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PASSING EVENTS

Of Men and Things in the Public Mind.

THE WEEKLY REVIEW

GROWTH OF LIBRARIES.

Public libraries are rapidly on the increase in this country and all because the reading public is taking such a keen interest in patronizing them.

WOMEN AS BENEFACTORS.

As a general thing women are said to be far more penurious, when it comes to making either charitable philanthropic or public donations, than men.

IRELAND AND SCOTLAND.

According to the census returns recently taken by the British government the population of Scotland for the past sixty years has been steadily increasing, while during the same time the population of Ireland has been steadily decreasing.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Population. Rows for 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891.

GIGANTIC OCEAN STEAMERS.

Great ocean craft has not been very extensively built since the failure of the Great Eastern, which was floated in 1865, to accomplish what its promoters expected it would do.

HE VOTED WRONG.

In a lonely as well as lowly little home near Albuquerque, New Mexico, lives Edwin G. Ross, who was at one time United States senator from Kansas, and who enjoys the distinction, if such a distinction can be enjoyed, of being the man who saved President Andrew Johnson from being impeached.

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and fourth generations and they will ever abide with you. Death to this man should be warmly welcomed as a relief from his sufferings.

ALASKA'S BIG BEARS.

Dr. William Lord Smith, of Boston, has recently returned from the Kadiak islands on the Alaskan coast, where he has been hunting for some time. He was successful in capturing two splendid specimens of the Kadiak bear weighing over 600 pounds each, and he claims that though it resembles the Rocky mountain grizzly, it is by no means a species of that tribe.

CIVIL SERVICE SUCCESS.

According to the Seventh Annual Report of the civil service commission, during the past year 46,763 persons were examined, of which 35,025 passed. Of the number passed, 34,473 were for appointments to the service, of which 9,889 were appointed.

PENSIONS PILING UP.

It will be news to a great many persons, and it is surmised, even to many of the old soldiers themselves, to learn that this government has paid out on pension accounts \$2,763,350,000, of which amount \$2,666,904,589 has been paid since the close of the Civil War.

CANADA GROWS SLOWLY.

The census recently taken of Canada has developed the fact that the Canadian government is increasing in population very slowly. For the past ten years the registered gain in that country has only been 505,644, or 10.46 per cent.

BROTHER IN BLACK

Under Critical Eye of Observing Men.

BORROWED THOUGHTS

INDUSTRIES GOING SOUTH.

A rather peculiar condition of affairs is being brought about by the gigantic labor strikes of this country, and a condition that bears closer investigation than the average citizen is inclined to give it.

NEGRO BUSINESS MEN.

Commenting upon the report of the Negro Business League which was recently held in the city of Chicago the Atlanta Constitution gloats over the fact that the most of the business men who took an active part in the convention were men from the South.

NEW MASONIC FRATERNITY.

A new branch in Masonry has recently been organized in the United States among the colored folk, which is known as the National Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted York Masons.

Masonry, while the York rite, which has been represented by Captain Matthews and others of this country for some years, is fake Masonry. Whether this be true, or not, The Republican is unable to say, but there is no doubt but that it means war to the knife between the two branches of colored Masonry in this country in the forming of this new organization.

HE KILLED AN EGRO.

Not many days ago a prominent white man in the state of Alabama was sentenced to life imprisonment for participating in lynching a colored man in that community. This, perhaps, is the first case of its kind in the history of the United States where a white man has been punished in one of the Southern states for taking any part in lynching a Negro, whether he be guilty or innocent.

HOW NEGROES ARE DUPED.

While the newspapers East and West are discussing a few sporadic cases of lawlessness in the South, in which guilty colored men are victims, the Constitution would direct their attention to other outrages upon the race, more infamous in that they are practiced upon the trusting and confiding, who are duped and led astray.

A Georgia detective became possessed of a circular, bearing upon its face such evidences of regularity, that he did not pause to consider its origin. It was issued by what was styled "The International Council of the World," from the chief office in Seattle, state of Washington.

The detective was at the time engaged in a work along this line, prompted by a reward offered by the state. He redoubled his energy, spent an amount equal to what he would have gotten from the state, and succeeded in sending seven white men to the penitentiary.

Mr. C. T. Conover, of this city, shows a patriotic spirit that is worthy of universal commendation on the part of the American people in his advocacy of a McKinley Thanksgiving hospital somewhere in the central portion of the United States in honor of the restoration of the president to health, as now seems evident.

REALM OF RELIGION

Among the World's Christians and Quasi Christians.

PECULIAR CUSTOMS

FILIPINOS TURNING INFIDELS.

From the London Spectator it is learned that the natives of the Philippine islands are rapidly renouncing Catholicism, and it is likewise learned from the same source that the natives are becoming indifferent as to all forms of religion.

PREACHING AND PRACTICING.

Recently a socialist pamphlet was sent out, which took for its text, "Proofs from their own Bible and from common sense that all rich men and most clergymen are frauds and impostors, because they profess to believe what they do not practice."

WANT PERPETUAL PEACE.

The thirty-fourth annual convention of the Connecticut Peace Union concluded its meetings August 17th, and adopted a number of resolutions which run as follows: "That the press league be asked to scatter abroad peace literature."

CHINA WANTS MISSIONARIES.

It will be news to most of the people of this country to learn from George S. Miner, a missionary who has recently returned from China, that during the late Boxer uprisings in that country fully 30,000 Christian natives died for their religion.

upon the minds of the Chinese people that he thinks this to be the most opportune time to fill the country up with missionaries, that the gospel might be spread in every quarter and section of that vast empire.

ITEMS OF INTERESTS

Henry Watterson, the great Southern editor, whose home is in Louisville, Ky., is said to be the most ravenous eater of any man in the United States, especially any man of public note.

Great Britain imports one-third of all the food her citizens consume.

Holland is the only country in Europe that admits coffee free of duty.

According to reports, Ireland annually produces \$60,000 worth of honey.

In the town of Nassau, Sweden, there is a female contingent in the fire brigade.

At present the city of London is consuming more than 4,000 tons of ice per day.

The flux culture in Ireland is decreasing. The decline in acreage was from 229,178 acres in 1870 to 75,000 acres at the present time.

Though this is an automobile age, yet eighty-seven carriage horses were sold in New York city the other day for an average of \$1,000 each.

Vice President Roosevelt has consented to write a history of the "Rough Riders," for the roster of the New Mexico volunteers in the Spanish war.

Potatoes, which have heretofore only been grown under ground, are now being produced like fruit from the stem of the plant and the flavor of such fruit is said to be better than the tuber.

Los Angeles shows the most rapid gain in population for the past ten years. The town was settled in 1871 by Spaniards. It gained 350 per cent. in population between 1880 and 1890 and 100 per cent. between 1890 and 1900.

A sign in one of the largest libraries in Oxford, England, reads: "Women and dogs not admitted here." This notice, however, is not lived up to at present and is merely allowed to hang in its place to show the change that has taken place.

According to geographers, if the sea were emptied of its water, and then all the rivers of the earth were to pour their present floods into the vacant space allowing nothing for evaporation, it would require 40,000 years to fill up the vacuum.

The European dog census has been completed and shows the following: France, 2,864,000 dogs; Germany, 2,200,000; Russia, 1,500,000; Turkey, 350,000; France has twenty-five dogs to every 1,000 persons; Ireland, seventy-three; England, thirty-eight; Germany, thirty-one, and Sweden, eleven.