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AN INCIDENT IN BUTTE'S PROGRESS.

There appears to be a lull in the agitation for action on the part of the city government looking to the removal of a portion of the city's undesirable population to a locality remote from the business and residence districts. It may be supposed that the city government is face to face with the question of choosing a site for the quarters to be set apart for the undesirable residents; it may even be thought that some solution for the vexing question has been found that will admit of plans that do not include a moving day designated by the city and a place of future residence marked out by the proper authorities. Such impressions are wrong. The evil complained of is with us yet, and is in much the same aggravating condition it was when a certain fraternal organization set out to remove the blot. In fact, within the past few days the police department has met with numerous instances of rebellion against its authority from the class of people over whose affairs it is supposed to keep a strict watch. A certain monthly collection in the way of fines has not been paid, and it is stated that it will not be paid until a recent council resolution is reconsidered and a regulation that is supposed to place an embargo upon violations of the law is rescinded. High-handed and contemptuous conduct on the part of an element never very tractable has brought up again a question concerning which it is not easy to speak in print. However, there is one phase of the matter about which it is not necessary to mince words. The city government should take the present opportunity to clear away from the business district a nuisance that must be removed sooner or later. There are already a half dozen places in the city's outskirts from which no objection will come if they are picked upon for the purpose. No difficulty need be feared from that source. The goal of the city of Butte imperatively demands that action be taken soon. Delay will only increase the necessity which is already pressing. It is up to the city government to face the duty which those in charge of every growing city must face and to do a thorough job of the task that is before them.

LONG TERM OF CAPTIVITY.

Monday Miss Ellen Stone, the missionary captured by brigands, will have spent nearly a half year in captivity. She was captured September 3. All told, about \$61,600 have been raised by popular subscription to pay the ransom demanded by her captors, but so far United States Consul Dickinson has been unable to effect her release. The fact that the captive is still in the hands of her abductors at the end of five months' effort to secure her freedom speaks but poorly for those who have been in charge of the negotiations. The board of foreign missions and Consul Dickinson have the ransom money ready, and the sum is even in excess of the amount demanded. But there is a hitch in the proceedings and no headway has been made for several months. The question that now arises is: If five months is not long enough to effect the captive's release, how much time will be required?

The Lincoln Republican club of Anaconda is in all respects the best organized campaign club in the state. It is well officered, and its members are as loyal and enthusiastic as their leaders. No differences are allowed a place in the club's deliberations and the organization presents a solid front to its party foes. As an important branch of the state's organization the Lincoln Republican club of Anaconda is entitled to every praise.

Before the senate committee yesterday Governor Taft made the statement that a comparison between the Filipino and the Spaniard was immensely in favor of the former. Public sentiment for a number of years has clung to the belief that only dead Spaniards were really of the better class, and Governor Taft's statement seems to bear out this impression.

A heartless judge in Chicago has appointed a receiver for the church of John Alexander Dowie, who claims to be the reincarnate Elijah. This fraud, who professes to have some of the qualities of the prophet who ascended in the chariot of fire, is drifting dangerously near a ride in the patrol wagon.

The modesty of Santos-Dumont has become more than anything else to make him popular. His disinclination to "crow" over his achievements convinces every one that he is a "bird," or something very near it.

PRINCE HENRY.

What manner of man is Prince Henry of Germany, who is coming to call upon the people of the United States in informal style and mingle with them as cordially as a prince may? That's a question in which considerable interest centers. The answer to the query gives rise to no misgivings respecting the capacity of the royal sailor to enjoy his visit. He is bred to the sea, having sailed around the world before he was out of his teens, and has little of the pomp and circumstance of courts about him. He is said to lack much of the brusqueness of his brother, the Kaiser, and can make himself at home in any quarter of the world, afloat or ashore, meeting citizens of foreign nations with easy courtesy and perfect freedom from affectation or pose. Had he been in the harbor of Manila when Admiral Dietrichs came near precipitating international complications there would have been no friction between the naval commanders. He speaks English perfectly and is affable and entertaining without sharing with his brother the ability to respond eloquently to after-dinner toasts. While Prince Henry is making his tour of this country's principal cities he will, in all probability, find himself growing immensely in popularity. He is the kind of visitor who will not incline to overdo the part most becoming to him as a guest.

LARGEST PRINTING OFFICE.

