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A WORLD'S FAIR EXHIBIT.

The subject of a world's fair exhibit at private expense is to be discussed by the merchants and planters. There is a moral incentive to do something to counteract the presence on "the Pike" of the hula hula show, and this, as well as the value of world's fair advertising will be considered.

It must not be forgotten, however, that the people who go to see hulas at a great fair are not led away from them by school exhibits or grocery displays. Bas relief maps and bags of sugar do not wear them from the spice of life. Even papier mache fish and tapa cloth cannot be depended on to make the pikers forget the music of Tomi Tomi over in the grass hut.

The Advertiser, in view of the failure of Hawaii to get much good out of past world's fairs, has not been enthusiastic for a display at St. Louis. But it would heartily approve any show of a kind that actually draws people and convinces them that a place is worth seeing and worth living in.

THE MORMON ISSUE. It is hard to fathom the motive of President Smith's open defiance of the moral sentiment of the United States. That Smith can locally rely upon the control Mormons have over the laws of Utah is probably true but that would not save him from the punishment which would follow the passage of a constitutional amendment forbidding polygamy, as slavery, its "twin relic of barbarism," was prohibited.

It was the part of wisdom, in case the Mormon "apostles" proposed to live in the plural relation, to keep under cover. But President Smith, in his testimony before a Senate committee of investigation makes a virtue and a boast of his iniquity. He wants all the world to know. Standing in the most conspicuous witness box of the country he ranges his five wives and forty-two children in line and asks his countrymen to share his pride in them.

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People who are making Supreme Court states should always figure on one Democrat.

UNITED STATES AND MEXICO.

Mexico has apparently taken alarm at the isthmian proximity of the United States and will go in for coast defenses and a navy. San Juan de Ulua island, in the harbor of Vera Cruz, will have a modern fortress and all the ports of the republic are to be safeguarded with big guns.

Evidently Mexico expects that the United States will sooner or later absorb the whole of Central America and she does not like a position between the upper and nether millstones. In the view that expansion, beginning at the canal, will touch the south Mexican frontier, the Diaz government is probably right, for it will not be to the interest of the United States to have foreigners build a second canal via Nicaragua or to get or keep a predominant commercial influence in the Panama hinterland.

The American people are well satisfied to leave Mexico alone. They do not want another Philippine problem to deal with. So long as peace reigns across the border and international obligations are kept, the cactus republic will have no cause to fear American expansion.

PERHAPS NO MOVE.

The statement that the Russians will not advance on Korea might be fairly supplemented by a Japanese decision not to advance beyond it. Japan went to war to get Korea and having got her, and incidentally the control of the sea, what more does she want?

San Domingo offers the remains of Christopher Columbus to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition for \$100,000. As these particular remains are not the ones which the Spanish Government removed in great state from Havana to Cadiz, a few years ago, they are probably a spare set Columbus had to use on Sunday.

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Kumalae, who was elected on the Republican ticket, announces that he and his "fellow Home Rulers" will do all they can to help the Governor economize. Our congratulations go to Kumalae from a full heart.

Gen. Pflug denies that the Japanese are advancing. As the General wasn't running when he gave the news, he probably told the truth.

The first knowledge the public got of the new Philippine President was the mention of his name in the obituary columns.

If armory money is turned back to the Treasury a revised loan bill could make a better disposition of it.

MR. HEARST'S CANDIDACY.

It begins to look as if Mr. William R. Hearst's candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency may have to be taken seriously. The fact that he is not a frequent or eloquent speaker, and has seldom, if ever, been heard on the floor of the House of Representatives, or on the stump, is not the fatal objection to his eligibility which some persons imagine it to be.

There is no reason to believe that Mr. Hearst will get a single delegate from the City or State of New York, although he represents a metropolitan district in Congress. On the other hand, he seems likely to have the delegates from New Mexico, Arizona, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Hawaii, and Porto Rico.

OF CURRENT INTEREST.

SOME RICH GERMANS. The richest citizen of Berlin has an income of \$704,000 a year. If he realizes 5 per cent on his investment—a tremendous interest in Germany—his fortune is about \$14,000,000. The next richest man has \$15,500,000. There are thirteen millionaires worth between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000, thirty-three between \$2,500,000 and \$5,000,000 and 621 between a million and \$2,500,000.

NICHOLAS TURNS COMPOSER. According to a Belgian paper, the czar is among the composers. It is stated that at a soiree in the winter palace several works from the imperial pen were performed, among them one entitled "The Song of Peace."

HIS LAST REQUEST. Representative Maddox of Georgia, who is soon to retire from Congress, has received this letter from a constituent: "Dear Mister Congressman! Sum time ago I witer you asking if they were any thing the guvment could do to make a fightin' wife behave herself. I aint heard from you and things is no better. Will you please let me know how I can get one of them big pizen snakes from Africky. I have always voted for you and this is my little to ask of you, specially when a man's wife is always a-peckin' on him."

TO RESTORE THE SPHINX. A project is on foot in Alexandria for restoring the Sphinx, near the Great Pyramid of Ghizeh, to its original condition. Thick layers of soil completely cover the head of the monument, while the lower parts are greatly obscured by accumulations of sand.

KILLED THEIR APPETITES. M. Meyer, the editor of the Paris Gaulois, the offices of which are over a cafe, is suing the landlord and the proprietor of the cafe for damages. He complains that owing to the gastro-nomic smell which arises from the cafe neither he nor his staff can get through their work, while they have all lost their appetites.

HE HAS 248 SKULLS. Charles W. Jenkins of Corpus Christi, Texas, a millionaire, has perhaps the oddest fad of any collector of curios in the United States, that of human skulls. He has at present in his private museum 248 perfect human skulls gathered in all parts of the country.

Adult suffrage was tried for the first time in the new commonwealth of Australia in the federal elections held on December 16, 1903. The total number of voters registered was 1,700,000 of whom in round numbers 700,000 were women.

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