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AN ALL-IMPORTANT QUESTION

The discussion in the irrigation convention over the action of the courts of this State, brought to the front some facts that are well worthy the attention of all persons interested in the question of water rights. State Engincer Doremus exhibited thorough ac quaintance with the situation and the needs of water-users, and in his statement about the insufficiency of the declsion of the courts, we do not think he intended to make any attack on the fudiciary, but rather to show the need of some definite legislation to settle the questions that are continually arising, and on which even the courts cannot

establish a finality. Judge Johnson's defense of judicial decisions as to water-rights was doubtless based upon facts. But he did not maintain, as some delegates seem to imagine, that even those decisions put an end to litigation. It is not claimed, even by the judiciary we believe, that courts are infallible and never make mistakes. They have to decide questions of law and of fact in water-suits according to their best judgment, on the evidence presented and the statutes and precedents that are cited in each case. They are human and therefore it is possible that they sometimes fall into error. If this were not so there would be no need for courts of have been known to reverse their own conclusions, but being composed guished officials whom he mentions, if they are as likely to approach perfection as is probable in fallible human

nature. Water disputes are very different in many respects to contentions about typercritical. He is the guest of the py. It needs homes and pure home life. nation. Ly stands for a great empire. and less of harrack life. Its glore lies The hospitalities extended towards him | in an opposite direction to that, which the "man of destiny" marked out for it show our sentiments towards the people whom he represents. It is not As a republic it should be the first badying to royalty to make his sojourn | country in Europe in all that serves to render nations free and happy. And among us pleasant, and our attentions suited to his rank and standing in the it looks as if the French people were vorid. Because this is a Republic, that | gradually awakening to this fact. Some no reason why we cannot recognize years ago the effort to maintain he opinions entertained by the people an army equal in number to that of Germany, was abanmonarchies, or should neglect to exdoned, and now the proposition iend the courtesies that are commonly to reduce the time of the military sernjoyed by them in other lands. vice is another step in the same direc As to the protection which is thrown

tion. It should have a beneficial influround Prince Henry we find no occasion for fault. On the contrary, we | ence upon the small countries of Eurthink that every precaution should be ope, the governments of which have imitated their larger neighbors in military taken against possible disaster. The case with which an anarchist took the | matters to such an extent, that they life of our late esteemed President, is | have lost thousands of young, strong and should be a lesson to us on the citizens, who preferred expatriation to present occasion. If the head of the military serfdom. It should be encourfreest Republic on earth could be as- | aging to friends of peace, as an indicasalled by the hand of an assassin, how | then that nations are coming to their

much more likely is it that a represen-When the Russian czar suggested o tative of royalty should be an object of gradual limitation of the fighting maaltack from the enemies of all governchinery of the world, the idea was ridiment, who regard crowned heads as the culed as that of an enthusiast, but evispecial objects of their murderous anidently, that very thing must be brought mosity! The utmost vigitence should about, to prevent bankruptcy in some be exercised to prevent possible disaster countries. Undoubtedly some great of this kind, for it would be a lasting wars will yet have to be fought, before disgrace to this nation if through any everything is so adjusted that a reign fault or neglect of his entertainers, of peace can be established. France, Prince Henry should come to serious however, can best afford to remain neuharm. He should be treated with all tral when those wars break loose. I the kindness and respect due to his stastands to reason that not the great mil tion, and shielded from any danger to itary giants, but the peoples that have hich he is liable to be exposed. excelled in industry, commerce, arts

TERRIBLE ACCUSATIONS. The editor of the Ogden Standard,

having been found guilty of a misdestrife. meanor in violating the quarantine ordinances of the city, has been threat ened with an action at law for his removal from office in consequence. This has naturally stirred up the Standard to a high pitch of anger, and the result is a long, fierce and somewhat rash accusation against State dignitaries as | well as Ogden municipal officers and private persons, which is unwarranted under the circumstances. Here is a specimen paragraph: Answering its own question of "what is a misdemea

nor?" it says: "A misdemeanor is the smallest possi ble violation of any law. Probably no man lives to the age of twenty-one years without having been guilty of a misdemeanor. The governor of this this state, every supreme judge and district judge, and every officer of the state has been guilty of a misdemeanor at some

This is a very serious charge to make and it does not affect the question of the position of the Mayor-editor in the least degree. It sounds very much like the childish defense of, "Why do you whip me? Billy is as bad as I am." "If I took some sugar, Sally took some too." And really the accuser would and even the bighest tribunals probably find it very difficult to prove difficult to see what course is open to his allegations against the distinto assert:

> "The Standard could probably show up a thousand different deeds or acts that, under the law, are called the crime of a misdemeanor. Such acts too that are daily performed in Ogden

> > done:

of himself

come a white elephani on the senate's hands,

These days the last lay of the hen is far more popular than the "Lay of the Last Minstrel."

