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BUILDING RAILWAYS FOR A WAR

(From the New York World.)

The recent war flurry between China and Japan concerned mainly questions of railways. Its settlement by a compromise in which China makes the most concessions leaves Japan free to prepare for that renewed struggle with Russia which both nations expect.

Russian railways have a gauge of 5 feet, 3 1/2 inches wider than ours. According to Mr. Harriman, that is just 3 1/2 inches of advantage, though 7 feet, the first gauge in Western England, would be better yet. In the Manchurian war the Russians could send heavy trainloads over the long Siberian line, but not many in a day with only one track. The single track was one reason for their defeat; the confessions of Russians late in the Manchurian war have given others. Japanese railroads are of 3 feet 6 inches gauge. When the Mikado's men began rolling the big Russians uphill through Manchuria they used their own cars by spiking a temporary rail eighteen inches inside the outer Russian rail. They also built in great haste from the head of the Korean Gulf to connect with the Manchurian lines the military narrow-gauge Antung-Mukden spur, whose widening, planned from the beginning was one of the chief points in recent disputes.

Now the Russians are double-tracking the Siberian line, and in a railway war, other things being equal, as in this case they are not, a wide-gauge railway will whip a narrow-gauge one every time by carrying three times as heavy trains.

Knowing this, the Japanese stipulated with the Chinese for a joint commission for railway surveys and for identity of gauge with the Chinese imperial railways. This is partly a war preparation in which Japan is rather the defender than the enemy of China; and also a plain notice of the enforced "open door" in trade. China followed her usual policy of resisting everything until she had to yield, and there came the dangerous situation of armed Japanese guards pushing armed Chinese guards off the Antung-Mukden line. There were disputes also about mining rights, about payment for land used in railway widening and extensions and about sovereignty over territory. Japan has now got her way about the railways and mines, China partly hers as to sovereignty, which is a vain thing without the force to maintain it.

Putnam Weale speaks of the Peace of Portsmouth as the "Truce in the East." This feverish railway-building in anticipation of another and a greater clash is most discouraging to humane people who hope ere long to see the end of war.

THE WAR ON CANNON.

(From the Register and Leader.)

Congressman Fowler's open letter to Speaker Cannon is being treated with consideration, although it is evident that it was inspired by personal pique.

Speaker Cannon beheaded Congressman Fowler because the latter urged liberalizing the house rules and limiting the arbitrary authority of the speaker. The speaker gave it out that it would go hard with the insurgents, and it did.

It has not needed this letter, however, to convince the rank and file of the party that Speaker Cannon has served as long as is good for the party or the country.

The speaker is a picturesque figure in our public life, but he is neither a statesman nor a wise party leader. He is an eccentric, crochety old man who never was very wise nor very great, and who owes his vogue to his peculiarities rather than to his talents.

There ought to be some man in training in the republican party who has a little something about him to remind us of Henry Clay or Blaine or some of the other great speakers of the house. The party has come to a sorry pass when the speaker of the house of representatives is a man better known for profanity and vulgarity than for anything else.

NEW TARIFF BILL UNPOPULAR EVERYWHERE.

The Register and Leader, commenting upon the position the President may take in reference to the tariff during his proposed tour of the country, has the following to say:

The new tariff is popular with nobody. It has not had the endorsement of ten republican newspapers of importance. Nothing the president can say will change public opinion a iota. On the contrary, it is scarcely possible for the president to say anything that will not lead the reactionaries to say that he has gone too far, and the progressives to say that he has not gone far enough. His own position is not so clearly defined that he will not be open to cross-fire if he aims to say anything with ginger in it, and to say anything less would be accepted as a confession by everybody.

"TAMA JIM" A STAYER.

(Ben Bosley in Tama Herald.)

"I see the Washington correspondents are again busy excusing Uncle Jim away from his job. They've done that so often that somehow it doesn't scare me as bad as it did some years ago. I expect to see Mr. Wilson stick as tight to his job as a chink laundryman to a Sunday school teacher fee quite some time yet. And no one should interfere because it is due to his efforts that the department of agriculture has been promoted from a joke to one of the greatest blessings this great country now enjoys.

PROHIBITION AND OTHER CONDITIONS IN SWEDEN.

(From an interview with Gustaf Larsson in Boston Transcript.)

"Absolute prohibition prevails all over Sweden. Before the strike started the government ordered the discontinuance of sale of liquors, and this order is carried out so completely that you can't get a drop of hard liquors even in the big hotels. Ton-

Self-Reliance.

Myself did make me yesterdays, And this I truly know, To all my morrows I shall bring Their store of joy or woe.