The United States printery at Washington, where the publications of the government are turned out, is the largest establishment of its kind in the world. The new printing office now in course of construction is projected on a magnificent scale. It will be completed some time during the present year and will house 14,000 employees. The structure will cost nearly \$2,500,000. The immense number of reports of various departments and other publications of the government requires a mammoth establishment, thoroughly equipped, to turn out its work. The new plant is in keeping with the national policy of worldwide expansion, and, by the way, a Montana man is in charge of the entire works.

ABOLISH TRIBAL RELATIONS.

A bill is in course of preparation for presentation to the senate that will abolish the tribal relations among Indians. It is said the evils growing out of the present system of dealing with Indian tribes find their source in the relics of tribal government still existing on the reservations. Senator Clark of Montana and Senator Clapp of Minnesota are now at work on the bill. It is expected the reforms provided for in the measure will be far reaching in their effect and will remove the principal obstacles in the way of Indian civilization.

To what base use will the injunction next be put? A lecturer on law at Harvard has secured an injunction restraining students from taking shorthand notes and selling them to young men who have plenty of money and are ambitious to get through school with a minimum amount of mental effort. What effect this restraining order will have upon Harvard's crop of lawyers, only those who make a business of detecting the presence of approaching calamity can tell.

Carnegie has suggested a fund for indigent newspaper men, instead of a home, as suggested by Henry Watterston. But the steel magnate gives no hint of his intention to either donate or build. The whole matter is a poetic fancy of the editor of the mint julep state. Many an old and needy newspaper man is richer than Carnegie was before he began to give his money away.

The president of the United States is a man whose breadth of understanding embraces the West as well as the East, and he is heartily in favor of irrigation for the arid lands of the Western states. If the present congress passes a bill providing for national irrigation, the gratitude of the people of the states benefited will be due Theodore Roosevelt.

A jailer's wife in Pittsburg, Pa., became infatuated with a handsome criminal and enabled him to break out of prison. The fact that there was a woman at the bottom of it, gave the case sensational phases that made it the feature of the news until the criminal and his crack-brained accomplice were captured.

The congressmen who voted against the bill to provide "for the shelter and protection of the officers and enlisted men of the army on duty in the Philippines" must have been hopelessly at sea regarding the sentiment of the country. Their conduct excites general condemnation and disgust.

The American people, regardless of party, are in favor of building up the merchant marine. Democratic politicians who characterize the ship subsidy bill as a "steal" show a narrow partisan feeling in a matter into which no politics can properly be allowed to enter.

Gossiping in mid-ocean by vessels over a hundred miles apart is a common occurrence since wireless telegraphy has come into use. As yet, however, the vessel on which Marconi has taken passage has not held a gabfest with ocean liners.

A WISE ADMIRAL

[Detroit Journal.]

Admiral Schley has given short shrift to the rumor that he would be a presidential candidate in 1904. The admiral has, as it were, strung the story to the yard arm and shed marlin spikes at it. He prefers to be a sailor. He would not jeopardize any fame he has won on the ocean by holding down the executive chair at Washington. What he wants is the love and esteem of the people and a secure niche in the hall of fame.

The admiral's language is crisp and pertinent enough. It is timely, too. No one can say that he waited to gauge public opinion before making his Chicago announcement. On the very first occasion in which he had a chance to speak in public and address a national audience he definitely pushed aside the civic crown that the political artificers were bent on making for him. His manly frankness in dealing with a ticklish situation will vastly increase that popularity which he protests is his most precious belonging.

Admiral Schley may well be commended for turning his back on a presidential campaign that would be filled with bitter personal invective and baseless recriminations. He wisely saves his country the ignominy of an election contest in which the merits of the candidates would be sacrificed for the discussion of a futile quarrel in the navy department. It is quite in line with his genial nature that he refuses to stir up a subject that would scar the national honor and give rise to a lot of bitter talk, to be as bitterly regretted afterwards. In the heat of campaign it is conceivable that unbridled things would be said which would give point to the jeers of Europe that republics are ungrateful. From such a contingency Admiral Schley, like a true patriot, delivers himself and his country at one stroke.

Andrew Carnegie has also discovered a few "blots" upon the flag, and is prepared to defend the proposition that war is a bad trade. For a man from whom so much merited criticism has been withheld, Carnegie is presumptuously free in finding fault with his adopted country.

Anarchists in various parts of the country have made threats of violence against Prince Henry. It may be necessary to exemplify the work of enforcing the law for the entertainment of the visitor should the "reds" become too demonstrative.

