

At the precise time when the Peace Conference was in session it was profitable and pleasant to learn from Secretary Root that "never for a moment was there, as between the government of the United States and the government of Japan, the slightest departure from perfect good temper, mutual confidence, and kindly consideration; and that no sooner had the views and purposes of the governments of the United States, the state of California, and the city of San Francisco been explained by each to the other than entire harmony and good understanding resulted, with a common desire to exercise the powers vested in each, for the common good of the whole country, of the state, and of the city."

Mr. W. T. Stead, the fighting member of the Peace Conference promises to visit Chicago again. On the occasion of a previous visit, a number of years ago, he made diligent use of a brief stay acting in his native role of Reformer. For Stead has always been a reformer. Many years ago he aroused all England with his denunciations of men high up in political or even in royal circles who were guilty of complicity with the white-slave-girl traffic. His paper, Pall Mall Gazette, was the medium of the most sensational of publications of infamy perhaps ever given to the public. His office was bombarded by a mob while copies of the paper were sold on the streets for twelve times their published price. Stead was thrown into jail, but was hastily set free again because he "knew too much." The authorities were afraid that his testimony would implicate people high up in official and royal circles. But he did not cease his agitations until the "age of consent" was raised by Parliament and other steps were taken to protect the girls of England. Chicago people resented Stead's vigorous exposure of things in that city, which he published in the remarkable book "If Christ Came to Chicago," but it must be admitted that this reformer could not be accused of seeing the defects of a foreign city only.

A good deal of interest is taken in the question of the next Republican candidate for the Presidency. With Mr. Roosevelt's repeated denials that he will stand for a third term the air is full of speculations on the subject of his successor. Speaker Cannon was recently approached on the subject and he gave the following characteristic answer: "When I was a boy we used to go coon hunting at night and we used to have some mighty good dogs. But some of them could not be kept in control—run off after a rabbit or skunk after the coon had been started. We used to call these "sooner" dogs. Now, Congress don't meet until next December. That's a long way off and I'm no "sooner." The next president? Oh, no matter who he is I'll be able to get along with him. I got along all right with President McKinley and President Harrison and a number of other presidents and I think, the Lord willing, that I'll be able to keep friends with the next man that enters the presidential chair."

Mr. Fred Greenslade, Secretary of School District No. 107, has obligingly handed us a copy of his account with the Township Treasurer for the year ending March 31, which shows an expenditure of the educational fund of \$22,658.54, which amount exceeded the receipts from that source by \$9,759.43. On the Building Fund account there has been expended \$13,687.26, leaving a balance in hand of \$5,459.74.

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The fact that 8,000,000 cigars are smoked in this country in a comparatively short period of time may prove that the tobacco business is prosperous, and then again it may prove that all is not sauer kraut that grows in the cabbage patch.—Washington Post.

It is twelve years since Chicago last elected a Republican mayor. As the five leading American cities now stand, New York, St. Louis and Boston have democratic and Chicago and Philadelphia republican mayors. The division is nearer equal than is commonly supposed.—Boston Herald.

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While the News-Letter does not circulate in any of the manufacturing towns to any considerable extent it is nevertheless in hearty accord with the organization of the Lake County Manufacturers' Association which seeks improved conditions in these particulars, viz:—

- 1—To get freight rates in better shape.
- 2—To get better freight and water facilities.
- 3—To educate public opinion as to what manufacturers are doing, so as to create a more kindly feeling toward manufacturers.

The gentlemen who form the organization, mostly in Waukegan, will best know how to urge these claims but it is manifestly in the interest of the whole county that the productive forces of our work-shops should be placed on a fair and equitable basis on the first two of the objects stated.

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