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Weather Forecasts for To-Day.

California—Fair in Northern and local rains in Southern California; southerly winds; slightly warmer.

Oregon and Washington—Fair, preceded by light rains; westerly winds; slightly warmer.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean has the courage to declare in favor of subsidies, saying: "It is foolish to say that the age of subsidies has passed. England still subsidizes, and so do France, Italy and Germany. And, for that matter, so does the United States, but it subsidizes foreign vessels and starves its own."

PROFESSOR RILEY, of the Bureau of Entomology of this Government, has been decorated by the President of the French Republic in acknowledgment of his discoveries and his labors in the interests of the science. American scientists are steadily commanding more and more of recognition in Europe, and the same may be said of American artists.

We admire a sublime specimen of cheek. Here is a splendid example from the New Orleans *Zeugma*.

Sectionalism is chiefly among the Northern people in the Northern States. Although it is not so rampant in the Southern States, it is no longer unprejudiced sectional parties.

With our Southern non-sectarian capacity, it is not so evident, but the capacity to distinguish between patriotic devotion to the Union of States and sectional prejudices and dislikes. The citizen who is well informed concerning the spirit of the Northern States—so called—will be more amused than surprised by the expression of the New Orleans paper.

An interesting essay by an Eastern contemporary takes the position that suicide is increasing to an alarming rate. We are inclined to think that the statistics will not bear out the assertion. There is difficulty, however, in arriving at the figures for the earlier centuries, but it has seemed to us that life is held at higher value in the nineteenth century than in the earlier ones, and that there is not more of self-destruction now than, say in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries proportionately. In these days publicity is given to all events of this kind, and therefore there is a seeming of increase of suicide. It would be an interesting study for some accomplished statistician to make research in this matter and evolve reliable statistics of fact concerning it.

THE NEW YORK HERALD exclaims:

"Alas, Jersey! Why do you discriminate? A pickpocket is sent to prison on the limited excuse of a minor fault; the statistician who first writes the record. But the gambler who loses his money in the roulette, and whose fingers in the rapid motion indicate the winning number, is not punished."

But how much better off is California? In this State also we punish murderers, imprison pickpockets and send vagrants to work upon the highway. But the vendors of lottery tickets, the newspaper men who advertise lottery schemes and the agents who deal in blanks and prizes openly and in defiance of the law are not so much warned. On the contrary, it is probable that half the officials, or more, whose duty it is to enforce the law against these offenders, are mere suggestion of the word lottery would go down into their pockets and pull up coupons to see if they held winning numbers. If New Jersey is worthy of reproach for partiality, what shall be said of the greater State, California?

Mr. A. J. DREXEL has added his own to the accumulating testimony that the men of great wealth in this country are using their surplus means for the most beneficent of purposes. A calm survey of the century will disclose that the results have vastly added to the sum of human happiness and knowledge, and has done a magnificent work of mankind in the founding of schools, universities, libraries, training-schools, hospitals, trade instruction classes, art schools, mechanic art institutions, baths, homes for the destitute and the aged and weak, churches, orphanages, public works, etc. Mr. Drexel is the latest of the great benefactors of the day. He has donated and set aside a million and a half of money to build an industrial institute in the city of Philadelphia. It will be planned to accommodate a thousand girls by day and a thousand boys by night. These will be taught self-helpfulness, and that without money and without price being asked from them. They are not to be reached by lectures and to be thoroughly taught how to do useful and supporting things, to accomplish at least the rudiments of many trades. It is believed that in three years' time a girl by day instruction, and in four years' time a boy by partial day and evening instruction, can be taught callings in this institute that will enable them to be independent of assistance, and yet that in the meantime they will not be so withdrawn from wage-earning that they will not be able to study and to contribute to the support of themselves in cases where they have not homes. The great need of the times is education in the line of self-helpfulness and for the building up of our land in skilled industries. The labor workers of our own raising. The labor unions have told us repeatedly that the excuse for the importation of skilled workmen from Europe is the fact that our own youth are not taught trades well and thoroughly. The beneficence of Mr. Drexel is in the direction of removing

TWO CONFERENCES.

