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## OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE.

The attitude of the Desert News on the subject of irrigation and its support of the Irrigation Congress, which meets annually to consider questions relating to the redemption and cultivation of the arid and semi-arid regions of the west, is very well known throughout the country. We have always given place to articles bearing on these matters, and published the appeals from the officials of the Congress to the public for aid and for the attendance of delegates to the meetings of the Congress.

This year the gathering is to take place at Boise City, Idaho. At the Congress held in El Paso in 1904, Boise the beautiful made an heroic effort to obtain the congress for 1906. It did not succeed, although it presented most eloquent and forcible reasons why it should capture the prize. But there was a tacit understanding that Portland having secured it for that year it should go to Boise in 1906. That informal and unwritten agreement had its weight in the meetings of the congress at Portland last year, and so in the midst of the struggle that took place, Boise loomed up in favor and was largely supported by the delegation from Utah.

The "News" has already published the proclamation by Gov. John C. Cutler, calling attention to the address of the president of the congress, Governor George D. Pardee of California, fixing the time of the Fourteenth National Irrigation Congress at Boise for September 3 to 8, inclusive. Governor Cutler commends to the consideration of the people of Utah this approaching session of the congress, and recommends that as many as possible of our citizens attend the congress and do all in their power to further its interests. We heartily endorse the Governor's advice, and hope that the authorities of the State, the cities and counties of Utah and the various irrigation, commercial and agricultural associations, will select the proper number of delegates to represent them at this very important gathering.

There will be many attractions at this congress, apart from those offered by the lovely capital of our sister State, where a generous, hospitable and big-hearted people will be found, fully up to the times and ready to welcome their guests from every part of the country. There will be a number of prizes offered, and among them a splendid cup for the finest samples of sugar beets raised by irrigation. There is no reason that we know of why Utah should not gain possession of the cup. She certainly should put forth her best efforts to contend for its acquisition. Idaho and Colorado will no doubt be eager in the contest, but Utah should make extra endeavors to place herself at the head of all competitors.

Anyhow, let there be a large delegation from this State, as there usually is at these important gatherings, and Boise being within easy reach by railroad, with special rates for transportation, the largest delegation ever sent from this State should be present and take part in the Irrigation Congress of 1906.

## SEVERAL OPINIONS.

The Literary Digest for June 26 has an excellent portrait of Senator Reed Smoot, and gives a brief resume of the diverse reports of the majority and minority of the committee of investigation into the Senator's case. It also copies a few remarks from each of a number of papers on the question, pro and con. From the Boston Transcript it quotes the remark that, "if no Mormon can hold his seat in the Senate there is a broken cog in our machinery." From the New York Times, "a denial to Utah to be represented by a Mormon would be a denial to Utah to be represented at all." From the Charleston News-Courier it takes a paragraph which we copy below, that paper calling the trial "The persecution of Smoot." It says:

"The Constitution and the law are on the side of the Mormon Senator from Utah; the petition of an erratic multitude without knowledge or responsibility are against him, and the Senate Committee by the merest scratch has declared that he is not entitled to his seat. . . . Smoot is a Mormon and Smoot must go, not because he has committed any offense against the law, but because his religion does not suit the pettiest against him who are supposed to have considerable political influence in the country, and who have misrepresented him and his conduct because they have thought that the victimizing of Smoot would in some way promote their own interests."

The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, decides that "the weight of the evidence is against the man from Utah and he should be sent home," but the Pittsburgh Gazette Times considers that "infinitely less harm will be done by Mr. Smoot's exclusion than by his retention in the seats of the majority," and winds up its article on the two reports by saying:

"Both reports are fortified by facts and law that would appear to be conclusive to the lay mind if read separately. But both are signed by such able lawyers and students of the Constitution that the average citizen in the end will have to take refuge in his own idea of the proprieties and judge the case for himself."

arguments of the press for and against the public propositions which it introduces as part of the news of the times. It is a matter of regret to the friends of Senator Smoot that his right to the seat to which he was fairly elected, and for which he possesses all the qualifications required by the Constitution, was not brought to the test and decided during the recent session of Congress. The Senator did all that lay in his power to bring the matter to a final issue, but when the prospects were good for its accomplishment the opposition decided, emphatically, that they would not permit it to be settled now, as it was very clear that they wanted the subject for political use during the fall campaign. The senior Senator from Idaho particularly stood in the way of its settlement, for reasons that the voters of that State will very readily understand.

