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ABOLISH THE POLL TAX.

We notice that a movement has been started in some of the States, for the abolition of the antique custom, fortified by law, of requiring every man between certain ages, generally between twenty-one and forty-five, to pay a poll tax, either in cash or in a given number of days' work on the roads. Utah ought to join in the endeavor to do away with this partial and objectionable method of obtaining means to keep roads in repair.

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The laws of Utah provide that: "Two Heu thereof, three dollars in lawful money, is an annual road poll tax upon every man over twenty-one and under fifty years of age, not physically incapacitated to work and not exempted

This is an unjust imposition, because the public roads are not used either exclusively or more frequently by men of that age than by others. Indeed the wear and tear made by vehicles come from the carriages used by the young and the aged, much more than by men of the ages mentioned. Most of the men who are compelled to work out this poll tax do not have a carriage of any kind, nor have the use of a team for their own purposes.

To compel a man who never uses the public roads, except occasionally to walk across them, to work two days on hicles are exempt, if they are either under or over the age limits prescribed, is a manifest injustice. Everybody is more or less interested in having good roads for public travel. Therefore everybody should contribute to their maintenance and repair.

If there is any discrimination as to do not ride or drive on the public thoroughfares, and against those who do thus use them. But this would be difficult, unless a special tax was levied on horses and vehicles, over and above the general property tax.

We therefore favor the abolition of the poll tax, and believe it would be much more satisfactory and equitable, if the repairing of the roads was paid for out of general tax funds. Let our legislators-elect take up this matter for immediate consideration, and if it is found to be desirable on the grounds of fairness and equity and of the general welfare, introduce a bill for the abolition of the old fashloned and objectionable poll tax, at the coming session of the Legislature of Utah.

ANOTHER TURKEY DISPUTE.

It looks as if Abdul Hamid, the Sultan of Turkey, is anxious to provoke further quarrel with our government, notwithstanding his cordial congratulations to President McKinley on the results of the election. According to a dispatch from Constantinople, he refuses to grant an exequatur to Dr. Thomas H. Norton who has been appointed United States consul at Harpoot, or rather he has delayed that official recognition of our representative at that place so long, that the delay amounts almost to a refusal. The consul has been in Constantinople, the report says, for three months waiting for his exequatur, and has finally been ordered to his post without the usual

The position of the new consul will not be enviable, if he proceeds to the fulfilment of his duties without Turkish government recognition. The Turkish authorities are great sticklers for formalities, and possess endless resources in making troubles, without formally transgressing treaties and agreements. Part of the duty of the consuls in Turkey is to look after the interests of tourists, in the shape of passports and necessary permits to live and breathe in that country, and it is easy to perceive that a consul without Turkish sanction will be almost powerless in this respect. If it comes to extricating travelers from the clutches of kaimakams and other officials, his influence will have very little more weight than that of any private

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It is passing strange that the Turkish government should dare to treat a representative of our government in this manner Russian, French, British or German appointees would receive more prompt consideration. But the trouble is that the United States is a long way off from Turkey, and neither the sultan nor his advisers realize the magnitude and importance of this country. A demonstration of earnestness and promptness on the part of our government would open the eyes of the Turks and be of material benefit to Americans having business in Tur-

The little disagreement about the bill lue to missionaries since the massares in Armenia, appears of less imoprtance than the question about this consul. That bill may, or may not, be arge, considering the common value shall take place at His advent. Papacy 20,000 majority by which Greater New

ing, such as poor emissaries of the Gospel can afford to wear; but the refusal to honor the appointment by our government of a consul is different. It calls for prompt action. But the battleship Kentucky is new on its way to Smyrna to discuss that and similar subjects, and it is believed the result vill be the complete restoration of amicable relations between Uncle Sam and his great and good friend by the

THE DIPLOMATS AGREE AGAIN

The state department at Washington has received information of another agreement or understanding between the diplomats in China. It is added, however, that there is but little chance that it will be sanctioned by the rerespective powers.

This leaves the matter very much where it was before. It means more delay in the negotiations, and more time for the powers represented by armies in China, to make the situation more criffut the knot. Meanwhile Li Hung 'hang is seriously ill and the emperor is virtually a prisoner, so there is to prospect that the Chinese side of the question can be treated with much ex-

In all probability the real point of disussion between the powers now is as o how much of the country each of hem can claim as its share of the spolls, in case it should be deemed safe and expedient to proceed to partition. The negotiations may turn upon indemnities and punishments, but stripped of all ornamental verbiage, they really amount to questions of partition. The new German chancelor, in his speech in the reichstag, clearly intimated that Germany expects to obtain some Chinese territory, and if one power takes this position, others will not be slow to follow suit. We suspect days' work of eight hours each, or in | all this delay is owing principally to the difficulty of finding a plausible ground for annexation. But if the arlong time, an excuse may not be wanting. Drunken soldiers can easily start a row and get killed by a mob, and that would be the end of the peace negotiations, if the country thus "insulted" believes itself strong enough to declare and make war.