> More teachers are needed in the Philppines. Is it to "teach the young idea how to shoot ?"

Germany loves the "Watch on the Rhine," And America prides herself on the Waterbury watch.

Among all the lieutenant-governors of the states of the Union, Tillman of South Carolina is sul generis. And a mighty poor kind it is.

Harvard university proposes to confer a degree upon Prince Henry. It is very proper, for the Prince is already popular to a degree.

Prince Henry has planted a linden tree near the tomb of Washington, The eternal fitness of things called for the planting of a cherry tree.

Seward Webb wants the world's record for a long distance fast train. It is a modest want and should be granted. Most men in his position would be content with nothing less than the world.

After the evidence which has been ollected showing that King is probably not guilty of the murder of Colonel Prowse, it will be Strange if the real culprit is not brought to justice and the ent freed from suspicion.

The city finances are scarcely in a ondition to justify the raising of salaries in any department, no matter how worthy its members may be. Increased salaries mean increased debt. and no corresponding increase of reve-

to agree to the terms.

gardening."

The arrest of a prominent Christian products is through irrigation of arid Scientist lady in this city for the al lands," Secretary Shaw has taken the leged violation of a health ordinance step that henceforth makes for him a fin line with a practice warm spot in the hearts of the farmers tollowed in some other cities of the of the arid west country. It is a matter of regret that Mr.' Chambertain has made the incometimes it becomes necessary to resort to acts that may easily be coneresting and important statement that the surrender of Boers will be accepted strued as persecution. Not long ago Christian Science was the subject of on any terms General Ritchener of Lord Milner may agree to. The only thing lacking now is to get the Boers

ciscussion in German government circles, and the conclusion was, very wisely, arrived at, not to employ force against it, but combat it, as far as possible, by spiritual means. This certainly is the correct attitude.

President Ellot of Harvard spoke of the But Christian Scientists should conmetropolls in these terms the other day: sider that the great majority of the 'For some time I have gone about public believe, on what they consider the city of New York, and I have been sufficient grounds, that sickness is a impressed only with the ugliness and very serious matter, and that some squalor of it all. Still, I may say that diseases are contagious. The public be lieve they are justified in prescribing

certain rules for the prevention of the spread of such diseases, and they expect these rules to be observed by all. And when the rules are violated, it is the authorities, but prosecution. Quarantine regulations are none too strictly usually of the best available talent. called upon for evidence. He goes on cheevel. What would the condition be if they were not enforced at all? We may possibly be told that all this

sickness and contagion is merely a matter of imagination, but even if this were true, it would make no difference. f one family imagines itself afflicted knowing that they are violating a law. with scarlet fever, and the imagination yet every one of them could be arrestis so strong that it produces high temed if a skunk mean enough could be perature, eruptions and other symp ound to swear out a complaint. oms, and other families imagine them According to this arraignment the elves in danger by contact with the people of Ogden must be a very lawless patients, it is clearly the duty of the set, and violations of the law should ifflicted partles to keep isolated for p be permitted to go on every day withime, lest through imagination others out complaint, from officer or other perhould also be the victims of fever. son, because the editor of its daily Whether sickness is an actually existpaper maintains that any person who ng condition, or not, has nothing to de would lodge such a complaint would with the question of quarantine. The be "a mean skunk." One more parascientists may possibly have a better graph from the Standard and we have inderstanding of matters pertaining to health and disease, than the general, The Mayor-editor has received many benighted public has, but even if that extravagant notices from the public is true, they should, for the sake of and the press, but we have never seen nor heard of any comparison between the public that know no better than o believe that diseases can be him and Napoleon before. But he says 'caught," submit to the rules adopted or the prevention of their spread.

Admiral Schley's friends not bettered distinctly in a worse position than be fore. This ought to be, and we think it must be, the end of the affair as a matter of large public interest.

