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STRIKING FACTS AND FIGURES.

There has been much serious and also secular comment on the report that a noted anti-vaccinationist physician in the East has contracted smallpox, through visiting a hospital for persons afflicted with that disease and purposefully exposing himself to contagion.

On the other side of this question is a statement in "Medical Talk," published at Columbus, Ohio, that Dr. Frank P. Hagerly of Vienna, Warren Co., N. J., a physician, is suffering with lockjaw. A few days ago he vaccinated himself and tetanus developed in a short time.

The same paper, under the head of "Which is Which?" has the following paragraphs: "Smallpox was almost a scourge when the American troops first entered the Philippines. It has almost disappeared now.

"It is not a question whether such a representation would have had the effect of arresting hostilities. After the event it seems plain that the American people were so desirous of punishing Spain that nothing could have dissuaded them from their purpose.

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has been so thoroughly exposed, that no writer who aims to be authentic would repeat it or give it any countenance. Under the year 1838 the following is given: 'The members of the new sect of Mormon were driven from their homes in Nauvoo in western Missouri...

'That a member of the American Historical society can be so ignorant as to place Nauvoo in Missouri, and call the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints the sect of Mormon, is really surprising. It is evident from the two citations we have made, that the gentleman is totally ignorant of 'Mormon' history and 'Mormon affairs.'

If the rest of the volume is no more reliable than these scraps of alleged 'Mormon' history, it is not worth reading, and the paper and binding are so much waste material. We thank our correspondent for calling attention to those flagrant blunders, and hope that the public will not be very widely deceived by them.

WHO WROTE THE NOTE?

An entirely new theory about the Pauncote memorandum of the 14th of April, 1898, and about which there has been so much controversy, is advanced by a contributor to the San Francisco Chronicle. It is to the effect that that document was inspired by President McKinley, and not by any enemy of the United States.

'That writer takes the view that President McKinley believed that war could be averted by bringing Spain to realize the necessity of granting the Cubans independence. His course after the sinking of the Maine is taken to prove this. He left no means untried to avert precipitate action.

'There are people who marry for money, both men and women. As this country gets older and large fortunes are established, the temptation to this sort of thing here becomes more and more. But I do not believe that marriages of this sort can be too forcibly branded for what they really are.'

'It will readily be admitted, that the best way of counteracting the evil of divorce is to make marriages happy. That is the point in the problem. But how can that be done? The reverend gentleman suggests:

'Everybody ought to marry. But a man ought not to marry until he can give his wife a home, and a woman ought not to marry until she has a home to go to. This is the only way to make a marriage permanent.'

'In the General Assembly, the Presbytery being grouped in the different groups and voting in that order, at the General Conference of the Church October 6, 1898, after John Taylor had been recognized and sustained as President of the Church, with George Q. Cannon and Joseph P. Smith as counselors in the First Presidency, the Bible, Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants and Pearl of Great Price were accepted and acknowledged as the written standard of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by unanimous vote.

'It is difficult to accept the hypothesis, that the note which appears to ensure the American policy in the controversy with Spain, was written at the instigation of the President of the country. It is known, however, that the note was written and signed by the British ambassador. The British government has disclaimed all responsibility for it.

'The development of Alaska during the last ten years has proceeded at a rate that no one could foresee when that vast country was first transferred to the United States. But that progress has merely begun. Gold mining started and the immigration, and now it is found that there are many resources which may become as important as gold mining.

'According to the annual report of Governor Brady, the great river valleys embrace cultivable areas large enough for gold-mined states. There is a tract southwest of Yakutat, lying between the sea and the mountains, which is sixty miles long and from fifteen miles to thirty miles wide, which today is covered with redtop that stands as high as a man's shoulder. He says men have come there for the purpose of mining, but they have found the conditions so unfavorable for farming that they have engaged in this pursuit with highly satisfactory results.