However, the final cutting up of China is no small undertaking. It is no wonder that the powers hesitate. That country has existed and withstood all leveling influences for thousands of years. What it costs to reduce to subjection a foreign nation, Great Britain has found out in South Africa, Our own experiences in the Philippines are no Three hundred millions of human belings, even if they are not a race of Russia's amalgamation policy is the only practical one. She absorbs piece after plece, and only pushes farther south as this it should be in favor of those who | the territory already occupied has become Russianized. That is a slow process, but safe. A war of conquest would

be an enormous enterprise. It may be, though, that when the varlous governments shall have thoroughly grasped the situation, they will find the policy of our government the best. That is to leave China Intact, and only demand a reasonable compensation for the damage done. They will probably find that it is dangerous to vex the people with rapacious demands, until the entire nation is up in arms, and the world is confronted with the greatest problem of the age.

THE CONDITION AND REMEDY.

Cardinal Vaughan, in an address recently issued in reference to the pilgrimage to Rome next month, took occasion to say that the temporal sovereignty of the pope is absolutely necessary, for the conditions of the world at present.

He stated that there is universal uncertainty and unrest. Envy, jealousy, hatred, desires for revenge, avarice, greed of power and influence have broken out among the nations like a plague of vices that threaten to destroy them. The nations, he said, have forged weapons of destruction, established compulsory education without religion, preached the gospel of commerce, of the "open door," and "spheres of influence," and then dispatched armies to fight the people. They have dug passionately into the bowels of the earth for more and more of the precious metals, yet taxation is increased and wants multiplied, and there is a chaos of conflicting cries, but no common

It cannot be successfully denied that this description tallies but too well with the actual conditions. The cardinal might have added that there is a growing contempt for authority and law, even in countries where the people are their own rulers and lawmakers. He could have shown that, perhaps, at no time in the history of the world were the nations, apparently, better prepared for the dominion of "the lawless one," than at the present time. But is the ramedy for all this in the restoration of the temporal power of the holy see? History does not show any ground on which to base that conclusion. There has been as much strife, as much contention and misery under papal rule as

outside of It. The fact is that the popes in the middle ages gained and kept their influence by taking the lead in the currents of that time. The tendency then was in the direction of wars and adventures, and the pope, supreme upon earth, utilized the spirit of the age and encouraged crusades for the "glory of the church." The supremacy of the pope did not bring peace and good will upon earth. On the contrary the strife continued, and broke finally out in the terrible revolution in France, the

marks of which are still traceable in the civilized governments of the world. There is only one sure remedy for the ills of which the cardinal was speaking. and that is the "regeneration" of the world, morally, socially and politically perfectly just. It is certainly very | - the palingenesia which the Lord says

has had its era, as the religious systems that preceded it had theirs. When the Almighty again stretches forth His hand to redeem the children of men, it will not be through any of the old systems that bear the marks of wear and is the rule of God's referm work. And it is this new system, under the soverwhich all believers in the word of God now are looking with faith and hope and joy. The promises of its approach are sufficient to dispet pessimism, though the conditions are as noted by the cardinal, and to inspire faith in

Eggs have gone up. Is that a sign that they are "high?"

It seems to be intermission time in the Pekin concert.

Will dealers in corn who have been 'squeezed' exude "corn juice?" The corralling of the corn market was

sort of King Phillips' war. America has her "Man With a Hoe. China has her admiral with a Ho.

Judging from the local divorce mill statistics, times are very lively if not

The German flag has been planted on the Great Wall of China. Will it "take root and grow.""

If coal goes higher (a!ready it is too high) it will be simply because the dealers have a desire to "burn" the peo-

The good humored and common sense manner in which England looks at Mr. Kruger's reception in France robs it of half its interest.

There are five hundred varieties of trees in the Philippines. This will permit the hundreds of different tribes there to each take to its own particular

During the past census decade Kansas only made a gain of 3 per cent ln population. Will Editor White please arise and once more explain, "What's the matter with Kansas?"

A Chicago university professor has likened John D. Rockefeller to Shakespeare. There is some resemblance between them. Shakespeare was a good business man and so is Rockefeller.

The First municipal ward is to have three polling places, thanks to the Board of Education. But the two spots selected by Messrs Wilson and Critchlow, after much pressure, are at the remotest corners of the precinct and the third, it appears, is not to be near the center. All of which will be appreciated, no doubt, by the citizens who are thus discommoded.

The Elks of Denver have appointed against the wearing of elk teeth as emblems of the order. The reason for the appointment of such a committee is the fact that to procure the teeth it is necessary to destroy the elk. Preeminent among the virtues of the orfor is henevolence and the move in augurated in Denver should receive the hearty support of the order everywhere.

