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What gives glorious promise of the greatest Fourth of July observance ever occurring in Southern Montana, is well under way. The latent spirit of enthusiasm which has lain dormant since a year ago has been aroused and the ardor is unbounded. The Virginia eagle will flap his wings as he never flapped before, and the oldest inhabitant in this city of the patriarchs of Montana, as well as he who came here but yesterday, will revel in patriotism.

The citizens of Virginia, when called on by the soliciting committee, gave vent to their patriotism in a most substantial manner, and the sum total raised to defray the expenses of the celebration is a handsome one. Great Butte City, the largest mining camp on earth, with her 40,000 people, only raised three times as much last year as did Virginia this season. This, in the face of the fact that times are quiet, is most complimentary to the liberality of the people of Virginia.

There will be a kaleidoscopic array of attractions, mention in detail of which is made in another column of the MADISONIAN. The whole of Madison county is invited and, what is more is most cordially welcome.

Forty-four years ago William H. Seward, in a speech in the United States senate, prophesied that Europe, with all its commerce, politics and history, would in time sink into insignificance compared to the great and growing Pacific region. The Atlantic has its day now. The day of the Pacific is at hand.

Quoting from Seward's speech as a text, ex-Minister Lorrin A. Thurston of Hawaii contributes to The North American Review one of the most important and interesting magazine papers that have appeared in many a day. His tables comparing the tonnage of vessels arriving at Atlantic and Pacific ports show that already Sydney has nearly half as much shipping as New York city. San Francisco has already nearly as much as Boston and more than Philadelphia. South Australia imports and exports more goods per capita of population than any other country on the globe. Hawaii, "the Gibraltar of the Pacific," actually entered more ships flying the American flag than were entered at any other port in the world in 1893. Honolulu's foreign trade already amounts to \$16,000,000 a year.

A matter that vitally interests the whole American people is the fact that the British government gives no less than \$3,777,192 every year in certain Pacific ocean steamer lines, and this is only a part of her subsidies to encourage trade in that quarter. What is the United States thinking of that it lets England slip in and steal the greatest commerce the world has ever known, possibly ever will know, from under our fingers? Mr. Thurston lays stress on what is certainly the fact—that people east of the Rocky mountains have no realization of the greatness of their own Pacific coast. Our population west of the Rocky mountains in one year more will certainly be equal to that of the whole 13 colonies at the beginning of the Revolution. The railroad building which has stopped dead still in the east goes on unabated in the west. Moreover, Siberia already produces one-sixth of the world's gold output every year, and she is only beginning.

Mr. Thurston concludes with the prophecy that within the next few years steamships will radiate from Vladivostok to all the American Pacific coast and go through the Nicaragua canal; that a railroad will be completed from Alaska to Chile, and that the Pacific coast steamers will be as large and swift as those now plying between New York and Liverpool.

Great is the Pacific region, and the day is not far distant when Montana will be the bright particular star of a most glorious constellation.

Olney, the boss corporation lawyer, has been appointed by President Cleveland to succeed the late lamented Gresham as secretary of state. Grover

evidently believes in having men on whom he can depend.

It is very easy to understand why China has encountered steady defeat in her war with Japan. The cause rests in the treatment she accords to the common soldier. Japan's common soldiers are so full of fiery patriotism that the peace negotiations were kept long from them and the common people for fear there would be a revolt if the war stopped before the army had reached the gates of Peking. Japanese soldiers are fairly well fed and well taken care of. Those of China, on the other hand, are wretchedly paid. If they are wounded, even the miserable pittance they are accorded on duty stops, as it also does if they are ill. There is no pension for either them or their families under any circumstances. They are so many cattle who exist only for the benefit of the emperor and the chief noblemen. They have no patriotism. How could they have? It makes little difference to them whether they live or die. At the same time they are treated so wretchedly it is said that the private fortune Li Hung Chang has squeezed out of the common people amounts to \$200,000,000. What wonder China was whipped!

There is danger in being too fat. An individual was lately drowned because of being too fat to get out of the cabin window of a little steamboat that foundered in a gale on Puget sound. If he had known the fate before him, he would have stopped eating bread, potatoes and sweet stuff years ago.

The report of the telephone company shows that of the 396,674 miles of wire operated by it considerably more than a third is underground.

R. P. Halleck contributes to The Popular Science Monthly a pessimistic and rather odd paper on the personal equation in human truth. There is in the human mind, he says, no such thing as a conception of the absolute truth. The reason is that truth in our minds is always colored by our own selfish desires and feelings. "We deliberately disregard those relations which do not vitally concern our own selfish interests." Most people are like the man who said he had no objection to telling the truth if he could only think of the stuff. Unfortunately Mr. Halleck is right, for the majority of mankind. Truth telling is a matter of development, intellectual and moral. It requires a high order of intellect to tell the exact truth. The person who is developed in the upper stories of his brain, front and back, has sense enough to see that he is only one of millions, all with the same desires and passions. The way to get the most happiness and to make the least trouble for himself is to accord to every other man exactly the same right he thinks he ought to have for himself. This is not a matter of religion. It is simply a matter of mathematical calculation, and the person who has brains enough to make the calculation will see that if he wants happiness himself he must accord it to others in the same degree in which he expects it himself. We must not do to others the things we should be extremely indignant if they did to us. We must not excuse in ourselves faults and sins we would condemn bitterly and punish in others.

Therefore if you can't tell the truth tell the truth as much as you can.

The Inter-Mountain is of the opinion that the press association meeting should be postponed for a month because if the present weather continues there will not be enough whiskey in the entire Yellowstone valley to keep the members alive during the session. The suggestion is worthy of consideration.

Those who know tell us that the old fashioned college commencement day is over. Now it is the fashion to have the candidates for degrees represented by some one who in a speech details their brilliant scholarship and general qualifications. Then some learned and eloquent man—he may or may not be the college president—makes an address fitting to the occasion and gives the students their diplomas. After that all are dismissed, and all are happy, for they go at once to the college dinner, which Mr. Arthur Reed Kimball tells us in The New England Magazine is "the real feature of a modern commencement." There the people eat; then there are dinner speeches.

This arrangement will take the place very well of the old fashioned college commencement, provided the youthful graduates are allowed to make their share of the dinner speeches. Usually college commencement dinners are very dry affairs because the speeches are made by solemn and stupid old fellows or by

your professional dinner talker, who makes his same thin, stale joke wherever he goes.

No! Give the young people a chance. They are the most important persons on the occasion. Let the graduates, as many as there is time for, make each a three minute speech and put some rhetoric and red blood into the affair.

## PARLIAMENTARY PAY.

When the members of parliament draw salaries, poor men will have a chance of being represented by poor men. Old England is moving forward.—New York Recorder.

For the second time within two years the lower house of the British parliament has placed itself on record in favor of the only sensible and practical system of government by representation.—Washington Star.

A salaried house of commons would be a logical outcome of the extension of suffrage, and the final and complete democratization of this venerable British institution is sure to be accomplished despite the Tory protests.—Philadelphia Record.

The Chartists of 50 years ago put the payment of members in their platform and shocked England very much by so doing. In 50 years sentiment changes rapidly. Several of the Chartist demands have been granted, and probably before long the members of the house of commons will begin to draw their salaries.—Boston Transcript.

## A FEW THOUGHTS.

The worst kind of a trouble is the kind you can't tell about.

It is very hard to admit that a man younger than yourself has more sense.

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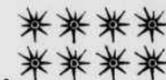
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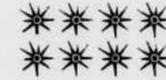
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