Each cup these lips of mine shall drink, It shall be filled by me; For every door that I would pass, These hands must hold the key.

If 'e'en on yonder shining height A larger life I own, Though thro' my brain, though ache my feet, Its slope I climb alone.

No more along a darkened way, I, doubting blindly grope; No more I shame my soul with fear, Nor yet with yearning hope.

But knowing this that I do know, And seeing what I see, I rest in this great certainty— All may be well with me.—Janet Yale, in Harper's Bazar.

THE "AUTOCRAT" ON INSANITY.

Insanity is often the logic of an accurate mind overstocked. Good mental machinery ought to break its own wheels and levers, if anything is thrust among them suddenly which tends to stop them or reverse their motion. A weak mind does not accumulate force enough to hurt itself; stupidity often saves a man from going mad. We frequently see persons in insane hospitals, sent there in consequence of what are called religious mental disturbances. I confess that I think better of them than of many who hold the same notions, and keep their wits and appear to enjoy life very well, outside of the asylums. Any decent person ought to go mad, if he really holds such or such opinions. It is very much to his discredit in every point of view, if he does not. What is the use of my saying what some of these opinions are? Perhaps more than one of you hold such as I should think ought to send you straight over to Somerville, if you have any logic in your heads or any human feelings in your hearts. Anything that is brutal, cruel, health-enish, that makes life hopeless for the most of mankind and perhaps for entire races—anything that assumes the necessity of the extermination of instincts which were given to be regulated—no matter by what name you call it—no matter whether a fakir, or a monk, or a deacon believes it—if re-pressed, ought to produce insanity in every well-regulated mind. That condition becomes a normal one, under the circumstances. I am very much ashamed of some people for retaining their reason, when they know perfectly well that if they were not the most stupid or the most selfish of human beings they would become non-computes at once.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS FROM THE COMMONS.

Senator Cannon says that the republican party is "the most stupid of the most selfish of human beings they would become non-computes at once.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

THE AIDRICH BUNCH OF SENATORS.

The Aldrich bunch of senators is being welcomed home by the representatives of the special interests—while the progressive republicans are being welcomed by the rank and file. This throws some light on the division in the republican party.

THE LANGUAGE EMPLOYED BY JUSTICE BREWER.

The language employed by Justice Brewer in denouncing the income tax raises the suspicion that his vote against the income tax, when it was before the court, was the expression of a personal opinion rather than a judicial decision.

THE SLOUS CITY JOURNAL.

The Slous City Journal, one of the leading republican papers of the state, comments in the following vein upon the official announcement that President Taft on his tour "in the west will defend the tariff act as a sincere effort to comply with the party platform and campaign promises." What else, forsooth, did any sane person expect? That he would denounce it after signing it? Repudiate it after helping to make it? Join the democratic party after going through with the republican party—his party? Confess fault by keeping mum? Queer notions some people seem to have of Taft, but Taft never entertained them for a moment. Taft "will defend the tariff act," and inferentially himself against insurgent and other hostile assault and misrepresentation.

LOYALTY OF CATHOLICS.

Perhaps the most remarkable demonstration yet seen at a religious gathering occurred at the recent Catholic convention held in Carnegie Music hall, in Pittsburg, Pa., when Prof. C. J. Monahan, of New York, the noted opponent of socialism, in addressing a mass meeting of the federation of Catholic societies, declared in referring alleged socialistic accusations against the loyalty of his church that every Roman Catholic priest in the United States "would meet the sacred vessels to defend the stars and stripes." For fully ten minutes the thousands in the hall cheered and applauded, enforcing a suspension of the programme.

JAPANESE SONNET ABOUT HON. ROB CRUSOE.

Hon. Rob Crusoe
Were a quite rude & tarrish Sailor
Who sprang out of Glasgow, Scotch,
He were a diamond in the tough.
He were an expert rum-drunkard &
understood swar-words & chew-to
bacco habits.
His face was all scars and the rest
whiskers.
He wore gob-nalled Shoes, if any.
When out sailing oceans
He preferred to talk bad Grammar to
Pirates.
And so muchly shocked Hon. Capt.
who owned that ship
That he-say,
"Sakes of living, I hadn't never
should hire no such rawcuss, edu-
cationless, muckerly flat-brow like
Hon. Rob Crusoe."
This Ship
On what Hon. Crusoe worked
Were a gun-boat
What went each morning to So. Sea
Isles for capture bananas & deport
them back again to London.
But one day
Hon. Boat couldn't do so, thank you,
because
A sense whirlicane wind aroused up
And bumped that Hon. Gun-Boat to
distraction where it sanked down
with sad groans.
All passengers, officers, etc.,
Enjoy drowning,
Except Hon. Rob Crusoe who were to
ignorant to know when he was
dead
So he swash in deeply waves
With aimless emotion of swimming.
Pretty soonly—what see?
A huj Box came floating over tidy
waves.
It were 5-feet lengthwise & distint
ually marked.
"LIBERAL EDUCATION BOOKS."
DRY FODDER OR SILAGE.

