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SECRETARY JOHNSTON'S COMMENDABLE PROJECT.

With his characteristic energy and his efforts to instill a little activity into what is a very sluggish organization, Mr. Johnston, secretary of the Hammond Business Men's Association, has outlined a plan for its adoption wherein a pure food exhibit may be held in Hammond within the near future. The undertaking would be a creditable one. It would last a week and daily concerts would be given which, together with the exhibit, doubtless would attract a large attendance from all over the district in general and in Lake county in particular. Mr. Johnston believes that the industrial and commercial importance of the city warrants the holding of such an affair and business men have taken very kindly to the idea. The plan will be taken up at the coming meeting of the association when Mr. Johnston's scheme will be discussed pro and con. Business men should get up enough steam to attend the meeting and push the project. It is a worthy one and will advertise Hammond in a way it has not been advertised yet. It might be well to say also that Mr. Johnston's work as secretary of the association merits general praise, considering that his office is not productive of a salary commensurate with the work he does. The Hammond Business Men's Association could do nothing better for itself and better for the city than to see that the hard-working secretary is paid at least in proportion for what he is doing for the city of Hammond.

CHEW YOUR "THREE FINGERS."

Among the cure for drunkenness perhaps the most novel one is that proposed by the originator of Fletcherism. It will be remembered that Mr. Fletcher took a hint from the wise old cud-chewing cow and invented perpetual mastication. A contemporary says that Mr. Fletcher has applied to inebriates his discoveries relative to mastication and asserts that his method has made prohibitionists of a large number of hard drinkers. The remedy is simple. Instead of gulping down the usual "three fingers" in the old, familiar way, letting it irradiate its sunshine in one's internal mechanism as prescribed in the ancient Bacchic rites, the whiskey is taken in sips by the patient or victim, who proceeds to chew it stolidly for fifteen or twenty minutes, gurgling it around in his mouth until it is thoroughly insalivated. This, Fletcher says, creates a physical intolerance of excess, and it is not long before the victim is taking his "nips" with a medicine dropper. Chew your whiskey; that's the secret of temperance.

WHAT ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS NEED.

Before sailing hence for home Lord Northcliffe is reported to have secured the services of a staff of six correspondents in this country for the London Times. These men will be located in the leading news centers here and the fact seems to bear out his lordship's earlier statement that the Thunderer would henceforth pay more attention to American views than it has hitherto. It is to be hoped that some English newspaper has concluded that the time is near when more accurate attention of contemporaneous American events is necessary. Frank S. Betz, the Hammond manufacturer, who returned recently from abroad, brought the TIMES a number of London and Liverpool papers which published stories of the national election and some of the statements purporting to be facts regarding the outcome and the preceding campaign were actually ridiculous, so far from the truth were they. By all means let the English journals engage the services of a few well-trained American newspaper men. What a change it would make in their columns.

MR. HITCHCOCK'S REWARD.

The announcement that Frank H. Hitchcock will be the postmaster-general in the next administration confirms what has been unofficially understood for many months. Mr. Hitchcock has earned recognition not only by his political services but by his previous service in the postoffice department. And as there is every reason to believe that the present postmaster-general is not underestimated, nor likely to be forgotten by the president-elect, the early announcement will not disturb the era of good feeling.

DOESN'T WORRY MR. CARTER.

The news that Sheriff Fred S. Carter may be impeached in the Crown Point saloon case will give the official small concern. It will be but a few weeks until Mr. Carter's term of office expires and he will wear his customary smile at least up till that time. Of course the impeachment proceedings may be brought for the moral effect they may have on the next sheriff and prosecutor, but there may be some surprises in both these offices for the people of Lake county.

THE FACT REMAINS that South Hohman street was ripped up in more than one place after the paving was supposed to be completed and that the sidewalk lines are crooked as a dog's hind leg. The fact remains also that the Homewood property owners ridicule the aspect of the street.

THE STORY OF the boom in Tolleston real estate which appeared in these columns last night, was a surprise to a lot of Lake county people. Tolleston is no longer a "sleepy hollow," but a place where business is transacted and it is now one of the live wires of the Calumet region.

GLANCE AT the religious and social happenings in Gary show that the steel city does not intend to stay in the background. Progress in culture and in the finer things of life go a long way in building up a city to become a model for her sisters.

