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A glorious send off was given at Manila upon the 4th of July. The display must have borne it in upon the minds of the Filipino spectators that American institutions and American ways of thought had started out to be dominant upon the Islands. But the teaching of English in the schools, opening an entirely new literature, with new ideas, will have the more powerful and permanent effect. The school man and the school book are the most potent weapon of expansion.

Leong Kai Chon, the Chinese Reformer, who is to visit the Islands, will be an interesting man. The reform party in China has had a tremendous setback, and whether it could have accomplished very much, had it not had a setback is quite questionable. It will be extremely interesting, however, to have a cultivated Chinese gentleman here who can tell what his party's aims have been in the past, and what are its hopes in the future. If any advance is to be made by China it will be through men of the stamp of Leong Kai Chon and Dr. Sun. The native Chinese must do the work, the foreigner will never do it. The great change in Japan came from a party within, which recognized the advantages that it saw without.

The Samoan difficulty seems to have come to an end, and the commissioners consider that the islands can be left to themselves. What machinery of government has been set up, now that the kingship has been abolished, has not yet been announced. The machinery that Berlin treaty had to deal with was, after all, only the governing of the municipality of Apia, which is a very small affair. They have practically disarmed the Samoans, and if the traders can be kept from importing ammunition and weapons, it will be hard for the islanders to again carry on aggressive war. Malleton goes to Fiji upon some kind of an allowance, but what becomes of Mataafa, we must wait to hear.

In an article in The Star on July 6, the desirability of operating automobiles in Honolulu was urged, and the possibility of these motor cars superseding trams was considered. The introduction of automobiles is now assured, and a certain number will be in use here by the beginning of next year. The automobile will soon become popular for private use, as well as in the form of public carriages. In France there is a perfect craze for them, and it is there where the best machines have been made hitherto. In the United States the automobile is steadily pushing its way both as a public and a private conveyance. Automobiles are expensive as a first investment, but the cost of operating is much less than with a horse and carriage. There is quite an interesting article upon automobiles in the July McClure's Magazine, which gives comparative cost and much general information upon the subject of the horseless carriage.

The healthy growth of a church is always a good sign in a community. The Central Union church has a congregation so large, that one man finds it impossible to attend to the multifarious duties which come upon the shoulders of the pastor. The church body has therefore determined to have two assistants in order to properly attend to all the details of the church work more thoroughly. This marks a growth of considerable strength in the city. When people from abroad consider the social conditions of a city, the churches form one of the main items in the consideration. The fact that the churches show vigorous growth, no matter what the denomination may be, shows a healthy and respectable development of the social system. Honolulu has lost much of its puritanical spirit, and people are free to spend their Sundays as they please, without remark, and the church going is the better for that spirit having disappeared, because those who attend church now, do it of their own free will, and not because they are coerced by an iron-bound public opinion. The advance in Central Union is only typical of the churches all along the line.

SOME CRITICISM.

The physicians of Honolulu gave a great deal of attention lately to the subject of tuberculosis and strong papers were read and vigorous discussions succeeded. But there the matter rests. Nothing is done. Yet consumption is the most fatal disease in the mortality list of Honolulu.

That the time calls for action is very patent. There is much of the town which is unsanitary and which the Board of Health does not seem able to cope with. One of the members plaintively remarked the other day "We give orders, but they are not carried out the way we want them, and we can't go round and see that the things are done.

We haven't the time. We have to trust to others, and the consequence is that we get the blame."

The Star wishes to see the hands of the Board of Health strengthened as much as possible, and believes that the members of the board are earnest in their desire for improving the public health and the sanitary condition of the city. But when men accept responsibility they are to blame if their subordinates do not carry out their orders. No one expects the head of any board to do the work himself, or the members to do the work themselves, but they should so impress themselves upon their subordinates that their work must do done their way and no other, and if it is not so done, why they must get men who will obey commands. It is no excuse for responsibility to say that orders are not properly carried out. They must be carried out, there is nothing else about it.

If orders are given to clean up the slums, those orders should be carried out to the letter. There is certainly need enough. If men are a menace to health, they should be removed. The picture which a physician paints of a consumptive Celestial sitting in a restaurant and expectorating upon the floor, is not an inviting one. Certainly some effort should be made to prevent the spread of tuberculosis by such means. If we can remove a smallpox patient or a fever patient, we certainly ought to be able to remove a tuberculous patient. But—and here comes a big but—where are you going to remove him to? The hospital won't have him, because he would be dangerous to other patients. The quarantine station cannot be given over for an indefinite time to one particular disease. What are you going to do? What is done, is very simple. Let the matter alone and allow tuberculosis a free hand. That is what is done, and it is having eminent success as the mortality tables for the last six months show.

GLOOMY OUTLOOK.

The condition of a great part of Europe is not a very brilliant one at the present moment. Among the great powers France has been on the verge of revolution for months. The monarchists, the imperialists and the ultra radicals, are all ready to overturn the present bourgeois republic, and the torch to set the whole thing in a blaze is ready at hand in the present Dreyfus trial. If he is acquitted the aristocrats and anti-semites, will howl and desire a resort to arms. If he is again condemned, the radicals and socialists, and all who detest the bourgeois, the fat and greasy citizen, will be ready to take up a similar role.

In Spain the monarchy is in danger from two sources. The carlists who would bring back, if they could, even a more conservative and intolerant government than Spain now has, and who promise success to the very tarnished arms of the monarchy, and the republicans, who would establish a form of republicanism which would send a shudder through any good American, for it would mean a rule in which the danger would play a very prominent part. Spain has also a difficult problem in her army. With the return of her regiments from the colonies, there must be a large class of idle and turbulent officers, who need employment, and who despise civilian pursuits. It is a problem that all history has found difficult of solution.

Italy is also in a bad way. The country is overtaxed, and the peasantry is discontented. The government has to resort to arresting the parliamentary deputies, a step bound to bring about grave complications, and calculated to increase, rather than to allay the irritation of the masses against the classes.

Belgium is practically in the throes of revolution. If the government is firm against the demands of the popular party, it stands in danger of being swept away by force. If it yields, as there seems every indication that it will be obliged to, the monarchy will in all probability be legislated out of existence.

In all states there is great discontent among the poorer classes. The problems which face these older countries do not become prominent in the west, at present. The root of all the discontent in Europe must be sought in political inequalities, in the unequal distribution of wealth and in the strong social distinctions. The end must be an immense social upheaval. There was one at the end of last century. There was one in the middle of this century. Neither reached the aims desired. The time is at hand for another. Will it merely clear the air for a time, or will it establish a permanent good which will make the next century a better and a pleasanter one than this?

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