An Eastern exchange of democratic tendencies says the time is coming when the democratic party will have a majority in congress. Members of the present generation will be sorry they can't live long enough to see the circus.

Both Schley and Miles have disclaimed political ambition. It is now up to a gentleman named Husted to prove that the list of level-headed men in the army and navy is larger than the public believed it to be.

Two leading ports on the Pacific coast sent exports of wheat and flour to the amount of \$26,500,000 during the past year. The markets of the Orient are proving of immense advantage to the Northwest.

Any movement to bring about terms of peace in South Africa will be given the approval of the American people. There is an overwhelming sentiment in favor of a settlement of the difficulty.

The boxing matches held recently in Silver Bow county seem to have been only preliminaries to the main event which will be refereed by the district court.

There are yet echoing through the state the jubiliations of assessors over the royal time they had during their stay in Butte.

Congressman Cummings of New York really looks good to the American people since he quit blushing for his country.

The time to buy thermometers is while they are away down.

One Exception. [New York Press.] No woman will ever admit that she got beaten at a bargain except when she got her husband.

Benefits of Corporation. [Detroit Tribune.] Incorporating Boer sympathy in a petition will hardly be as effective as incorporating it in New Jersey.

When Comparisons Are Odious. [Detroit Free Press.] The London newspaper that compares the Chamberlain speech to something of Lincoln's may know a great deal about Chamberlain, but it doesn't know much about Lincoln.

Splitting Hairs. [Baltimore Herald.] Indian Commissioner Jones, who desires to keep educated Indians from going back to old habits by requiring them to have their hair cut, evidently thinks that the barber is more important factor in promoting civilization than the pedagogue.

A Dead Sure Thing. [St. Paul Globe.] A Solomon on the bench of Missouri has decided that betting on a horse race is not "taking a chance." He argues that if the race is honestly run the result is a question of merit, and if the race is crooked it is a swindle in which chance has no part.

the history of his own country to comfort himself on his decision. There have been soldiers in the white house but it would be a bold man who would say that their experience as chief executives added largely to their reputation.

Martial heroes invariably lose something of their flavor when tied down to a civil office. The same power of command that operates so well in the fervor of battle must be curbed and blunted in the presence of many conflicting opinions. The result is that the great leader appears before the people as being led and to that extent he suffers in popular estimation. When the crisis is over the necessity for strenuous action to some extent vanishes and though performance may be as prompt and decisive as ever, it is masked under constitutional forms and verbal diplomacy. It is another case of Hercules and the distaff of Omphale.

President Roosevelt probably finds the white house the most difficult proposition he has tackled yet. If it were not for his large experience in gubernatorial functions, he might find it a hard matter to preserve his reputation for masterfulness and resources which the Spanish war conferred on him.

But Admiral Schley is a sailor, has always been a sailor. He is a novice in politics and a brief scrutiny of political methods increases his dislike. He realizes that the duty of a hero is to stay on his pedestal and not to come down to take part in things he knows nothing about.

Welcome to Henry.

[Indianapolis News.] Affairs of state will have to halt while Prince Henry is "in our midst." We shall all wish to give him the time of his life. But he really ought to stay more than a fortnight to get a proper idea of Uncle Sam.

PERSONAL.

A movement has been started in Toledo, Ohio, to erect a monument to the late Chief Justice Morrison R. Waite. It is proposed to erect the monument on the battlefield of Fort Meigs, near Toledo.

The German emperor has consented to the erection of a statue in front of the Berlin university to the late Professor von Trietschke, the historian, who by his indiscriminating admirers has been called the "Macauley of Germany."

John D. Rockefeller's last benefaction is a gift of \$15,000 to a Chicago negro congregation, the Mount Olive Baptist church. To comply with the requirements of the gift the church had to raise \$6000 by New Year's day. They have done so.

It is said that the Empress Eugenia is writing her memoirs, which, after her death, are to be placed in a public building, where everyone will be able to read them. Her private correspondence will be added to the memoirs, including the letters addressed to Napoleon III before and after her betrothal.

Under the will of Mrs. Susan Cornelia Warren, widow of Samuel Downes Warren, a paper manufacturer of Boston, nearly \$150,000 is set aside for educational and charitable purposes. The trustees are empowered to expend \$50,000 as a permanent foundation for educational purposes at such place as they see fit, but preferably at West Brook, Me.

White Meat.

[Philadelphia Bulletin.] Even the backbitter may prefer the breast when there's chicken to eat.