'As for the climate, it is claimed that it is better than on the great plains of Wyoming, Montana and some parts of Nevada. In all parts of Alaska there are more hospitable winters. They have no severe storms in the interior. And in the desert of winter horses can be worked without any danger of being frozen. People who go there think they will experience a great change in climate, but this is a mistake.

of the Union. The plan suggested is to connect with the trans-Siberian road, and the Journal thinks that the promoters of that scheme have a right to expect for it the same consideration that other projects of a national scope receive by Congress.

GROWING LESS THIRSTY.

It should be gratifying to the champions of the temperance cause to learn that their efforts have resulted in less intoxication than formerly among all classes of society, and a perceptible diminution in the consumption of wine. A writer in the New York Sun claims that proprietors of vineyards in France and Switzerland say that the demand for wine has fallen off in recent years to such an extent that their income has been seriously affected.

'Hitherto the claim has been made that temperance agitation has had no visible effect on the consumption of alcoholic beverages, but if the statement made in the Sun is correct, that contention cannot be sustained. The fact should be encouraging. Of course much of this stuff that finds its way to the public is not wine at all, but injurious mixtures of a non-descript nature. That may have something to do with it. If it is true that 90 per cent of the intoxicants offered for sale are adulterations, it is no wonder that the public gradually become temperate and then total abstinents.'

MARRYING FOR RICHES.

Rev. Minot J. Savage, of New York, speaking about divorce, claimed there would not be so many separations, if there were not so many hasty and ill-considered marriages. He particularly condemned mercenary unions. He said: 'There are people who marry for money, both men and women. As this country gets older and large fortunes are established, the temptation to this sort of thing here becomes more and more. But I do not believe that marriages of this sort can be too forcibly branded for what they really are.'

THE CHURCH STANDARDS.

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A READER.

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'People who live under senates shouldn't throw stones at people who live under reichsraths.

'Miss Stone has been released for keeps. Heretofore she has been kept for release.

'Mr. Dooley says that Prince Henry is having the time of his life. And he is just at the time of life to have it.

'It is eminently fitting that couples who run away to Farmington to get married should take the dummy line.

'It begins to look as though people would have to depend on March coming in as a lion for their full supply of winter.

'New York suffers from excess of snow. Utah suffers from lack of it. Things are none too evenly divided in this world.

'The Senate was just sixty minutes ratifying the Danish West Indies treaty. This shows the senators to be men of the hour.

'It was not a royal welcome that was given Prince Henry on his arrival in New York. It was a simple republican welcome to a royal personage.

'Your Uncle Samuel is now perfectly satisfied as to the correctness of Russia's intentions in Manchuria. Yet they are the same old intentions.

'It is fortunate for McLaurin that Tillman did not have his pitchfork with him or he would surely have run it through him in that joust on Saturday.

for thirty days; still it is almost worth it.

Into what insignificant Representative Wheeler's "European funkiness" outburst sinks compared with the pulchritude exhibition of Senators Tillman and McLaurin!

The Tillman-McLaurin conflict was referred by the senate to the committee on privileges and elections. The proper reference would have been to the committee on military affairs.

The Detroit Napoleon of finance, Cashier Andrews, says no man should work after he is forty, certainly not. Just live on the earnings of others by means of embezzlement or any other old way.

London papers make very satirical comments on the enthusiastic reception accorded Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia. These not very friendly comments are undoubtedly prompted by the ill feeling that exists between England and Germany. For both this country has nothing but the best of wishes, and former subjects of each are among the best citizens of the Republic.

ON BEHALF OF CUBA.

New York Mail and Express. The demand that Cuba should have relief is quite independent of economic considerations. It is a moral and broadly sentimental question first of all. The United States is morally bound in the problem are all entitled to full statement, and there will undoubtedly be general interest in the presentation of the Western farmers' side of the question.

