematicians in Servia,

Savannah News.

tothing whatever in his conversation So far this year there have been 13 lynchings in the United States, seven in or demeanor to justify the hostile impressions recently given to the world the South and six in the North. Of the Southern lynchings one victim was by his enemies and murderers." Alexinder Obrenovich deserves well of hisburned near New Orleans, five were hanged and one was shot. Of the Northern lynchings three victims were burned-at Bellevide. Ill., at Jopiin. If this is true, it is all the more in-Mo., and Wilmington, Del.-one was beaten to death at Pittsburg and the umbent upon the civilized world to mete out justice for the foul crime at others were hanged.







of national affairs is in the power of the national legislature. Congress is endowed with sufficient authority for all general purposes, and the executive and indicial departments have ample jurisdiction in their respective spheres, to make the laws of the land effective, and maintain the dignity of the United States as one of the great powers of the world. The very genlus of our governmental

system is in the union of independent commonwealths, having common interests but also separate and individual concerns. It differs in this respect from the old republics which fourished for time and then went to pieces. We believe the American idea is far better than that of the old world, in the establishing and maintenance of popular government. Let each State keep up its own autonomy for the special good of its own constituents, and let the Union of all the States be perpetuated tor the welfare of them all, for national renown and progress at home and abroad, and relations with the nations of the world.

By this means the prestige of our great and growing republic will be upheld, and each section of the public domain will be governed within itself according to its own special requirements. That is according to the heaven-inspired Constitution of our country. which may be amended as occasion demands by the voice of the people that gave the authority by which it was framed. It is no castiron instrument, fixed for all time, but yet it is not so clastic that it can be stretched out | land and France, for an arrangement by of due form by any whim of political schemers, nor be changed at all except by popular agreement.

A movement to abolish State governments for the merging of all into one old-time republic thus revolutionizing the entire plan of our splendid system, would not be beneficial to its "life and health," but would be a glant step towards monarchial institutions, and a signal for the downfall of that liberty which the fathers gained by valor and blood, and of which the United States are the champions among the kingdoms and peoples of the whole earth. Let us maintain our freedom, local and mational, and extend it as far as posable to every land and clime!

## FOR HUMANE PRINCIPLES.

Miss Helen Matthewson, of Denver, lol., an officer of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and Animals, and secretary of the Humane Educational society of Colorado and Wyoming, is at present in this city in he interest of the benevalent work of hese societies. Her intention is to adeavor to interest prominent ladies ind gentlemen here in the cause of hunane education specially. Later a neeting will be called, if possible, and he subject discussed.

The indy speaks with enthusiasm, and aterestingly, of her work for the tri- to the truth in this matter. Among the imph of humane principles. The soalled humane education-an education hat sims at training children in kindwork for humanity, but as a rule the isss to one another, and to all God's papers are promoting strife instead of

of thanks, from the Czar of Russia and the Queen of Holland, for the munificent donation of a million and a half for the promotion of universal peace. Other monarchs and presidents ought in behalf of the nations they represent, to send similar messages. For the erection at the Hague of a palace of international arbitration means to the world what a government building either Russia or Austria less to take means to the community. It is a symbol, and the abode, of a power greater than personal hatred and revenge. It is a promoter of peace, and peaceful meth ods among men. Mr. Carnegle has erected a great many monuments that the power is there.

will perpetuate his name among coming generations, but this building at the Hague towers over them all, and it will outlast them all, for the peace idea is one that belongs to the future. That the mere reduction of armies and

navies would, as the Russian ruler thought, make wars less frequent, may be doubted. It is probable, on the con trary, that the present system, by which a large war means an enormous ex nenditure and utter ruin to the defeated party, has a restraining influence or

bound together by so strong commercia

interests that a breach between them

tions make for peace, and the erection

for the suppression of the reign of

military terror.

ver will Endeavor to be good. war lords. But this "guarantee of peace" is, itself, almost as bad as war Having a safe in a vault does not It is ruinous, economically and morally necessarily put banking on a safe ba-A court of arbitration, with the general public opinion behind it, would be Kansas is burdened with prosperity. a far better guarantee of peace. And

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to be some end.

thorn does not have its rose.

