

**THE DANBURY REPORTER.**

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The Reporter has never before seen such interest taken in Sunday School. The people all over the county seem to be very enthusiastic on the subject. It would be interesting to know how many new schools have been organized and how much the attendance has been increased in established schools during the past few months.

The yellow fever situation in New Orleans has become so serious that the city has asked the Federal government to take charge of the matter. The local and State authorities have fought the disease manfully as well as the mosquito, but were unable to stop its ravages. Up to the present time there has been reported about 500 cases, about 100 of which were fatal. This state of affairs appears critical when the weeks that must elapse before frost are considered.

It almost makes one stop and wonder what the final outcome will be when he reads how fast the population of this country is growing. During the month of July there were 48,000 arrivals from the old country—people who have come here to make America their home. The last bulletin of the Census Bureau gave the population of the United States at this time at about 84,000,000. These are a good many people, and when 48,000 new recruits are added in one month, it can be seen how rapidly we are growing. It is something to think about, that with, say, 84,000,000 people, we are a world power, while China, by a recent estimate of population, has 420,000,000. Yet America is the equal of four of China. The difference is in the blood of people.

Some of the readers of the Reporter will probably learn with surprise that the navy of the Japanese has now under construction two battleships which will be the most powerful of any built or building (except one battleship recently ordered by Great Britain) for any navy in the world. These battleships embody the lessons of the present war, though not to the extent that would be evident, were the plans for the ships being drawn at the present time. In addition to the usual main battery of four 11-inch guns, they also carry four 10-inch guns. The 10-inch gun was the main armament on several of the destroyed Russian battleships, and is the main armament on one or two modern British battleships to-day. It is said that the power of the 12-inch guns on the new Japanese ships will be such that no armor that any ship carries can hope to withstand them up to a distance of three thousand yards. They will indeed be powerful ships. "Those little Japanese," as they are sometimes referred to, certainly can't be called unprogressive.

Stokes is to be congratulated upon securing such a substantial and convenient jail as we have. While it is not as large as some others in the country, what there is of it is good. Over in Patrick, our neighbor county, the authorities are having no end of trouble and worry in trying to secure a good jail. Their jail building was finished some time since and the iron cages put in, but when a committee, appointed for the purpose, examined the cages they were found to come far short of the specifications, which stated among other things that the cages were to be tool-proof, and the jail was not accepted. The company which put the cages in then took them out and put in other cages. Last week the same committee examined these cages and found that they were very little if any better than the first, being able to saw one of the main upright bars in two in a short while. They again refused to accept the jail. It is not known what the jail builders propose to do next. As is stated in the outset, we should be glad that we were so fortunate as to get a good jail without all this trouble.

Let everyone who feels an interest in the old Confederate Veterans of Stokes do them the honor to attend their meeting Saturday. Your presence will help and encourage them. We won't have the pleasure of attending their meeting very much longer. Only a few years more and they will all have answered the last roll-call and passed over the river. Lay aside your business one day and come out. There is an organization of the old Veterans in almost every other county in the State and it is high time they were organizing in Stokes. At two or three different times an effort to organize has been made and as many times it has been a failure. We hardly know why—probably on account of poor attendance and a lack of interest. At present there is a good deal of interest and enthusiasm shown by the people. With Mr. James A. Leak at the head of the movement and anything like fitting weather we predict for the old Veterans a successful and memorable meeting Saturday.

**WHAT INDEMNITY WILL THE JAPANESE DEMAND?**

The newspapers have had to "water" their articles of news from the war recently. There is very little of importance going on. A dispatch from a Russian army point in Manchuria says the Japanese are bombarding the Russians with circulars, telling them that owing to the likelihood that peace will soon be declared it would be well for them to cease their reconnaissances which will only result in useless loss of life.

The expected big engagement that was said to be scheduled for a date preceding the meeting of the peace envoys by the Japanese has so far failed to materialize. The latter are now at Portsmouth, N. H., and the session is probably now on.

There seems to be considerable doubt about the conference resulting in peace. This comes from the fact that the representatives of the Japanese have asserted that they will demand heavy indemnity and the cession of certain territory, while the Russians claim that they will give up no territory nor pay out any money indemnity to secure peace.

It remains to be seen what the result will be.

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