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FOR COUNCILMEN'S BENEFIT.

City Councilmen may think in the exaltation of their wisdom that newspapers have no right to comment upon or criticise what appears to be an improper appropriation of public money; but so far as the NEWS is concerned, we desire to announce the intention of doing that very thing at every possible opportunity, let the beneficiary and his friends be whom they may.

The Harigan sidewalk claim for something over four hundred dollars has already been discussed in these columns, and the reasons given why it should be disallowed. The information which led to this conclusion was obtained from official documents belonging to the city, and from personal conversation of the writer with members of the City Council and of the board of public works. The claim was shown by these documents to have been unfavorably reported upon several times, and by them and by the members referred to, to be a claim which ought not to be paid. Since that time the Mayor of the city, who is not given to hasty conclusions in his official actions, has sent to the Council his veto of the appropriation, with the best of reasons therefor. Last night the veto was overridden, and the Council by nearly unanimous vote decided again that the money should be paid.

Now, there may be some reasons why Mr. Harigan is legally entitled to this money; but if so, why are they not imparted? It may be that previous reports of Council committees and of the board of public works should be at this late day and in this summary manner brushed aside, and the money be voted out of the public treasury. It may be that the Mayor's objections are untenable, and that the NEWS's statement of the case was unjust. But until some proof of the fact shall be given, a great many people will refuse to believe that is the latest action the Council has done right. We regard it as a duty to call the matter again to public attention, and insist that no body of men elected as the servants of the people are so high and mighty that they can afford to refuse any proper information which the people, their masters, demand.

The NEWS happens to know that a great many thousand residents of this city are distressed every year to pay the city part of their taxes; that these residents are opposed to the easy and at times extravagant outlay of the money which has cost them so much to pay in; that they are particularly indignant at the payment of claims where the contract and stipulations have not been complied with and where no legal right of demand exists. They hold that the municipality has much better uses for its money than to throw it away or make anybody a present with it. And in all these things the NEWS agrees with them. As to Councilmen who object to their colleagues giving information that the public has a right to have, we submit that their notions of propriety are open to amendment, and we move to amend accordingly. The correct idea is, not that public officials must not be criticised, but that their course in every case must be so open, just and consistent as to be at all times above criticism.

A LADY'S REGRETS.

Mrs. Henry C. Brown, who appears to have been doing some missionary labor among "the Mormons and Indians," gave what the newspapers call an "interesting account of the work" last Thursday at the interdenominational woman's home missionary meeting at a Baptist church in Boston. The lady is quoted in one paper as "regretting that she was obliged to state that Mormonism was not dying out, is very aggressive and exists in every state in the Union; there is a Mormon church right here in Boston. In Utah the missionaries take the Gospel into Mormon homes, and many receive it. A number of schools have been established in Utah."

The NEWS does not happen to know Mrs. Brown, but it extends to her its witnesses the assurance of its most distinguished consideration. Under some circumstances we might sympathize with her regret at having to state that Mormonism was not dying out; we can readily imagine how deep and poignant that regret must be. It is a duty, however, cruel though it may be, to point out that those who are expecting Mormonism to die, or to become non-aggressive, or to contract its sphere of action in the world, are going to be subject to a great deal of the disappointment and regret expressed by Mrs. Brown. Mormonism, as the world calls it, did not come to earth to die out, and it is not going to do anything of that kind. As to the single Mormon church in Boston, our regret is that there is only one; the modern Athens needs several of them and would be all the better for giving them support and encouragement.

ARMIES OF EUROPE.

An estimate in round numbers of the present military resources of the great powers of Europe has been made. It is particularly interesting at this time, when the political storm clouds are assuming such threatening aspects.

If the latest accounts are reliable, the powers are seemingly contemplating a division of Turkey after all. England, it is understood, has offered Russia a large slice in exchange for Egypt, and Austria is making overtures to St. Petersburg looking to the occupation of Constantinople. But such a division cannot be effected without bloodshed, for the last resource of the sultan will be the proclamation of the "holy war" and the gathering of his multitudes around the sacred green flag. This means that every Mohammedan capable of carrying arms will rally and fight for victory or an honored place in Paradise. It means that the property of the whole nation is to be laid on the altar of the so-called sacred cause. Turkey cannot be disposed of except at a great cost.

The British army is the smallest of of the six powers usually called great, but the naval force is equal to those of any of the other three combined. England's army, including 99,000 whites in India, consists of about 200,000, made up as follows: 25,000 cavalry, 40,000 artillery, 4,000 horse artillery, 7,000 engineers and 224,000 infantry. In case of war the army could be raised to 600,000 by royal proclamation. England can at any moment embark 75,000 infantry, 6,000 cavalry and 250 guns to any point where her interests are threatened.

