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ments with a brass band. It might make Grover mad. Although the Cuban revolution has temporarily obscured the Armenian question it is well to remember that Turkey needs disemboweling.

An International Nuisance.

We do not see how we can improve upon the following witty and pointed expression of opinion which we notice in the Chicago Times-Herald. That excellent journal puts the whole Cuban problem in the compass of two hundred words by saying that "when a citizen injures his neighbors by permitting a nuisance on his premises municipal authority may and frequently does intervene to suppress it. When any state tolerates within its borders a nuisance offensive or injurious to a neighboring state the neighboring state may employ the methods pointed out by law to compel the neighbor to put an end to the injury or the offense. When a sovereign government so conducts its business of governing as to create and maintain a nuisance to other sovereign governments, other governments, singly or in co-operation, may take what steps the laws of nations approve for abatement of an international nuisance.

"Spain, in the language of law, is a nuisance. Decade after decade it has maintained a nuisance in a highway of peaceful commerce. Decade after decade it has promised to abate the nuisance and has broken the promise. Decade after decade American citizens resident in Cuba have been injured in their persons and property, and there has been no redress except by the circuitous route of Madrid. Appeal that tribunal has been attended with prolonged avoidance of conclusions. Decade after decade the coasts of the United States have been infested with filibusters watching a chance to violate our neutrality laws out of just animosity against a cruel and distant power oppressing a brave people entitled to human rights if not to representative institutions.

Whip the Wife-Beaters.

While the general opinion seems to be that inasmuch as the recommendation of the whipping-post for wife-beaters, recently presented by the District of Columbia grand jury, has to receive the approval of congress before it can become effective it will not be established in Washington, the Post of that city argues earnestly for the experiment's adoption. "Excellent gentlemen," it says, "who do not beat their own wives and who have no female relatives whose husbands beat them are very fond of declaiming against the brutality of flogging and of subsequently admiring themselves as persons of a sensitive and exalted humanity. Far removed from the degraded atmosphere in which such infamies flourish, and hedged about from all possible contact with their shameful consequences, these easy-going philanthropists find no sort of difficulty in preaching a gentler, if not a found safe persuasion. But these are not safe guides in things outside of their experience. The truth is that the whipping-post is no more an attribute of barbarism than the dungeon or the gallows. Our benevolent optimist is not opposed to either of those agencies of law because they both apply to crimes of which he is keenly aware. He approves the penitentiary as a remedy for those who threaten his property, and the hangman's noose as a warning to those who would imperil his life. He is indifferent to the anguish of the wife and child-beater's victims because that anguish does not touch him personally.

Imperilled by a Foolish Friend.

According to Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota, the votes of the delegates from Minnesota, the Dakotas, Montana, Oregon, Washington and possibly Wisconsin will be cast in the next Republican national convention for Senator Cushman K. Davis, of Minnesota, for president. Mr. Davis, he declares, "is a man of great ability, honest, plainspoken and possesses statesmanlike qualities of the highest order. He would make a president who would be neither a hypocrite nor a fraud, as our last two presidents have been. He would not use the veto power to override the will of the majority, and his friends and the people would always be sure of his working in their interest." The senator from Minnesota has never been a temporizer nor an ingrate. He is absolutely fearless on all questions, as his course in regard to the Chicago railway riots proved, and he has never sacrificed a principle to gain an end.

Morbid Sentimentality.

Does it ever occur to the reader that morbid sentimentality is alarmingly on the increase in this country? That the tendency to wreathe the vice in a halo of martyrdom seems to be becoming more popular daily? A few years ago the individual whose hands were stained with the blood of innocence; the cold-blooded assassin or the man of ungovernable passions, was considered fortunate in getting a fair trial before an unbiased jury. And when the verdict was rendered little effort was made to thwart the ends of justice through the medium of pardon boards or legal technicalities.

before the execution takes place, if it ever does take place.

Observe the case of Durant, the California fiend, who is now on trial for one of the most atrocious murders committed since the days of "Jack the Ripper." The chain of circumstantial evidence has been wound about this cruel wretch in a manner that can leave no doubt of his guilt of the murder and mutilation of two young girls. His side of the case is utterly without a straw to prove his innocence. Yet he is the recipient of the usual number of bouquets from silly creatures who are a disgrace to womanhood, and, it is said, contributions of money have been pouring in from all sides to defray the expenses of his trial.

ATLANTA GOSSIP.

Over 700 Pennsylvanians have registered thus far at the Pennsylvania building in Atlanta. It is now completely furnished, and is ready for the reception of the Key-Stone State building at Chicago. It is completely furnished and in a few days will receive the chief of the Liberty Bell, which, instead of standing in the loggia, as at first intended, will occupy a prominent place, guarded by beautiful fence from the Scranton Iron Fence company.

The Pennsylvania day celebration has been partly arranged. A special train of five cars will leave Harrisburg at 4 o'clock on October 11, arriving at Chattanooga on the 12th in time for the dedicatory exercises of the Pennsylvania monuments at Chickamauga on the 13th. The party will proceed to Atlanta the next day and will dine and sleep in the cars during the stay at the exposition. The party will number about 100 and will be composed of Governor Hastings with his cabinet and staff, and the thirty members of the commission with the eighteen or twenty ladies composing the Woman's auxiliary. Other special sections will include the Pennsylvania contingent, which will be the most magnificent series of Pullman coaches ever sent out by the Pennsylvania railroad.

