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Peace in Ireland?

The British parliament reassembled last week, taking a more complacent view of the torturing Irish problem than usual. The conference of Irish landlords and Irish nationalists in January resulted in the formulation of a program for peace and prosperity for "the old sod," which ought to receive the earnest attention of parliament.

A Better Spirit.

Senator Tillman seems to be turning over a new leaf. In beginning a speech in the senate yesterday he announced that he proposed to surprise his friends and disappoint his enemies by the mildness of his remarks. The speech that followed, so far as the Associated Press reported it, was certainly mild for Mr. Tillman.

The Powers and Turkey.

A Constantinople dispatch says that the Turkish foreign minister has notified the powers that his master, the Sultan, has agreed to adopt the scheme for reform in Macedonia. The joint note of the powers, however, does not expressly designate Macedonia, but, in effect, demands reforms for every Christian community in European Turkey, according to the reports.

Home Rule the Best.

The Minneapolis Tribune has had a series of editorials which seem to be aiming at the general conclusion that the home-rule city government is a myth, and that cities under home-rule charters have more genuine home rule than those with it. A part of the argument seems to have been based upon a confusion as to the home-rule amendment to the constitution and the amendment of 1892 forbidding the legislature to pass certain kinds of special legislation.

The Statehood Compromise.

The republican senators seem to have agreed upon a statehood bill, which represents substantial justice all around, to the people of the territories and to the people of the existing states, except as to Oklahoma. The compromise as reported is that New Mexico and Arizona shall be admitted in 1905 as one state under the name of Montezuma, and that the Arizona portion of the new state may become a separate state when its population exceeds 300,000.

authority to do it. Why should Minneapolis object to a law authorizing cities of over 50,000 to purchase or build lighting plants? That is a municipal matter which cities should be left to determine for themselves. A law compelling cities to own lighting plants would be a different matter. That would be a restriction of home rule. A liberal home-rule act is really a means of obtaining for municipalities all of the advantages of special legislation, while avoiding its dangers.

It will be very difficult to find enough men to fill the ranks of the navy, which has been increased on paper to about 32,000. But when the nation needs the men so much that it will pay more for them, they will be forthcoming. No better way to improve the personnel of both the army and navy can be found than to establish better wages for soldiers and sailors.

AMUSEMENTS

"Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines"

It is said that Clyde Fitch wrote "Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines" not in the order of any star or manager, but to please himself. He narrowly escaped to write an uninteresting play, and if "Captain Jinks" be considered as simply a comedy of manners, in which are re-created the life and ways of a third of a century ago, he has done a masterpiece. Its story is very slight and its action lame and halting.

"A Young Wife" at the Lyceum.

Melodrama is fish, flesh and fowl to the Lyceum tragedian. Comedy pleases them, not tragedy either; but melodrama, that is, the story of a woman who is persecuted by her pursuers, persecuted innocence, beauty in distress, heroism overwhelmed by a sea of troubles, all these are delectable. A Lyceum audience is never so happy as when its sympathies are stirred by harrowing misfortune. Hence it is especially enamored by melodrama.

"A Stage Director for Ferris."

James W. Castle, who has been stage director of Proctor's New York theaters for the past few years, who started many of James K. Hackett's plays, including "The Prisoner of Zenda," and who was formerly connected with Daly's theater, has been engaged to direct the Lyceum stage for the remainder of the season. He will put on "A Belle of Richmond," which will be at that playhouse next week.

Foyer Chat.

That imitable pigmy of the foot-

store front than it otherwise would. Here is a good example of the way to reach the trusts by tariff revision. In this day there should be no tariff that gives home monopolists such a margin of extortion.

Dr. Voss Mohn of Minot, N. D., sends us a long appeal to the North Dakota legislature in the interests of a state sanatorium for consumptives. The communication is too long for use and while we know nothing of Dr. Mohn's particular plan, we may say that the modern tendency is toward state aid in the treatment of the consumptive poor.

The citizens of Vesta, Minn., have addressed a long appeal to the legislature, through The Journal, to pass a dog law, providing for the restraint of dogs and taxing them at the rate of \$5 on \$10 apiece. The idea is a good one, but the citizens of Vesta will have to wait until Mr. Nyquist, the great champion of the rights of dogs, is retired.

Former Archduke Leopold Ferdinand of Austria announces that he is to become an officer in the American navy. It would be polite of him to consult the American navy before making such an announcement.

Between honest Bryanism and the democracy that is in politics only for victory by such a prostitution of itself as an alliance with the trusts to beat Roosevelt, we will take Bryanism every time.

Mr. Tesla has another dream. Mr. Tesla is one of the most consistent men we know of. He is always about to do something, and never makes the record by doing anything.

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The Nonpareil Man.

Casually Observed. The salutatorian and the valedictorian are getting ready their little holers for commencement.

Mrs. Van Howe of Sodus, N. Y., age 39, is growing a new set of teeth. The dentist may do the work quicker but Nature does it cheaper.

Judging by the February weather, we contend that the government ought to compromise with the Rev. Early Hicks and let all the authorities, including the Goosebone, get together on an early spring.

George D. Holt is planning to organize an Anti-Cigarette society. This is good work and every honest man will entertain a hope that Mr. Holt will get many others to join him in his laudable attempt to leave off the use of the deadly little punkfungus. If you must smoke use tobacco.

Senator Morehouse of Kansas is trying to get the Sunflower into the 400 class by passing a law to call it the hellanthus. If the dandelion can be rechristened the Leo Homunculus that joyous little herb might be Minnesota's emblem.

The D. A. R.-ers of the American Revolution are in session in Washington.

C. W. de Lyon-Nichols, formerly rector of St. Luke's a fashionable New York church, has relinquished his office as shepherd and has become a Ward McAllister to Mrs. Astor's "society." The number of this little band is increased to 600 which Mr. de Lyon-Nichols calls "the Astor peerage." "Seems if" there were one too many syllables in that name.

"Constant Reader" asks of Louise Chapell, "what shall I do for a wart on my nose?" Get the ax.

The low moon hung above the hemlocks on the distant horizon and the little birds twittered sleepily upon their nests in the great trees of the garden. The dark hanging was sable curtains over wood and wool and the soft Night had put on its pajamas and buttoned them with the ethereal stars. Geraldine Van Valking-bild stood by the marble fountain with her lily hand resting on the base of the statue of Psyche. Now and again her high born brow wrinkled its soft front in girlish perplexity.

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