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The veteran Quay-batter, Editor Ben Haines, of the Honesdale Independent, now shows a disposition to train his guns upon Senator Flinn.

Of Ominous Significance.

HERE is an ominous signifiunce in the continued reports from every section of the use of force by mobs to men who do not belong to labor unions from working in places which union members have abandoned. The latest instance is at Rochester, N. Y., where striking street laborers marched in mass upon men who had taken their deserted places, and but for the interposition of armed police, who fired five volleys into the air, would no doubt have committed serious acts of violence. In the South the other day an incident of this kind occurred with the police force of one man, insufficient to check the mob. a frightful outrage was the

It is not unfriendly to the legitimate purposes of organized labor to point out that the development of this spirit in the unions is fatal to their just ends. The sympathy of the publie always starts with wage-earners who aim to better their condition in life. But it cannot last when the measures for betterment take the form of abuse of other wage-carners just as much entitled to earn an honest living as are the members of

It does not appear that Mr. Bryan's graceful letter declining the presidential nomination was necessary to head off heavy pressure in his behalf.

The Contagion of Crime.

HERE has been a good deal uncalled for criticism of the recent action of Mayor Morse of Emporia, Kansas, in asking the editors of the three daily papers published in that town to refrain from publishing details of suicides. He said that the publication of such details had caused an epidemic of suicides in that community within the last two years.

In making that statement Mayor Morse declared no new thing as to the effect of such publication. Over and over again philosophical observers have expressed belief that the detailed publication of suicides, murders, and disgraceful divorce proceedings has been the exciting cause of what Emporta's mayor names an epidemic of similar crimes. Their deduction is neither far-fetched nor open to question. It is in exact line with the evil results upon many boys' minds and acts of their reading of fiction of the Jesse James type. The ruin of many young lives by that is admitted on all

Why Mayor Morse proposed to use the agency of the city board of health in case the papers failed to comply with his request, has been frequently asked within the last few days. His own answer is that the existent law providing for the suppression of epidemics gave him the right so to take

"If the paper," he said, "on which these local papers are printed had been kept in a place infected with smallpox I could demand that these papers quit using that paper or stop publication. If they spread another contagion, the contagious suggestion of suicide. I believe the liberty of the press is not to be considered before the public welfare, and that the courts would sustain me in using force to prevent the publication of papers containing matter clearly deleterious to the public health."

He adds to his statement that the editors of the Emporia papers have taken the same view of the evil done as himself, "and will suppress the details of suicides until the epidemic subsides

The entire experience of the human race proves that "evil communications corrupt good manners" as effectually when made through the written word as by the spoken one, and often far more insidiously. Evil books of many kinds, and the "yellow" press are responsible for a terrible proportion of erimes, committed each year in "enlightened" communities.

Lieuenant Peary doubtless realizes that little interest can be created by an Aretic explorer who does not luse himself during the trip.

Irrigation and Trees.

FEW days ago in Washington, D. C., before the Industrial commission, Professor Meade, the irrigation expert of the Agricultural department of the government, made some statements of very serious moment. He said that "irrigation is necessary in two-fifths of the area of the United States in order to make farming profitable." Any one who will take the trouble to equality a map of this broad country that the Mad Mullah is still angry.

upon which the "arid" and "semiarid" lands are marked will see for himself how correct this estimate actually is.

But it is not in that great western and southwestern territory only that this is so. Said Professor Meade the time has come in which irrigation is a necessary adjunct to market gardening all along the Atlantic coast. That is, all through the eastern districts of which but a generation ago it could be truthfully said, "Tickle the land with a hoe, and it laughs back at you with a harvest." That was before the forests that conserved the waterourses, and nursed the springs that fed them, had been recklessly destroyed-trees from the small sapling to the giant of the forest indiscrimately cut down, and those not wanted left to decay or the whole space wantonly swept with fire.

Professor Meade said that within the last few years irrigation redeemed an area in Louisiana and Texas larger than some New England states. That is where there are great rivers, some of the sources of which are still kept full by snows and springs from high mountain regions where the spoiler has not yet compassed forest ruin.

In many parts of the great Rocky mountain and Sierra regions he has wrought such ruin. Already the question of "water rights" of irrigation litches and canals has become a burning question in the far Western states and territories. There is not irrigation enough for all. Some are crowded into hopeless poverty after bitter litigation, or because they are unable to begin it. Why? Because irrigation cannot be successfully kept up, cannot be made adequate for all, unless there is an immense restoration and conservation of the forests. East and West this must be done. It will take Federal and State government and individual effort o do all that is necessary. The greater the population of the country grows, as it is constantly growing, the more imperative will be that necessity. In our own state there have been warnings for years in midsummer droughts. Farmers and railroad men know it

It would seem as though some method aside from depriving Indians of their possessions should be employed to get at the mischief-making "squaw men" of the Indian territory.

The Same Old Story.