"Boss" Croker, from across the water, is reported as saying that the reformers in New York are not sincere. How can he know this? Does he argue from analogy knowing that the Tammany purity committee is insincere? He also asks if the reformers have ever visited London or Paris. That vice is more or less rampant in New York is true, but it is not so flaunting as in either of the two great cities mentioned by the Tammany leader.

It is said that Minister Conger may return to this country and that he will be succeeded by Col. Denby, His predecessor. It is rumored that Mr. Conger is not in harmony with the administration in its Chinese policy, he being more radical than the President and Secretary of State deem advisable. It he is it is not to be wondered at, for he went through the terrible siege of the legations, and the experiences of that slege were enough to make the most conservative man radical. But if there is friction between the minister and the administration it should be re-

It has been discovered that the Boston Museum of Fine Arts has in its Greek room twenty-three forged terra cotta statues out of twenty-eight. They were supposed to have come from Tanagara, Greece. Forgeries of manuseripts and objects of art are by no means uncommon, All students of Shakespeare will recall the case of the Ireland forgeries. It is but a few years since that some of the first art critics of Germany were imposed upon by forged bronze work, work that was so fine that it was difficult almost to impossibility to distinguish it from the genuine. And these false bronzes had been purchased by a leading museum of Germany. Why do not the clever authors of these forgeries engage in honest and great work. Their ability ould insure them success.

NEW YORK WAR ON VICE.

Baltimore Sun. war on vice beginning in New y. From the metropolis of the he metropolis of the Middle West, during the greater part of Monday it the police of Chicago hauled in my shady characters, charged with ous criminal inclinations, from er classes of pocketbook snatchers rgiars and highway robbers. The een a good one if the number of names ered on police station blotters is courate indication that there are pward of 300 arrests were made.

St. Paul Pioneer Press. washings and purifications to he Tanimany walves are subpresenting themselves as milkiambs to the voters at the April confidence they were just be-national election. They recall that the combined vote for and They four years ago vastly ded that for Croker's man Van the They know that the measure York was carried for Bryan cannot retained for Tammany nominees at city elections against the consolidated moral elements of the city population So the tiger seeks to change his stripes He can do so, however, no more than the leopard can change his spots. The roused conscience of New York will be content with no subterfuges of reform. ly drawing to an end

Cleveland Plain Dealer. After all it is doubtful if New York can hold a candle for openly flaunted vice to Chicago. If the Chicago papers are right about it Chicago's 400 down town saloons are jammed nightly—and all night, too—with criminal characters, a very large proportion of them being women. In the meantime the outside

carnival of erime goes gally on, New Haven Register.

The Potter movement is directed first the exposure of the corrupt alliance which exists between the police and the proprietors of vicious resorts, and second at the correction of a form of local government which shall make such an alliance extremely dangerous, if not im-possible. The Platt state constabulary bill is no remedy; it would only make matters worse. What is needed is the abolition of bi-partisanship in the government of the police, and the complete divorce of the department from politics. When this has been accomplished it will be resettled. it will be possible to take up and intel-ligently consider the control and regulation of vice wherever it exists. The Potter movement obviously has back of It more intelligence than any move ment of a similar character ever before begun in that city.

New York World.

Men do not gather grapes from thorns, nor do they get reforms from the officials and the system that cre-ated the need of reform. New York cannot be made clean without a new broom. It is a reform which must begin at the top, If we had a police com-mission and chief of police who were honestly intent upon repressing vice, vice would be repressed. And it will not be permanently repressed until we have such a board and such a chief. If Mayor Van Wyck really means one word of his letter to Bishop Potter he will take immediate steps to remove the present incompetent or corrupt po-

falling into mere vituperation on the other. There is reason to suspect that conditions in New York, horrible beyond description as they are, may be typical of a state of affairs prevalting in many parts of the country. There are in a metropolis certain local influences at work which result in a pecu-fiarly unashamed character of evil. A suppression of that evil here will bring about its restraint elsewhere. Its encouragement in New York stimulates vice all over the land.

New York Mail and Express.

In considering what the authorities have now been stirred up to doing, we are constantly driven back to the position that it is no more than they have always had the power to do and should have done whenever occasion arose. We are compelled to believe that they have not been ignorant of the conditions now forced upon their attention, but their niction and connivance at gross evils ave been part of a policy by which the 'ammany power profited. They needed a sudden revelation to show them the path of duty, but only the motive or disposition to bursue it. Efficiency, zeal and honesty in administration were simply not the object of their

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Much of the contents of the current number of Harper's Bazar is devoted to subjects suggested by approaching Thanksgiving day, such as "Thanks-giving Memories." Thanksgiving stories, 'The Thanksgiving Dinner," etc. There are numerous contributions on fashions, as well as special articles of interest to mothers. The magazine is, as always, beautifully illustrated.—Harper & Bros., Franklin Square, New

The Christmas number of Success has a most elaborate and artistic cover, representing the offerings of the Magi at Bethlehem. Its first pages is given to a poem by Edwin Markham, and then the past century is reviewed by William T. Stead, who takes the view that though the material progress has been phenomenal, morally mankind has ograded. The number has a wealth interesting articles on many Charles Sheldon is among the contrib number.-McGraw-Marden Co., Washington Square, New York.

