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Is It a Slight to the Race?

The late Alfred Nobel, the Swede inventor of dynamite, has left over \$2,000,000 to be distributed for the benefit of the world. Six prizes are to be given annually to men and women, irrespective of nationality, who make the greatest contributions to mankind's benefit in medicine, chemistry, physics, or in "works of peace." Each prize, being about \$40,000, is worth win-

by the public-spirited Swede is food for reflection. We are apt to wonder If it is a case of professional jealousy. Anglo-Saxons have been accustomed to look upon themselves as leaders, not only in action, but also in thought. They have given to the world, in science, such men as Lord Lister, Lord Kelvin, Darwin, Dawson and Franklin; in letters, such men as Shakespeare, Tennyson, Hawthorn, Irving and Longfellow; in the domain of thought, Carlyle and Emerson. It may be safely said that in no other country, unless it be Germany, is the average of intelligence so high as among the Anglo-Saxon race. Our great men in science and literature are to a large extend obscured, compared with those of half or threequarters of a century ago, owing to the more general diffusion of the light of science and letters.

The cause of the partiality is, however, not far to seek. The part that both Great Britain and the United States have taken in two wars seems to have forfeited their right to the consideration of the philanthropic

Apart from this, however, might it not be that we are making "works of peace" secondary to financial gain? Is not the question too often, "Will it pay?" Our progress in science has been rather in the line of applied science than in scientific research. The slight which the race has received may be turned to a source of benefit if it will renew in us a spirit of introspection, and cause us to examine our progress. In the voyage of the ship of state it is often advisable to take our soundings, even though being wafted onward by a favorable breeze.

A Newspaper Man's Retreat.

The Courier Journal, of Louisville, Ky., has come forward with a suggestion, which if effective, will tend to relieve Mr. Carnegie of the stigma attach- pen of Emily Ferguson. In her preed to dying rich. It is suggested that face the authoress modestly disclaims Mr. Carnegie found a home for disabled and worn-out journalists. The newspaper man is a public benefactor; from his brain emanates suggestions for the founding of charities, asylums for the insane, retreats for the indigent, and for the promotion of public enterprises of every sort. He raises his voice in condemnation of what he thinks inimical to public welfare. He is the current historian of the nation. Yet amidst it all his life is one of selfeffacement. He lives and moves and has his being behind the impersonality of the periodical he represents. His life is the embodiment of altruism, inasmuch as he never publicly advocates anything for his own private advant-

This home for indigent journalists, which the Courier-Journal advocates, is not in any sense an eleemosynary institution. The acepting of alms is beyong the question. In fact, the independence of the craft has already been manifested in the repudiation of the idea by a large number of newspapers. One writer says: "I read, with exceeding sorrow, that a movement has been started by Col. Waterson (Courier-Journal) and Col. Mc-Clure and others, to get Mr. Carnegie to stop spending his money on public libraries and to start to give some of his wealth to the establishment of a home for indigent newspaper men. It puts a stigma at once upon a profession as honorable as that of the lawyer, doctor or clergyman." Another says: "Why should newspaper men be singled out as objects of charity?"

But the Courier-Journal assures us that the proposed retreat will not detract from the dignity of him, whom it is supposed to benefit. It will be a sort of big social club, in which the nervous, broken-down journalist will be welcomed on the threshold by a warm

hand and cheery voice, to wit: "Come in, old man, and brace up. Here's a pipe. Take a smoke, and don't be afraid. This is not an almshouse. It is not a poorhouse. It is a shelter, it is a rest, it is a home. Had hard luck? Well, there's only one thing certain in life and that is that luck will change. Been drinking?
Tut, man, never give up the ship; we mayn't cure you, but, we can tide you over and got your range? over and get your nerves all right.
You thought the idea shameful and a
disgrace and you feel that you can
hardly accept our hospitality? Don't mention it, you were mistaken, and that settles it. Walk right in! Plenty more like you in the back parlor. Good company, too! You may be proud, but we are not; for in the presence of the great good God, even the outcast may

The journal in question concludes as

"In the meantime let us say to those the mother country of such representing to return Monday. After nearly tative statesmen as Sir Wilfrid Lau- reaching their destination, Rork was

taken through motives singularly dis-interested and by men who are beyond the reach alike of praise and blame, that an ounce of good sense is worth a pound of criticism, whilst a single pint of good feeling will sweetly flavor a whole hogshead of cold water."