HE WARM weather season of pessimistic thinking is at hand, and one of the most striking of its manifestations that we have seen appears as an editorial in the usually cheerful Washington Post. For example:

"Today the test of power, influence, merit, is hard cash. There are millionaires who benefit their less fortunate fellow-men through the agencies of sympathy and loving help-who do not degrade and pauperize them by alms-giving which they can proclaim for their own aggrandizement from the housetop. It is our pride and consolation to know that many such survive even in this sordid day. But they are good here and there yet their work is unknown this side of heaven, and would be but slightly honored if all should hear it. In this mad chase for wealth and the vulgar ostentation and pinchbeck prominence that go with it. who stops to put a value on the patient prophet of morals, usefulness, high thought, and noble aspiration? We see scholars teaching the young at wages in ordinary machinist would despise, We see clergymen wearing out their noble lives among the poor and the afflicted who count for less by the money standard than a hodearrier or a bootblack. The Chief Justice of the United States has an income which no firstrate jockey would consider worth his while. The other day William C. Whitney gave his trainer \$10,000 for a

single race. Pugilists like Fitzsimmons or McGovern make more in one night than hard-working members of congress or responsible cabinet officers make in a whole year. Edna May ture and the Manufactures and Liberal disports her vapid face and shapely Arts. legs, and they pay her better than the government pays its most gifted ampassador or its greatest statesmen. Nat Goodwin, a capering clown, prospers and grows rich while astronomers, philosophers, poets, historians and scientists wear shiny coats and are grounds add the greatest possible glad to get beiled mutton twice a

Assuming all these things to be true, what of it? Was there ever a period of civilized society when the conditions were otherwise? It is all a matter of temperament and it takes all kinds of people with all kinds of tastes, ambitions and ideals of enjoyment to make a world. What is one man's meat is another man's poison. Some who take delight in accumulating wealth would fare but ill as builders of character and most of our good teachers and preachers would make a sorry fist of it trying to grasp at great fortunes. These inequalities from the dollar standpoint have always existed and must always be expected. If they were leveled today they would reappear tomorrow. The resources of Ordnance, Acetylene, Government Buildphilosophy and religion are ample to offset them and to reconcile mankind and those devoted to the South Amerito them if made use of. Worrying over them will not change them nor add an iota to the sum of human hap-

"Autumn Hay-Gatherers" is the title f a picture by an American artist that has taken second prize in the Paris salon. Parties who are familiar with the hay-making season will be of the opinion that the artist and judges have and vehicles, the strange noises and acquired their knowledge on the sub- the kaleidoscope of color are a conject solely from contemplation of the stant source of amusement.

baled article. In the absence of snake yarns and ther warm weather news, the yellow reporter "in our midst" exhibits a propensity for writing ghost stories regarding threatened shake-ups in the that it is a city "sans back yards." municipal government.

If the bench keeper of court house square is waiting for an invitation to produce his furniture, some one ought to circulate a petition among taxpay ers at once.

Time Required to Do the Exposition

Buffalo, N. Y., June 26. HAS been intimated before in A these comments, there are people who say that anybody can do the Pan-American in three days. I have heard a few who assert it to be their belief that one day is all that is necessary for the entire show. Of course, there are those, too, who consider three weeks ample time in which to see all Europe. One can "see" 2,000 people in an audience in the space of half a minute. One can look at a glass of water alleged to contain three million microbes to the square inch in a second. One can "see" a field of a hundred acres, or a forest of many thousand trees, without con-

suming any extended time. The truth of the matter is this, if ne has only time and money enough to allow but a single day at the expositio, a great deal can be seen in that day. The grounds are open from a. m. to 10.30 p. m. From 8 until a general survey of the buildings and their surroundings can be taken. Of course, there is no time for details. One must not pause to study the allegorical meaning of the magnificent croups of statuary or to gain any information regarding the newer triamphs of the mechanical arts, or read the interesting inscription on the wonlerful collections in the Ethnological building. One can not take an hour of quiet rest in the splendid Temple of Music while listening to some world-famed organist, nor stay to watch the glorious sunset effects at evening behind the Oriental sky line; nor drink in the beauty of the city. One could scarcely carry away a solitary impression of the contents of the Art gallery, where the unfinished catalogue lists 925 pictures, these omprising only a part of the exhibit and including none of the sculpture nor the Canadian paintings, nor the superb collection or original drawings and miniatures.

After 6 o'clock in the evening the Government building is closed and the exhibits in most other places are unattended. The evenings are exclusively devoted to gazing at the illuminations, listening to Sousa or visiting the Midway. The person who can see the whole exposition in one day can probably describe the Midway with more accuracy and detail than anything

There are seven great entrances. The riew from each is differently beautiful. Elmwood avenue cars run through the most delightful part of Buffalo and give the passengers glimpses of Delaware avenue, often declared to be the finest street in America, of North street and many other surpassingly elegant residence portions of the city It takes you to Elmwood gate or West Amherst gate, the former being very near the Albright Art gallery and the Woman's building, the latter opening nto the Midway near "Alt Nuremberg" and the Infant Incubator.