THE OTHER DAY THE WRITER WAS TALKING WITH A FARMER WHO SAID, "SILAGE MAY BE ALL RIGHT, BUT I CAN CUT MY CORN AND FEED IT AS FODDER WITH LESS EXPENSE. THE COWS WILL CLEAN UP ALL THE GRAIN AND PRACTICALLY ALL THE LEAVES. OF COURSE, THEY WILL NOT TOUCH MANY OF THE STALKS, BUT WHAT ARE THE STOCKS ANYWAY? I ALLOW MY CORN TO GET PRACTICALLY RIPE. THEN THE NUTRIMENT IS NEARLY ALL IN THE EARS. IF I GET PRACTICALLY ALL THE NUTRIMENT AND THE COWS EAT IT FEED THE DIFFERENCE WHETHER I FEED FODDER OR SILAGE? AN ACRE OF CORN MADE INTO FODDER WILL NOT COST AS MUCH AS AN ACRE OF CORN MADE INTO SILAGE."

We can hardly agree with him concerning cost. There is about as much actual expense necessitated in harvesting and shocking a field of corn as in putting in the silo, and there is a lot more discomfort. It costs money to build a silo. It costs money to buy silo filling machinery, but it also costs money to build a barn or house. The money put into the silo is always money well invested. We will admit that a cow will not get very much nutriment from a dried and withered corn stalk. They resemble cane fishpokes and tastes like wood. There is a difference however, between the corn stalk which helps to make good juicy silage and the stalk in the fodder corn. One serves as food while the other does not.

AGAIN, THE FARMER WHO LETS HIS IDEAS ON "COST OF HARVESTING AN ACRE OF CORN" DIRECT HIS ACTIONS IN FEEDING THE COWS OVERLOOKS SEVERAL IMPORTANT POINTS. ONE OF THEM IS PALATABILITY. THE COW IS A PLANT EATING ANIMAL. THROUGHOUT THE EVOLUTION SHE HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE ACCUSTOMED TO A FOOD COMPOSED OF RELY OF SUCULENT VEGETATION. THE FRESH TISSUES AND JUICES OF PLANTS HAVE BECOME NECESSARY FOR THE PROPER ACTION OF THE ORGANS OF DIGESTION, ASSIMILATION, EXCRETION AND REPRODUCTION. FRESH GRASS HAS THEN BECOME THE BEST OF ALL FEEDS FOR THE COW. SHE LIKES IT AND CAN EAT IT 365 DAYS IN THE YEAR AND STILL HAVE AN APPETITE FOR MORE GRASS. YOU CAN'T FOOL HER WITH AN OLD DRIED-UP CORN STALK. SHE WILL EAT THE CORN STALK, HOWEVER, IF IT IS FRESH, GREEN AND JUICY. THAT FRESHNESS AND JUICINESS, BESIDES PLEASING THE COW, WILL AID THE ORGANS OF DIGESTION IN THEIR STRUGGLE WITH THE HARD CORN AND DRY HAY. SOME AUTHORITIES TELL US THAT ABOUT ONE-HALF THE VALUE OF SILAGE COMES FROM ITS GOOD EFFECTS UPON THE VARIOUS ORGANS OF THE BODY. THE OTHER HALF LIES IN ITS FOOD VALUE. (Thus the corn stalks, if they are relished and aid digestion, are valuable to the cow.)

IT IS ALL RIGHT TO CONSIDER THE COST OF PRODUCING OUR FEED BUT IT WOULD BE BETTER WERE WE TO ASK OURSELVES, "WHICH WILL MAKE THE COW YIELD THE MORE, A HUNDRED DOLLAR'S WORTH OF CORN FODDER OR A HUNDRED DOLLAR'S WORTH OF SILAGE?" TO GET A PRACTICAL ANSWER TALK WITH ANY SUCCESSFUL DAIRY MAN WHO KNOWS HOW TO FEED SILAGE. THE WRITER HAS YET TO FIND ONE WHO WOULD NOT SAY, "SILAGE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GRASS, IS THE MOST ECONOMICAL OF ALL COW FEEDS. MY COWS RELISH SILAGE. DAIRYMEN SHOULD FEED THAT WHICH IS CHEAP AND THAT WHICH LOOKS GOOD TO THE COW."—G. W. PATTERSON IN KIMBALL'S DAIRY FARMER.