Italy maintains a large army. Her friendship with Austria and Germany necessitates this, the understanding being that she is to assist the two against Russia and in return receive protection against France, if need be. The peace footing of the cavalry is 28,000, but in a week it can be raised to 40,000. Every man in Italy between 19 and 40 years of age is liable to active service. The infantry is therefore in times of peace 250,000 and in times of war 850,000. The Italian army is said to compare favorably with the French.

France has a peace army numbering about half a million, and this number can at short notice be increased to nearly four millions. In twenty-four hours she could put 500,000 men into the field.

The German emperor probably commands the finest army in Europe. The peace footing of the German army is probably a little less than that of France, but the war footing is higher. It is estimated at five millions.

Austria-Hungary's effective war strength is a little over two millions. The emperor could in a week mobilize on the eastern frontier 250,000 men. Every Austrian is liable to service until he is sixty years of age.

Russia's standing army is the largest in the world. It numbers in times of peace 1,250,000, and in case of war the European provinces alone would raise it to four millions, and in case of an emergency one million more could be added.

Turkey has a peace army of about 200,000, and it is estimated that this number could be raised to 600,000. The sultan, however, by proclaiming a "holy war," would rally a large portion of the Mohammedan population in his empire, including that of Egypt and Tunis. It would take time to concentrate the forces at the points of danger, but eventually he would have a vast multitude in the field.

HUMANITY IN CLUBS.

A doctor by the name of Nelson, living at New London, Connecticut, has patented what he calls "an humane police club," which is described as having a wood core of hickory, with an elastic envelope of soft India rubber. Its merits are that it is strong and effective, safe, humane, and nearly indestructible; in its use, the human brain is not injured, the normal skull fractured, the skin broken nor blood brought except at the nose; it may break an arm or blacken an eye; experiments on cadavers, animals and violators of the law confirm these claims; it stuns and stupefies temporarily with rapid and complete recovery; it is not a sandbag; it does not make a dangerous concussion; on the contrary its use is safe; rather it is an elongated arm and fist, core corresponding to bone, rubber to skin and flesh; most of which claims are certified to by police superintendents in various cities of the Union, Canada, and Scotland.

The unlikely last criticism in the hands of the police should be hurt beyond possibility of quick recovery, and the offer of a weapon whose use guarantees against such a calamity, are very proper and gratifying evidence of an advanced civilization. But is it not possible that Dr. Nelson's endeavors in the present instance have begun at the wrong end of the proposed reform? Current history shows that where one tough is clubbed by a policeman, a dozen honest people are clubbed by toughs. This being the case, it seems to us the effort should be first to induce a little more humanity in the footpad and burglar elements. They make much more use of clubs than the police do, and their victims are always more deserving of public sympathy. They are the fellows who need humane clubs—and the more humane they can be made the better, if they will go as far as they ought to in this direction, we shall be ready to advocate that the police go without clubs at all.

THE WORLD owes to Mark Twain—surely a judge of such matters—the following discriminating definition of the humorous, the comic and the witty story respectively:

The humorous story is American, the comic story is English, and the witty story is French. The humorous story depends for its effect upon the manner of the telling; the comic story and the witty story upon the matter. The humorous story may be spun out to great length and may wander around as much as it pleases and arrive nowhere in particular; but the comic and witty stories must be brief and end with a point. The humorous story bubbles gently along, the others burst. The humorous story is strictly a work of art—high and delicate art—and only an artist can tell it; but no art is necessary in telling the comic and the witty story; anybody can do it. The art of telling a humorous story—understand, I mean by word of mouth, not print—was created in America and has remained at home.

Allen W. Thurman is now able to sit up and listen to the reading of the obituaries of himself that appeared in several enterprising newspapers last week.—Boston Herald.

It is not often that our luminous Massachusetts contemporary makes a blunder like the foregoing. The Thurman who was spared to read his obituaries in too previous newspapers was not A. W. but A. G.; not the son but the father.

NOTING THE fact that saloon licenses cost $1,500 a year in Boston and only $500 a year in New York, an irreverent paper in Chicago, where it costs $500 a year to run a saloon, suggests as a good business scheme the purchase of New York saloon privileges for sale to Boston dealers.

PETE MAHER, who now holds the championship belt, appears to have the really ludicrous opinion that a professional pugilist should defend his reputation with his fists instead of his mouth. What a difference between him and his immediate predecessor!

THE MULTIPLICITY of papers and the ever-increasing reduction in their price suggests that after a while they will adopt the novel idea of putting a little news into their columns.

THE FIGURES at which the seats at the late horse show in New York were sold plainly indicate that the purchasers were "heeled."

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