Baltimore Sun. Mr. Roosevelt concludes his decision

with the assertion that "there is no exwith the assertion that "there is no ex-use whatever from either side for any further agitation of this unhappy con-roversy." That seems a rather eccen-ric way to put it. When a referee is alled in to settle a dispute between wo persons, one of whom is believed by the majority of his neighbors to be he victim of injustice, the situation is not improved if the arbitrator falls up-on the man who has been wronged and e man who has been wronged and him within an inch of his life, coverelt may fancy that this sort ditration is productive of harmony.

the entertains this opinion his eccen-ricity is incurable. Of course Admiral Schiey is still the popular hero. The majority of his fellow-citizens cannot be induced to regard him in any other capacity than as the victor of Santiago.

Worcester Gazette.

The final outcome of the controversy aves Admiral Schley, so far as rela-ve honors are concerned, where he ould have been had he accepted resident McKinley's judgment, but anythile most unseemly dissension been very unfortunate and it should be brought to an end. It may be possible to agree upon it, but the merican people can well afford to agree to disagree and cry quits to con troversy. The country is weary of i nd it does the navy much harm. Let

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land. The latter are comparatively sim ple. A deed of conveyance defines exactly the dimensions and situation of the real estate sold or granted. The grantee obtains absolute ownership of a fixed measurement of the soil. But the right to water is not either absolute or so clearly defined. Appropriators are only entitled to the beneficial use of the water, and this leaves open so many questions that disputes are likely to arise which, even when decided upon by a competent court, leave a loophole for further contentions.

This is not the fault of the courts but is a condition associated with each case. Every new attempted appropriation of the water from a natural source of supply brings up fresh questions to decide, and all that can be reasonably expected in judicial decisions is to confirm to appropriators, such portion or portions of natural sources of supply as the evidence adduced justifies. The fluctuations in the volume of streams, the increase and decrease of their flow, the claims for sec-

ondary and subsequent uses, and other complications are not likely to be averted, particularly while the needs for water increases and the supply continues to be inadequate.

Even in mining litigation, the decimions of courts become subject to crititism and to further judicial inquiries. Yet they can be made more definite and probably final than cases of disputed water rights, for the reasons that we have mentioned and others that might be cited. They are usually very expensive, and even when they appear to have been fully settled, new questions prise and further litigation is the consequence, and that not through any fault of the courts nor defect in the ppinions rendered. The uncertainty arises through mining operations and

rights, which are different from thos attending the fitles secured and fixed as to ordinary real estate.

The convention now assembled cannot be expected to devise measures that will cover all the requirements of the water question. They can do little more than take initiary steps in the desired vanche"upon an enemy that has become firection, and we think the formation too strong to be tackled single handof the committee proposed by Delegate. ed. The French people must have come D. P. Miller is likely to do much toward to the conclusion that its military burthe adoption of plans on which a more dens weigh like a curse upon its shoulddefinite irrigation system can be based. ers, and hamper its progress in every The subject will have to be investigated direction. Besides, France has seen in and the needs of the various parts of the two hast wars that have engaged the state dependent on irrigation will have to be studied, and such legislation the attention of the world, that citirecommended and prepared as will be gen soldlers, when fired with patriotism, can hold their own against armies adapted to present conditions, with an eye to future emergencies. Even then, trained in military schools and reduced to automata. Why should any it is scarcely to be expected that all difficulties will be removed and all concountry any longer take the flower of youth away from home and friends, and tentions ended. It is a complicated matsacrifice some of their best years in ter, and it cannot be satisfactorily set. military barracks, only to return them Hed without a spirit of mutuality and a from there corrupted as to their mordesire for the common good, which must be placed above individual and als, and to a great extent mentally selfish interests. crippled by a discipline which often amounts to brutality? This is against

TREAT HIM RIGHT.

The effort to reduce the time of military service will meet with protest There have been some objections raised against the feasting of Prince from the old element that cannot for-Henry, the great attentions paid to him, get Sedan, but the younger element and the guard by which he is continushould give it hearty support. What ally surrounded in his journeys to diff- France needs more than a fighting force erent places during his visit to the is an enterprising industrial army, to United States. We regard them as make the country prosperous and hap-

the best interests of any nation.