Every day of delay in granting the proposed concessions on Cuban sugar and tobacco adds to the danger of the impending bankruptcy of the planters of the island. They have no money with which to pay their laborers the amounts due on February 15, and unless the needed aid is extended at once, the prostration of the industries of the island will occur before March 1.

KANSAS CITY STAR.

The Matanzas board of merchants, in a circular sent to the press and public opinion, speaks for Cuba, and especially for the Cuban community remembered in the west as beneficiaries of its generosity in the days of the frightful concentrations. This circular which is signed by the officers and members of the board, makes a very strong presentation of the case, declaring that the very life of the people depends on finding an American market for their crops.

ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.

'There is no immediate necessity for the United States government to "invite" Cuba to consent to annexation. The greater necessity is that of helping the Cubans to a firm establishment of their independent republic, and of dealing fairly with them in the matter of trade with us.'

BOSTON TRANSCRIPT.

Mr. H. S. Frye writes from Washington to the Springfield Republican: "Cuba in turn is not able and willing to give them relief. I do not believe in charity talk about Cuba, as if all the concessions were to Cuba, and by us alone, when the probability is that in the future the actual benefit in dollars and cents would soon show a large balance in our favor, for no agricultural country such as Cuba is and must remain can ever receive the benefit of reciprocity that a manufacturing country like our own would surely enjoy."

ROCHESTER UNION AND ADVERTISER.

'The Cuban situation is becoming critical. While the lawmakers at Washington are discussing Cuban reciprocity bills, and telegrams are flying to Cuba, the Cubans have been practically promised reciprocity. It has been demonstrated clearly that it will benefit this country as well as the Cubans, and yet it is antagonized by a small coterie of extreme protectionists, in the interest of the best sugar men, who cannot see that refusal to give Cuba a reasonable reduction of duties on sugar and tobacco imported from their island, will result in the annexation of Cuba to this country and the establishment of free trade between the island and the mainland.'

HAVANA SUN.

'There is American military intervention in Cuba. Strangely enough, that very fact has been an impediment to the extension and growth of the telephone and telegraph in Cuba. The famous Foraker law prohibiting the granting of concessions, has been the greatest sort of an impediment to the development of this especially American invention. The telephone for the present can not run from city to city. It can only be run inside of the limits of cities, towns and villages. Military telephones can be run anywhere, because the army can do anything, even though it does not do everything needed. The military telegraph is not a supply of long-lead wire. The general public wants another style and class of service.'

NEW YORK EVENING SUN.

'The Merchants' association of New York never took up a more worthy cause than when it appealed to 150,000 business men throughout the country to bring their influence to bear on representatives in Congress, with a view to accomplishing the speedy relief of Cuba. The circular says: "The proposition now before Congress is that each nation shall reduce its tariff duties upon the products of the other under that trade may be established between them, and that the moral duty of the United States to relieve the people of Cuba from the suffering entailed upon them by the act of the United States may be amply performed with increased prosperity to both nations as a result." The path of plain duty in this case happens to be the easy one of self-interest as well.'

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

'The opening article in The Universal Brotherhood Path for February is "A Religion of Joy." The author says: "Joy is as natural to true manhood as childhood, but contact with the world in its present state and the sufferings that man himself has brought about, denies the joy until it leaves the heart and an ache remains, and only a few remember that it should be ours." Other articles are: "Economy of Force," by Philon; "Richard Wagner as a Seer," by M. G. M.; a short story, "Led by a Little Child," "The Gospel of Emma's Ideas," by Felix; "The Marvel of the Mid-Continent," "Grand Canyon of Arizona," "Along the Railroads," and numerous other topics. The "Lionel Lincoln" by Felix; "The Marvel of the Mid-Continent," "Grand Canyon of Arizona," "Along the Railroads," and numerous other topics. The "Lionel Lincoln" by Felix; "The Marvel of the Mid-Continent," "Grand Canyon of Arizona," "Along the Railroads," and numerous other topics.

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