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THE PAROLE OF THE YOUNGERS

Cole and James Younger are to have conditional freedom under the parole system. After twenty-five years of penal imprisonment for the murder of Cashier J. L. Hayward in Northfield, Sept. 7, 1876, they are to be allowed to pass beyond the prison walls.

The Youngers may well consider themselves fortunate. If the law of capital punishment had been the same in 1876 as now, Cole, James and Bob would have been hung. The law at that time did not authorize the capital punishment of criminals who pleaded guilty.

The question of whether their release is good policy must be considered from three view points, viz: first, whether their further detention is necessary to protect the public from other crimes; second, whether imprisonment has reformed them; third, whether their release will have a good or bad effect upon prison discipline and public morals.

On the score of the first two points no harm can be done in paroling the Youngers. They are not the same men they were in 1876 and there is no danger of any further criminal practices by them.

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THEIR RESPONSIBILITY

It has been two weeks since the failures of three or four banks were announced and among them the Seventh National bank of New York city, the latter a rather pronounced case of wilful and deliberate accommodation to speculative interests, and although the causes of the suspensions are accurately known and there has been talk of arrests, nobody appears to be held responsible and there is intimation from Washington that, even if there are any prosecutions, the vice president and a prominent member of the board of directors, will be relieved of any charges.

In Berlin, recently, the officials of a suspended bank which had overdone the business of accommodating the speculative interest and held a lot of ragged securities, were arrested and will be duly tried for violating the laws.

It will surprise Americans to learn that there are twice as many first-class modern ship-building yards in the United States as in England.

that immense ship-building plants are so soon erected in America. In Europe large plants grow little by little from small ones. But in the United States, we have seen a yard at New London, Conn., which was not in existence two years ago undertakes the building of two 20,000-ton steamships for J. J. Hill's new trans-Pacific line.

The personal columns of newspapers frequently report euphemistically that somebody has "accepted a position with the well-known firm," etc. This generally means, as a matter of fact, that after persistent urging the alleged recipient of an offer has persuaded somebody to give him a job.

THE TURK SETTLES

Abdul-Hamid, having taken his own time to pay the claim for damages incurred by American mission boards through the destruction of eight buildings of the Euphrates college at Harport and several mission buildings and other property at Marash, during the Armenian massacres of 1895, he has, following his usual practice, scaled down the original amount, which was \$120,000, and our government has accepted his figures, \$95,000, and called it square.

There is danger now that the sultan, having paid what he pleased of the claim presented by our government, will renew the work of exterminating the Armenians, which spectacle the European powers, who have been protecting the Turk since the Crimean war from the partition of his territory, contemplate with cold-blooded indifference.

The only thing which has kept the Turk enthroned is the fact that the seat of his government is yet in southeastern Europe and at Constantinople, which each of the great powers would like to control but dare not undertake to oust the Turk through fear of the eruption which would inevitably follow.

There is an important difference to be recognized between a parole and a pardon. A parole restores no political rights forfeited by a conviction and penitentiary sentence. The Youngers are still subject to surveillance and are only at large in this state on their good behavior.

THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY The national council of education in session at Detroit has discontinued the Washington Memorial Institution substitute for a national university. The committee of fifteen appointed to consider the question of a national university reported against the plan for a statutory university at Washington and in favor of a non-governmental institution.

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strictly responsible for the predatory acts of employees. It will be well to have the Seventh National bank disaster fairly probed to the bottom and have those who are found responsible for it held strictly to account, whoever they may be.

Our usually conservative old contemporary, the Pioneer Press, works itself into such a state of excitement over the paroling of the Youngers that at the end of a half column or more of editorial it reaches this extravagant statement: They (the Youngers) are ten times better men than most of those whose unrelenting vindictiveness would have denied to their declining years the poor solace of being prisoners on parole.

John Bull is wondering why he is lagging behind in the race for supremacy in trade. Here is an incident that throws some light upon the situation. An English nobleman, the Earl of Essex, who was wealthy, is married to an American woman, who was wealthy in her own right.

A CHANCE FOR MERIT More than eighty privates in the regular army have recently received commissions as second lieutenants, thus having opened to them careers which may lead to the highest rank.

It is, moreover, a characteristic of successful Americans, which no close observer can have failed to notice, that they take on polish and manners with the improvement of their surroundings.

