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#### More Fast Travel.

We have endeavored to keep our readers informed of the schemes for rapid transit that are occupying the thoughts of inventors so constantly. The steamers of the fast line from Halifax, later from St. Charles bay, Labrador, to England, will, it is believed, cross the ocean in five and a half days. But this is only part of a great enterprise to connect Great Britain by direct line of travel with Japan. Trains will rup at light ning speed over the Canadian Pacific, conveying passengers to Vancouver, on the Pacific coast. There new and powerful steamers will receive the tourist, who will fly at the rate of twenty to twenty-five miles an hour across the Pacitic to Yokohama, Japan. The trip around the world will be considerably shortened by this new route.

The steamers for the new British and Asiatic line are already building on the Clyde. The first must be ready by February. Perhaps, then, with the home government several days nearer than it was before, the British fleet in Asiatic waters may take a more active part in the settlement of the Behring's sea ques-

This tast British route will also cut into the travel that now passes through the United States Hitherto passengers from Japan to Europe have followed the route from Yokohama to San Francisco, thence by the Union Pacific railway to New York, where they embarked finally for Europe. Now many of them will undoubtedly take the quicker British

#### La grippe still marches on.

Brazil presents the strange spectacle of a republic governed by a military dicta-

Johnstown, Pa., is larger today than it was before the flood, though only partly rebuilt.

Dec. 30, 1889, woodbines were in bloom in Central park, New York. But it is not too late yet for plenty of cold weather.

Bismarck is ill, and his doctors say he must not be irritated. Bismarck's tendcourse of years is probably partly what has caused his illness. Temper will tell.

Five thousand miles of railway were built in this country in 1889. This is not so much as usual, but it is quite enough to keep up with the development of the country. Railroads that pay their debts, declare dividends and improve their lines are the healthy ones. Two thousand miles of railway were built in the south in 1689.

Parnell's friends say, in brief, that the divorce suit of Capt. O'Shea, which makes him co-respondent, is only another attempt of the Tories to ruin his influence with the Irish people, That further, Parnell was to have married O'Shea's sister long ago, but the young lady died, and Parnell has befriended her brother ever since, even to the point of getting him a seat in parliament. But he warmed a serpent that has turned and stung him.

Murat, the clouded princeling in France where princes are no good, has come down from his lofty pinnacle and now says he will take Miss Caldwell and anything she will give him. Now, if Miss Caldwell has half the spirit of an American woman she will respectfully decline the honor on any terms.

Mohammedan politeness is peculiar. Only for it our National museum would be enriched by the rare and costly decorations the sultan of Turkey presented to S. S. Cox. Mrs. Cox intended to give the decorations to the museum. But in Turkey, when expensive jewels are presented, it is the custom on the death of the recipient to return them to the donor. Consequently Mr. Cox's curiously interesting decorations must now go back to Turkey, where they can be given to some one

It will be a good stroke for our government to have it understood that she will stand by Great Britain in the trouble with Portugal. Our four new cruisers, "the squadron of evolution," are now at Lisbon in company with a number of vessels of the English navy. The unity of interests of all the English speaking peoples of the globe is an ideal whose practicability cannot be too much insisted on. The Pall Mall Gazette says of the proposed agreement of the United States to stand by Great Britain in the Portuguese matter: "Everything which reminds the world that the republic and the empire regard the English speaking race as one entity, with common interests and common objects, is good." The entity of the English speaking race is, in fact, the most splendid dream of modern

AN ALARMINA SITUATION.

A Large Territory Doomed-2,000 Peo-

ple Roosting on Housetons St. Louis, March 31, -Mr. J. J. Hogan, of The Memphis Commercial, arrived here yesterday direct from the flooded district along the Mississippi river. He says the situation is alarming, and that in his opinion the flood has not reached the highest notch.

In the Laconia circle, which is situated in Dushea county, Ark., and comprises 20,000 acres, the scene is a heartrending one. This strip of country is now inundated to a depth of five to twenty feet, and the inhabitants, numbering 3,000 to 3,000 people, whites and negroes, women and children, are perched on housetops and haystacks and in the trees. Live stock not already drowned are maintaining a precarious existence with their owners in some instances on the roof of the residences and elsewhere on improvised platforms of wreckage. Starvation is telling on the cattle, while the human victims are in scarcely less deplorable condition as to food.