The Courier-Journal, in spite of an undercurrent of humor, seems to maintain a tone of seriousness, and those newspapers opposing the scheme seem also to be much in earnest. Probably conditions in the congested centers of population in the United States make the establishment of such an institution a great convenience, and perhaps a necessity. However, that is a matter for the United States newspaper men to decide, having an eye on the possible effect on his dignity.

Rural and Urban Populations.

According to a census bulletin recently issued, the rural populations of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island have decreased, and that of Quebec has increased during the decade 1891-1901. The urban population of the first three provinces The omission of Great Britain and named has increased, that of Nova the United States from the number of Scotia showing an increase of 52,390. nations eligible for the prizes offered The totals for the four provinces are

| | as follows: 1901. Rural. | Urban. |
|----------|-----------------------------|---------|
| | Quebec 992,667 | 656,23 |
| | Nova Scotia 330,191 | 129,383 |
| H | New Brunswick 253,835 | 77,28 |
| T. STATE | Prince Edward Island 88,304 | 14,95 |
| ' | Quebec 988,820 | 499,71 |
| | Nova Scotia 373,403 | 76.99 |
| | New Brunswick 272,362 | 48,90 |
| 1 | Prince Edward Island 94,823 | 14,25 |

Trusts and Publicity.

The total capitalization of 183 trusts, according to a recent report from Washington, is \$3,607,539,200. In the neighborhood of 400,000 wage-earners are employed by these trusts. There are 2,203 industrial plants controlled by the 183 combinations, of which number over 275 are standing idle. The pay roll of the 183 trusts amounts to about \$200,000,000. In consideration of the gigantic capital and the quantity of labor employed, the Philadelphia Post thinks that the public would feel much safer if steps were taken towards putting the trusts in a position in which they can be controlled by the national authorities, should control be necessary; and the suggestion set forth in the President's recent message, to begin by demanding a degree of publicity as to their affairs is one step in the right direction.

Discouraging reports were circulated during the year 1901 on the prospect of the mineral production of British Columbia. It happens, however, that there was little or no ground for despondency in the matter. The actual returns show an increase of \$4,368,750 over 1900. The value of the output in 1900 was \$16.344.751, and in 1901, \$20,-

We have received a copy of a book on travel, entitled "The Impressions of Janey Canuck Abroad." Works on travel have been written in various ways, and from different points of view. The present work is from the the idea of writing "a glorified guide book." She has "rather preferred to touch on commonplace everyday topics." It is the commonplace everyday topic that impresses itself most on the traveler. The voyage, the journey in the railway train, dealing with all sorts of officials, abound in incidents of interest in the telling. "The impressions" of Janey Canuck are written in an entertaining manner, making altogether a readable volume of 186 pages. The church question is dealt with, and page 162 contains a little story about Bishop Baldwin, of this city.

The authoress states that we look physically, but we see mentally. One reading her book will be impressed by the fact that she has more than looked; she has seen, and is giving to the public the results of her observation.

Better Live Religiously.

[Hamilton Times.] Poor Jack Biddle! He assured those beside him that he was a Christian and that he would die one. His trouble seems to have been that he was unwilling to live a Christian. There's a lot of that in the world. Many who would argue, or fight, and even die for their religion, don't think it worth while living it.

Opnosed to Fast Driving.

[Saturday Evening Post.] There is often unexpected humor found in the industrial news of the world. A consular report from England states that recently there was a strike of teamsters in an English town because their employer refused to discharge a driver who had made a journey to a neighboring town in three nours' less time than they themselves had been accustomed to take.

Premier Ross' Mission.

