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WHAT AILS THE EARTH ?

This young century's appalling record of culamities has been added to by the destruction of the city of Kingston on the island of Jamaica, by earthquake and fire, as in the case of San Francisco and Valparaiso. Jamaica is the largest of the British West Indian islands, situated about 90 miles south of Cuba. The length of the island is about 150 miles, and its width is given as 50 miles. The full extent of the calamity that has overtaken its chief city is perhaps not yet fully known, but it is evident that the loss of life and property is enormous, for the size of the country.

From Manila come reports of a devastating typhoon which is said to have swept the islands of Leyte and Samar. causing the loss of a hundred lives in the first named island, and immense damage to property in its path. A.4 communication with the islands visited by the storm was cut off, full particulars had not been received, when the report was sent from Mauila.

It is plain to all that we are living in a time of unusual visitations. It is clear that there is some world-wide cause for the disturbances that are occurring so frequently, but what is that cause? It has been observed lately that huge icebergs have broken away from the Antarctic regions and floated farther north than such masses of ice generally do. It is stated that sailors have observed that the water around the equator, on both sides of South America, has lately been ten degrees colder than the average, and the change of temperature is ascribed to the vast quantity of Antarctic ice which has recently floated equatorward. Is it possible, it is asked, that the axis of the earth is changing position and that the result is seen in the disturbances of the present time?

A recent scientific theory claims that the North pole once was somewhere in Canada, and that the South pole, of course, at that time also had a position different from its present location. The present polar regions had a temperate climate, as proved by the remains of animals found there now, imbedded in ice and snow. Then, the earth, it is said, changed its axis. The polar regions were moved and a consequence of this change the rotation of our globe the glacial period of the earth occurred. The vast ice masses that had accumulated at the Pole were scattered over a large portion of the earth's surface. The lee flowed from the northern parts of this continent out into the Atlantic, over Sceland, the Scandinavian peninsula,

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display and competition entirely worthy of the great industry of the people whose toll, aspirations and progress they represented. So when the Deseret Agricultural & Manufacturing Society shall be only a memory, let it be a pleasant one, hallowed by the glories of the past and illumined by the larger and still greater achievements of its successor, The Utah State Fair Association!

THE VOLUME OF BUSINESS.

Governor Cutler, speaking in his message of the inadequacy of the coal supply, accounts for it by the shortage of equipment from which the railroads are suffering owing to the immense increase of the business of the country. This is, no doubt, true, and every branch of American industry is experiencing more or less keenly the same difficulty. The volume of business has during the past few years grown to gigantic proportions.

A contributor to Moody's Magazine shows that Americans are manufacturing annually \$120,000,000 of agricultural implements, over \$500,000,000 of railway cars, nearly \$200,000,000 of electric machines, \$\$50,000,000 of foundry and machine shop products, \$75,000,000 of planos and organs, \$50,000,000 of hardware and \$23,000,000 of watches. Yet, the export of machinery last year did not exceed \$81,000,000. This fact proves sufficiently the great demand there is in the country for the products of the numerous branches of American industry. This means tremendous interstate commerce and the taxing to the utmost of the carrying capacity of all lines of communication.

THE NEW SALOON ORDINANCE.

There appears to be a good deal of mystery associated with the introduction and purpose of the proposed new saloon ordinance introduced in the city council on Monday night. It is now in the hands of the municipal laws committee and will be reported upon in the course of a few days according to present plans; perhaps at tonight's committee meetings. Opinion is divided as to whether it is a measure that Salt Lake wants; whether it is honestly put forth.

According to its sponsors it is intended solely to "regulate and restrict" the increase of the saloon traffic in this city. But what causes the general public to receive it with doubt is the fact that it is endorsed by those who have ever been champions of, or friendly to the liquor interests. Why they be? should suddenly step into the open with a measure of this kind is not yet quite clear. If it is all that its advocates claim for it the public should know it, and plenty of time be allowed to lapse for discussion before it is pushed

through to a final passage and sent to Mayor Thompson for approval. Any ordinance that will tend to decrease the number of saloons in the community and place those that remain under a closer espionage than now exists should be warmly welcomed; for dives and dens have beeen added to greatly in the past year. On these the heavy hand of the law should take to be. hold and remove them root and branch. If the new ordinance will do this then it should be passed without delay. If it is simply a piece of political legislation for partisan or factional advantage, as some charge, then that fact should be known before it is too late. By all means let us know all about this unexpected measure.