How much better than to be burdened there are already many signs of the with mortgages, formation of such an opinion. A wa between this country and Great Britain. Paleontologists never make any bones for instance, would by many be looked about telling of the skeletons of strange upon as almost a civil war. And lately animals they have known. a strong desire has arisen, both in Eng

The walking delegate is master of the situation when it comes to ordering which all differences between these two countries shall be arbitrated. It is well men to quit their situations. understood that the two countries an

The wise man forseeth the automobile and hideth himself, but the foolish one passeth on and is pulverized

would be a calamity of almost incon-The Shamrock III is said to be good celvable magnitude. Such consideraat reaching. If she can reach far of a palace of peace will further enough she may selze the cup strengthen the causes that are at work

A San Francisco firm tried to corner the bean market and falled. The conse juence is it is now a has been.

It is curious that the hopes and ex-Judge Lynch must be traveling the pectations of the first half of the last century appear to have utterly failed circuit just now, for he hasn't held a in realization. Then it was thought that session of court for several days.

international lines of communication international commerce, and other The unions and the contractors are playing a waiting game. Both will win common interests would speedily render if they will only "Wait till the clouds the world a great brotherhood, in which

nternational boundaries would almost foll by: disappear, and national colors would In the international revolver match ose their importance. This now apthe Americans beat the French. This pears to be a deception, if the world is is but natural, Americans being proverlewed in the light of the military glory bially handy with the pistol. that emanated from the Bismarckian period. But this is only passing. It is So far Kalser Wilhelm is ahead of true enough that never before was there King Edward in the matter of enter so much time and money spent on en taining Admiral Cotton, and the offigines of destruction, as in this age; but cers of the American squadron. it is equally true that never before were there so many influences at work for Already the politicians have begun

peace, both visible and invisible. That cheming for 1904 and the year after, the latter will prevail is certain. The Let them remember that the best laid press of the world should be converted chemes of men and mice gang aft agiee newspapers are some great champions of peace, and they are doing a great

History records no such instance of "from grave to gay, from lively to serene," as some of Leo's remarks are

bear witness to as foul crimes unaveng Columbia State. ed in other countries, but civilization is The firebrands have never gained a single point for the negroes; have never won them a friend, nor advanced them more advanced than it was when the thrones of Great Britain and France one inch industrially, morally, intellect-ually or politically-quite the reverse, in vere bespattered with royal blood. Reudes, who was there then on earth to fact-yet the advice of the conservative interfere as the avenging angel? Who men of the race is never taken if there is a big-mouthed dunce to prance and had the power to do so? In the case of Servia it is different. It would cost

Wheeling Intelligencer.

Of all the ill-advised suggestions to he colored race, the advice to arm and hand in the Servian affairs and set hom right; than it cost the United defend themselves is the most unfortu-nate, and it is surprising and startling States to stay the murderous hand that that such a suggestion should come from the spiritual teachers of the race. If the negro would be respected he pread devastation over the island of Cuba. If the will is there to do right, nust reform himself. A bird in the bush is worth two in the

Kansas City Times.

The difficulty of convicting and punishing women for the crime of murder The undigested securities are being seems to offer a logical explanation the growing frequency with which they take human life. Of course, to a chival-rous and sensitive mind there is some-thing dreadful in condemning a woman Of the making of trusts there seems to the gallows or even to imprisonment for life, but the life of a man who is While every rose has its thorn every slain by a woman either from motives of jealousy, injured pride, insulted affection or plain cupidity is just as fully beyond recall as if he were killed by one For the remainder of the week Denof his own sex. There is not the slightest difference in the moral complexion of homicide, whether committee by a man or a woman, and the question of gallantry and sentiment is not supposed to enter into the treatment of criminals-though unfortunately for the



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