[Brantford Expositor.] Several of the opposition critics during the debate on the budget in the Legislative Assembly have taken exception to the expenditure of \$1,800, occasioned by the trip which Mr. Ross made to England last year in connection with public matters. The insinuation is that the premier was taking a pleasure trip, and had this been so their criticisms would have some force but those who read the many addresses on Canadian affairs which he delivered during his visit will come to a very different conclusion. In these addresses he told the statesmen and public of Great Briain some plain things about their duties to the colonies, and he did his utmost to promote the special objects of his mission, which were the promotion of emigration to Ontario and securing the co-operation of the war office in the purchase of remounts; for the imperial army in Canada. The visits to

EXTENSION OF TIME.

This week and next the \$10 "Lonely" sale of suits and overcoats continues.

No such overcoat chance for another year.

Medium weight goods are in the majority. Wisdom in buying for winter or spring.

"Semi-ready" would rather take some losses now than carry any over-no place to put them.

Only "Semi-ready" feature is missing-labels taken out, because prices have been cut.

Semi-ready Wardrobe

J H. BROWNLEE, Manager, 146 DUNDAS STREET.

do this country a world of good, and the electors will not be opposed to any reasonable expenditures which may be made in connection therewith.

A LITTLE SUNSHINE.

Mother-But, Jacky, I don't think a clockwork engine would be a good toy for you to give baby. He's such a little but mother, I'd promise you I'd never let him even touch it .- Punch.

Some Consolation .- "Ah!" sighed the young widow, "no other man can fill poor John's place. I loved him from the bottom of my heart." "Of course," rejoined the sympathetic friend, you know there is always room at the top."-Chicago Daily News.

Too Much for Him.-Civil Service Examiner (very sternly, to Erastus Smith, colored, who aspires to the office of mail carrier)—"How far is it from the earth to the moon?" Erastus (in terror)-"Golly, bos, ef yo's gwine put me on dat route, I don't want de job."-Judge.

SIX FIREMEN **WERE KILLED**

During Progress of a Fire in St. Louis, Mo.

Loss of the Antelope. With All on Board, in Sunday's Storm.

Suicide of Two Girls in Gnome-Woman Shot While Making Up a Bed-Revolver Fell.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 5 .- During the progress of a fire in the building occupied by the American Tent and Awning Company last night, the structure suddenly collapsed, burying a company of firemen in the ruins. At least six men were killed, and as many more

The dead are August Thierry, first assistant chief; Michael Kehoe, assistant foreman; Daniel Steele, foreman; three pipemen, names unknown. Five other men were seriously in-

LOST WITH ALL ON BOARD. Boston, Feb. 5.-The Boston Towboat Company has received word from Bellport, L. I., that a name-board bearing the last three letters of the name of the barge Antelope has come ashore among wreckage near that point. This is taken as confirming the fear that the barge was wrecked in Sunday night's storm, and that the six persons on board, including Capt. Charles Miller and his wife, perished. The Antelope was owned by the Boston Towboat Company, and her cargo of coal was valued at \$15,000. She was bound from Newport News for Boston, in tow of the tug Richmond, which also had towed the barge Belle of Oregon. During the height of the blow the Richmond's heavy towing hawser snapped and the barges went adrift off Fire Island. It seems certain the Antelope foundered, but no tidings have been learned of the Belle of Ore-

The Oregon carried a crew of fourmen, whose names are unknown. Capt. Miller, who lived at Winthrop, Mass., was accompanied by his wife.