From Helena the entire Mississippi delta country, reaching from Vicksburg west to Shreveport and down to New Orleans, seems doomed to destruction. Mr. Hogan reports that all the people in the wide district threatened who realize the true situation are flee ing for

The City of Paris in Peril. LONDON, March 31.-The passengers from the steamer City of Paris have arrived here safely via Dublin and Holy-

last Tuesday an explosion in the engine room of the City of Paris caused a leak. Her stern sank five feet deeper in the water and hundreds of tons of water poured into and filled her after air tight compartments. The en-gines were totally disabled and the greatest steamship afloat roiled helplessly in heavy sea. Life preservers were kept within reach of all hands and the small boats were in readiness. There were enough of these to we all on board.

On Thursday the White Star liner Adriation sound westward, and the little freight hoat Adergate were sighted. The Aldergate manfully undertook to tow the great Inman boat into Queenstown harbor and successfully accomplished the task.

#### Pilgrims to Fredrichsruhe.

BERLIN, April 2.-Prince Bismarck was visited at Fredrichsruhe by 3,000 residents of Hamburg. The ex-chancellor in receiving them was attired in full military uniform. Last evening. 1,100 persons bearing torches and accompanied by bands of music playing national airs marched around the lake in the grounds of the castle. Prepara tions of unprecedented extent and magnificence are making for the cele-bration of the ex-chancellor's birthday today.

#### The New Tariff.

Washington, April 2 .- Mr. McKinley and his colleagues got their bill before the full committee. The treasury es-timates put the reduction of the bill at \$60,000,000, but this does not take into onsideration reductions that will occur from increased duties. Ar. Lafollette. of the committee, says the other reductions by prohibitory duties and increased duties will put the knife in deep. cy to be easily irritated through along On wool, he thinks, the revenues will be reduced \$10,000,000 by increased duties.

### Flack Goes to Jail.

New York, April 1.-Judge Barrett sentenced the Flack conspirators as follows: James A. Flack, two months imprisonment in the Tombs and \$500 fine; William L. Flack, four months' imprisonment in the penitentiary and \$500 fine; Joseph Meeks, one months' imprisonment in the Tombs and \$600 fine: Dilworth Choate, the eavesdrop-ping reporter, one months' imprison-ment in Ludlow Street jail and \$250

### Defaication of \$127,000.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 31. - The joint committee appointed by the legislature to examine the accounts of Treasurer Archer visited Baltimore and opened the box kept by Mr. Archer in the Safe Deposit company, containing the state's securities. The committee made their report to both houses. examination showed a deflict of \$127,000, not including coupons on some of the bonds not accounted for.

Bishop Esher Stants Firm. PORTLAND, Ind., April 1. - Bishop Esher, who has been presiding over the state Evangelical conference here, says he will pay no heed to his recent deposition, but will continue his lavors. ordained several candidates for the ministry. A serious question as to their standing will arise if the general conference upholds the bishop's deposition. Bishop Esher will preside over the Michigan conference on Thursday.

Chosen to Kill the Czar. London, April 4.—The Telegraph's correspondent at St. Petersburg says a man committed suicide there leaving a letter confessing that he had been chosen by ballot to kill the czar, but found himself unequal to committing the deed. His confession contained the names of his accomplices and several of them have already been arrested.

### THE MARKETS.

Prices on the Stock, Produce and Petroleum Exchange. PHILADELPHIA, March 31.-The was dull. Pennsylvania was firm. Lehigh Valley and Lehigh Navigation were steady. Reading was strong, and there was a good demand far the general mortgage is and preference income bonds. The is advanced to 84 in New York.

Following were the closing bids:
Lehigh Vailey... 51% Reading g. m. 4s. 83%
N. Pac. com ... 31% Reading 1st pf. 5a. 66%
N. Pac. pf... 73% Reading 2d pf. 5s. — N. Pac. pf. 73% Reading 2d pf. 5s. —
Pennsylvania 55% Reading 3d pf. 5s. 39
Reading. 20 5-16 H. and B. T. com 16
Lehigh Nav 51% H. and B. T. pf. 43
St. Paul 68% W. N. Y. and P. 73%

New York Produce Market. New York, March 31.—State and western flour slow and steady; low extras, \$2.15 @2.65; city mills, \$4.25@4.45; city mills patents, \$4.75@5.15.

Wheat, No. 2 red slow and steady; March, 87c.; April, 86%c.; May, 87 5-16@87%c.; June, 86%@86%c.; July, 83%c.; August, 84%@84%c.; September, 84%@89 9-16c.; December, 86% @87%c.