HEED THE ADMONITION.

In his message to the Legislature Governor Cutler said:

likewise began life as a clergyman, went into politics, served five terms in Congress, was minister to Austria, 1838-1840, and died in 1844, when Democratic candidate for governor of Pennsylvania.

Other names mentioned are Rev. Luther McKinley of New Hampshire who served in the 50th and 51st Congresses; Rev. Samuel J. Barrows of Massachusetts, and Rev. Mark Trafton, a prominent Methodist divine who served in Congress from Dec. 3, 1855,

to March 3, 1857. This country has had many distinguished theologians and fervent pulpit orators, and they, naturally, exercized great influence upon public affairs. Our laws and customs bear the imprint of the views and sentiments of such men. Of late years, the theological career has been thought a bar to political advancement, and the result is that the sectarian churches find that the young men possessing exceptional intellectual powers generally prefer the study of law, or medicine, to that of theology. Whether the country is the gainer or loser by this, is a dif-

ferent question. Better any day, a lemon than a sour orange.

To be married in haste and to be married in Chicago are much the same.

Anarchist Emma Goldman has been released. It is to be hoped that the release doesn't extend to her tongue. In giving a home to the bureau of American republics did Mr. Carnegle

stop to ask, what's home without a mother? James J. Hill says that the country is

suffering from slow paralysis. If it is suffering from anything it is quick consumption. Of course no one now would think of

selling food that is not absolutely pure. but it is just as well to have the food nspector make his usual rounds. The career of Senator-elect Guggen-

heim of Colorado in the senate will be watched with unusual interest at least for some time, possibly during his entire term.

Mr. Carnegie's latest spelling reform proposition is to have the American Congress and the British parliament appoint a joint commission of philologists to bring it about. Why doesn't he go to the Hague tribunal where everything is settled just as it should

And now Dr. Osler arises to correct the published statement attributed to him that very few of the American Rhodes scholars at Oxford would be able to graduate. What he meant to say, he says, was that few of them would be able to get a first in the classical honor school, which is the special distinction of scholarship at Oxford. It is unfortunate that, the doctor so frequently has to explain his statements. It all goes to show that he has reached the age of sixty years, the age at which he said men should cease

GUBERNATORIAL MESSAGES. Chicago Record-Herald.

In connection with the executive messages to the legislatures of the several states, and with the reports of commis-sions and accompanying bills, it is diffi-cult not to think of Secretary Root's cult not to think of Secretary Root's recent impressive warning to the advo-cates of "state rights." It is manifest that the logic of events has not been without effect on the minds of state lawmakers and leaders of local opinion. There is a veritable embarrassment of riches in the "reform" suggestions of the governors. Those short-sighted men who talk about the "blowing over" of the storm of popular protest against political and industrial abuses will find

STRENGTH SAVED HIS LIFE.

Philadeiphia North American.

TELL THAT BOY'S FUTURE.

Philadelphia Record.

features, people will begin to wonder if there is to be anything else worth seeing at the show.

JUST FOR FUN.

But Then We Could Read Tiresome

Authors at a Glance. Bacon-I see a German scientist asthat thoughts can be photographed Egbert-It wouldn't be possible, however, to make some of 'em look pleasant,-Yonkers Statesman.

Simplified Mitten. "Are you and Miss Spinks engaged ; inquired a young man of his chum,

"Report says so." "Well, she once sent me a true lover's knot." "Ah! That looked like business." "Yes, but she spelt it without a 'k."

-Tit-Bits,

Man Wasn't Green. Dickens—I thought you said that wood was too green to burn. Picken—It was, but I insured it, let the insurance lapse, and you ought to have seen it go!—Florida Times-Union Union.

Presence of Mind.

