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LOOK TO THE WOUNDS.

In view of the fact that the nation's great day always brings with it an almost incredible number of accidents, it may not be improper to point out that immediate and efficient attention to wounds, especially powder wounds caused by blank cartridges, is absolutely necessary. According to an article on this subject in the Journal of the American Medical Association, such wounds are very often fatal. In Chicago, the writer says, there are usually fifteen to thirty deaths from blank cartridge tetanus each year, while the entire number of deaths from that cause is only about fifty, and, although there are plenty of other wounds received at this time each year, still the blank cartridge causes nearly all the tetanus infections. It is rare, indeed, that the lacerations from the exploding giant cracker are followed by tetanus. That this is not due to any infectious nature of the blank cartridge itself has been abundantly shown: repeated examinations have demonstrated that they are free from virulent tetanus germs.

The fact seems to be that tetanus, or lockjaw, is caused by a poison generated by a germ, and poured into the blood. This germ is found in street dust and garden dirt, etc. When these organisms enter a wound, the oxygen of the air and the blood is generally sufficient to kill them, before they can do any harm, but if they are driven deep into the tissues, where they are protected from the air, and if they are followed by other organisms that use up the oxygen of the blood in their immediate vicinity, they survive, and in a short time they produce enough poison to become dangerous.

The lesson of this is that all wounds should be attended to in time, but especially those likely to produce tetanus should be looked after at once. And experience has taught that blank cartridge wounds are such. "We should not forget," says the Journal, "that most of these deaths are preventable if the blank cartridge wounds are properly treated as soon as they are received." It is a sad fact that the greater number of cases of Fourth of July tetanus occurs in boys who have gone to some physician, not infrequently in a dispensary, who, instead of giving the wound the thorough treatment that it deserves, has superficially cleaned and dressed it. The responsibility lies here with the physician who first sees the wound. A thorough surgical treatment of blank cartridge wounds, supplemented by prophylactic injection of tetanus antitoxin when possible, would save many lives every year."

MAKING FOR ZIONISM.

The subjects that have been discussed at those gatherings in the past may not all be pertinent to the same extent this year. Irrigation for instance will not be so vital to the interests of the northwest as to the denizens of the semi-arid regions, Oregon and Washington are states that have enough wetting from above without the application of any more below. The question of bimetalism which engaged the attention of the Congress in the past will not probably be discussed. But our Merchant Marine; Commerce and Mining; Consular Service; Rivers and Harbors; the beet sugar industry; the admission of Territories as States in the Union; the Isthmian canal; preservation of forests and other former subjects of discussion will doubtless be renewed, with many new and timely topics of interest to the whole region this side of the Father of Waters.

As to the benefits of such gatherings as that, apart from the consideration of practical questions affecting the material interests of the entire nation, we cannot do better than quote the following from a paper on the Trans-Mississippi Congress by ex-Vice President L. Bradford Prince, published in the Omaha Daily Bee:

"One of the most important results of the annual sessions of the Congress is in the personal acquaintances there formed between the leading men of the Great West. Those who knew each other by name or reputation have become personal friends, and many unfounded prejudices have thereby been destroyed. The result of this may be found in a better understanding of the Mormon question. Beginning at Denver in 1887, Utah has sent large and influential delegations to all of the congresses, no matter how distant. Among the delegates almost always present were men like George Q. Cannon, Judge Shurtliff, John Henry Smith, etc. No man who has ever been there will deny that the personal acquaintance with these delegations has done more than any other one cause to remove prejudices which had previously existed in many minds; and the election of Mr. Cannon as president at Omaha, and of Mr. Smith at Cripple Creek, attest the regard in which personal acquaintances caused these gentlemen to be held."

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OFF FOR THE POLE.

The Ziegler expedition has started for the northern latitudes, in the hope of reaching the Pole. The plan this time is to spend the winter at Franz Josef land, and then proceed as early as practicable, on sledges, for the coveted goal. The undertaking is being made notwithstanding the fact that the Duke of Abruzzi, who holds the farthest north record, has declared that route to be impracticable. In his opinion "it would at most be possible to push on only a few miles farther toward the north, if the ice in the Arctic ocean was in an unusually favorable state, but the results would not afford any compensation for the fatigue and privation undergone." He recommended the Greenland route. It should be possible for the expedition at least to corroborate the views of the Italian as to the impossibility of the route. Lieutenant Peary would also like, it is said, to try again. He believes he can reach the Pole now, if he had \$150,000 to spend on it. It is natural that the explorer should desire to complete the work on which he has spent so many years, and for which he has suffered so many privations. It is natural that he cannot contemplate with pleasure the possible arrival first of someone else at the goal he has been striving so long to reach. And if it can be reached by an American, provided the money needed is placed at his disposal, the financial thing should not be an obstacle.

New York Mail and Express.

There has been hesitation on the part of the public as to how far it was advisable to go in protesting an official character. The President himself has been deliberate in choosing the course he should follow—properly deliberate because of the danger of disturbing our relations with a power with whom this country has a traditional friendship which it is difficult to impair. He now gives the impress of the intermediary between American sentiment and the throne of Russia. It is an act of high humanity.

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New York Evening Post.

Mr. Hay's circular in behalf of the persecuted Roumanian Jews is undoubtedly the precedent followed by the President when he agrees to forward to the Czar a memorial on the Kishineff massacre. The American Hebrews who plead for their oppressed coreligionists in Russia, and it is proper perhaps to regard his action as personal rather than official. The Russian government would relieve any otherwise awkward situation by taking the action of the Czar.

The President John in a place wishes that the Czar will deal justly with his Jewish subjects. With the cause everywhere most sympathetic, the expediency of the action itself is, however, open to doubt.

Milwaukee Wisconsin.

The theory of the petitioners is that the Czar is not bound by the agreements practiced in his dominions. See, for instance, Hay in his letter to Simon Wolf, the chairman of the committee under whose auspices the petition was prepared, makes two significant statements. One is that the President has decided to accept the petition, and the other is whether or not the proceeding will be to the advantage of their persecuted co-religionists in Russia. The other is couched in these words: "Of course you will understand that the President cannot tell you what reception your petition will meet with at the hands of the Russian government."

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The United States figures in the matter simply as an agent for laying the petition before the Czar. It makes no protest in behalf of itself or any of its citizens. The United States makes no representations whatever concerning the cause of the Roumanian Jews. It is to be noted, however, that the President's ministers should give the question their attention. Acting solely in this capacity it does not seem that the charge of meddling can hold against this government.

Chicago Record-Herald.

The petition asks for proclamation from the Czar that shall give an assurance of religious liberty in Russia. It will be remembered that there was a report of such an edict before the massacre occurred, and that the Jewish editor who provoked the massacre has been conspicuously honored since by command of the Czar. Whether or not the government of the Czar will do any good is doubtful, but possibly the pressure of outside opinion may affect the administrative acts of the government, which is the main thing to be considered.

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