THE REAL FOUNDATION.

It is well of a better life than that of every day, but it is the life of every day from which elements of a better life must come.—Maeterlinck.

REINFORCED CONCRETE TESTS.

The increasing use of reinforced concrete as a building material has led to numerous investigations of its strength when variously prepared and when subjected to various conditions. Perhaps the most elaborate series of tests is that now being carried on by the United States Geological Survey, which has recently published (Bulletin 244) a preliminary report on the subject. A full report, with a thorough analysis of the results, will be published after the 52-week tests are completed.

The attempt has been made to bring out the comparative value of gravel, granite, limestone, and cinders for use in concrete, and the effect of age and consistency on the strength and on the stiffness.

No attempt has been made in this preliminary report, however, to generalize the results of the tests, or to draw any conclusions, however warranted they may appear from an examination of the test data. It is hoped that the matter presented will provoke discussion, and in order to promote this end extended exposition of opinion or attempted applications of theory to results have been avoided. A running commentary on the results of the tests, however, emphasizing matters of particular interest and indicating a few points that might lead to interesting analysis, is included.

The bulletin, which is by Richard L. Humphrey, may be had free of charge on application to the Director, United States Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY GRADUATES IN DEMAND.

Iowa State College Bulletin: Notwithstanding the fact that the Animal Husbandry Department of the Iowa State College graduated the largest class in its history this year, every man is now located in an excellent position and the college authorities are daily turning down requests for men to fill remunerative positions along these lines.

A very gratifying feature about the positions filled during the last few years is the fact that 86 per cent. of these young men are engaged as managers of farms and ranches. This is a most excellent field as there seems to be no limit to the demand for such men. Several of this year's men started at from \$1200 to \$1500 while members of last year's class are now drawing, in some instances, better than \$2000 per year. That advancement is rapid for a man who makes good is well illustrated in the case of W. A. Forbes, who took charge of a large farm in July, 1908. He received \$40.00 per month and board for 6 months, then \$75.00 and board for the second 6 months, at the end of which time he signed a contract at \$2000 per year. Six of this year's class are filling college positions. The most recent appointment being that of Don Griswold, who has been elected to an excellent position in Animal Husbandry work at the Texas Agricultural College. This makes 27 different states and four foreign countries that have taken Ames graduates for college positions during the past seven years. The College Authorities are rejoicing over the fact that Edinburgh University of Scotland has decided to send all of her scholarship men to Ames to pursue graduate work along Animal Husbandry lines. Two of these men are now on their way from Scotland.

Sporting Notes.

Outsider Clyde Engle of the Yankee can also acquit himself very cleverly in the infield.

Jack Munroe, the heavyweight pugilist and wrestler, whom Jim Jeffries put out of business, has been elected mayor of Elk City, Ok.

Stalling and motor boat races will be features of the athletic program which will be run off in connection with the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, which opens in Seattle on June 1.

Christy Mathewson is the latest ball player to get the automobile craze, having ordered a big touring car. Fred Clarke, Sam Leever, Hans Wagner, Frank Chance, Jeff Overall and John Gansel are other ball players who own and operate big motor cars.

Law Points.

More lapse of time is held in Hartford versus McGillivray (Me.), 98 Atl. 800; 10 E. R. A. (N. S.) 431, not to terminate, as matter of law, the authority of a broker who has been commissioned to find a purchaser for real estate.

The mere fact that a stream is capable of floating logs to such an extent that the public may be entitled to the right of highway therein is held in Albany versus Maunton Electric Service Company (Wis.), 110 N. W. 4; 16 E. R. A. (N. S.) 420, not to be sufficient to show that it is navigable within the meaning of mill dam acts.

Household Hints.

When using the oven put all in it will hold—meats, potatoes, apples, puddings, etc.

Dried lemon peel sprinkled over the fire will destroy any disagreeable odor about the house.

Straw mats are unattractive upon the dining table, and one should have white dollies to lay over asbestos mats. Scallop the dollies, but do not embroider them.

The easiest way to clean a cereal cooker is to turn it upside down in a pan of boiling water and steam it until the sticky mass is soft and loosened from the sides of the pan.

Sometimes Hard.

A man sees lots of pretty girls From whom to choose a wife, But it's devilish hard to get the one That he picks as his for life.—Judge.

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