"Napoleon once said, 'Pull me down The Christian Scientists have accon and France goes down with me.' So too with Ogden. The Mayor, as the head of Ogden City, cannot be injured plished wonders during the past fifteen years. They have drawn to their sup without injuring the city. port half a million people, or more,

Now it is evident that the Mayor chiefly from churches the leaders of feels he has been "injured" by his conwhich do not believe in divine healing Many of them are highly educated and intelligent men and women. They have organized congregations all over the world and built churches ranging in cost from \$1,000 to \$200,000. They have more than 10,000 practitioners, and they claim to have restored hundreds of thousands to health, happiness and hope, and they assert that they heal

> the sick through the power of the Almighty without the aid of medicine. To ordinary people faith in the divine power does not preclude the us of such means as experience and research suggest. We may have faith. but we do not expect to sustain life without proper nourishment. We do

ships, or some other means of convey-We use clothing and fuel ance. against the rigor of a cold elimate We sow, if we intend to reap. We study, if our purpose is to become proficient in any line of knowledge. And with all this we may exercise faith Why, then, should we follow an entirely different course when the body, on account of the derangement of its won derfut machinery needs special atten The divine source of life and tion? health is not denied. But that faith is not opposed to the wise use of the knowledge man possesses, nor to or dinary precaution. Our Lord himself employed means for certain ends, even in the healing of the sick.

It never rains but it snows. Those addicted to giving the water

sure should try it on the arid west. The last day of winter was a genuine

vinter day and a credit to the season. These talks for and against new telephone lines give rise to a lot of "hot

air The chasing of the brigands by Turkish soldiery might be called the pursuit

of evil. If the senate is to be made the scene of fisticuits the cure might be found in handcuffs.

in the mountains, and the fears that have been entertained as to drouth during the coming summer will be en tirely dissipated.

The death of Colonel C. L. Stevensor wil cause general regret. During his long residence in Utah he has become a familiar figure in business circles, and was particularly known as a competent civil engineer and expert in irrigation affairs. He was prominent in all maiters relating to these subjects, and gathered much statistical and othe valuable information concerning them. Though afflicted in a manner that almost made him a cripple and would have disabled less energetic and determined persons, he exhibited a force and vigor, and yet a kind and genial disosition, which commanded respect and endeared him to his associates. He will be sadly missed in this city, and w grieve to have to bid him farewell.

THE SCHLEY FINDING.

New York World. President Roosevelt's findings on th ppeal of Admiral Schley, wh nough evidently intended to be striir and impartial, fail to satisfy eith the controversy, leaving bo the chief figures in a sense "victims roumstances," will tend to strengthe the superstition which is said to preva Washington that the Spanish w cast a baleful influence over eve participator. prominent posevelt has thus far escaped, but th superstitious insist that his polltical fu ture will be hurt by this affair.

Boston Transcript.

But the controversy will run on i he press and in politics until publi cariness of the whole subject gives i netus. The Schley partisans wi uietus. take much of the President's finhat Santiago was a "captains' ba and that neither Sampson nor S was in immediate personal direction n extent that determined the They will take care to ignore the Prelent's finding that Sampson's re laim for credit "rests upon his wor s commander-in-chief; upon the exce nce of the blockade; upon the pre paredness of the squadron; upon th arrangement of the ships head-on in micircle around the harbor, and tanding orders in accordance blch they instantly moved to the Spaniards when the lat nek of the For these things the cred ls his;

New York Mnll and Express,

The President's verdict will cause any ttempt to continue the Sampson schley controversy to meet with the narked disfavor of a wearled public.

Springfield Republican.

The clear impression one receives that, in the President's opinion, Schley ild not have been allowed to remain with the squadron after his retrograd ement and failure to destroy the 'olon. Those acts were certainly "re chensible," and it was doubtless ause of them that Sampson was hun ied down to Santiago by the govern ent. It is not likely, however, that Sampson was the man whose influenc kept Schley on the blockade as secon mmand. That was a matter vas undoubtedly determined by Samp son's superiors at Washington

Roston Herald.

He holds that Sampson and Schley have received rewards of promotion in right degree according to their rela-tive deserving, and there is no warrant for reversing President McKinley's action, as he was asked to do. Person illy, he thinks that Capt. Clark should have been advanced as many numbers The Tillman-McLaurin circus has be- ter's heroism cordially. Not only have

viction, and the assessment of a \$10 fine which he paid, but we have not yet heard that Orden city has fallen down in consequence. And while we do not endorse the further attempts to humilliate him, we do not imagine for a moment that even if his opponents should succeed in their endeavors, the Junction City would go into ruins. It certainly has not been vastly benefited by the rupture occasioned through the oings of its Mayor and his adversaries, ut we think that whatever may be the result of the present agitation, Ogten City, nevertheless, will still live, and move and have its railroads. LESSENING MILITARY BURDENS. not expect to cross oceans and continents without the use of rallroads, or The proposed reduction in France, of the military service, from three years to two, is one of the straws showing the direction of the wind, as regards the tendency of the age towards more rational conditions. France, undoubtedly has abandoned all hope of "re-