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MONDAY, MAY 16, 1892.

A DANGER GUARDED AGAINST.

The health authorities are to be commended for their activity in guarding against an outbreak of smallpox, as reported in our local columns, although the disease may not have more than a few coincidences to sustain it. The precautions will not be lost and the safety of the city is thereby assured.

THE GROWTH OF EXPENDITURE.

Senator Gorman's recent speech in favor of the present scale of public expenditures contained an element of truth. It brought out the fact, frequently referred to by THE DISPATCH, that the increase of expenditures has gone on whether the administration was Democratic or Republican, and whether the Republican or Democratic party controlled the majority of the co-ordinate branches of the Government. To prove this the Maryland Senator introduced the following figures:

In the Forty-third Congress (1875 and '76), they were \$63,794,000; in the Forty-fifth (1879 and '80), \$63,547,000; in the Forty-eighth (1885 and '86), \$63,300,000; in the Forty-ninth (1887 and '88), \$63,242,000; in the Fifty-first (1891 and '92), \$63,417,000. So that there has been an increase every Congress, with the exception of the Forty-eighth, no more than what anticipated.

The Senator's figures are to be criticized because they only give those for alternate Congresses and then predicate the increased expenditure for all of them with one exception. Beyond that they seek to conceal the fact that from 1876 to 1884 expenditures were steady on practically the same basis of from \$59,000,000 to \$22,000,000 per annum, but during the Cleveland administration they were swollen to the range of \$350,000,000 to \$400,000,000 annually, while the Billion Congress accomplished the chief d'œuvre of reaching the \$500,000,000 mark, which the present Congress seems desirous of emulating.

This the Senator from Maryland is disposed to approve. "The country grows up with you," declares Mr. Gorman, "and your navy" must grow. This assertion involves two or three considerations. An unceasing endeavor is made to increase the navy. A Presidential campaign on a "Bad Boy" platform would be a striking illustration of our political idiosyncrasies, but we are to be spared that display this time.

PROFESSION AND PRACTICE.

The extremely good son-in-law of a Vanderbilt is to be expected to make a good day out of serving those who work for him. Certainly the device of a contract is not enough to justify the practical exemption of the self-chosen representative of religious plutocracy from the law which is enforcing on the lumber classes of society.

ORNAMENTATION BY STREET CULTURE.

This is the time of the year when the subject of tree planting is brought up by Arbor Day proclamations and the presence of the season when planting is most feasible. There is no more economical and surer way of beautifying the streets of a town than by the judicious planting of shade trees, and yet there is none that is more widely neglected in the towns and cities of this country.

STARTLING ALLEGATIONS.

If any reliance can be placed in the reports published in the New York papers, there is a remarkable illustration there not only of the wholesale way in which the railroads are violating and nullifying the Interstate Commerce law, but of the complete indifference of the public officials in concealing their misdeeds. The case is that of a man named Voltaire, who has been in the employ of the Interstate Commerce Commission and of various railroad corporations. He was arrested about a month ago on a charge of forgery, which he claims to be able to show was trumped up. The significance of the matter is in his assertion that he has possession of a large collection of documents showing consistent and systematic violation of the law by special rates and rebates, enough, it is asserted, to bankrupt some of the prominent railroads if the penalty were enforced in each case. As some of the documents have been produced and published, there seems to be more than a suspicion that his assertions in this case are correct. That the railroads have of late returned to their old practices of favoritism has been suspected for some time, and therefore this disclosure is not startling. But the assertion with regard to official subservience to corporate power is calculated to raise the inquiry whether this is a free country.

VARIATION OF THE STANDARD.

A case of extremely shallow special pleading is indicated by the Boston Herald in reply to a correspondent, who asks if there has been in the last twenty years any fluctuation in the market price of an ounce of gold? The Herald replies: "Not a particle. Fine gold has been worth \$20 67 per ounce all the time. As gold is the standard of value, it cannot fluctuate, unless there should be an alteration of the standard rating either here or in Europe."

THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH, MONDAY, MAY 16, 1892.

PRACTICAL REFORMERS.

