



Editorials

Opinions of Great Papers on Important Subjects.

THE EBBING TIDE.

UCH has been written about the enormous number of immigrants who sought the hospitable shores of the United States in 1907. Much less has been made of the number of aliens who returned to their native land, yet this is in many respects the more interesting fact of the two.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

HOW much better it would be for the American people if the courts here were to close their doors occasionally and shut out the public when gross details of immoral relations or of crime are required to elucidate the issues involved in celebrated cases.

INTERNATIONAL MARITAL MIXES.

LAIN people sigh when they read of a new international marriage between an American heiress and a European noble. What the title may be, or what they may happen to know about the contracting parties, signifies little.

separating the misaligned in whose antipathies race differences have no part. Furthermore, some of our girls who have married titles have accepted with them men of such demonstrated worthlessness that there was no chance of living happily with them.

OVER THE SEA ON CONCRETE.

THE great ocean railway linking Florida's mainland with Key West and bringing Cuba 100 miles nearer the United States is nearing completion. The undertaking is doubtless the most remarkable piece of railway building now under construction.

AGRICULTURAL PROSPERITY.

THE ten years of prosperity that this country has enjoyed since 1897, and the revolution which has been wrought in the agricultural industry, has placed the American farmer in a position of financial and economic independence such as the rural population of this or no other country has ever known before.

VALUE OF COLLEGE EDUCATION.

EVERY man needs the need of a college education for all who would engage in professional work more widely recognized. There has been much coming to the mechanical and technical fields of labor, but there has never been a time when a good old-fashioned education was not the best preparation for the larger life.

SIZING 'EM UP.

Criticizing Debaters Not So Different From Football Analysis.

A debating team isn't much like a football team, but apparently the habit of athletic criticism is so deeply ingrained that to some college men the activities of the two appear alike.

One man was "very good at his best, has some off days. He is a trifle too aggressive sometimes in his delivery and has a tendency to talk too fast."

Another fellow "has some minor faults of delivery, but he holds the attention by his earnestness and individuality. He is very clear and logical in his constructive argument."

Which could be read: "Smith is a fine man in the backfield catching punts, rarely muffing and then generally able to get them back. He runs his team with good headwork, choosing his plays nicely, and is clever at picking weak spots in the opposing line."

Another fellow in rebuttal "is very quick but a little inclined to let the excitement of the debate run away with him."

Still another debater "has also some minor faults in delivery, but in spite of these he is a good speaker and an excellent debater. He handles his constructive argument well and seldom loses sight of the main issues in rebutting."

THOUSANDS LIKE HIM. An American so characteristic of life in the United States that he might have come from any part of the country is amusingly described in "Dutty Notes of a Trip Around the World."

NEW AFRICAN RAILROADS.

Two Across Nigeria Will Start Production of Cotton. Several months ago an American who has lived in Nigeria said in New York that the climate and soil of that large region are favorable for the cultivation of cotton.

The railroad is now to be supplied. According to the American Geographical Society's bulletin it is to start from Ibaro on the Niger River below the rapids that impede navigation.

THE THIRD DEGREE. A Mexican detective who was recently in Washington described the "third degree," as applied to suspected criminals in that country. In the United States the suspect is put through a sort of "sweating" process in order to make him confess.

THE CHORUS GIRL. She comes from the country as a rule. The mirror over the washstand in her farmhouse bedroom told her the country was no place for her, so she packed her carpetbag, bought some high heel shoes and a big hat, and came to town to show it what real youth and beauty are.

HER FIRST LION. The roar of a lion, hunting, is a never-to-be-forgotten sound, declares Miss Agnes Herbert in "Two Dianans in Rosamund." She describes hearing the lions, following them up through the jungle, and the nearly fatal results to herself in their capture.

MOURNERS ON SKATES; STRANGE FUNERAL CORTEGE. Among the Wends, a remnant of the ancient Slavonic race inhabiting the Spreewald, a region enclosed by an arm of the Spree about fifty miles south of Berlin, Germany, all the traffic is carried on waterways.

