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KOREAN PROGRESSIVENESS. We have received The Seoul Independent of September 3, 1896. It is a tri-weekly paper, established within the present year, and is the only newspaper published in Korea.

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A farmer who rises early every morning to carry milk into Wilmington says that on Saturday, just as he and his hired man were returning from the barn to the house with their brimming pails through the chill gray dawn, they heard strains of music in the air above their heads, and a moment later a glass bottle fell at their feet and broke into fragments. Looking up, the men declare that they saw, half a mile from the earth and moving to the northeast, a huge machine, resembling a fish in shape, with wide-spread wings, and a mighty tail. From the airship came the rays of a powerful searchlight, and the faint clear, clear notes of a cornet. After the strange vessel had disappeared in the distance the farmer looked upon the bits of glass on the ground, and found a slip of paper, on which was written: "On board the airship Icarus, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 24, 1896. The airship Icarus, Capt. James Dashiell, with Thomas Murphy as companion et al., left Salt Lake City 10 p. m. Tuesday, December 8, bound for Cuba. Wind due east, blowing at the rate of sixty miles an hour. At an altitude of one mile we found a steady current. Machinery working to a charm. All well. Provisions sufficient for a week longer. Will land in the neighborhood of Jacksonville, Fla. Send word, collect, to Hatcher & Mills bankers, 720 South Second Street, Utah."

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John Wesley Monument. The Methodists of England have come to the conclusion that a worthy monument than that which now marks the resting place of John Wesley should be erected over his tomb in the graveyard behind the historic chapel where he preached. It is almost amusing to learn that, having so decided, the question of how to raise the necessary funds gave them not the slightest difficulty, it having been solved by directing the Rev. William J. Brown, the clergyman now in charge of the Wesley Chapel, to visit the United States and Canada and obtain subscriptions for the requisite amount.

Horticulturists of Michigan, also of California, have expressed a wish for a United States secretary of agriculture who will pay as much attention to fruit culture as to other baculic branches.

By the "genuine autonomy" which President Cleveland recommends the Cubans understand absolute independence, and that only, and they will never accept anything else. In 1878 they accepted a promise of home rule on the faith of Spain and never got it. They know better than to trust either to Spain's mercy or good faith. The only terms any Cuban can now accept is independence or death.

Mayor Groves Again. Governor Eliot Pingree of Michigan is sometimes amusing and always original. His latest utterance—that the accumulation of fortunes of \$100,000,000 or more should be prevented by law—will strike many persons as both. If the constitution will not permit income taxes or inheritance taxes, then Mr. Pingree thinks the constitution ought to be changed. He believes after a private fortune has reached a certain limit all above that limit should be turned over to the government to lighten the people's taxes. The state has as good right to limit the size of fortunes as the hours of labor, he argues. He does not undertake to decide, however, how much wealth one person may be allowed to have, but quotes the example of Mayor Carter Harrison of Chicago, who willed \$350,000 to each of his children, saying that this was enough for one person to have, and then gave the rest of his possessions in charity.

German Militarism. If Mr. John Wanamaker, Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt or even that great man and boss, Mr. Mark Hanna, were a citizen of Germany and should offend a German army officer, the officer would have the right, according to the military usage there, to kill, without further ceremony, Mr. Wanamaker, Mr. Vanderbilt or Mr. Hanna. They would be nobody, belonging merely to the civilian class, which is as a mudmill to the army officer. In case the officer should run one of these distinguished civilians through with his sword and destroy the puny mudmill life the worst punishment that he would have to encounter would be a mild reprimand from his almighty father, Emperor William, and an admission to be a little more careful hereafter in flinging his sword around.

It is good news for civilization that Russia, France and England will stop the outrages in Turkey, peacefully if they can, forcibly if they must. It will have to be forcibly. No matter what Abdul Hamid II himself might desire to do, he would be held back by the fanatical Moslems, who consider they earn heaven when they kill an unbeliever. Their theology needs to be reconstructed. They must be taught that Christians have at least as good a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as Mohammedans have, even in Turkey.

Is it a fact that the people who heap flowers upon congressmen's desks at the opening of every session, are those who have favors to ask of them?

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