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NEWS AND COMMENTS.

WHERE is the graded school-teacher nowshe of the cold and trenchant eye, the gathering thunders on whose brow made the urchin shiver and little "tot" ery? In muslin crisp Bar Harbor says that his patient is steadily and soft gray lawn, she gathers shells on seabeat shore, or from the sand-fiddler and the prawn runs with the speed of a frightened doe; where the mountain shadows of beech and fir glint o'er her tresses and toilette cool, as she lists to the "taffy" he's giving herseek for the teacher of the graded school!

FLUSHED with his victory over poor JAKE KILRAIN, SLAVIN has been walking around the "Hub's" champion, John L. Sullivan, "with a chip on his shoulder," and now he is fall, and in the meantime the "sluggers" go off to England and Australia to "star" and resuperate. We are not quoted as a prize-ring authority by "Jimmy Muldoon, "Billy Beef-eater" and other devotees of the "manly art;" but we venture the prediction that when the Australian pugilist tackles "our big fellow" he will meet his "Waterloo."

"According to the census the total number of inmates of juvenile reformatories in 1890 was 14,846, an increase of 30 per cent. in ten years. The greatest increase is among the girls, although they haven't got to smoking eigarettes." in the uncomfortable absence right here of a decent pretext to hit the un-"slip" of ten to the lovely graduate in her teens-not only twists the spinal column and about moral obliquity as well.

"SENATOR CARLISLE expresses the opinion that any capable man nominated by the Democrats in 1892 will be elected." Whenever the time comes that the great mass of the Democratic party shares this sound conviction of Mr. CARLISLE we will put in a Democratic administration, and, what is more, as, ignoring the best and strongest man, let him come from what State or section he may, we are content to let the rule of the great party amount to an oligarchy-with all the wisdom, all the authority, all the leadership, all the fitness for office, centered in one North-

kill the bear; and, if any importance whatever is to be attached to the action of the Farmers' Alliance all over the country, and to the views of such leading men as Congressman-elect ALEXANDER, Mr. HAL W. AYER, "Manager Reform Press Bureau," Washington, D. C., who is represented as having sent out a luridly enthusiastic circular a few days ago pledging the Alliance, 4,000,000 strong, to the new party, may soon find that he is in the awkward position of not being able to "deliver the goods." Mr. AYER is a young man-in that callow stage of chronic exultation over how very much he knows: T. Hall, of Ohio, has been appointed chief of Some years later he will be able to devote a little time to thinking over how much he don't

in his honest indignation over the title of chairman, to call a delegates' meeting of the "fribble," this apology of manhood!

been ready for the summons of the Master; but the time has been when his going out from among men would have stopped for a time the bustle of business, deeply affected ends, DAVID S. REID was a towering leader of lutionized parties in North Carolina, inflicting upon the Whigs a disastrous defeat fromwhen, accepting the gage of battle a second He bounded over the ramparts of his formid- Cornell won the University boat race at New able foes with the clan of a Prince Rupert, London, Conn. -A plot for an uprising of loan?" attacking the grand and strongly-intrenched convicts at the State prison, California, has Whig party everywhere in its strongholds, been discovered. - Mr. Gladstone's friends and extorted from the ranks of his enemies are seriously alarmed at the state of his that enthusiastic tribute of admiration which | health. -It is currently reported that Pargreat abilities, reinforced by conspicuous nell has married Mrs. O'Shea, and that he courage, always command. Except his rep- and his bride have gone to parts unknown. respitation of his people in the last Constitu- - A cloud-burst in Cherokee county, N. C., tional Convention of the State, Mr. REID had killed two men and ruined crops. -Great for the past quarter of a century led a life of destruction of property and loss of life are

SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE.

Latest News from all Parts of the World, Pre pared Especially for the Readers of "The Observer."