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"Did ye get damages fer being in that rallway accident, Bill?" "Sure, \$50 for me and \$50 fer the missus

missus? I didn't hear she was hurt." "She wasn't; but I had the presence of mind to fetch her one on the head with me foot."-Harper's Weekly.

She-Do you think a woman should thank a man for a seat in a car?" He-Oh, no. Lots of men have heart disease, and the shock might prove fatal."-Philadelphia Record.

"It's a sad fact," remarked the mor-"It's a sad fact," remarked the indi-alizer, "that nowadays nearly every in-fluential man has his price." "And sadder still," repited Senator Badger, "to think that half the time he can't get it."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

"What do you think of my presiden-

"What do you think of my president tial boom?" "It's too early," answered Senator Sorghum. "You won't even be one of those who also ran. You'll merely be one of those previous mentioned." ---Washington Star.

"That young woman is not intelli-gent, amlable, or even decently courteous.

'Oh, but her father is worth a mil-

ial Hall, Washington.

The Black Cat for January has five short stories, all written by masters in the art of story-telling. The titles are: "With What Measure?" "Phyllis;" "Mignon;" "The Rexforth Circulating Library," and "The Ink of Destiny."-144 High St., Boston.



SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAY OF **GINGHAMS** and SEERSUCKERS GREAT VARIETY OF THE NEWEST and MOST ATTRACTIVE PATTERNS

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They are the first arrivals for Spring. Seems rather early to be talking of Spring-yet many thoughtful housewives are making their selections now. During the bad weather, when it is impossible to visit, they intend making their children's Spring clothing in readiness for the breaking of the severe weather. Make your choice now from the prettiest patterns, many of which it will be impossible to duplicate later.





branched out over Europe in a southerly direction

This theory is referred to only as a theory. The variability of the earth's axis is only recently observed and the data are not sufficient to furnish basis for conclusions that can be recommendrd for infallibility. But the fact that the entire globe is in commotion and that the Autarctic regions are sending forth ice masses into the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, has suggested the question whether another shifting of the poles is taking place, involving, it may be, radical changes in the physical confitions of the cartly.

FOR A SHORTER NAME.

Governor Cutler has transmitted to the Legislature with his approval, the request of the officers of the Descret Agricultural & Manufacturing Society, that the name of this bonored organization be changed to a briefer and more convenient designation-that of Utah State Fair Association. It is argued that the former title is heavy and cumbersome and provocative of linguistic difficulty to an extent that baffles every new comer who attempts an audible utterance of it. Besides it is not regarded as distinct an appelation as it once There is, no doubt, much truth in these contentions, and there can be no question that it is far easier to say, "Utah State Fair," than to take a running jump at "Descret Agricultural & Manufacturing Society," without the alightest knowledge or prospect of where you are going to land in the effort

Nevertheless, in paraphrase of an old and popular song, we can say, "With all thy faults we love thee still." There will be many who will remember it. with a feeling akin to reverence, for the deeds that were done in the authority of the name so soon to be laid away; for there is good reason to consude that the lawmakers will grant the petition so respectfully and urgently asked for, But they will not do so withbut a full appreciation of the fact that it has done more for the agricultural and general industrial development of the Beehive state than any other single organization formed within its confines. It has ever stood for a better Utah, and so it stands today in the request it makes as proudly as a maiden fair. who blushingly admits that she is anxlous in her heart of hearts, to be called by another name in the future.

Some of the best men Utah has ever known have been identified with its growth and accomplishments. They have seen it gather in the products of the farm, orchard, range, factory, ichool and home, almost from the ear iest territorial days until the present. annually or biennially, according to

"The total estimated revenues for the next two years are placed at \$1.767.-623.61, while the estimated needs of the State for the same period total \$2,491.-177.18, a difference of \$723.553.57. From the tabulation of these estimated ex-penses you may be able to judge where a pruning can best be made, to bring the expenses within the revenues with-out too seriously impairing the effici-ency of the various departments." The total estimated revenues for the those of the present day.

