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THE TEACHERS' CONVENTION.

The proceedings of the thirty-eighth annual convention of the Minnesota State Educational society will be read with much interest by parents and educators alike. In no direction of public activity is the official allowed to exercise the same measure of control or direction on the currents of popular thought and action.

The public is an interested spectator. It expects to derive much of interest and instruction from what these learned ladies and gentlemen have to say. It does not take them as being engaged wholly in delivering addresses for their own special benefit.

While the American people have the most unbounded confidence in the public school and its administration, there is a sense in which the public school is none the less on trial before the bar of public and private intelligence. There is a more marked proneness than ever before on the part of parents to examine and criticize.

A glance over the list of subjects of proposed addresses and over the programme generally does not seem to reveal much which the general public might be expected to care about. There is altogether too much concerning pedagogy in its relation to the pedagogic and too little on it in its relation to the child.

All this may be right enough, looked at from the standpoint of the teacher. Yet, from the standpoint of the public, it looks decidedly like professionalism, pure and simple. Professionalism is one of the dangers or, at least, one of the serious drawbacks, of the existing methods in our public schools.

Teachers make a mistake if they think that the intelligent public accepts their assumption of the role of moral directors of the child, or places any great dependence on the existing educational system in the formation of character. It is a force, of course, and a strong one; but coming down to the hard-pan of the matter, and considering especially that the public school is designed as a place where purely secular education may be had, there is a disposition to ask questions as to just what the children are getting from the public schools in the way of scholastic knowledge.

THE BOOZ INVESTIGATION.

The investigation being carried on by the military court of inquiry into the circumstances attending the career of the deceased cadet, Booz, does not promise to be productive of any important results. It has already made it quite plain that the boys at West Point will not divulge anything which may tend to sustain the claims made by the friends of Booz that the ill-treatment to which he is said to have been subjected was the cause of his death.

The investigation is, however, useful, in that it will probably result in showing that whatever be the facts as to the brutality or otherwise of hazing in actual operation the practice is not looked upon with any great disfavor by those in charge of the national military academy. This circumstance, if it is established, may be accepted as offering some consid-

erable justification for the maintenance of the practice. It is, of course, almost incredible that the executive officers at West Point would allow such practices if in their operation they could result as they are claimed to have operated in the case of young Booz.

The general practice, however indulged in, is undoubtedly foolish, if not dangerous. Practiced in an institution given over to the training of young men for the profession of arms-it may be said that there is something more in the nature of things, to be said in palliation of it than when practiced in a purely civil educational institution. The hardships and deprivations of war require on the part of those who may be called on to experience them a stronger physical fiber and greater powers of endurance than can be reasonably looked for on the part of young men who are brought up to the peaceful pursuits.

If young Booz did, as claimed, show signs of cowardice on an occasion specified it is indeed a doubtful question whether he did not mistake his calling and whether it was not better for him and for the profession which he contemplated following that he should stop right there. A milkop is not the material from which to build an American soldier.

A CINCH FOR ENGLAND.

A jingo is a person that uses steam heat as a substitute for brains. As soon as any question concerning the country comes up, he turns on the steam, blows his whistle and off he goes with a blind spurge in any direction he happens to be headed, and regardless of consequences, he will smash through his own China shop just as likely as not.

It was this spirit that drove the jingoes of this country to attack the Hay-Pauncoote treaty in its original form, although it was strongly in our favor, and by their blind opposition they caused it to be amended in such a way as to give England a very decided advantage.

Yet England has all reason to be delighted with the amended form of the treaty. As long as we are at peace, of course, all nations will have the same right to use the proposed Nicaraguan canal upon paying the fixed rate of toll. But suppose we get into war with England or any other country, what then? In any case, we shall have to maintain a fleet there big enough to keep the enemy away from the canal. If we succeed in this, it does not make any difference whether the canal is neutral or not.

FRIDAY GLOBE GLANCES.

Today, Dec. 28, is a Catholic and Anglican churchionally styled Innocent's day, the Holy Innocents' day, and Chelidemas day, or Childermas, and put it out of use for years. This would be ten times more in the interest of the enemy than to merely sail through it and it would do us ten times more harm as it would prevent our Atlantic and Pacific squadrons from co-operating.

