

Japan and China perfect their machinery and become accomplished in the manipulating of it, how will the generous nations meet that competition?

In our judgment it cannot be done and the only remedy will be to quarantine the country against it. But that is not in issue now. The question this year for the people to decide will be, do they want a modified Dingley, or a modified Wilson bill. The above are the most important questions. We do not look for a restoration of the merchant marine from either party, and the drain of \$250,000,000 per annum, money paid to foreign ship owners in fares and freights, must go on.

We look for no sensible increase in the volume of money that will enable the American interest-bearing debt held abroad to be returned, and thus preventing the sending abroad of \$350,000,000 more to pay the interest of American corporations due annually in the Old World. Neither do we look to see great wastes of public land made cultivatable, nor the needed improvements on waterways, or the building and arming of needed coast defenses; for as it looks to us, that economy which is the worst kind of extravagance is going to be the rule.

Good Days for Salt Lake

THESE are lively days for Salt Lake City. Just as the Carpenters and Joiners' Union host were packing their grips to leave—that they might get a rest—the hosts of the Elsteddfod began to arrive, and since then the air has been filled with music, "and the cares that infest the day" have been driven afar on the crest of the musical wave that has swept over the city. The Elsteddfod has been a superb and most touching and lofty festival, for mingled with the music have been tones which have been reminders of how in the past devout men have sought to praise God in song, until the words of the old Psalm fill in perfectly: "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord; make a joyful noise and rejoice, and sing." The Elsteddfod has been the intellectual feast of the week past. This coming of the host imposes a duty upon residents to see that all who come may be made as comfortable as possible, and have the thought eliminated from their minds that they are strangers; rather to have the thought grow upon them every minute that if they are not perfectly at home, it must be their own fault.

There will be some fine races next week at the fair, and we are promised that they will be run on the square. Now, the man or woman who does

not love to see a splendidly contested horserace lacks something. The horse-tamers have been the world's ruling races from the days of Job down, and the test of the blood horse is his speed and endurance. One of the most interesting exhibits will be, as usual, the horses.

Another of great interest will be the fruit, especially peaches and apples. We expect there will be finer peaches on exhibition here next week than any other of the forty-six states of the Union ever made. If anyone does not believe this, let him go up into the Commercial club and take a look at the trophies which the Utah people took away from California at the exhibit last year, and to remember that twenty-five years ago, before canning fruit became so general, and before improved varieties of peaches were introduced here, Utah dried peaches brought three or four more cents per pound than the peaches of any other region. It would be easy to exhaust a page on the glories of the fair. It will be filled with interest; the beautiful livestock, the handiwork of men and women; the rare fruits; the knowledge gained of the different products and resources of outside districts, and the progress of the work going on in the state.

Bringing garlands and flowers and fruits, Utah has been and is giving her guests. Her valleys have wrapped her comers in their sunshine; the stately mountains smile benignly down upon them; the lake has kept her waters warm to receive them; the air meets them as with a caress, and every hand in the city has been outstretched in welcome. Salt Lake is never disturbed by any envy or jealousy of any other place. She gives all places credit for their attractions, but insists that no other place can furnish heartier good will to guests than she can. And as the guests go away we believe they will agree that the claim is well founded.

Liars and Lying

A CONTEMPORARY considers the question of whether lying is decreasing in the world or not, and cites Prince Bismarck, who, after he got out of office, had no delicacy in describing himself as an uncompromising liar. It intimates that Emperor William was an apt and proficient pupil of Bismarck's. It cites the lie of Ems as "a prodigious thing, unmade one empire, created a greater, and deluged the continent in blood." But still Bismarck was one of the great figures of the nineteenth century and it was credited to him that he never told a trivial lie; all his lies were "for reasons of state." The friends

of Disraeli admitted that sometimes, for state reasons, he enlarged upon the truth, and of Palmerston it was said that he never told a lie outside the House of Commons in his whole life.

We have cited these cases and might add to that merely to show that the editor of the Deseret News is in wonderfully exalted company. It is his ordinary avocation of life, but for his benefit we feel it a duty to quote one sentence from the article, which reads as follows: "Above all, woe to the man of whom it becomes a common belief that he cannot lie without detection. Of such a one the finish is not afar." Because of that sentence we caution the editor of our contemporary; indeed, there might be a nearer contemporary included, not to work the game too strong.

A Square Candidate

ONE thing may be said about Judge Taft: he does not shirk any issue; he does not try to evade any question; he does not attempt, before an audience, to palliate anything he said in the past; he merely says he has charge of his own soul. In Chicago the other day, when the proposition was put up to him in regard to jury trials in all cases of contempt for a violation of a court order not committed in the presence of a judge, he frankly said: "It may be proper to suggest such a change; it may attract the support and approval of those who do not understand its real effect; but so long as I have power of expression and without regard to how it may affect me politically, I shall lift my voice in protest against such a destructive step in our judicial procedure."

There is one thing clear, that if Mr. Taft is elected, it will not be possible to say of him that he obtained his office by cringing, or that he made any promises which will hamper him in the least in the pursuance of what he holds to be his duty.

Credit is due the proprietors of the Inter-Mountain Republican for the Prosperity Edition of that paper issued last Sunday.

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