SOME TIME about this season of the year comes the "Self Denial Week." It will not probably be recalled by the citizens of Pittsburg. It belongs to an ecclesiastical calendar which is not much consulted in this neighborhood. Nevertheless, it is a notable and widespread religious institution. It is a week of self-denial, undertaken by some of the poorest people in the world, for the furtherance of religion. It is the work of the Salvation Army.

The New York street cleaning department has been reorganized again with the same head and a new and choice assortment of salaries. As there is no clean sweep in the department, the same desirable quality bids fair to be lacking on the streets.

The announcement by General Porter that \$75,000 are needed to complete the New York Grant monument fund is an evil omen for the monument work of a public enterprise, and also a demonstration of the lack of it in that work for the past few years. When General Porter took the monument work three months ago \$23,000 was needed. His success is rapidly removing the discredit which that uncompleted monument has cast on the chief city of the nation for the past five years.

Now Garza comes to the front again with a report of ten people killed in his first skirmish. No one would suggest that Garza resembles Truth in any other respect, but it is notable and widespread that a significant number of the pockets of these poor people!

The fact that Mississippi possesses the severest anti-gambling law and the strictest law for the regulation of the selling of the State's revenue, is referred to by the New York Sun as evidence that "the present center of Puritanism" is in that State. It would be a notable and widespread if it were merged in the beneficence of the rich. The Roman Catholics, the Methodists, and the Salvation Army show that a great mountain does rise after being crushed to earth in a most persistent manner.

The student of the industrial census in Philadelphia and the infatuation of the Democratic census in New York leave a question of nomenclature whether the census bureau is to be considered as a political pudding or a political balloon.

The indolent Cuban is welcoming the Chinaman to do his work for him. From the reports of the Cuban dentist, it is clear that the Cuban is becoming too high priced for the Cuban. The resultant population of non-working Spaniards, mulattoes, negroes and coolies is the acquisition to the United States of a great number of cheap laborers.

The reports of the Minneapolis convention of the Minnesota laborers are plainly indorsement. The laborers of the platform makers and the distribution of chairmanships cannot be effected without due deliberation.

There is pertinence in the recommendation to Postmaster General Wainmaker that he should reform the policy of the Cleveland administration they were swollen to the range of \$350,000,000 to \$400,000,000 annually, while the Billion Congress accomplished the chief d'œuvre of reaching the \$500,000,000 mark, which the present Congress seems desirous of emulating.

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The vagaries of Presidential booms are indicated by a statement that the boom of the Cleveland administration was \$227,000,000 and \$229,000,000. The growth of population during the succeeding decade was about 24 per cent. On the enormous supposition that direct expenditures must increase in Government with population, this would justify the increase of expenditures to about \$310,000,000 in 1891 and 1892, whereas they actually grew to about \$500,000,000. It has been supposed that an intelligent fiscal policy would inquire whether if expenditures were increased in one direction they might be retrenched in another. This was done to a certain degree during the period in which Senator Gorman refers. At the time of the Cleveland administration the interest on the public debt amounted to \$100,000,000 and pensions to about \$300,000,000. They have changed places, but pensions have increased more than interest has decreased. The growth in the total of the two items is about \$400,000,000. So that if we accept the theory that expenditures must increase as the population does, and allow for the excess of pension appropriations, the total of the two items would probably be about \$350,000,000.

It is idle for Senator Gorman to tell us that the \$150,000,000 of annual expenditure outside of this liberal allowance is to be accounted for by "the construction of your navy, opening the harbors, deepening the rivers and making great guns for the army and navy." The actual fact is that the interest on the public debt for the year 1890 is about \$200,000,000. The alarming growth in the grand total is simply due to the lavishness that came in with the politicians of the caliber that makes an appropriation the goal of its political ambition. This is illustrated by the fact that the civil and miscellaneous expenditures represent \$900,000,000 of the increase.

ADMIRAL GERRARD was on board of an excursion train in Georgia, last Wednesday, when a collision occurred that did only a little actual damage, but caused much alarm.