In case of war, everything would depend on whether we could keep a sufficient fleet there to drive the ships of the enemy back from the canal. To do this we shall have to keep at least as big a fleet there as the enemy could send. In case of a war with England, it would require the greater part of our navy at the risk of leaving our coast cities unprotected.

The Masonic lodges of Europe are reported to be combining in a grand peace movement; that the purposes of the Hague peace conference should be carried out; that the "League of Human Beings" in war between civilized nations should cease.

It seems a little strange to recall the fact that in Southern latitudes, South America, Australia and South Africa, the holiday season is summer time. Celebration, however, among the English races takes on the Northern custom of green and the jingle of bells, but the snow is artificial.

In England the belief is common that every mince pie partaken of during Christmas week, under a different roof, insures a happy month during the coming year. Every housewife has a stock of pies on hand, and no excuse is permissible, except one, and that is: "Many thanks, I've eaten my twelve."

adoption of the Davis amendments to the Hay-Pauncoote treaty by the senate must have given Mr. May a very decided job. The treaty, without the amendment was decidedly un-American and it was a grand thing for our country that the senate had the manliness to reject it. It was a timely proposition for the United States to build a canal which would then not have the power to protect it.

Isanti County Press: It will cost \$200,000 to construct this canal, and when we are done, we can't use it for our own safety and protection in time of war, the American people don't want the ditch, that's all there is to that. England can't play on our door sill when we don't want her to, No, sir.

That is about as much argument as any of the opponents of the treaty ever got up. The funny part, which these wizards don't seem to realize, is, that we now would have the same right to protect it as before, namely by keeping a big fleet there, while the enemy has the right to destroy it if he can get at it, which right he didn't have before, and we can't use the canal to protect ourselves unless we have a fleet big enough to protect the canal in the first place.

But England can't play on our door sill, that is the burden of every article, the gist of the whole animus, and they can't get it through their heads that England was practically offering to take a solemn pledge to keep off our door sill. If the European powers should generously offer to pledge themselves never to attack our coast-cities or commit any hostile act in our waters, these same jingoes would pop up and shout in great indignation: "You can't play on our door sill! No-sir-ree!"

STATE LABOR COMMISSIONER.

A particularly favorable showing is made by the work accomplished by the labor department during the past two years under Labor Commissioner McHale. Under the present administration, the work of the department has been devoted to the practical problem of inspecting the factories, mills and mines of the state, correcting abuses wherever such were found, and promoting the interests of employer and employe alike.

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der. The president approved the action of Gen. Otis, and the result is a long drawn out war. The great nation could have afforded to have been magnanimous to a weak people, even if they were in the wrong. We were in the right, country, and the Filipinos, like any other people, thought they had some rights in their own land.

Gen. MacArthur's last list of deaths among soldiers in the Philippines shows more fatalities from disease than from bullets.

Perhaps you have not noticed it, but the broom is gradually giving way to the carpet sweeper. The broom was useful in its day, but the carpet sweeper is a more just without distributing it than the broom, and the latter must go.

No wonder the dictionary is growing: that the latest one contains 350,000 words. Somebody is getting up new words and terms. The "glass arm," the "charley horse" leg, the "stomachic" those intricate "operator's wrist" all these are fully established, and now come forward the pet affection of the bowling novice to them. The wrong of the curious public as well as perchance that of the medical fraternity, it is the "bowler's neck."

Physical culture has been added to the regular course of study in the Philadelphia public schools.

The courts sustain the suicide clause in the Modern Woodmen's benefit certificate. The widow of a Woodman in Iowa brought suit before the United States court recently at Council Bluffs, to collect \$2,000, the paid-up value of the certificate was voided by self murder.

From all the reports about the good roads and good schools are being established in the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico, it would seem that our roads and built school houses. We need both in the United States, and perhaps when the troops come home they will be able to teach the citizens how to do the need of the day in this country. But maybe these good things in our country are pipe dreams of administration correspondents.

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PERTINENT OR PARTLY SO.

Now the Boers have captured Gen. Methuen's Christmas ration. Mr. W. S. John Bricker would do well to have Dec. 25 struck from the calendar of the British war office.