Possessed of Samsonlike strength, Al-bert Fisher of Quebec saved his life by a remarkable exhibition of his power. That is not a "Cheer up, Mary," a remarkable exhibition of his power. Fisher was employed at a stone crush-er, and his duties consisted of feeding rocks into the huge machine. To ald this he stood on a platform just above the crusher. He had just dropped a fifty-pound boulder into the machine, when his foot slipped and he fell head-long between the steel jaws. No per-acon was near to stop the engine. Bracing his shoulders against the steel crushers, which were slowly closing, the sturdy workman exerted all his great strength in one powerful effort. For a moment the machine stepped, then the massive sides drew apart, and finally there was a rending of the steel joints, and the crusher fell to pieces. statement by any means. It means if the law-makers of the State do not take heed of the State's financial condition there is very serious trouble ahead. A state as well as a man should live within its income, and when it does not, like the man who doesn't, it has started on a broad road that is very apt to end in bankruptcy. Today one of the greatest evils of government in the United States-state, county, municipal-is the strong tendency to run into debt regardless of consequences. And once the door is opened it is rare-Governor Cutler's admonily shut. tion should be most seriously heeded.

MINISTERS AS POLITICIANS.

A contributor to the Boston Transcript, speaking of the inauguration of Governor Buchtel of Colorado, in a religious edifice and wath religious ceremonies, gives a list of names of men prominent in American political life who commenced their career in the service of some church.

an itinerant Methodist preacher. Ed.

ward Everett was first a famous di-

Augustus Conrad Muhlenberg,

Philadelphia Record. For a few hours yesterday morning a cent was to be seen lying on the marble floor of that corridor in the cen-tral postoffice building which leads to the inquiry bureau. It did not appear to be an advertisement of some patenti-glue or cement, but several persons who tried to pick it up found it as firmly fixed to the stone as though it had been soldered there, and all who failed in this attempt wondered what it meant. It was not until a small buy impelled by both curiosity and cupidity, inserted the blade of a penknifs under the edge of the coin that it finally came away. The boy prompily put the cent in his pocket and made off without waiting to examine into the cause of its From the facts presented it will be seen that Garfield was a Campbellite preacher before he became prominent in politics. Brownlow who waiting to examine into the cause of its lose adherence to the floor. became governor of Tennessee and a United States senator, was before that

A MILITARY SHOW.

New York Evening Post.

New York Evening Post. We theroughly sympathize with the eleven members of the advisory board of the Jamestown Exposition in their protest against the warlike aspect pro-posed for that undertaking. In reply, the management asserts that these pro-destants are becoming "over-sensitive" about their peace propaganda. As if any American could become over-sensi-tive in the cause of peacel. And what would the managers of the Jamestown variety-show consider legitimate sensi-tiveness? They have advertised, to quote their own words, the "greatest military speciacie the world has ever seen," and the "grandest inval rea-dezvous in history," together with a "magnificent pyrolechula reproduction of war scenes" and a "reproduction of the famous battle between the abonior and Merrimac." After this Barnum-esque language, to maintain, as the managers do, that the Jamestown Ex-position will be the "greatest peace congress ever assembled," will convince probably of anything, except that the vine, but that did not prevent him from rising to the position of Secretary of State, "When Everett," the correspondent of the Transcript says, was in the zenith of his congressional career, a dynasty of clergymen-politicans was beginning to draw toward its decline with the waning activity of the Muhlenberg family of Pennsylvania, no less than three of whom left the pulpit for public office. Frederick who was a delegate to the Continental Congress in 1779-1780, and Speaker of the House of the First Congress under the Constitution, serving also in subsequent congresses, was originally a minister of the Lutheran Church. He was a brother of General John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg, who was an Epis. copal elergyman in Virginia, and who congress ever assembled." will convince nobody of anything, except that the Exposition managers are singularly un-fortunate in their choise of adjectives. The Chicago Exposition--beside which that at Jamestown will be merely a sideshow--was the finest this country has ever seen. It did nor have to de-pend upon sham battles or war pictures or stupendous naval spectacles for its success. If the Jamestown managers further magnity their military circus threw off the preacher's gown and revealed himself to his congregation in the soldier's uniform. General Muhlenberg served in the first, third and sixth congresses, was elected senator from Pennsylvania, but did not take his seat, and died collector of customs, cumstances, and place them in grand also felt the family impulse, for he further magnify their military circus