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THE navy department continues to be the center of public interest, owing to the preparations going on there for the Schley court of inquiry, although as a matter of fact, those preparations are largely routine and are by no means exciting or sensational. One of Admiral Schley's counsel, Capt. Parker, is diligently searching the official records for facts bearing on the matters that will be brought before the court. He objected to having every thing he did overlooked by a naval officer, but he was shown the naval regulation that forbids any person outside the service having access to the official records except in the presence of an officer. Capt. Lemly, Judge Advocate General of the navy, who is judge advocate of the Schly court, has just gone away for a four week's vacation, but during his absence, his assistants will get everything in shape for the hearing before the court and there will be no delay on that account.

NOT a few lovers of molasses will be interested in the remarks of Mr. Emile Janin, of New Orleans, who said: "There is practically none of the old fashioned New Orleans molasses, of which we were all so fond in our boyhood days. Its disappearance is due to the general use of the centrifugal process in manufacturing sugar. The molasses and syrup of today are mostly glucose, and strange as it may seem, New Orleans is one of the largest consumers of glucose in the World. Glucose is made from corn. It is sweet, though not nearly so sweet as the juice of the sugar cane, and incidentally is the most indigestible thing in the world. The dealers of New Orleans are responsible for the immense consumption of glucose there. An investigation by the sugar exchange developed this. It was discovered that they added about three barrels of glucose to each barrel of molasses and sold the mixture as New Orleans molasses."

"A Brief history of American Journalism" is the title of a book which will shortly be published by the Library of Congress. It will cover something like 2,000 pages, and will include the name founder, and such information as may be of interest, of every publication ever printed in this country up to the close of 1900. The compiler of the book, Mr. Ralph M. McKenzie, of the Library staff, said of his work: "When it is remembered that a thousand periodicals become extinct in this country every year, and that nearly 22,000 were issued in the year 1900, you will understand something of the task which I have just finished. The first newspaper was printed in America in 1704, and I have gone over the field for the whole two centuries since that day."

RANDOM NOTES

According to the Associated Press, every white person in Peking is again a "foreign devil" to many of the natives.

If the price of potatoes continues to rise, the expression "small potatoes" will cease to mean something insignificant.

Judging from the press comments, historian Maclay made a bad break when he allowed his portrait to be published.

Great Caesar! The professional reformers are again advertising "Sapho" which the average newspaper reader had forgotten.

Br'er Kruger may not be exactly a peace-at-any-price man, but he offers to pay any price, spot cash, for the right sort of peace.

Hasn't the navy as much scandal as it can carry without reopening that old quarrel between ex-Secretary Chandler and "Fighting Bob" Evans?

Ex-Senator Thurston doesn't see anything startling or sensational in his having wired his old friend, Admiral Schley, an expression of good wishes and the hope for his complete vindication.

The airship of M. Santos-Dumont may be as great a success as claimed, but it is a little strange that he fails every time he tries to pull down the standing prize of \$20,000 for the airship that goes over a prescribed route, near Paris.

There is no discount on the nerve of Senator Tillman. It is doubtful if there is another man of equal prominence who would in a single address denounce Booker Washington's effort to give the negro industrial education and justify lynching.

The victims of a disease now prevalent in Southern Russia become totally blind every night. Must be something like the disease prevalent among our young would-be high-flyers, who show every night that they are blind to the ruin ahead of them.

Indictments against 25 election officers of Chicago for making false returns have been found by the grand jury. If proven guilty, these men should be punished to the full extent of the law. There is entirely too much crookedness about our city elections.

It is a stubborn fact that the Cubans are not showing their gratitude to us by purchasing American goods. Both Germany and England are selling more cotton goods in Cuba than we are, and the German and English sales are increasing in Cuba while ours are decreasing.

"Rattlesnake Pete," an odd character of Canandaigua, N. Y., has a new suit made entirely of rattlesnake skins, including coat, vest, trousers, shoes, necktie, hat and gloves. The buttons are made of rattles, and he wears a gold-mounted fang for a scarf-pin and a watch chain and charm made of the joints of the backbone. The outfit is said to have cost \$600.

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ABOUT IMPERIAL

ELSEWHERE is published some extracts from the IMPERIAL PRESS, published in the new settlement on what was a short time ago the desert section of San Diego county, says the San Diegan-Sun, but which can no longer be fairly called the desert. It is now being made to grow things.

The water has been turned on but a short time, but, as shown by reports, they already have corn, millet, sorghum, melons and other crops growing. The reports also show that settlers are coming in, and the business of the town is increasing.

In our opinion no San Diegan will ever overestimate the importance of that country. The work of development there is as yet at its very beginning. The water arrived during the hottest season of the year, when prejudice as well as heat operated to prevent development work. But the water is there, and the heat of this summer will soon disappear, and then will come a tremendous growth. By this time next year 200,000 and perhaps 300,000 acres of producing land will be added to this county, and the ultimate addition may easily be more than a million acres.

It is for San Diegans to say right now whether that trade is to come this way or go to some other city. We know the people there want to come this way, and we also know the people here want them to come this way.

Prof. J. E. Carr, state of California, has been employed to teach a six months' school in the Imperial School District this year. Prof. Carr has the reputation of being a man of worth and ability as an instructor in the school room. Further particulars will be published soon.

TRIBUTE TO GRANT

CONGRESSMAN LANDIS, of Indiana, in his oration on General Grant at New York on the occasion of the celebration of the seventy-ninth anniversary of the great soldier's birthday, among the oratorical gems, uttered the following:

"How incomparably great and gentle Grant was in victory. Buckner surrendered unconditionally at Donelson, and late that night Grant sought him out and talked over West Point days, then divided money with him. The surrender at Vicksburg was the most momentous up to that time since the invention of gun and powder, and yet that great army marched out and stacked arms without so much as a cheer from the throats of the victors. Grant had asked them to refrain from any demonstration that would add to the humiliation of the conquered. And when the last gun had been fired and the foe was in the dust of defeat Grant was that foe's best friend. Grant gave him rations. Grant told him he could retain his horses as he would need them to cultivate the crops. Johnson proposed to arrest Lee and try him for treason when Grant told him if he did it would resign his commission in the army. And when Sumner, shortly after the war, proposed a great painting in the rotunda of the capitol representing Lee's surrender, Grant killed the proposition, stating that he was unwilling that anything commemorating the victory of one section of the country over the other should be perpetrated in the nation's capitol. Great, mighty, modest, thoughtful Grant!"

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