Della Fox blushingly admitted that she was twenty-five years old. No wonder she blushed. She and De Wolf Heppner were married a year ago, and she had fifteen beat by several fortnights then.

There were thirty murders in Kentucky Christmas day. There must have been a spasm of religious fervor to evoke such enthusiasm.

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"Fun in the White House," a rare element of comedy.

Next week Miner and Van's company, headed by that imitable minstrel, Billy Van.

STATE PRESS COMMENT.

Good Stock. Western Guard. Gov. Van Sant's father is enjoying good health at the advanced age of eighty-two years, while his mother is eighty-nine, and is very well for so aged a lady.

Only the Woods Left. Lambertson Star. Between the office-seekers at St. Paul and the smallpox at Winona, Gov. Van Sant should not be blamed much if seen jumping sideways.

Some Here. St. Croix Valley Standard. The Chinese are getting rid of a lot of their officeholders by removal and execution, but the prospects are that they will let in a worse gang.

Why Not Buck the Trust? Willmar Argus. It takes money to buy fuel this winter, and for that reason we would like to have as many subscriptions to burn as we can get. Don't be afraid to ask us to write a receipt.

This Country's No Hog. Marietta Argus. Some of Great Britain's statesmen are afraid this winter will take the British West Indies. They need have no fears. This country has about all the islands it cares for just now.

Feels an Aching Void. Lambertson Star. Our contemporaries of the "reform" persuasion two years ago were crying, to the victors belong the spoils. It is a per rule that won't work both ways, and the ax should be wielded vigorously by the new chief executive of the state.

That's What. Owatonna Chronicle. The Republican party has just been given a new lease of power, but our congressmen should remember that the American people are watchful and will hold to direct accountability those entrusted with power. Bankers, manufacturers and brewers are only a part of the people. The great unorganized masses of farmers, mechanics and others are awake to their interests, and though they maintain no lobby, they cast votes.

From Temperance Standpoint. Blue Earth Post. Archbishop Ireland has come out flatly in favor of the army canteen as opposed to the corner grocery. His convictions, agreeing with those of army officers generally, are that the so-called canteen has resulted in a great diminution of drunkenness and riot. When one reflects that the archbishop is an indefatigable temperance advocate and worker and has investigated this question thoroughly, he may well withhold criticism until he has gone and done likewise.

Van Sant's Precedent. Morton Enterprise. It is brood estimated that Gov. Elect Van Sant and Lieut. Gov. Smith will attempt to imitate the Nelson-Clough programme of six years ago, when Washington was raised in favor of Nelson, and the Republican party was eternally disgraced by the elevation of Clough to the gubernatorial chair. That deed was of a flagrant character that it would seem to be well to repeat. Yet there are many strange happenings in political affairs, especially so among lunger, rapacious lot of Republican politicians. There is a telling what may occur in the political arena of Minnesota between this time and the day when an successor to Davis is elected. But it doesn't seem to be the kind of thing that we will attach overlasting disgrace to ourselves by a deal that will land Van Sant in the United States senate.

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THE PARAGRAPHERS.

Wide Postmortem. Anacondas, Mont. Standard. In postponing her Thanksgiving services in honor of the return of Lord Roberts until the real close of the war, England is showing the first-catch-your-hare principle.

Not on the Shelf. New York World. Philadelphia's reception to Grover Cleveland and the telling effect on the country of Benjamin Harrison's wise utterance that ex-presidents are not on the shelf.

Just for a Change. Philadelphia Bulletin. That enterprising South African gentleman named Dewet apparently intends to enjoy the sport of doing a little chasing on his own account.

Everywhere at Once.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Gen. Christian Dewet moves about from point to point with alacrity and marvelous apprehension of a woman in the last hours of her Christmas shopping.

Presents for Pingree. Chicago Times-Herald. If the fitness of things is observed in Michigan, Pingree will find a lot of serviceable presents in his stock.

With Benevolent Intent. Atlanta Journal. Minister Governor has been instructed to demand a few more Chinese scalps for a Christmas present.

But Will It? Washington Post. Next year the administration will have a fine opportunity to reciprocate and stand by Mr. Cuckoo Clock.

Like a Cuckoo Clock. Chicago Record. Now that he is going, it may be harder to stop Grover Cleveland than it was to get him started.