On the second day of October the Congress of American Nations is to assemble in the City of Washington. The purpose is to consider the mutuality of trade interests that should exist between the States of the two continents, but that does not in practice develop. Our own representatives in that body are to be in the minority from the outset. They will be at once face the fact that the other States propose to buy where they can do the best, irrespective of the continental comity and the supposed goodfellowship between American Governments. As matters now stand, the South American States buy most largely of England and Germany, and they will have to be convinced by powerful reasons to induce a change of the habit of half a century, and more. The representatives of these States are men of the shrewdest business wisdom and political sense, and they will not all be swayed by their surroundings, or by the capacity of the men we have selected to meet them. We might as well make up our minds now that all the wooing is to come from our side, and that our representatives have before them a most difficult task. Up to date, the Central American States have not named delegates, and should they refuse to do so, the situation will be most embarrassing when the subject of the Nicaragua canal is reached. Before this convention will have concluded its labors, another, quite as important, will have assembled in the same city—The International Marine Congress. To this latter body will come delegates from Great Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Denmark, Russia, Belgium, Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Hawaii, Japan, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Spain, Sweden and Norway, Uruguay and Honduras. The congress will have before it subjects of the most important character, and the very broadest concern. It is impossible to foresee what will be the result of the deliberations of the representatives concerning the marine navy of the world and the international ethics of the same, but we certainly have some reason to hope that the meeting of such a body of representatives of the nations will result in a better understanding as to the aims and purposes of the respective Governments, in the cultivation of much brotherly feeling and in inspiring greater respect for each other.

THE ELIXIR.

Dr. Barnstater, of Cincinnati, warns all physicians to exercise the utmost caution in experimenting with the Brown-Sequard elixir. He says there is danger of blood-poisoning and does not advise the promiscuous use of this elixir.

The future of the elixir is a question of life and death, and the danger is not only to the individual but to the nation. The elixir is a powerful agent, and its use should be restricted to the most careful and experienced hands.

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BOOM-BOOM.

(Translated from the French of Jules Claretie by I. L.)

A pale little child, his eyes enlarged by fever, was stretched out on his little white bed; he looked straight before him continually with the strange fixed gaze of sick persons, who perceive already that which the living cannot see.

At the foot of the bed the mother, weighed down with grief, biting her fingers to keep from crying out, watched anxiously the progress of the disease up to the poor emaciated frame of the little one; and the father, a worthy man of the laboring class, forced back into his eyes the tears that burned his eyelids.

It was morning, a bright beautiful morning in June; the soft light stole into the narrow chamber where the little Francois, the child of Jacques and Madeleine Legrand, was lying.

He was 7 years old; but not three weeks ago he was a rosy healthy, gay and happy as a bird, this little one. But fever had seized him. He returned from school one evening, his head aching and his hands burning. Since then he was on his bed, and sometimes in his delirious hours, looking at his little shoes, that his mother had carefully placed on a board in the room, he would say:

"You can throw them away now, the shoes of little Francois; little Francois will not put them on again; little Francois will go no more to the school—never!"

When they wished him to take his medicine, a syrup, a little bottle, he refused; he refused everything.

"Do not wish anything, Francois?"

"No, I wish nothing."

"We must get him out of this condition," said the doctor, "this torpor frightens me! You are the father and mother, and ought to know your child better than I do. Something that will reanimate this little body; that will call back to earth this spirit that is trying to escape to the clouds; and the old doctor left the sick room."

Think!

Yes, without doubt they knew their Francois well, these old people; they knew how the little one amused himself, going on Sunday to plunder the hedges of flowers, and returning to Paris loaded with carnation blossoms on the shoulders of his father, or again in the Champ de Mars, enjoying Punch and Judy, seated on the inside of the rope circle with the little rich children. Jacques Legrand had bought some pictures, some metal soldiers, some Chinese shadow-boxes; he had cut them out, put them on the child's little bed, made them dance before the wandering eyes of the child, and he was the gayer of his seven years, and was the entrancing sight before him:

"And time! it is he! it is he! it is he! This is Boom-Boom! Vive Boom-Boom! How do you do, Boom-Boom?"

When the doctor came next day he found, seated at the bedside of little Francois, a clown with a painted face, who made a bow and said to him, while stirring a mortar with a pestle in the bottom of the medicine glass:

"Thou knowest if thou dost not drink it, little Francois, Boom-Boom will not come back again."

And the child drank.

"It is not good to drink?"

"Do not be afraid, thank you, Boom-Boom!"

"Do not be afraid, thank you, Boom-Boom!"