A Brief History of Springville, Litah, s the title of a little work just pub-shed. The author is Don Carlos Johnson. It is highly interesting as a ord of the struggles of the first set of that locality. Such records wi much valued by coming general and every Utah settlement ough the Pioneers are still among the Ife witnesses to the scenes that were acted. The History of Springville rendered doubly valuable by the po traits and pictures that lliustrate it pages .- D. C. Johnson & Wm. F. Gib son, publishers, Springville, Utah.

It is announced that the December number of the Cosmopolitan will con-tain an important article on the slege of Pekin, by Sir Robert Hart, who for twenty-five years has been the most influential foreigner in the Chinese em-pire.—Irvington, N. Y.

The announcement is made that H. Reuterdahl, the marine artist, has returned from abroad with drawings to life and customs in the navies of the world which will appear in early numbers of Collier's Weekly. His sketche e are told, were obtained under grea difficulties and in spite of the fact that the naval regulations of most countries forbid the presence of an artist on board their various ships.-New York.

The cover design of the Christmas number of Ainslee's magazine is by Carle J. Blenner, and the frontispiece is a photograph of the largest elephant tusks ever found in East Africa. The first article is a biography of William tusks ever found in East Africa. The first article is a biography of William C. Whitney, "The D'Artagnan of the Business World," by George L. Fielder. Then comes a short story, entitled "The Great Interrogation," by Jack London. Samuel A. Wood tells the readers something about "What is Lloyds?" and Eugene Wood centributes a Christmes story. "The Rea Doll." utes a Christmas story, "The Rag Doll." "The Men that Make Our Laws," is the subject of a paper by L. A. Coolidge. "The Described by W. A. Fraser. Among other articles in this number are "The adventures of Nicholas Carter," by Charles Westbrook: "Sir Wilston Van Borne" by Henry Harrison liam Van Horne," by Henry Harrison Lewis: "Zauzibar," by Allen Sangree; and "Topics of the Theater,"—233 Wil-liam St. New York.

The Christmas number of the New Lippincott Magazine publishes com plete Amelia E. Barr's latest novel "Sauls of Passage." The author says
this story is the fulfilment of twenty
years' intention, though only within
the last twelve months has she felt that the time was ripe for launching her rice. Miss Acres Rappler contrib-uter and of her occase. "As Advertised." is him at the oddnesses of advertisers !

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(Jews' Street) is in two chapters, and is an amusing story of a Jewish honeymoon. "As Others See Us," by George Hibbard, is a one-act drama, which may be played by one actor. "The Bluffing of Johnny Crapaud," by Patrick Vaux, is a sea story of an incident that may happen some Christmas night in the twentieth century of England's history as mistress of the sea. Evelyn Sharp, contributes an example called "The Little Queen and the Gardener." Two papers are by Lieut. John Morris Ellicott, U.S.N., and by Henry Charles Lea, LL. D. Lieutenant Ellicott's article is descriptive of the United States Naval War College at Newport. Rhode Island. Mr. Lee investigates a subject visual to all Franciscopy under the title vital to all Freemasons under the title 'An Anti-Masonic Mystification.' Christmas thoughts and other thoughts are expressed in verse in the New Lippincott, by William Hurd Hillyer, Ella Gilbert Ives, Clarence Urmy, Charles W. Stevenson, Arthur Ketch-um, and Susie M. Best.—Philadelphia

The December Pearson's opens wit comes an illustrated article on "Pre-historic Monsters." Among the most striking pictures is one of the giant sloth, in search of which the Pearson expedition, under Hesketh Prichard has recently set out to Patagonia "Curing Animals by Electricity" is a semi-scientific article of the kind to which Pearson's devotes considerable attention. "Tapping the Sun's attention. "Tapping the Sun's Strength" belongs to the same order A Century of Assassinations' timely article illustrated with the por-traits of those rulers who, during the century, have been attacked or killed by assassins. "After-Dinner Sports is an article describing twenty-four new parlor tricks. In the same number appears an instalment of James S Metcalf's bistory of the American slave, and an article describing how time is sold at a profit of \$1,000,000 a year in the United States. There are six short stories in the number, in-cluding one for children, and four chapters of Rider Haggard's new

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