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Recognition.

The resolution of Mr. CLARK, of Ohio, offered yesterday in the House, granting to the Fenians the rights of belligerents, savors rather of the poorer jokes of a Bowery comedy than the public action of a Representative. We do not know whether Mr. CLARK is accustomed to read the papers, but if he was, he certainly must have become aware that the Fenians in Canada had already failed, that even the semblance of resistance was over, and the gallant invaders were flying like a herd of frightened cattle to escape from their pursuers. It was at such a moment that a motion to recognize as belligerents was made. It is more than probable that the mover, having drafted his resolution on Sunday, was desirous of not losing an opportunity to have it placed on the journal. Recognize! Recognize whom? Recognize whom? There was nobody to be belligerents except a set of societies without local habitation in New York city, and a few brothers in neighboring States.

We would have liked nothing better than to have had the Fenians succeed. Had they captured Toronto and still fought; had they won a victory, and effected what was a lodgment on British soil—then their recognition would have been simply a retaliatory action on England—she accorded to the Confederates the character of belligerents before they could raise an arm. She, with unseemly haste, hurried to declare the American Republic dead, and held a saturnalia over its ashes. Her provinces sympathized with the enemies of the nation, and aided them by every means. For such we have no sympathy. We would like to see the Government adopt the identical proclamation and bill sent forth by Great Britain five years ago. Put Fenian for Confederate, and let it go forth to the world *verbatim et literatim*. It would be a simple action of reciprocity. The course would be sent home to roost.

If the Fenians had succeeded, then would we have favored recognition. But through mismanagement, ignorance, stupidity, dissension, and intolerance, they have only made themselves the laughing-stocks and objects for national jeers. And now when they have failed, for a member of Congress to issue such a bill, is an absurdity. We do not love Canada or England, but we love our self-respect, and we feel it cut and angered by the suggestion of such nonsense as was calmly favored by the Ohio representative.

Forests for the Prairies.

Mr. DONNELLY, of Minnesota, has introduced in Congress a bill looking to the propagation of forests upon the great prairies of the West. Probably in many respects a more important measure than this has never been brought to the attention of the American public. The influence of forests upon the soil, climate, and productions of various portions of the earth's surface is one of the most interesting topics with which physical geography has to deal. Nor is it a subject by any means devoid of interest to the practical statesman. The preservation or destruction of forests affects the supply of timber for naval architecture and for ship-building in general. It influences the price of lumber, and so advances or retards the growth of cities and villages. It determines, to a great extent, the supply of fuel for railroads and factories. It modifies the climate and the soil, and thus affects the supply and prices of provisions. In its more remote bearings, it often determines the question of the habitability even of large sections of country.

The vast prairies of our Western States and Territories are unique. They are treeless, but fertile. The soil is deep and productive. They are so nearly level that the absence of forests does not result in those terrible desolations of the surface by storms and torrents which mark those mountain districts in France where the trees have been removed by the hand of man. On the contrary, they receive back year after year the luxuriant crops of grasses which they bear, and so become richer and richer.

The absence of forests from our Western prairies probably exerts a marked influence upon their climate. Mechanically there is nothing to break the sweep of the winds, and they always prevail with more or less violence. The first thing that strikes a stranger in a prairie country is the constant winds. Day and night they blow almost without intermission. During some seasons of the year these winds are of moderate character as more properly to be denominated breezes, and then they become an agreeable feature of the climate, but at other times they add greatly to its rigors. When in winter the North wind comes sweeping down in unobstructed fury from the Arctic regions, it produces a degree of intense and unendurable cold on the prairies to be found nowhere else. It is no uncommon thing upon the bleak open plains of the West for the mercury to descend to more than twenty degrees below zero. Teamsters, stage drivers, and travellers suffer much more in the winter there than they do in wooded countries in a higher latitude. A temperature that may be endured with impunity when the air is still, becomes speedily destructive of human life when accompanied by a brisk wind. As a result of these terrible winter winds, the raising of fruit upon the prairies is impossible in the same latitude where, in more sheltered localities, it is produced abundantly. Thus upon the prairies of Iowa, which lie within the parallels of Central New York and Northern Pennsylvania, it is found almost impossible to raise even the hardier varieties of apples.

These same winds often add to the heat of summer. Sometimes, after several days of dry, hot weather, a violent wind will sweep up from the south and southwest, and bring with the breath of a very Simoon, over the land. It can be compared to nothing else than to a blast from the mouth of a furnace. We have seen tender vegetation under such a wind scorched and withered as though by contiguity to a fire. The common theory

in regard to these hot winds among the people of the West, is that they are owing to heat and drought prevailing over a vast region of country destitute of mountain ranges and great forests.