Crowding the Limit.

[Philadelphia Press.] It is a good fortune which every right-minded citizen must appreciate at this time that a constitutional limit is placed upon the debt of this city. No one knows to what extent it would be increased otherwise.

THE CASE OF MISS STONE

[San Francisco Bulletin.]

The gratifying intelligence is received that Miss Ellen Stone, an American missionary to the less progressive regions of enlightened Europe, is about to be released from captivity. Miss Stone had committed no offense against the authorities, unless teaching school and preaching the Gospel is in that part of Europe considered an offense.

Her capture was a speculation which has turned out much better than could reasonably have been anticipated. It is true that but little more than one-half the ransom demanded has been paid, but the captors are doubtless satisfied. They banked on the opulence and liberality of the American people, and their trust was not ill-founded.

There has been some talk of action by the state department to recover the ransom money, and to bring the Turkish or the Bulgarian government to an accounting. If responsibility could be clearly proved against either government, the state department would have a tolerably clear case. That the offense was committed there is no doubt. It seems, however, to be one form of robbery which the brigands regard as a legitimate industry.

Nether the suzerain country nor its dependent, which shelters itself under the wing of the more powerful government, admits responsibility. Bulgaria has no status as an independent nation, and Turkey admits its inability to prevent such outrages in Bulgaria as the one complained of. Probably Turkey would not protest against a naval demonstration against Bulgaria by the United States, but as the province is an inland division of the Turkish empire, a naval demonstration would only serve

MONTANA CURRENT NOTES.

Bozeman—Jesse White has been convicted of robbery and sentenced to a year in prison.

Helena.—The school children of Helena contributed about \$30 to the McKinley monument fund.

Great Falls—Mrs. Thomas Comb says her husband, now ill in a San Francisco hospital, is recovering.

Missoula—Two sawmills in the Bitter Root valley have been closed down on account of cold weather.

Helena—Hal E. Ives has resigned his position as city ticket agent for the Great Northern road in this city.

Missoula—This city has been selected as the place for the next meeting of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo.

Helena.—Major Charles R. A. Scobey has been reappointed Indian agent at Poplar, on the Fort Peck reservation.

Big Timber—It is reported here that another attempt to connect Cooke City by rail is to be made in the spring.

Missoula—Ira Knot, a lumberman of Heron, says business in his line is good. He is here to buy horses for his camp.

Missoula—The extreme cold has necessitated the closing of the North Side school house. The building is a "frost."

Miles City—A young son of Ernest Rhode drank carbolic acid here yesterday. He will recover. He did not know the nature of the liquid.

Billings—Sam Flood of Laurel, 12 miles west of here, lost his left foot in the railroad yards at Laurel yesterday by falling between two moving cars.

Missoula—Two Chinese restaurants keepers were fined \$25 each yesterday for serving venison steak in their place of business. They pleaded guilty.

Helena.—The capital city is enjoying warmer weather, but the water famine, caused by the stoppage of Ten Mile creek by anchor ice, is not yet relieved.

Livingston—The jury in the case of the state against J. C. Bishop found the defendant not guilty of the charge of murdering Chet Cunningham at Chico.

Great Falls—There are several cases of Scarlet fever here. It is alleged that some cases have been treated by Christian Scientists who failed to report them.

Helena.—Fresco artists and art metal workers are at work on the state capitol. The work will probably be finished in May. The building may be dedicated July 4.

Helena.—According to figures reported to Mr. Welch, state superintendent of schools, there are 62,746 children of school age in the state. Last year there were 57,510.

Helena.—The choir of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart is practicing for a concert to be given in Phillipsburg, February 4, for the benefit of Father Aken's church.

Great Falls—Samuel Jagers stated here that he could beat Marconi sending telegrams without wire and will stay at the asylum for the insane until he recovers.

Great Falls—Nelle Graham has been released from the county jail at Chinook on habeas corpus proceedings. She had been accused of selling liquor without a license.

Helena.—The state board of land commissioners sold \$15,440 worth of timber land yesterday. Since December 1 it has disposed of \$33,240 worth. The money will go into the school fund.

Helena—Thomas Mockenass died of dropsy in this city yesterday. He was 63 years old, a native of England, and although once a clerk in the Grand Central hotel here, his late occupation was that of cigar dealer.

Logic and Crawfish.

[New York Press.] A woman's logic moves backward just like a crawfish, but it doesn't go so straight.

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