Privilege of the Disgraced. Columbus Free-Press. Why wouldn't it be a good plan for Tom Reed to "reorganize" the Republican party?

Not Entitled to Two. Chicago Record. Mark Hanna had his Christmas early in November.

Circulation of the Globe For November.

Ernest P. Hopwood, superintendent of circulation of the St. Paul Globe, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the actual circulation of the St. Paul Globe for November, 1900, is herewith correctly set forth:

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Thomas Yould, being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am an employe exclusively of the St. Paul Dispatch, in the capacity of foreman of press room. The press work of the St. Paul Globe is regularly done by said Dispatch under contract. The numbers of the respective day's circulation of said Globe, as set out in the above affidavit of Ernest P. Hopwood, exactly agree with the respective numbers ordered to be printed by said Globe; and in every case a slightly larger number was actually printed and delivered to the mailing department of said Globe.

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FURTHER PROOF IS READY. The Globe invites any one and every one interested to, at any time, make a full scrutiny of its circulation lists and records and to visit its press and mailing departments to check and keep tab on the number of papers printed and the disposition made of the same.

GEN. CHAFFEE'S MISTAKE.

Harper's Weekly. What Gen. Chaffee should have done when he observed these abuses perpetrated in the name of civilization, and the troops of the United States were rivaling in the intensity and character of their efforts the achievements of All Baba and the Forty Thieves, was first to have written to Field Marshal von Waldersee on the general subject of the weather. The French soldiers were not fraser from the French soldiers, but they were not French soldiers. They had committed similar atrocities. He also protested against pillage, which he asserted had been carried out systematically, and he accused the misdeeds of participating therein. The minister of marine, M. de Lanesseau, replied that the government had ordered an inquiry and would severely punish all the guilty parties, but as a consolation he was able to say that the French soldiers had been much less barbarous than those of other nations.

Two Payments Made. Philadelphia Record. Mrs. Eugene J. did something today that I've been screwing up my courage to do for a long time. I paid that old Mrs. B Jones a call I've owed for a long time.

LAMENT OF FOURTH-CLASS P. M. I'd rather shovel sulphur down in Tophet for a spell-- I'd rather tend a furnace in the south-east end of well, I'm a deacon in the vestry class, and I'm a member of the choir, but I'm pretty mighty tired of the job that I am at.

What a pesky thing 'twould be to run a country office so's to keep 'em pleased with me!

The stage, you see, comes trundlin' in 'bout nine o'clock at night; The driver's to catch the early train the other leaves 'fore light. And I have to wait and wait, and go without my rest.

To shift the mail, 'tis comin' east and send the mail to west. And daytimes all the farmers round they stay in as mad as sin.

If any time they happen round and can't find me, I calculate from what they say that ev'ry letter they send me is a lie.

I ought to stay there days and nights and go without my meals. I can't get no sleep by day and be an owl at night.

Oh, I want to dump the office; oh, I'm getting so's to resign! But there ain't a man will take it, and I guess it's safely mine.

I was askin' the inspector what would happen if I did. And he said they'd come and nab me, lock me up and let me die. And that's prob'ly I would stay there till my three articles die.

But I've just about concluded that I'd rather stay in jail and jawed and sworn at by the folks who come for mail. And a man must be a lingo.

For to run a fourth-class office without gettin' so's to resign. Age Me soul beyond repair. For the things I have to bear are tough enough, by Jidy, for to make a deacon worth it.

Also Stale and Unprofitable. Buffalo Express. President Kruger believes that the world is flat.

TO RETURN THE LOOT.

FRANCE WILL SEND BACK STOLEN CHINESE GOODS. PARIS, Dec. 27.—In the chamber of deputies today M. Marcel Sembat, Radical Socialist, presenting one of the districts of the Seine, called attention to the reports of cruelty on the part of European troops in China. He said that the French soldiers were not fraser from the French soldiers, but they were not French soldiers. They had committed similar atrocities. He also protested against pillage, which he asserted had been carried out systematically, and he accused the misdeeds of participating therein. The minister of marine, M. de Lanesseau, replied that the government had ordered an inquiry and would severely punish all the guilty parties, but as a consolation he was able to say that the French soldiers had been much less barbarous than those of other nations.