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LAST WEEK'S BUSINESS. BETTER weather and brilliant crop conditions caused a further improvement in both wholesale and distributive trade last week.

The bank clearings showed a gain over the corresponding week in 1900 of 66.3 per cent, the gain being especially marked among the ten or dozen largest cities. This was especially the case in New York, which exhibited an increase of 95 per cent, which is particularly significant in view of the comparative quietness of the stock market.

Philadelphia, a most conservative city, where trade is supposed to be legitimate if it is anywhere, showed a gain of 90.6 per cent. These figures indicate that the gain in these clearings is due to an actual increase in consumptive trade, and not to speculation. The failures throughout the country were 188, against 180 for the same week last year.

The staples as a rule are showing a much better movement than a month ago. More demand is reported for some kinds of woolsens, and some of the cheaper grades are heavily ordered ahead. Shoe shipments from New England centers continue unusually large, in spite of the fact that the factories are about through with their summer orders.

These shipments are now 118,000 cases ahead of the same time last year. The Western leather markets are quoted firm, while hides have lately been tending upward. The wholesale dry goods trade is also reporting an improvement in the distribution. But the iron and steel trade continues to lead all others, and it is remarkable how long the abnormal activity in this industry keeps up.

Pig iron is being heavily bought by the great steel combine, while finished products are quoted in enlarged demand. Wire goods, hardware and farming implements are in active request, and manufacturers of wire goods are behind in their orders. Railroads report large earnings and the general commerce of the country is in as good condition as at any time during the past two or three years, as far as surface indications go.

FARM TRAINING FOR BOYS.

PRESIDENT CROWLEY of the Youths' Directory has formulated a plan for training boys in farm work and fitting them for obtaining in manhood an independence by the cultivation of the soil instead of joining the ranks of wage earners in the city. The plan of course is not a new one.

Many a time has the philanthropy of the world sought to save youth from the dangers and competitions of city life by carrying them back to the land. That, however, is no objection to the plan. It is on the other hand a proof of its merit, for it is an assurance that it is based upon conservative wisdom drawn from the experience of the world in matters of that kind.

Of course the plan proposed by President Crowley is not exactly like any other. That was not to be expected nor desired. Every earnest and original teacher has his own way of working out the problems of education, and such a teacher is he whose work in the Youths' Directory has achieved so much of benefit, not only for the boys who have been under his instruction but for the community at large.

We have then a plan submitted to the consideration of our people of means which merits their support. It is not a fantastic plan, nor is it proposed by a theoretical reformer, or visionary philanthropist. It is a practical, common-sense measure, and if supported by adequate donations is to be carried out under the supervision of men who have had experience in teaching and managing boys, and whose work already accomplished attests their fitness for the new work they propose to undertake.

To carry out the plan there is needed something like 300 acres of fertile farm land and an endowment of about \$75,000. To supply those things will impose no great strain upon the liberality or the wealth of California. The training to be given at the farm would furnish the State with a number of young men able to undertake the skilled work of farming, horticulture and viticulture, who would be useful in the promotion and advancement of those great industries.

Thus California would not only have the benefit of conserving in the ranks of useful citizens many youths who might otherwise be forced to augment the crowd of the unemployed and discontented, but it would also materially strengthen its rural industries.

It is to be borne in mind that according to the plans of President Crowley the institution would be non-sectarian. It is designed to help the youth of the State who need help, and not to inculcate any particular creed or dogma. It is therefore one which merits the support of the liberal of all churches or of no church, and it is to be hoped the support will be promptly given.

One dispatch from Paris says the recent grand reception of the Castellanes was attended by 350 guests, "all of them of the highest aristocracy"; but another says there were 2000 present and Eulalie of Spain was the only distinguished guest.

PREPARE FOR THE PRIMARIES.

CONSIDERABLE gratification will be felt by all good citizens in the report that the organization of the Republican Primary League has already promoted activity among the people in preparing for the coming primaries.

Voters who believe in honest politics and are opposed to boss rule have been aroused to the importance of the issue, and district clubs are being organized for the purpose of bringing out the rank and file of the party at the elections, so that the delegates chosen will be representative of genuine Republicanism, and not the tools of a boss who calls himself a Republican solely for political effect.

It is to be borne in mind the league has been organized mainly for the purpose of interesting Republicans in primary elections and thereby enabling the party to profit by the primary election law. It goes without saying the law cannot enforce itself, and unless the better elements of the party attend the primaries the bosses will elect delegates enough to control the nominating convention.

The date of holding the primaries is not so far off but every good citizen should begin to give attention to the duties imposed upon him by his citizenship. When all the faults of the bosses have been enumerated, the fact remains that the chief weakness and defect of municipal government in America has been the neglect of municipal politics by the better elements of the people.

FRUIT AS FOOD.

GUARDS at some of the county jails are protesting against the action of the police committee of the Board of Supervisors in declining to sign demands for fresh fruit for their use, and I. P. Kincaid, commissary for the jails, in supporting the protest has written to the board a communication, in which he says:

could not profitably grow so many subtropical fruits. Our people therefore require something of a fruit diet almost as imperatively as do the people of the tropics. The use of it is healthful and beneficial and saves many a doctor's bill. It may not be advisable to furnish it to the guards of the jails, but if so the rejection of it from the list of food supplies should be put upon some other ground than that of its being a luxury.

THE HAGUE COURT.

BERLIN dispatches announce that a member of the "International Court of Arbitration" agreed upon at The Hague peace conference and appointed by the great powers of the world has stated in a recent interview that all of the fifty-five representatives of the nations have been duly appointed, that the court has been organized and that several international questions are already before it.