Whatever malignants who take pleasure in misrepresenting Senator Smoot may say on this question, we know and can most positively assure our readers that he earnestly desired and worked for the closing of the incident, feeling sure that the great body of the statesmen who would have passed upon it, would not join in the brazen attempt to rob the State of Utah of its closest Senator, because of his religious affiliations and the unreasoning prejudices of the multitude.

## SECRETARY ROOT'S TOUR.

Secretary Root has commenced his South American tour on the U. S. Cruiser Charleston. One of the chief objects of this trip is to pay the respects of this country to the delegates of the Pan-American congress that will hold its sessions at Rio de Janeiro. The secretary is not an official delegate to this convention, but his presence there during part of the sessions will prove to all the importance attached to the congress by our government and the people of this country.

The secretary intends visiting during this tour all the Central and South American republics. He will see the leading men in each country, and this will undoubtedly result in a better understanding of our aims and purposes, and the removal of possible prejudices. Closer relations will be established, as a consequence of a kinder feeling. There is no reason why all the republics on these continents should not form a close union for the preservation and fostering of such interests as are common to all. Such union would be of advantage especially to the smaller countries who need a "big brother" to lean on in the controversies that are inevitable. We hope the Secretary will have a pleasant trip and accomplish more than he now expects or hopes.

## AN ANCIENT RITE.

A dispatch from Carlsbad says the custom of lighting St. John's fires on the mountain tops was observed on midsummer eve in that vicinity, as is the annual habit of the inhabitants. After sunset, the dispatch says, the bonfires become visible on all the hills, rapidly increasing in number until they form a luminous chain along the mountains on either side of the River Eger. Around these large bonfires people dance with flaming torches. The sight is imposing and uncanny. Hundreds of visitors climb up to the café Egerlander to view the surrounding hills from the plateau and don't regret their trouble.

Few people realize that they see in this weird sight a ceremony inherited from the time the Europeans were fire-worshippers. But that is undoubtedly the fact. So tenacious of existence are the old customs and rites of the pagan religion that antedates Christianity. The fires are no longer kindled in the honor of pagan deities, but in the honor of John the Baptist, or rather without any special religious significance at all. They are more for the sake of providing the boys and girls with some fun, but the dance is very plainly reminiscent of a time when the fires were kindled as an act of worship, and perhaps for purposes of sacrifice, sometimes human.

There has been some talk lately of restoring sun worship, and fire worship, and judging from the fact that rites still remain from the distant ages when that form of devotion was general, it would not be impossible to revive an interest in that cult.

## THE ROMANOFFS.

In reading daily of the troubles of the Russian emperor, as reported by the press dispatches, one is reminded of the fact that this unhappy ruler seems to have inherited misfortune as well as imperial honors. It follows the Romanoff dynasty. It has been calculated that the average length of the reign of a ruler of that family is about sixteen years. Nicholas II succeeded his father in 1894 and has, consequently, had twelve years of the average allotted to each Romanoff. Will he have four more?

It is a fact that the history of the Romanoffs is written in blood. The family came originally from Prussia and settled in the district of Moscow. Michael Romanoff was only 16 years old when he was elected to the throne by the boyars, and it is probable that he would not have had that honor conferred upon him, if the electors had been able to find anybody else willing to take the position.

Some of his heirs and successors have been stricken down by knife, poison or bomb and numerous attempts have been made on the lives of all. Peter the Great, when ten years old only, was made the object of a murderous plot. His sister, Sophia, one of the ring-leaders in the conspiracy, was in consequence sent to a convent, where she was slowly put to death. Later on Peter poisoned his own son, Alexis. This Peter, whose history calls for "Great," had notable qualities of rulership, but was also a monster of vice in grossness of form. He died a natural death. If death induced by excesses can be called natural. His son, Ivan Androvitch, who at three months succeeded to the throne, was, in the course of events, thrust into a cell by his sister, Elizabeth, who seized on the crown. She reigned until 1762, when she was succeeded by the usurper, Peter III, who was, in turn, made in that same year the victim of a conspiracy, headed by his own wife, Catherine. The latter, a

bold, daring, vicious woman, charged her husband with preference for Germanism, indifference to the State religion and servility to Frederick the Great. Peter was, on these grounds, declared to have forfeited the throne. Catherine, then made Empress, had Peter strangled by one of her favorites, Alexei Orloff. After Peter's death the opponents of Catherine looked on the imprisoned Ivan Androvitch as their leader, but Catherine had him removed by the sword of assassins.