In Cape Town the British are hanging rebels; in the Philippines we are making them governors of provinces. In South Africa, Britain has 250,000 men engaged in a wearisome and painful war; in the Philippines we have 40,000 men, chiefly engaged in garrison and police duties.

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The Awful Cost of War

In the Nineteenth Century the Expense of Public Killing Was in the Neighborhood of \$18,000,000,000

Table listing wars and their costs: Napoleonic wars (\$3,283,000,000), Russo-Turkish war (1828) (1,000,000,000), Algerian war (1830) (100,000,000), Civil wars, Spain, Portugal (1,000,000,000), Canadian rebellion (11,000,000), Seminole war (7,000,000), Mexican war (57,000,000), Revolutionary wars in Europe (240,000,000), Chinese wars (44,000,000), Kamb' war (10,000,000), Crimean war (1,220,000,000), Franco-Prussian war (1,253,000,000), American civil war (5,000,000,000), Abyssinian war (43,000,000), Italian wars (7,000,000,000), Franco-Mexican war (75,000,000), Austro-Prussian war (320,000,000), Russo-Turkish war (1877) (1,000,000,000), Franco-German war (2,500,000,000), Ashantee war (4,500,000), Central Asian wars (225,000,000), Russo-Turkish war (1877) (1,000,000,000), Afghan and South African wars (85,000,000), Sudan wars (21,000,000), Madagascar war (85,000,000), Italy-American war (115,000,000), Spanish-American-Philippine war (1,000,000,000), Boer war (800,000,000), Chinese-Japanese war (300,000,000).

There are only 3,155,673,600 seconds in a century—that is, 98 has been spent on war for every second of the century. If we take Archbishop Usher's chronology, and consider the world to be 5,904 years old, we find that the nations have spent on war during the nineteenth century the rate of \$6 a minute since the creation.

The biggest diamond in the world is the great Golub diamond, which weighs nearly 450 carats, is as big as an average inkstand, and worth about \$450,000.

Three murders and countless intrigues and robberies have had it for their object. It now belongs to the British crown. The smallest diamond on earth can just be seen with the naked eye. A microscope shows it to be of perfect water and brilliancy, and its market value is about a cent as a diamond.

The biggest man in the world is Brenni, the Swiss giant. There are several Swiss giants, but Brenni overtakes them all with his height of 9 feet 7 inches, and he is a big man in proportion. His clothes cost him \$75 per suit, and he cannot get into an ordinary railway carriage.

The biggest steamship afloat just now is the Celtic, which carries 20,000 tons of coal and makes the Atlantic passage no more than a ferry ride. The latest steamship on earth, which will carry a human being, is the Thresher. She is eight feet long, decked in, and just carries one man, provided he sits still.

Done in Boston Boston culture shies at Roycroft culture. There is something about the East Aurora variety that does not satisfy the standards as they have been set up in Beaverville.

A Bit of Local History In 1904, and the bathhouse at Calhoun had been demolished for several months.

THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY When Mr. Salisbury was making that talk about the Boer greed of territory, Mr. Chamberlain was out in the wings just doubled up with laughter.

AMUSEMENTS Foyer Chat. "The Banker's Daughter," which the Pike Theater company is presenting at the Metropolitan, gave a box office contribution at the Saturday matinee.

TEACHING BY EXAMPLE The National Council of Education, meeting at Detroit, got into a quarrel over the word "isolation." Some, influenced, possibly, by the temperature of the hall, said it was pronounced "isolation," and others contended for "isolation," and there were many different opinions as to its meaning.

Swedish Girls Do Well. Swedish girls are very successful in many kinds of occupations where neatness is demanded. Unlike the Italian girls they seem inclined to combine domesticity with neatness and in consequence they are in great demand in many kinds of personal attendance for American women.

Swedish Man's Month. A few years ago there was perhaps no "business" in New York more despised by the man "on his uppers" than that of the sandwich-brother who strolled down Broadway, however, to the amusement and edification of the public, these peripatetics have achieved the dignity of a union, whose members are as rigid in the enforcement of their rights as the men of any other trade.

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Rag-time Romance

Copyright, 1901, by A. S. Richardson. Hello, mah baby! Hello, mah honey! Hello, mah rag-time girl!

In the twinkling of an eye, pandemonium reigned in the seamy-room of St. Agatha's mission. Twenty-two young girls dropped felle, French seams and buttonholes in a wild rush for the open windows and their first love—the street piano man.

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