THE CHORUS GIRL. There are lots of chorus girls, says Rose Stahl, struggling, plucky, spunky, straight and good-hearted. They are funny, but they are pathetic, too, and they have a hard life.

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It is, indeed, by far the most interesting and important thing hard to merely mention in a few lines.

New York reports that the... no longer fashionable. A... shrinking and modest... guests the Cleveland Plain Dealer... conform with the New York...

Some persons are so sure time... key is an antidote for grip... to the Pittsburg Gazette, that... don't wait for the grip to...

Weather prophets are scarce... they used to be, but the demand... still far from being ahead of... supply, insists the Washington...

What! The Cubans still have... hoarded gold in their strong... Can we trust such a people... with self-government; depends... Indianapolis News.

"A Millionaire in Glory" is a... line in a western exchange. Does... refer to the story of the heretic... retorts the Atlanta Constitution. His... made another million—that's all.

Says a Paris newspaper: "It... be concluded that the loquacity... of women is a kind of superiority... which they have over the so-called... stronger sex."

It is an amusing fact, to the... Christian Register, that there are... of ability and intelligence who... often consult fortune-tellers to get... tips for business transactions.

If roughhousing becomes the... fashion at collegiate banquets, these... affairs will have to be held in... observes the New York Mail, for... hotel keeper can afford to accommo-... date them.

A New York physician says the... prevalence of heart disease is especially... noticeable among men who... too close to their desks. Then there... is no reason to fear an epidemic... that trouble among Federal... officers who are busy with national... concerns, sneers the Washington Post.

Not all the romance of diamonds... lies in their finding, remarks the... New York World. A good deal... it attaches to Joakheer Asscher's... at Amsterdam, in an isolated room... called the Cullinan diamond for King... Edward, a year's task, with the... guarded by detectives and burglar... alarms.

Steel is gradually supplanting... wood in constructive work, wherever... practicable, especially in frame work. In... these days, says the Richmond Times-... Dispatch, no railroad company... of building a wooden bridge or... permanent trestle. Some of the roads... are even building their cars of steel... and they will inevitably come to... steel ties by and by.

We can imagine the smile that... comes over a publisher's face when... a book is barred from the public library... says the New York Mail. A library... book is read by perhaps eighty... persons. It is not better for author... and public to sell eighty books... Certain, the book trade, hath more... tricks than politics.

How much can the American... nation save by wearing its old clothes... this year? asks the New York Evening... Post. The report of the Census... of Manufacturers for 1905 shows that... the factory product of men's clothing... for the year was valued at \$225,794,571. One-third of this, or... considerable less than one-third on the... basis of retail prices, would more... than equal the entire balance of trade... in this country's favor for the month... of December.

Declares the Chicago Tribune... There are some forms of disease... whose presence leads to a... call for a physician and a... obedience of the rules laid down... him. The average grip victim is... inclined to suffer from a "little... bodily weakness from... strength but also the... others associated with him. If the... matter were taken as seriously as it... should be there would be far less... trouble.

An Irish Anecdote. "Secretary Cortright was... sing," said a New York... question of finance during the... He broke off to tell a story. "He said he was reminded of the... Irish farmer on the way to the... fair."

"Where are you going, my... said an English tourist, stopping... agriculturalist. "To Waterford fair, your... was the answer. "The Englishman looked... ngly at the fellow the other... driving. "And how much do you expect... get for your beasts at Waterford... fair?" he asked.

"Sure, an' if I get a... shan't do badly," said the... "Ah, that's a sample of your... try," said the Englishman... Take those heifers to... you'd average \$10 a head, but... The Irishman looked... "Just an' yer honor, he said... if you were to take the... larny to purgatory you'd... a guinea a drop."

The Jews' Cure For... We are eager to see... days, and the... will recommend... position and... ranged from... and... We are... a horse is still a horse, even when... turned into a...