It is no wonder if a man who has inherited such an ancestral record should, himself, be the center of trouble. The effect of murderous intrigues by the members of the imperial family has been to foster similar intrigues among the people. This is natural. Murder in high places is but a seed from which, in due time, the harvest will be murder. The worst enemies of the Czar have always been the members of the imperial family. It is in their own plottings and conspiracies that nihilism and murderous anarchism find precedents.

Still, the record of that remarkable family is not altogether black. The Romanoffs have moulded a mighty empire out of seemingly impossible raw material—an empire covering one-seventh of the earth's land surface. They are developing over one-half of all Europe—one-third of Asia's area—one of the world's greatest future storehouses, Siberia. They have shed rivers of Russian blood in defense of the Balkan Christians against the ruthless Turk. It was a Romanoff that made Waterloo possible by burning the ancient Muscovite capital and destroying, largely by his Cossacks, all but 80,000 of the 475,000 picked soldiers that Napoleon led into Russia. Two Romanoffs proved our friends in hours of great need—Catherine the Great during the revolution, and Alexander III in 1861. And this latter Romanoff, by a stroke of his pen, gave freedom to 23 million slaves.

If the present Romanoff would but add to this list another stroke of the pen, making a free country with a responsible government, he would save himself and his people from the present intolerable situation.

May the Pan-American conference pan out so as to meet Secretary Root's expectations?

The new head of the French army, General Hagron, is sixty-one years old. Dr. Oser should take note of the fact.

The cost in deaths and injuries in celebrating Independence is almost as great as the loss of life in achieving it.

A sympathetic strike in Tiffin: "Can such things be and overcome us like a summer's dream without our special wonder?"

Mr. Frank A. Vanderlip says that to his mind, "we are in a lethargy of success." It may be, but the success never came from lethargy.

Mr. Bryan made "The White Man's Burden" the subject of his London oration. It is much but it is nothing compared with the burden of the noble redman's equiv.

The quarterly conference of the Weber Stake of Zion will be held on Sunday, July 15, instead of July 29, 1906. Weber county people should note the change.

"Give me representation or give me martyrdom," is the cry of Miss Kenney and other English woman suffragists. Having paid their money, the ladies certainly are entitled to their choice.

The Czar has ordered Grand Duke Nicholas to investigate the cause of the "disorders" among the troops in St. Petersburg. All he will have to do is to look around him. But to remove them. Ay, there's the rub.

Long before President Roosevelt gave currency to the word "muck-rake," Swineburne used it in speaking of Walt Whitman, seeing in his melodious touches only "the dirty and clumsy paws of a harper whose plectrum is a muck-rake."

Consul General Griffiths of Liverpool, speaking at the Fourth celebration in London, won rounds of applause when he compared the financial and meat packing scandals of the United States to spots on the sun, and paid his respects to those persons who could see the spots, but not the sun. Then let's knock the spots off the country if not off the sun.

Tolstoy speaks rather contemptuously of the Russian attempt at representative government. He says nothing has been said there that has not been said before. Very likely, but in a nation's struggle from slavery and serfdom to freedom and self government, the things that have been said concerning the rights of man must be said again and again, for the hundredth and for the thousandth time. Strange that the Russian novelist does not realize this. "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done; and there is no new thing under the sun."

## EQUINE KINGS.

Rene Rache in Outing Magazine.

Race horses must have every luxury, if the best they are capable of is to be got out of them. Their stalls are really rooms at least four times the size of an ordinary stall, so that the equine occupant has plenty of space for rolling on a bed of straw three or four feet in depth, which is renewed with fresh material every day or two. Each stall is provided with a door of wire net, to exclude flies, and disinfectants are used to prevent the breeding of those insects in the droppings of the animals. It should be mentioned, by the way, that the owner usually pays 10 per cent of all his winnings to the trainer.

## THE LIFE OF IDLENESS.

Baltimore American.

To some men wealth is a curse. The inheritance of a bountiful supply of unearned dollars by one who has no ability or inclination to lead a useful life is but the key of the door to ruin. Harry K. Thaw, several times a millionaire, never stepped aside from the pathway that led to the cell in the Tombs which is now his place of confinement, and if his muddled brain retains sufficient intelligence to indulge in the rare digression of serious thought, his most bitter regret is that he never experienced the necessity for toil. An idler all his days,

he ends a career of dissipation with the mark of Cain upon him, because he had nothing to engross his energies and mind, and he used his money in profligate living, which undermined his character and perhaps his reason. A life of idleness is a life full of disappointment and discontent. The drone can never feel real happiness. Work has its blessings, and this thing should be borne in mind when, after a day's hard labor, comes the disposition to envy heirs to luxury.