There are other peculiarities of the Western country, caused to a greater or less degree by the absence of trees, which it might be interesting to discuss, did our limits permit. For instance, it is worthy of scientific inquiry whether the floods of the Mississippi river, so destructive all along its lower banks, are not owing to the vast extent of unwooded country drained by it and its branches. These floods impose the expense of maintaining a costly and extensive system of levees, which, after all, prove but a partial protection against their ravages. It is probable that the general propagation of forests throughout what is known as the Valley of the Mississippi would result in the almost entire cessation of these floods—not by diminishing the fall of rain, but by preventing the surplus water from so rapidly finding its way to the streams. An open prairie sheds water almost as rapidly as the roof of a house, and prairie streams are universally subject to sudden and excessive floods. Where this system prevails over tens of thousands of square miles, as in the West, even such a mighty stream as the Father of Waters becomes too small to carry off the rapidly accumulated volume of waters consequent upon protracted and widely extended storms, and its restlessness floods spread upon every hand, breaking down the feeble barriers erected by man and laying waste his most valuable works.

What was the original cause of the absence of trees upon the prairies is not known. But now that there are none, it is quite evident that a new growth is prevented by the annual fires which sweep over them. Wherever the fires are kept off a thick and luxuriant growth of underwood springs up immediately, which, in a short time, furnishes fuel for the settler, and in a few years gives him fencing-stuff and lumber. It thus happens that the progress of settlement in a prairie country produces a precisely opposite result to that produced in a wooded country. In the latter the progress of settlement destroys the forests; in the former it tends to restore them. Each prairie settler feels an interest in keeping fire from his own premises; roads across the country check its progress; and in most of the Western States the willful firing of the prairies is made a penal offense. The result is that every year larger bodies of open land are preserved from the ravages of fire, and thus contribute an annual increase to the growth of timber. There is a far greater breadth of forest-timber growing to-day in the prairie regions of the West than there was before the settlements were made.

We do not believe that much can be done by the General Government to directly foster this work. It is on too vast a scale. The experience of other countries, where the destruction of forests has been of more immediate and positive damage, does not afford much hope that legislative enactments can reach the matter. Something might be done by the State governments by way of releasing lands devoted to the growth or preservation of forests from taxation; and something might perhaps be effected by the General Government imposing a tax upon lumber, to preserve our present forests. But the great means to be relied on must be enlightened self-interest on the part of the people themselves.

If THE CHOLERA comes, the sewer at Nineteenth and Chery streets will prove a boon to guide its steps to that locality. Where are the twenty-six inspectors?

THE SOLDIERS' CONVENTION.—The Soldiers' Convention assembled this morning in the Academy of Music, at Pittsburgh. It is composed of delegates elected by the honorably discharged soldiers in all of the counties of the State; and its object is simply to take counsel together in regard to the state of the country and the proper policy for them, as loyal men, to pursue in the future. As the delegates are chosen in open ballot at a regular convention by all the soldiers in each county, we can consider the opinion expressed by them as the utterances of the great body of our defenders. We do not know what tone may be adopted by that body; but whatever it may be, it cannot be denied that its voice is the voice of those whom both parties claim to be in their favor. The attendance, we understand, is very large and its utterances will be looked for with interest.

Why is it that offal, remnants, and refuse matter are allowed to so accumulate in the neighborhood of Broad and Prime, that the stench is almost unbearable?

A SOUND CONCLUSION.—Mr. Ruth, the Moral Instructor at the Eastern Penitentiary, furnishes some valuable statistics of the parentage, habits, etc. of the criminals confined in that institution. From these data he draws the conclusion that the principal causes of crime are "defective early moral training, bad company, and habits of intemperance." Of the five hundred and eighty-five persons confined in the Penitentiary last year, four hundred and eighty-nine were addicted, more or less, to the use of intoxicating drinks. The statistics of pauperism point to the same great producing causes. Pauperism and crime go to make up the burden of our local taxes. They are the twin children of intemperance.

WE WOULD call the attention of the Board of Health to the filthy condition of the alley in Seventh street, above Walnut. Unless looked to it will invite pestilence.

SANITARY AFFAIRS IN NEW YORK HARBOR.—The cholera cases on board the infected ships in New York harbor are increasing in numbers and virulence. The hospital arrangements are exceedingly defective, and, considering the fact that for the last six months the cholera has been an expected visitant, reflect anything but credit upon the municipal and State authorities. To complicate existing troubles, a vessel with two cases of yellow fever on board has arrived.

DOES THE POOL from the stables at Twenty-first and Chestnut streets, which flows into the street, conduce to the health of the community?

EXCESSIVE IMPORTATIONS.—The amount of British goods, exclusive of teas, silks, etc., merely passing through or re-exported from England, sent to the United States during the quarter ending March 31, figured up the enormous sum of \$36,000,000. This is against \$14,000,000 during the corresponding months last year. No wonder gold is going out of the country, when foreign goods, in such overwhelming quantities, are coming in.

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