There is a flax spinning-wheel on exhibition n Salem that is 137 years old. It was brought over from Germany in 1754. - An Indianapolis electrician, Charles Reitz, has invented an electric motor or storage-battery road vehicle. He has been working on this invention for over two years and is confident of its success. - Secretary Blaine's physician at improving. - Watermelon shipments are now being made from south-west Georgia at the rate of one hundred car-loads a day. -

Wilson county is out of debt and has over \$3,000 in the treasury. Its tax levy is only 17 cents on the \$100 worth of property, the lowest in the State. - Herr Most has been sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. and his friends will hold a meeting to protest against the "outrage." -New Berne is shipping an average of about \$20,000 worth of vegetables per day. - The price of corn satisfied. A match has been arranged for next is so high in Germany that in some of the more densely populated districts the scarcity almost amounts to famine for the poor. -La Presse, a Boulangist organ, says that a rumor is in eirculation that the French government has decided to request the ex-Empress Eugenie to shorten her stay in Paris. - A slight shock of earthquake occurred at

Charleston, S. C., June 23rd, at 11:27 P. M. There was a distinct boom and shock. No damage was done, and the earthquake was so slight that it escaped the notice of half of the population. -Three girls lost their lives by inhaling gas in a cubby room at 10 East Eighty-sixth street, New York. The ascident was due to the carelessness of one of the number, who was unaccustomed to the use of gas. fortunate cigarette one more lick, proof is The victims were: Agues Sears, 18 years old: now in order that chewing-gum-the terres- Katie Keefe, 17 years old, and Jennie Gross trial delight of all girls, from the growing man, 27 years old. - Attorney-General Davidson has given an opinion as to the power of the commissioners and magistrates of coungives the eye an ophthalmic squint but brings | ties to vote money to secure exhibits of the county resources at the Southern Exposition. He decides that it is not only legal but entirely proper for them to do so. -- While traveling with a prominent politician a few days ago Colonel L. L. Polk expressed his be-

gent Arabs. The Porte is sending reinforce-

assert that the rising has been suppressed.

that country. England has ordered another

of her war-ships to the same locality. -- E.

lief that the next Governor of North Carolina would be an Alliance-man. - The Republicans are manifesting much interest in the protective-tariff convention to be held July we'll keep it for more than one term. But we 22nd at Asheville. They hope to capture the Czar to Poland, last autumn, at a time will continue to win barren victories as long some Democrats, and are trying to work up when Madame Witte was lying at the knotted crimson silk. enthusiasm regarding the meeting. The attendance will be almost entirely from the West, and, it is claimed, will be large. -More inquiries than ever before made are now being received by the Department of Agriculture regarding the lands and resources of this State. These are coming from the Middle and Western States mainly. - Mrs. James THERE is an old saw to the effect that it is G. Blaine, Jr., has written to a friend in New rather risky to sell the bear-skin before you York city that she can never return to the stage, as she is lame for life. She is not "friendless," she says, and would like to know who has more friends than she. - It is reported that Hakki Pasha, the Turkish governor of the province of Yemen, with all his staff, has been massacred by the insur-

the immigration bureau, treasury department. --- The crops in Texas are the best for many years. Corn is already made, and will yield forty to sixty bushels per acre. -A dis-A NATURAL daughter of GEORGE IV. of Eng | patch from Naples states that the flow of lava land is now in an alms-house of that great from Mt. Vesuvius, which it was expected kingdom. "The First Gentleman of Europe" was on the point of increasing to dangerous -who divided with BEAU BRUMMELL the ap- proportions, has stopped. -A peculiar plause of the multitude over the tie of his disease has broken out among the Hungarians cravat and the cut of his coat, and who could in the Pennsylvania coke regions, greatly recherish in his weak, befrilled pigeon-breast sembling the horrible "blackleg" malady, no better ambition than to be "Florizel" in | which some years ago infested Europe. my lady's boudoir and a compounder of sauces Dispatches from Calcutta state that sixty in the butler's pantry-found time, as he earthquake shocks were experienced throughwasted the days and nights of his royal life, out the province of Bengal, and many buildto do more than one base, heartless thing: ings were destroyed. -At a meeting of prodigal dandy, heartless seducer, cold-blood- the officers of the New York State Farmers' ed bigamist, more of a brute as a husband League the third-party movement was unanthan "Hodge," who gives his wife a black eye | imously denounced. A committee was ap-"in his cups." No wonder THACKERAY glows pointed, of which President Armstrong is