THINKING IT ALL over we agree with one brother who says it is not absolutely necessary that a man spend a year in the jungle with wart hogs and things in order to qualify as a magazine editor or a college president.

AND ANY WAY at the present rate of progress the cabinet ought to be full by Christmastide, making a set of very dainty little presents for some gentlemen.

PERHAPS IT MAY be necessary before the tariff is revised that steps be taken to revise Uncle Joseph Cannon.

Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.
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PRESIDENT'S SON SORTS WOOL.
A considerable fuss has been made over the fact that Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., has started to learn the carpet making business.

Theodore is just a common factory hand, earning \$5 a week as a wool sorter. He must begin at 7 o'clock in the morning and work until 6:15 in the evening, with forty-five minutes for luncheon.

In a manly interview the young man said:

"I came here to work and to learn the manufacture of carpets and rugs. I am merely an employee, and I don't want or ask any special favors or notice."

Nevertheless the president's son must be handicapped and bothered by having publicity thrust upon him. The newspapers have snapshot pictures of him as he goes to his work, pictures of the factory and of his boarding house, and all that sort of thing.

Why? Surely the job is honorable, and the young man is displaying the common qualities of an American citizen. He is beginning at the bottom, as other boys do. Simply because his father happens to be president is no reason why mawkish sentiment should be written about him.

The young fellow is modest and willing and ought to be given his fair chance.

Moreover—

This exploiting of Theodore's honest calling contains the hint of an apparently growing tendency to look down on the man who earns his substance by manual labor. There are some persons who seem to regard as a sort of freak the young man who voluntarily seeks to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. They elevate their eyebrows at the spectacle of the president's son "stooping to engage as a sorter of wools."

The tendency of such criticism is un-American and deserves stinging rebuke.

Let it be remembered that in this free country THE SCARS ON THE SEALED HANDS OF THE HONEST LABORERS ARE SCARS AS HONORABLE AS THOSE RECEIVED IN BATTLE. The uniform of the soiled garments of labor is as patriotic as the uniform of military trappings.

Every one who amounts to anything in this country works at something.

In Europe they may call a man who does no work a "gentleman," in this country we shall him a tramp.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

December 5
1661—Earl of Oxford, prime minister of England under Queen Anne, born. Died May 21, 1724.

1782—Martin Van Buren, eighth president of the United States, born at Kinderhook, N. Y. Died July 24, 1862.

1791—Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, musician, died. Born Jan. 27, 1756.

1823—Prof. Max Muller, famous scholar and writer, born in Germany. Died in England, Oct. 28, 1900.

1830—Opening of the canal around the falls of the Ohio at Louisville.

1843—Dedication of Tremont Temple in Boston.

1878—First cremation in the United States performed at Washington, Pa.

1899—The Canadian steamer Niagara wrecked in Lake Erie, with loss of sixteen lives.

THIS IS MY 64TH BIRTHDAY.

Sir Frederick Bridge, the celebrated organist and master of the choristers of Westminster Abbey, was born in Worcestershire, Dec. 5, 1844. At the age of six he entered the choir of the Rochester cathedral and remained there until he was 14. In 1857 he qualified for the Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists and took the degree of musical bachelor at Oxford in 1869. After several years at Manchester Cathedral, Dr. Bridge in 1875 was appointed deputy organist of Westminster Cathedral and in 1882 he succeeded to the full title. He presided at the memorable service held in the Abbey in connection with Queen Victoria's jubilee in 1887 and at the coronation of King Edward in 1902, for each of which events he arranged all the music that was performed and composed most of the anthems. Dr. Bridge was knighted in 1897, and was made a member of the Royal Victorian Order at the time of the coronation.

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December 6
1608—General George Monk, who restored the Stuart dynasty in England, born. Died Jan. 3, 1670.

1637—Sir Edmund Andros, colonial governor of New England, born in London. Died there Feb. 24, 1714.

1791—George Holland, famous comedian, born in Lambeth, England. Died in New York Dec. 20, 1870.

1862—General Banks' expedition sailed for New Orleans.

1877—Theodore Roosevelt, appointed collector of the port of New York.

1889—Jefferson Davis, ex-president of the Confederate States of America, died at New Orleans. Born June, 1808.

1897—Attempted assassination of the sultan of Turkey.