THE most conspicuous woman composer of the time is Miss Augusta Holmes, who lives in Paris among her trophies, medals, wreaths and framed decorations. She is said to be a regular musician, but it is not known to her art.

WHILE Queen Victoria was in Darmstadt recently she held a private investiture of the Garter at the Schloss and conferred the Order of the Garter on Duke Ernest of Hesse. The Duke was dressed in the highest of the Order, which had belonged to his lately deceased father.

MISS REGINA MORPHY, of New Orleans, a niece of the great chess-player, has completed a book on the chess game, "Morphy's Chess," which she has dedicated to the Chess Club of the Crescent City. Miss Morphy is said to be a remarkably talented woman. She accomplished in music, painting and speaks three languages fluently.

ARMY of the Cumberland Session. WASHINGTON, May 15.—The next annual session of the Army of the Cumberland, to be held at Chickamauga, has been finally fixed for September 15 and 16. It will thus take place the week before the Grand Army encampment at Washington, instead of the week after, as first planned. Western railroads will sell tickets at reduced rates to Chattanooga, and, if desired, to return by the Washington, Great Northern, and the Society of the Army of the Cumberland, has been recommended to inspect the work on the battlefield to assist in the work of establishing the National Park.

First World's Fair-Working Finished. CHICAGO, May 15.—The Mining and Building at the World's Fair grounds is finished. Superintendent of Construction Geraldine inspected the completed structure of the Mining and Building, and recommended to Chief Barnham. The Mining Building has the honor of being the first structure of its kind ever completed, but there are several others closely following it which will be finished in a few days.

Chickon Will Have Lots of Fruit. CLARKSBURG, May 15.—Reports on the probable fruit crop from all over the county are very favorable. Cherry and apple trees are covered with buds, while peach and plum blossoms are in full bloom and have an average crop. Fruit will be fully open, if not superior to last year. The cherry crop of last month did very little damage here.

Religious Colony From Pennsylvania. PROXIMA, May 15.—A large colony of religious sect known as the River Brethren has arrived here from Pennsylvania and purchased a tract of land 14 miles from the town for fruit-growing purposes. The tract is bounded by the river and will be divided according to the sect's rigid religious observances. The colony will be joined by 300 more members.

PLENTY OF FRUIT THIS SEASON.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(Special.)—Notwithstanding the late frost frosts, farmers are expecting a great crop of fruit this season. Green grape, plum, apple and pear trees are full of blossoms, while peaches are already looking green. It is said to be in rather bad shape. Farmers are plowing at intervals in the hayfield whenever the heavy rains give them a chance to do field work.

Last year apples were so plenty and cheap at Somerset it hardly paid to gather them, and thousands of bushels rotted on the trees. Farmers have said that this year's plenty makes another year's want; but that saying will hardly be true this year. Fruit crops of all descriptions are again with blossoms that promise another year of plenty.

Similar report comes from Meadville. Indiana county boasts of the best load of blossoms ever carried on all kinds of fruit trees. It is said that the crop will be certainly be duplicated. It was at first feared the late frost had done considerable damage to the fruit, but the report is that it has been done. Not so good reports are being made of the crop, which is said to be a success. The crop is said to be a success. The crop is said to be a success.

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SENATOR VANCE IMPROVING.

His Wife Explains How He Came to Be Taken So Ill.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Senator Vance arrived here this morning from his mountain home in North Carolina, where he has been taken sick the middle of last week. Although the Senator rode in a buckboard, yesterday, and spent last night in the hospital, he is now recovering from his illness. He is said to be a success. The crop is said to be a success.

Two Ways of Suppressing Competition. The truth is that neither do trusts benefit the rich and injure the poor, nor do unions benefit the poor and injure the rich to anything like the extent commonly supposed. Both are essential to the progress of the world, and both are necessary to the well-being of the people.

A SEASON OF SELF-DENIAL.

Salvation Army Soldiers Expect to Save \$1,000,000. NEW YORK, May 15.—(Special.)—During the last week the Salvation Army of the United States has been having the "season of self-denial." On April 30 Ballington Booth sent a circular to all the churches, asking them to urge their members to deny themselves of some special thing during that week, and to give the proceeds of the denial to the army for the relief of the poor.