A transfer via the Forest avenue line akes you to Lincoln Parkway gate at the Permanent Military camp, and leading through this magnificent park. where the dense shade of great old forest trees and the blue gleam of the lake with its swans, its lotus blossoms, its secluded walks and drives, have for of no avail against the flood. They do years been a feature of Buffalo. This also leads the way across the beautiful bridge at the right of which is the government life saving station and ex-hibit, to the noble Approach and Fore Court, separated from the grand Esplanade by that miracle of genius and inspiration, the Triumphal Bridge-to me the most wonderful feature of the exposition.

It is difficult to see how one can gaze without a thrill, from any point of view, upon these four colossal columns. rising hundreds of feet on their massive foundations and surmounted by these superb horses that rearing on the dizzy height bear their riders almost as flying gods of battle. The Meadow gate opens nearest to the Art Gallery, which is far, far away from the centre or civilization on the Midway.

The Water Gate is at the extreme lower corner of the Park Lake. East Amherst Gate opens directly into the place of the live stock exhibits and thence to the Mall, separating the splendid building occupied by Agricul-

The New York Central and Hudson River railroad terminal is at the northern entrance, where the curving Propyaea, with its majestic columns, guards the Plaza and its wonderful Sunken Gardens.

These many colonnades about the charm to the general effect, the niches are filled with gleaming white statues and the pillars will soon be wreathed with vines. This loveliness of verdure s a distinct feature of the Pan-Ameri can, as compared with all the exposi tions hitherto held in America. The lakes are rimmed with iris and water plants. The rose gardens are masses of bloom, the arrangement being chieffly in solid colors. A large plot of ground is devoted to Mexican plants, the cacti

family being profusely represented. There are so many buildings to be visited, if one really cares for the information and knowledge which can be btained. Among these are the Electric Tower, the Electricity Building the Manufactures and Liberal Arts, the Machinery and Transportation, the Agricultural, Horticulture, Mines, Temple of Music, Graphic Arts and Workship Etmology, Women's Building, Stadium ing-besides the many state buildings can interests. Then, of course, the Art Gallery needs considerable study, if on is to gain an adequate idea of the works by American artists. All of these, it should be understood, may be visited

The Midway contains enough of the musual in the very streets to fascinate the visitor at all times. The people of many nations, the queer animals

free of charge.

I have been asked to give some idea as to the expense of seeing everything worth while in the Midway and will give a schedule of the attractions and prices tomorrow.

The more one sees of Buffalo the one is impressed with the fact There are literally no sordid surroundings in the great residence section of the beautiful city. The houses are con structed on lots which are adequate in size and they are at once beautified by rose gardens, vines and tasteful arrangement of shrubbery. The verandas are fitted up as dainty summer parlors with handsome awnings, hammocks The latest African news indicates rugs, divans, wicker furniture and rich screens of palms and ferns. The homes

of Buffalo are surely made to be a joy forever, at least in the summer, while with the fairy of natural gas from cellar to attic, it cannot be so very un-H. C. P. cold winter.

A TEXAS GUSHER.

she was a Texas maiden, she came of low degree, aboes were free, Her face was tanted and freckled, her hair was

whole darned tout ensemble was painful for she drove a lop-eared mule team attached unto The trickling perspiration exuding from her brow,

And often she lamented her cruel, cruel fate As but a poo' white's daughter down in the Lone Star state. No courtiers came to woo her, she never had

Her misht face precluded such things as that, you the was nobody's darling, no fellow's solid girl And poets never called her an uncut Texas pearl Her only two companions were those old flea-bit

and these she but regarded as animated tools, To plod along the furrows in patience up and And pull the ancient wagon when pap'd go

No fires of wild ambition were surging in Her eyes with tender passion she'd never upwa

but a dream As walked she in the furrows behind that eared team.

thought she'd die. longer for pinions that she might rise To other lands far distant where breezes fresh and Would never shake and tremble from braying

But yesterday we saw her dressed up in gorgeo style! A half dozen fellows were backing in her smile She'd jewels on her fingers and jewels in her Great sparkling, flashing brilliants, that hung frozen tears! The feet once nude and soil stained were clad

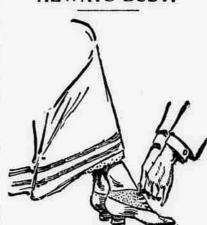
Frenchy boots. The once tanned face bore tintings of miscellane ous fruits. The voice that once admonished the mules move along Was tuned to new-born music as sweet as siren's

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the paw, Each in the hope that some day he'll call him Their days of toil are over, their sun has ris'n at A gold embroidered curtain now hides their rocky

lad rested there for ages, above a flow of oil? -James Barton Adams in Denver Post.

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