"First Gentleman of Europe," applied to this State League to be held in the early part of August to discuss future legislation and political action. - Mrs. John Larson, wife of a THE recent death of ex-Gov. REID simply farmer living in the town of Troy, Wis., dropremoved from life an enfeebled old man who. ped her three little children in Lake St. Croix cheered in his last days by the ministrations during a fit of insanity. Her husband on of thoughtful and steadfast affection, had long finding her absent from the house began a search, and found her at the lake shore wading and two of the children lying on the shore dead. The third could not be found. Mrs. Larson imagines that devils pursue her. She every circle of social life, and draped his was taken to the asylum. - Slight shocks State in mourning. If political leadership is of earthquake were felt at Passadena and San to find its test in the accomplishment of great | Fernanda, a few miles from San Francisco. The date of the next meeting of the North men, for it may be said of him that he revo- Carolina Press Association, to be held at Winston, is August 11-13. -Roseoe Nunu, of New Berne, has been appointed assistant obwhich they never rallied, and securing for server at the State Central Signal Station at the Democrats a victory the fruits of which Raleigh. -News has been received of the M. Quad in Detroit Free Press.] they retained up the outbreak of the war, death by poison of an infant of Mrs. Thomas Wicker, at Sanford. Some "Rough on Rats" time from his formidable antagonist of 1848, was placed on a shelf, but in some way the he defeated Manly for the Governorship of baby got it. The result was a speedy death. North Carolina in 1850. He went into this ___ The U. S. Treasury balance on the 25th field with the training of years of State and ult. was \$2,450,000. - Trouble has broken national legislative service, and nothing be- out with the Indians on the Navajo reservafore or since has surpassed the brilliancy, tion, New Mexico; three troops of U. S. cavcompleteness and audacity of that campaign. alry are in the field watching the hostiles. -

reported from the storm in north-west Iowa,

The Crar on His Travels.

When the Czar travels in Russia the precautions taken for his safety could not be greater if he were in an enemy's country. Indeed, the people appear to be regarded and are treated as enemies, whose

The Czar always travels in a train of five carriages. His carriage usually, but not always, occupies the centre. This carriage is built in a peculiar style, for the special use of the Czar. The windows, while ample for light, are high, so that a person sitting down is invisible from the outside, and the sides of the car are fortified with plates of steel, concealed in the ornamental wood-work, but amply strong to resist a bullet. The appointments of the carriage are magnificent. It is a traveling palace, and, but for the narrowness of the quarters, the Czar might be as com-

fortable as at Gotschina. There are two sentry-boxes in the carriage, one at each end, and each looking out at an opposite side from the other. The guardsmen on duty in these apartments are shut in from any observation of the carriage, but at intervals of about two feet, the whole length of the saloon, are electric buttons, communicating with the guard-chambers as well as with the two carriages, one containing the suite and the other, in the rear, occupied by the

guardsmen not on duty. So far, therefore, as the train itself is concerned, the Czar could be no more secure in St. Petersburg. It is a traveling fortress well as a palace. The rear carriage of all is used by the menials, cooks, stewards, etc., in preparing the imperial food and performing other necessary of-fices of the household. The front carriage is devoted to impediments, and two sentinels are always on duty there, one on the inside and the other on the front platform adjoining the tender of the engine. This, it is almost needless to say, is a most unpleasant post, but the Czar seldom travels in winter. The rear platform of the last car

is also guarded by a sentinel. THE PILOT TRAIN. The train speeds on to its destination without a halt, except on account of accident. At a distance of not less than five miles ahead is a pioneer train, in which the imperial director of railways and the chief engineer of the particular railway on which the Czar is traveling always ride. No excuse for their absence, however vital, short of serious illness, would be accepted, and it is known that the present imperial director, Witte, had to precede Czar apparently goes on the theory that even if the responsible officials might neglect his safety they would not be careless

As the pilot train whizzes by, the reof soldiery for hundreds of miles. There served in every station on the main lines for the use of members of the imperial family. The apartments may never be visited, but they remain sealed against any other use. It was in these apartments, ments to Yemen, though the officials there taken on account of her grief for the disgrace of her son, the Grand Duke Mich -Germany has dispatched a man-of-war to sel, who had married the Countess Merem- 000 at Waterloo. In both cases the weak-China for the protection of her subjects in berg.