1905—French senate voted in favor of the separation of church and state.

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Margaret Illington Leaves Stage Forever



what a successful man she has made out of him.

Correspondent wants to know "is gold depreciating?" You mean disappearing, don't you? Yes, it is.

It is waste of time to count the candles on a girl's birthday cake because they never throw any light on her real age.

Woman writer says that loveless engagements ought to be broken. Huh! That's the trouble. Where did you ever hear of a "loveless engagement"? Come off, Madge.

A girl whose mother wants her to wed, often has a little brother who is ready to spoil it with his mischief.

THE CREAM OF THE Morning News

Special primary fraud grand jury finds deplorable conditions in some wards, expresses doubt if there has been an honest election in Chicago in years and scores certain county officials who hampered the investigation.

President Schneider of the school board defies the W. C. T. U. in discussing a demand for the resignation of Miss Grace Reed as a teacher because of her defense of saloons.

Mrs. Charles Henrotin and President Schneider of the board of education discuss Dr. G. Stanley Hall's criticism of American public schools.

Chicago circuit judges are facing the proposition of how many county employees shall be attached to the county pay roll.

Suffragettes, roused by a letter from President Roosevelt at New York meeting, cause disturbance and police threaten to put them out.

Arbitration is the theme of the American mining congress in session at Pittsburgh, a number of prominent men advocating peaceful settlement of disputes between employers and workers.

Glowing eulogies are paid to the late Grover Cleveland at the second annual meeting of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents.

Malsters ask for free trade in barley, and Chairman Payne says they will be lucky if they get a compromise.

Mrs. Abby Rice testifies at trial in Omaha that Charles E. Davis was to receive a deadly poison in payment for killing Dr. Frederick Rustin.

Relics of Edwin Booth, sold at auction in New York, bring small prices and few persons attend the sale.

Independent coal operator cannot make profits, according to evidence given at the hearing in New York of the federal suit to dissolve the combine of the anthracite carrying railroads.

Steamer Soo City, long in the excursion business out of Chicago, sinks in a storm in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and all the members of the crew are believed certain to have perished.

General Simon, with his army, will enter Port au Prince today and will assume the presidency and the victorious revolutionists promise a peaceful occupation of Hayti's capital.

Conference of powers meets in London to frame a code of laws to regulate naval warfare.

Stocks in Wall street make a sharp advance, the movement being well distributed and the day's deals passing the 1,000,000 mark.

Commercial organizations, alarmed over railroads' new tariff clause, give the initial carrier the right to determine the routing beyond its own line.

DAVIS' DEATH ANNIVERSARY.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 5.—By command of General Clement A. Evans, the United Confederate Veterans and affiliated organizations throughout the south will hold special services tomorrow in observance of the nineteenth anniversary of the death of Jefferson Davis, who died in this city Dec. 5, 1889.

Battling Nelson's sporting stories in THE TIMES insure him a prominent place in the sporting department, considering that he turned down the Philadelphia Record.

THE TIMES said Specter was appointed. The other papers said he wasn't. Well, he was!

When a man finds fault with his wife about the dinner, the chances are that he wouldn't dare to talk that way to the cook.

Well, Sheriff Carter is willing and so is Mr. Trost, and in a pinch Captain Austgen will make it unanimous.

Odd that a woman in love never figures the difference between a man's promises and his temperament.

Concern sued for \$100,000 got \$1. Well, that's better than being sued for \$200,000 and getting nix.

With

The lazy

Person time seems

To be at a premium—when

You ask them to do anything for you

The busy one always

Has plenty of

Time.

Goforth's Goings On.

Claude Goforth is one of the witnesses who failed to show up Wednesday morning. It is feared Mr. Goforth went forth to keep from coming before Judge Fort. A certain gentleman saw Mr. Goforth at the depot Monday night, and seeing that Mr. Goforth intended to go forth, went forth and telephoned Mr. Meader to come forth and prevent Mr. Goforth from going forth. Mr. Meader came forth, but failed to keep Mr. Goforth from going forth, as Mr. Goforth went forth upon seeing Mr. Meader coming forth. Thus the state

Washington, Dec. 5.—With the assembling of the sixtieth congress for its final session and the reading of the President's message the eyes of the world will turn toward the national capital early the coming week.