Addresses will be made in the forenoon at the Woman's exhibit free of charge. The newspaper story started from the fact that the railroads have endeavored to protect themselves from the abuse of their generosity by raising the rates. As to the hotel rates, the proprietors of the great Atlanta hotels are using considerable language familiar to "Chimie Fadden" when they speak of the unprofitable rates that have been told. The Arizona, the Kimball, and the many immense places of entertainment emphatically contradict the statement that their rates have been charged beyond the regular schedule that prevailed before the opening of the exposition. Many of the finest old mansions in the city have been thrown open to visitors and are being let for a cent to a visitation to be found without difficulty at exceedingly reasonable rates.

A street railway company has a monopoly in some respects and despite the protests of the other major transit agencies has increased fares to 10 cents, but the exposition committee has endeavored to counteract this extortion by running omnibus and hordes for five cents. Hence Northern visitors need feel no concern about the danger of being imposed upon in Atlanta. Many Scrantonians expect to go down next month.

The success of the Pennsylvania work at the exposition is largely due to the untiring efforts of Mr. T. J. Keenan, Jr., who has devoted not only enthusiasm but also a remarkable degree of talent to the undertaking. The commission was wise in selecting a new member, but the secretary, and were particularly fortunate in choosing this special man.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS.

Quit Carrying Concealed Weapons. Pittston Item: "The lawless custom of carrying concealed weapons, and the utter inadequacy of the enforcement of our laws regarding the sale and possession of such unnecessary instruments of self-protection are subjects worthy of serious consideration by those to whom the protection of the lives of our citizens is entrusted. In this community no one, except, perhaps, an officer of the law, authorized for special purposes to carry such a deadly weapon, should be permitted to hold a license for such an instrument. It is a manufacturer and a law-breaker in intention if not in effect. The possession of a deadly weapon of this kind is a violation of its holder to disorder and violence, nay, sometimes to murder, which might be avoided, if a destructive instrument were not so ready at hand."

Cleveland World: "The talk about the new woman as a train robber is all nonsense, if she wears bloomers how can she hold up a train?"

Yes, and Add Bloomers. Philadelphia Bulletin: "It is dignified and proper for the judge to wear a costume better than the office and bespeaks for them the respect which seems to cling to its solemn color and respect-

able appearance. It conceals any physical deformities they may be afflicted with, and gives them a noble, reverent air. We will look well to it. But to give it proper effect and enhance their own dignity they should remove their moustaches.

A Crank Who Succeeds. Philadelphia Bulletin: "When Theodore Roosevelt started out to make an honest and logical enforcement of the Sunday liquor laws in New York he was generally regarded as a crank. Less than four months have gone by, and now the entire Republican party of the Empire state joins on record in pledging to sustain his course, on record. Like Parkhurst, is one of the cranks that usually succeed in what they attempt."

The Southern Oratorical Surplus. Memphis Commercial Appeal: "The Washington Post thinks that the Atlanta exposition opening would not have been marred if the oratory had been omitted from the programme. Alas and amen. This thing of making speeches every time you cut a watermelon has grown a trifle too common. If the thing keeps on it will be impossible to open a watermelon or a barlow knife without an oration."

A Period of Agonizing Uncertainty. Washington Star: "The American drama waits breathlessly to know whether Texas is going to permit. Theatricals Corbett and Fitzsimmons to run the risk of losing each other to the stage."

Abbreviate It, Then. Chicago Times-Herald: "Another advantage of a short presidential campaign would be the relief on the working hours of the idiots who take the straw votes on the railway trains."

A Delicate Way of Putting It. New York Mail and Express: "Too many make it a rule never to look at a mirror except through a magnifying glass."

Hello! Is that you, John? Yes, is that you, John? How are you feeling today, John? Very well, I thank you, John. You don't cherish any hard feelings toward me on account of the railroads at the army, do you, John? Certainly not, John. That's good. I'll see that you are taken care of at the postoffice, John. All right. You liked me, but I'm satisfied. I'm glad when I had enough. I'm no hog, John. Shake! Let's pull together, and we'll both politically speaking, be "on the hog" either, John. Z-z-z-z-z-z!

Is that Sarah? Yes, it is. Are you going to attend the foot ball game to-day, Sarah? No! I'm not. Why? Because they're too funny up there. How's that? Well, when I went up with Nellie at the last game, she kept finding fault with the players— She's been away at school, you know. She said the players were a lot of jays with a little politics in the head, but she had back-though, she said.

Yes. And I said: "What do you want a half back for, when you only paid a quarter to come in at the gate?" and everybody laughed, and some of the fellows pretended to drop dead. I don't see anything so funny about that. Do you? Z-z-z-z-z-z!

Exchange, please connect me with Hon. M. J. Sando. Hello! Is that Mr. Sando's office? No, sir. Is that Mr. Sando? No, this is the office boy. Will you please ask him if there is anything new in the political situation. This is The Tribune speaking. He isn't here. I haven't heard him say anything about politics only what he was singing the other day.

What was that? Something like this: "Oh! Uncle John! Since I have been in the army Political life is too lively for me. I'll never go back again!" Z-z-z-z-z-z!

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