LOST HER JOB AS TEACHER.

Mary Elizabeth of Her Sunday School Pupils, a Chinese. NEW YORK, May 15.—(Special.)—A certificate of disqualification was issued to a French teacher yesterday by the Brooklyn Board of Health by Rev. James Higgins, a Methodist minister, who married the couple Thursday last at his home. Edward French, a French teacher, and his wife, a Chinese, were both present at the ceremony. The teacher was found to be a danger to the health of the pupils.

THE COEUR D'ALENE WAR.

Guards Imported to Protect Non-Union Miners Arrested by the Sheriff. WALLACE, Idaho, May 15.—A special train on the Northern Pacific arrived this afternoon, having on board 100 non-union miners for the purpose of protecting the union miners. The train was met by the sheriff and the guards were taken to the mines. The miners were found to be a danger to the health of the pupils.

DEATHS HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

Jonathan Blochard, Educator. Jonathan Blochard, President Emeritus of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., died yesterday at his home in Chicago. He was 70 years of age. He was a prominent educator and a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago.

MARKED BY A SUICIDE MASTER.

A Dog Watches the Hanging Ceremony With an Owl That Is Found. WILMINGTON, May 15.—William Bolesly, a carpenter, aged 35 years, was found dead in the lot of his shop for the hanging of a dog. The dog was found to be a danger to the health of the pupils.

FIVE CORPSES RECOVERED.

BOSTON, May 15.—Superintendent Bradley, of the Farm School at Thompson's Island, reports the finding of the bodies of five of the boys drowned in the water of City Point. The bodies were found in the water of City Point. The bodies were found in the water of City Point.

ONE CONTRACTOR GIVES IN.

THE OTHERS IN THE PAVING BUSINESS SAY THEY WILL NEVER SURRENDER. BARRE, Vt., May 15.—H. Webster, a wealthy quarry owner and large paving contractor, has signed his paving contractor's bill of prices. He is said to be a danger to the health of the pupils.

THE HUMOR OF POLITICS.

GRAY STILL INSISTS THAT HE IS IN THE PROTESTANT CATHOLIC PARTY. CHICAGO, May 15.—The Chicago Herald reports that Gray still insists that he is in the Protestant Catholic party. He is said to be a danger to the health of the pupils.

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MARK ROBB DIED EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING IN HIS 83d year on his farm in North Fayette township. He was a prominent citizen and a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago.

CHIEF STEIN DIED.

CHRIST STEIN DIED ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON after three months' sickness, at the residence of his mother, 25 Lombard street, where he was born. He was 70 years of age. He was a prominent citizen and a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago.

COMPETITION'S STRUGGLE.

NEW YORK, May 15.—(Special.)—The Fight Against Competition, the title of Mr. J. H. Marshall's article for to-morrow's Sun, which is as follows:

While the authorities of New Jersey and of Pennsylvania are vigorously exerting themselves to break up the coal combination, the original indictment of the officers of the whisky trust, under the Sherman anti-trust act, recently obtained in Boston by the United States Government, has been quashed by the court on technical grounds, leaving the vital point at issue yet to be decided. This point, as remarked four weeks ago in this column, is whether men can properly be punished for offering special inducements to customers to trade exclusively with them. If they can, a great many other people are in the same boat, and equally liable to the penalties of the act. Unless, too, it is allowable in some form or other for men in business to combine to protect and benefit themselves, the whole of the United States Government, has been prohibited, those of the laborers employed in production will have to be prohibited also. The ground of the opposition to the Sherman trust is that it raises the prices of commodities to consumers, and yet unions of laborers to secure higher wages, or shorter hours, or in any other manner to improve their condition, compel their labor, eventually less and to raise the prices of whatever their labor produces. It is as if that element is concerned, therefore, in the trust, the trust is a trust of all kinds are laden with blossoms. The trust is a trust of all kinds are laden with blossoms. The trust is a trust of all kinds are laden with blossoms.

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