Barley-Strong; state, 45@56c.; western, 45@ 82c.; Canadian, 57@5Jc.
Corn—No. 2 strong and moderately active; steamer mixed, 33% 7%c.
Oats—No. 2 quiet and firm, state, 28% 35c.; western, 274@35c.

Pork—St. 766.75.

Pork—Firm, quiet; new mess, \$11.75@12.25; old mess, \$11@11.25; extra prime, \$9.50@10.

Lard—Dull and easy; steam rendered, \$6.50.

Eggs—Steady; fair demand; state and Pennsylvania, 144@1474c.; western, 144c.; southern, 13@144c.

Columbus Day

Some of the newspapers have been remarking that Oct. 12, 1892, would be the great day of the World's fair in America, because that will be the four hundredth anniversary of the very day on which Columbus sighted our continent. A correspondent of The Philadelphia Ledger calls attention to the fact that this would not be correct. According to the Julian calendar, old style, the 12th would be the right date. But the Julian calendar counted 111 minutes too much in a year. In a century this amounted to three-quarters of a day The Julian method of reckoning time was adopted 46 B. C. At the discovery of America the dates were 92 days behind. In course of time this would knock Christmas, Thanksgiving and even Fourth of July all out of kelter.

The calendar was ten days behind at the time of Pope Gregory. In 1582 he rectified it by simply adding out of his supreme authority ten days to the calendar, making Dec. 15 Dec. 25. Whatever popes said went in those days, and all the countries of Christendom gradually adopted the Gregorian or correct calendar, except the Greek church countries, Russia and Greece. These still reckon time by the Julian method, and are now consequently twelve days behind the true time.

All other important dates and birthdays have been changed to suit the new style. This must be also. The true Columbus day is Oct. 21.

#### Our State Legislatures.

We learn in a paper by Mr. Albert Shaw, in The Contemporary Review, all about our American state legislatures. We learn that in a legislative session of twenty-four months in our states no fewer than 25,000 laws are passed.

In the early days of the republic, Mr. Shaw tells us, the Americans had no great faith in written constitutions, and so left mostly everything to their legislatures. The result was an era of wildly extravagant legislation. States were plunged into swamps of debt and had imposed on them no end of cranky, senseless laws. Then the people rose in their majesty and swept away much of this unrestricted legislative power. They put into their state constitution just what a legislature might and might not do, thus protecting themselves from the rapacity and folly of their own lawmakers. From having almost nothing in the state constitution, the tendency is now to put almost everything into it. Our state constitutions are becoming more and more legislative.

oy American state legislatures, embracing as they do about every topic human and divine, would be most instructive. Mr. Shaw is of opinion that a study of learn what not to do in legislation.

In speaking of the colored voter, you ust now say Afro-American citizen.

It would be well to put a small, rapidcing cannon of the kind recommended or coast defense on the mail and express trains in the southwest to blow the train obbers off the track.

A writer laments the "vulgarization of the Alps" on account of the great crowds of common people that travel through them every year. This is indeed sad. And to think that beaven itself must be sulgarized by being filled up with com-

Book hall, one of the dormitories of he Harvard students, is palatial in its luxury and splendor. None but millionaires' sons can dwell therein. No other college in America can show students' quarters at all to compare with it. But, for all that, Vale can outkick Harvard all to pieces in a game of football And 'rinceton can outkick Yale,

Brazil has an established church -the Roman Catholic; but the only distinction the empire made between that and other sects was that other denominations might not have steeples to their churches or ring bells. Other religions than the Roman Catholic might be good enough to let a man slip into heaven, but they were not good enough to be deerving of consideration in this world.

In a country where men mostly have too much work 'to do to cultivate the fine polish of manner which so enhances natural advantages, the late George H. Pendleton was an exception. He was born to wealth, and possessed an attractive presence and person by nature. To this he added by cultivation of both the virtues and graces. His sense of honor was so high, his manner so courteous, graceful and kindly that he early won the name which accompanied him to his grave, "Gentleman George." Besides this distinction, he will be remembered as long as we have a civil service in America as the father of the civil service law. It was the favorite measure of his life. The law was passed, largely through his earnest efforts, when he was United States senator from Ohio.

Do photographers know that they waste \$1,000,000 every year in silver and goldthrow it away with the washings of photographs? That is what a writer in The Photographic Times tells us. At least half of this waste can be saved. Beef-Firm; fair demand; plate, \$7.75@8.23.; and the economical photographer can extra mess, \$7@7.75. in time become rich from his savings in a double sense. There is one point that never seems to occur to many Americans. It is that it is wicked to waste anything that can be of use to man,

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