Dr. H. Carrington Holton, in one of his recent lectures, told of visiting the little island of Niihau, one of the smallest of the Hawaiian group, and of the pleasant days he spent there as the guest of the only white family on the island. This is the family of Mr. George S. Gay, and the entire island has been owned by this family for twenty-five years past. The family includes Mr. and Mrs. Gay and three or four children, and, except for an occasional guest, they seldom see any white people. The island is a great sheep ranch, embracing about 70,000 acres, and with a native population of less than 100, all that remain of nearly 1,000 natives who in 1832 inhabited the island. Even in this favored spot, where Mr. Gay has done everything in his power to preserve the natives from the evils attendant upon civilization, they are rapidly dying out, just as in all parts of the little kingdom the native race is dwindling away, and will before many generations probably disap-

pear entirely.

Mr. Gay and his family are very well-todo people, and they seem to be very happy in their quiet, isolated home. Mr. Gay is Governor of the little island, attends to the welfare of all his people, and a sort of patriarchal life exists there. The white family receives tribute from the natives, who give them at stated times a certain amount of labor and some supplies of fish, eocoanuts and sweet potatoes. Of course the children have no white comrades to play with, but they seem to be just as happy as children anywhere are. They make playmates of various animals, which they tame and care for, and besides they have their ponies and a number of dogs, which afford them a great deal of enter-

thing, to help the town along," he replied.

"Can't be done; only three of us here, you see. One of 'em couldn't put ap a bond for three cents, and the other hasn't got a blamed thing to mortgage!"

Careful about Colors.

Amy-I have such a headache! What and fro over the grain. would do it good? Jack-Try a cup of green tea.

doesn't suit my complexion at all.

Cut Off from the World.

Goldthwafte's Magazine.]

tainment.

Had a Bulge.

There were just three families in the 'future great city" of Dakota, and each had a shanty. On the one occupied by the founder of the town was painted, in large letters: "One million dollars to loan on bond and mortgage." This struck me as rather odd, and I asked the man for an fish-lines, pets and similar coarse manu-

Well, you see, it's for the looks of the "But suppose some one should ask for a

Amy-Oh, no, not for the World! Green

The Chinese Emperor.

On both sides of the hall, from the entrance to the foot of the dais, were ranged numbers of military officials of high rank, who stood silent and metionless with avvery presence at any point of the line would be dangerous.

THE IMPERIAL TRAIN.

Who stood shell and includes the stood shell and in or who rules a fourth of the human race. and whose features had never before been seen by white men, by any others save the most exalted of his own subjects. The greatest curiosity has been felt in the diplomatic corps as to the appearance of the emperor on account of the mystery that has surrounded his personality. Indeed, the desire to see what he looked like was, I believe, uppermost in the minds of the for-eigners, and minimized considerations more

> Whatever impression the "barbarians" may have made on him, the idea they carried away of the Emperor Kuan Hsue is pleasing and a trifle sathetic. He has an air of exceeding intelligence and gentleness, but is somewhat frightened and melancholy looking. His face is pale and sad, and, though it possesses an air of refinement and quiet dignity, it has none of the force of his martial ancestors-nothing commanding or imperial—but is altogether mild, delicate and kind. He is essentially Manchu in features; his skin is strangely pallid in hue, which is no doubt accounted for by the rigidity of his life inside those forbidding walls, the absence of the ordinary pleasures and pursuits of his age, and the constant discharge of onerous, complicated and difficult duties of state, which, it must be remembered, are, according to imperial Chinese etiquette, mostly trans- grate before many years, because its popacted between the hours of two and six in

His face is oval-shaped, the chin very long and narrow; the mouth sensitive, with thin, nervous lips; the nose well-shaped and straight; the eyebrows well-marked and arched, while the eyes are unusually large and mournful in expression. His forehead is well-shaped and broad, and his head is large-beyond the average. He seemed anxious, watchful and somewhat nervous, and was far more overcome by the unusual experience than any of the others present. His dress was a long pucecolored silken robe, with a large golden dragon embroidered on the breast, and smaller dragons on the shoulders. He sat cross-legged on the throne, and played nervously with his hands while the ordeal

He wore nothing in the way of a crown or other emblem of his high office, his head covering being an ordinary Chinese official hat of felt, surmounted by a button of

Gettysburg and Waterloo.