He is reported to have added, however, that the Transvaal question is not one within the scope of the court, since the peace conference decided that the Boer states were not sovereign; and furthermore that the Chinese indemnity question is not among those the court is considering.

It appears that despite its high sounding name and the majesty of the powers it represents, the High Court of Nations, as it is generally called, is beginning modestly. It evidently believes in the day of small things to start with. It would be interesting to know what international questions it has under consideration, but no information on that point was given.

With the great issues of the time ignored, it is safe to suppose the dignitaries of the court are wrangling over some such mighty problem as that involved in the question whether it be permissible in war for an invader to burn a barn. There are some men who see no objection whatever to the destruction of the independence of a state, but who would be greatly grieved if in the course of the destruction a farm building were burned and a cow slaughtered.

While the early activities of the High Court are thus disappointing, there is still something of encouragement in the very fact that it has been created. The Berlin authority is quoted as saying, "The Hague agreement is something like the Magna Charter, a convention around which future international law will crystallize."

It is stated that the German Emperor and his Government are now more favorably inclined to the court than ever before, and other governments are believed to be similarly disposed.

Of course it is disappointing that the Chinese question is not to be taken up, for it is one which ought to be passed upon by just such an international body; but too much should not be expected at first. The court has been created and public sentiment in every civilized country is working in its favor.

Moreover the enormous burdens of taxation rendered necessary by the military and naval armaments of the nations tend to hasten the coming of the time when the court will be useful in great as well as in little issues. At the present time there would be no way of enforcing the decisions of the court upon a great nation.

Even in this hemisphere we are witnessing the ease with which a small nation like Chile can stop a plan for pan-American arbitration simply by refusing to submit to it.

San Francisco can look with pride upon the rapid rise in the Philippines of her native son, James F. Smith. First a colonel, then a brigadier general, then Collector of Customs at Manila, and now Justice of the Supreme Court of the islands.

Funston of Kansas has done well, but he is a long way behind Smith.

KING EDWARD'S REFORMS.

KING EDWARD of England has not been able to mark his accession to the throne by any acts so startling as those by which Kaiser William began his imperial career. He has not had the power to drop Salisbury as Bismarck was dropped, or to adopt a foreign and a domestic policy radically different from that which prevailed under the former sovereign.

Being a constitutional ruler Edward has had to confine his reforms to narrow limits. Most of them indeed appear so small and trifling as to provoke a smile at first thought, but they are not without value and will doubtless prove beneficial to his people.

One of these common-sense reforms was his decree that the royal birthday shall be celebrated on the anniversary of the birth of the late Queen, the 24th of May, instead of on the actual anniversary of his birth, which occurred in November. It may seem to the unreflecting to be a little thing to hold a holiday in May instead of in the cold month of November, but thoughtful men will take a different view of it.

PAPERS ON CURRENT TOPICS.

PREPARED BY EXPERTS AND SPECIALISTS FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO CALL.

Conditions in Favor of the Youth of the United States as Viewed by a Statesman.

By the Hon. George F. Hoar, United States Senator From Massachusetts.

XVIII.—OPPORTUNITIES OF TO-DAY.

their services as well as hers were as absolutely his property as that of a slave. Now compare this condition, which is still the condition of woman in many countries, with that of the American wife of to-day. It is not unusual at this moment of our Civilized Europe to see women yoked to the same cart with large dogs, and sometimes with heifers and steers, drawing heavy loads, or walking in the field with a shovel on their backs, and often practically nothing but a beast of burden still. The American wife and the American husband are not so yoked together.

First—The steady and unchecked tide of immigration which comes to our shores is the strongest possible testimony to the advantage enjoyed here. The reason of men and women is a guide at least as unerring as the instinct of birds. They know where they are best off. As in the old fable of the "Lion's Den," although for a far different reason, the footstepers are all one way. It is believed that the United States is the only country on earth which has had to make laws to repress or check the tide of immigration.

Second—A curious but very significant fact is disclosed by the action of the different countries although unconsciously, to their authors. The fiction, whether in prose or poetry, of the countries to the south of Europe is quite apt to end unhappily. From the time of the great dramas of Greece and Rome through the time of the Italian tragedy, the fabled "Inferno" down to our own day, the action of southern countries is tragic. On the other hand, the fiction of peoples of Anglo-Saxon descent ends happily. The latter regard a tragic representation of ordinary human life as something unusual and unnatural, and they are a benevolent Providence. Yet even in England, or Germany or France the story often turns on the difficulties of poor lovers who cannot marry because of the property of the girl, and their families in married life. The interest of the story turns on the difficulties of the hero or the heroine to find a support, and in the end a rich relative, or some half a dozen relatives who stand about the hero or heroine, and who, if the title or an estate, die off, or some wealthy relative comes out of the clouds and they marry and live happily ever after. The same thing is found in many English memoirs. Tennyson's marriage was delayed for years because of the property of the girl. Now, in this country if there were a pair of lovers found in fiction or in real life who had health and strength and money and good looks, and who were sixpence and the other a shilling, the thing would be regarded as an absurdity and the story would be dropped.

Where Do the Fortunes Go? In a vast number of instances these great accumulations are in but another form of socialism. The man who gets it cannot take it away from him when he dies. He gives it to the public by the endowment of colleges and schools and universities and museums and libraries and hospitals and the like. The man who gets it by other enterprises and employs which but for him would not exist at all, Leland Stanford and his associates made a great fortune in the building of the railroad and the railroad when it was built made a fortune for the people of the State and created the prosperity of large States, which without what these men did never would have existed at all. And the more the man gets, the more the property is divided among all the children and cannot be tied up very well in a single generation, these great fortunes are distributed as rapidly as they are made.

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