## THE "BURDENS" OF WEALTH.

Philadelphia Ledger.

United States Senator Elkins, himself a very rich man, in an address before the Virginia bankers confessed that wealth after it has reached a certain point is a burden, a confession which may reconcile the poverty-stricken to their fate. The senator observed that very rich men never whistle or sing or give any token of a mind at ease. There is an intermediate state between excessive riches and abject poverty in which mankind reaches the summit of happiness. A dollar is a good friend. Millions of dollars are a load which few can carry with a light heart.

## JUST FOR FUN.

Why He Quit.

"McPart has quit trying to be an actor." "What's the matter? Couldn't he successfully tread the boards?" "Yes, he could tread them, but he couldn't eat 'em."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Where He'd Be.

Mrs. McSeah—I wish all the saloons in creation were in the bottom of the sea!"

Mrs. McSeah—Gee, you gotta mean disposition! Wanner get me drown'ed, sh?"—Cleveland Leader.

No Pleasure in It.

Mrs. Chas.—O, I don't like to go to that store. It's so unsatisfactory to do our shopping there.

Mrs. Shopper—Why, they have everything there.

Mrs. Chas.—That's just it. No matter what you ask for, they can suit you right off.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Commencement Opinion.

Knickner—What did you think of the baccalaureate address?

Bocker—Well, he was certainly old enough to know less.—New York Sun.

Only Way to Escape.

"One jurymen brought all the rest of you around to his way of thinking? He must have presented some pretty strong arguments."

"He did. He wouldn't eat anything but garlic and limburger cheese, and he had 'em brought in five times a day."—Chicago Tribune.

Isn't This Brassy?

"I would like a pound of your golf sausage," she said to the West Water street butcher.

"Golf sausage? Sorry, madam, but we don't handle it. We have blood sausage, liverwurst, ham sausage, and other kinds, but no golf sausage."

"O, dear, I'm so sorry. My husband said he most preferred the kind made in links."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The Open Road is the name of a new magazine that promises good, cheerful reading and excellent art features. The June number, which is just at hand, gives an idea of what the publication aims to be. It has, besides the editorial announcement, some good poetry, short stories, humorous sketches, a home department, and some other features of interest.—163 Randolph St., Chicago.

In Bob Taylor's Magazine for July the following features, among others, are found: "Sunshine and Moonshine," Governor Taylor; "The Babies are Out," poem, Judd Mortimer Lewis; "Little Citizens of the South," illustrated; "The Tempered Wind," story, John Marshall Kelly; "Men of Affairs," "The Old State Capitol of Virginia," Ruth Nelson Gordon, "Pre-Existence," poem, Viola Inez; "The Art of Photography," William Kendrick Byrn; "The Golden Bough" story, Felix Fontaine; "The Shadow of the Attaca," serial story, Thornwell Jacobs; "Old Fashioned Gardens," Frank H. Sweet; "Restoration of Stricken Cities," Day Allen Willey, and "Scenes in South America," L. C. Henington.—139 Nassau St., New York.

What to Eat, for July, contains a paper on "How to Detect Food Adulterations," by Mr. John Peterson, Food Commissioner for Utah. This is a very timely contribution to the present pure food discussion, and it is full of practical hints. A brief paper on "French Study of Appendicitis" is also interesting. Other features are: "The Pure Food Bill," "Entertainment Suggestions," "Scenes of Thousands Poisoned by Impure Food," and many others. What to Eat is a very good magazine in its sphere.—Pierce Pub. Co., Washington St. and 5th Ave., Chicago.

One of the most interesting magazine articles of the month is Vase Thompson's account in July Everybody's of the opening of the Russian Douma. You see, as if with your own eyes—in reading this article—the grotesque Czar, puppet-autocrat of all the Russians; the heavy-faced sullen, determined deputies of the people; the blasé, insolent, cigarette-smoking aristocracy; the gaunt, ambitious "intellectuals," waiting to play "Little Corporal" to the Russian Commune. And through all and under all you hear the ceaseless, menacing growl of the eternal "Roda." One hundred and forty million human souls are involved in this drama. What the Japs are planning to do to us is described by Russell. "Bucket-Shop Theories" and their methods by Merrill Treggie; the sale of the Massachusetts Legislature—led by Lawson; and nine other splendid Summer stories, make July Everybody's hit everybody, and hit him hard.—Powers & Armstrong, Philadelphia.

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