Nashville American 1 Mr. Theodore Roosevelt has quite an interesting article in the Century. Comparing | diers as the "Alarm Fritz," on account of the battles of Waterloo and Gettysburg, his habit of suddenly, in the middle of the serves along the line rush to arms, and guard the sides of the railway, waiting unwas almost purely a fight of infantry and which he might be staying. til the imperial train has passed, so that the spectacle is presented of continuous lines being engaged in a separate battle of their own, and, therefore, not to be inis seldom any stoppage at way-stations, but, cluded in the fighting forces any more than in case there should be, apartments are re- Grouchy's French and the Prussians with burg 80,000 to 85,000 Union troops and the boats." about 65,000 Confederates. At Waterloo at Charkoff, that the Grand Duchess Olga | there were 120,000 soldiers of the allied recently died, it is supposed from posion armies under Wellington and about 72,000 French under Napoleon; or about 150,000 combatants at Gettysburg and about 190,er army made the attack; the odds against Napoleon were greater than those against Lee, but, whereas Napoleon's defeat became an utter rout, in which his guns were all captured and his magnificent

army turned into a wild rabble, Lee drew off his army in good order, his cannon uncaptured and the morale of his formidable soldiers unshaken. At Gettysburg, Mr. Roosevelt estimates the Confederate loss in killed and wounded at 15,530 and in captured 7,647, or 23,000 in all; the French at Waterloo lost nearly 30,000.

The Confederates thus lost in killed and wounded at least 25 per cent, of their force, and yet preserved their organization, while the French suffered a somewhat heavier proportional loss, and were turned into a fleeing mob. At Gettysburg the Northern army lost 17,555 killed and wounded and 5,435 missing—an actually greater loss than the large army of Wellington and

Both, says Mr. Roosevelt, were soldiers' battles; both were waged with extraordinary courage and obstinacy and at a fearful cost of life. Waterloo was settled by a single desperate and exhausting struggle; Gettysburg took longer, was less decisive, and relatively much more bloody.

What Ramie Is. Washington Star.]

Ramie is a plant belonging to the nettle family, which from time immemorial has been cultivated in China and known to botanists by the name Bahmeria nivea, frequently called the stingless nettle. It is also known as "China grass." It has long been cultivated also in Japan, in Java, Borneo, Sumatra and in the East Indies, and during the present century has been introduced into other countries. Its introduction into the United States dates, back to the year 1855. When full-grown the plant attains a

height of four to eight feet, clothed with large leaves that are green above and whitish or silvery beneath, the fibre being formed in the bark which surrounds the stalk, this having a pithy centre. It is of rapid growth, and produces from two to four, or even five, crops a year without replanting, dependent upon the climate where cultivated. In China and Japan, fish-lines, pets and similar coarse manufactures but woven into the fluest and most beautiful of fabrics.

Primitive Farming in Chili.

The Chilian farmer, as a rule, still ploughs with a sharp-pointed piece of wood, sometimes shod with iron, sometimes not, and has never known any better harrow than a bundle of brush, while all the wife, "there is always time to worship. threshing of his enormous crop is done by the primitive method of driving horses to us through the day." And she brought

The Japanese administer the oath by because of the counsel with the Father cutting the witness' finger and taking blood which was first taken, and the heavy borto seal the swearer.

Goldthwaite's Magazine.

Of course every one has heard of the remarkable colony on Pitcairn Island, the little rock in the Pacific Ocean less than three square miles in extent, where the mutineers of the Bounty took refuge in 1789 with the women they had stolen from the island of Tabiti. There many of their descendants live to-day, one of the happiest and most contented communities in the world. Pitcairn Island became too small to hold this prolific people, and is 1856 the entire population was removed to Norfolk Island, far west of their pative home. A part of them, however, yearned for Piteairn, and returned to the little rock that gave them birth. There are, therefore, now two settlements of the descend ants of the mutineers, one on Norfolk

Island and one on Pitcairn. A more wonderful story was never told than that of these sunny-hearted people who, having their origin in crime and odshed, have been shielded from nearly all the temptations that beset the world, and are now a prosperous Christian peo-ple, simple-minded, pure and upright. No such thing as a jail has ever existed at Pitcairu Island. The world seldom hears from this handful of people, living in the far southern Pacific Ocean, but it is always glad to learn tidings of their welfare, and when news does come it rarely fails to re port the continued prosperity of this remarkable settlement. A while ago the Pitcairn Islanders celebrated the bundredth anniversary of the landing of their fathers on Pitcairn Rock. Dearly as they love their little bome, it is probable that some of them will be compelled to emiulation is again becoming crowded.

The German Emperor's Nicknames.

The Berliners and the Germans, in general, delight in giving nicknames to their popular idols or antipathies. These nicknames are not always flattering to their owners, and there have been Hobenzollerners less fortunate than the Emperor William, who is no, afraid to ask for his popular soubriquet. He proved this at a regimental dinner at which the Duke of Connaught and Prince Henry participated. In the course of the conversation the kaiser said: "They call me the 'traveling kaiser,'

don't they? I wonder if that is the only niekname Iv'e got." Prince Henry laughed, and Major von Plesson, unable to control himself, joined

his royal highness. "What is it?" asked the emperor. "Do ou know of any other nickname? If so,

The major mumbled something about his respect, but the emperor said: "Well, if you don't want to do it please me, I command you to speak!" The major then confessed that the emperor was known among the common sol-

The emperor laughed heartily at this, and Prince Henry remarked to his broth-

"Well, thou hast a similar name in the navy. The boys call you 'Gondola Billy' whom they were engaged at Wavre can be for 'gondoling about,' as they call it, on included in the fighting forces of Waterloo. your ships constantly during the summer, He estimates that there were at Gettys- and being anywhere and everywhere on

"Well," laughed the emperor, "those are three fine nicknames; but, inasmuch as all of them paint me as a basy man, I rather

like them." Locusts in Australia.

Leisure Hours.

Much has been heard of the plague of rabbits in Australia, but the ravages of locusts are sometimes as disastrous. At one place in Victoria, about the beginning of December, the hot season in those regions, the arrival of an army of locusts from the north presented the appearance in the air, it is reported, "as of a snowstorm," and the ground was covered to the depth of three or four inches where they alighted. In Adelaide the wind bore them to the sea, and the shore was lined with myriads that thus perished. In many placer the vegetation was destroyed by the

Caterpillars are among the occasional plagues of Australia, one farmer being reported to have lost \$3,000 through the loss of his barley crop. A writer in the Sydney Morning Herald says he finds that planting larkspur round a field greatly protects any erop, and tells how myriads of "grasshop pers" (locusts?) were thus poisoned. This is a statement which is important, if confirmed by further trials. Agriculture has its risks and its disasters all over the world, and those due to kving enemies as well as atmospheric influences.

Maxima for Young Men.

Never be idle. If your hands cannot be usefully employed attend to the cultivation of your mind. Always speak the truth.

Keep good company or none. Make few promises, and keep what you When you speak to a person look him is

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Never play cards. Earn your money before you spend it. Pay as you go; as far as possible pay up while you are young, that you may have something when old.

Never run in debt unless you can see a way to get out again. Never borrow if you can possibly help it.

Avoid wounding another's feelings.

A Wife's Influence.

Zion's Herald.] The discreet but persuasive power of

the Christian wife and mother in her home was displayed in our presence recently with gratifying effect. As we arose from the breakfast table, the father said: "We are so pressed with the obligations of the day that we will not take time to read the the Bible, opened it, and gave it to her husband to read. The prayer was richer dens of the day were more easily borne.

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