SUICIDE OF TWO GIRLS. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 5.-Advices from Nome state that two girls connected with a dance hall recently committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. Despondency is ascribed as the cause. They were known as the Carlisle sis-

A YOUNG WOMAN'S SUICIDE. Philadelphia, Feb. 4.-Belinda Riordan, aged about 30 years, whose home is at Troy, N. Y., a student in the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, committed suicide at a boarding house in this city last night. She stabbed herself in the breast, swallowed carbolic acid and inhaled illuminating gas by means of a tube attached to a gas The cause of the act is not

MAN BURNED TO DEATH. Middleton, N. Y., Feb. 5.-Elijah Thomas, a well-known old negro hermit, was burned to death yesterday in his mountain hut, near Spring Green. Thomas gave the government valuable assistance in locating moonshine distilleries in the mountains a year

A GUIDE PERISHED. Malone, N. Y., Feb. 5.-Wm. Martin, well-known Adirondack guide, lost his life in the great storm of Sunday night. In company with Edward Rork, Martin started from McCullom's Sunday morning to go to Madawaski, a distance of five or six miles, intend-

rier and Mr. Ross are calculated to taken seriously ill, and the two men found shelter in an old camp. Martin started back to McCullom's for help. About this time the storm was raging furiously, and he evidently lost the trail. Searchers found Rork trying to work his way home through snow three feet deep, greatly exhausted, and with feet and hands badly frozen. Martin's body was found on Lake Madawaski completely buried in snow. WOMAN'S SAD FATE.

> Utica, Feb. 5.-Mrs. Margaret Davis, of Prospect, 35 years old, lies in a precarious condition at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, this city, as the result of a peculiar accident. Mrs. Davis is the wife of Edwin Davis, a wealthy farmer, who sleeps with a revolver under his pillow, owing to his having had an experience with burglars some short time ago. While Mrs. Davis was making her husband's bed, she accidentally dislodged the revolver, and the weapon dropping to the floor, discharged and inflicted a mortal wound n the woman's abdomen. There is no chance of her recovery. FIVE MEN INJURED.

Ogden, Utah, Feb. 5.-A fire, followed by a terrific explosion yesterday at the Rio Grande West Railway Pintsch gas works, caused the injury of five men. Ten tanks of gas exploded, and the shock was felt all over the city, causing great excitement. All telegraph wires in the vicinity were torn down for a distance of 500 feet. FATAL DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—The pre-mature explosion of nitro-glycerine, carelessly handled by an operative at the Cerberite Manufacturing Com-pany's plant, at Ardwick, Maryland, nine miles from this city, yesterday, killed Richard J. Martin, the superintendent, and slightly injured two workmen. Eight tons of material of high explosive strength, stored close to the scene of the accident, were not

A LETTER-CARRIER'S HARD LOT. Seattle, Feb. 5. — The Nome Gold Digger of Nov. 13 has the following: United States Mail Carrier Jacob Walwho left on the first of the month for Isak's Point with the mail, may be ost in the tangled underbrush and thick timber which lies between Colovin Bay and the Point. August Nelson, who was one of the party that reached Nome from Norton Bay on Sunday, being the first men over the ice from that district this winter, says that they saw the mail carrier when they were crossing Colovin Bay. states that Waldon was alone, and was making very slow time, his sled being heavily laden and his six dogs in bad shape.

OTHER CASUALTIES. Ira M. Collins, of Hackensack, N. J., has been accidentally drowned in the Philippines, where he had gone as a teacher in the government employ.

Jacob Heiler, of Lehigh Gap, and
Wm. Deitrich, of Philadelphia, were struck by the Black Diamond express train on the Lehigh Valley Railroad near Lehigh Gap late Monday night, and killed. Heiler was a wealthy farmer and tanner.

Says to All Sick Women: "Give Mrs. Pinkham a Chance, I Know She Can Help You as She Did Me."

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: The world praises great reformers; their names and fames are in the ears of everybody, and the public press helps spread the good tidings. Among them all Lydia E. Pinkham's name goes to posterity



MRS. H. F. ROBERTS, County President of W. C. T. U., Kansas City, Mo.

with a softly breathed blessing from the lips of thousands upon thousands of women who have been restored to their families when life hung by a thread, and by thousands of others whose weary, aching himbs you have quickened and whose pains you have "I know whereof I speak, for I have

received much valuable benefit myself through the use of Lydia E. Pink-ham's Vegetable Compound, and for years I have known dozens of women who have suffered with displacement, ovarian troubles, ulcerations and inflammation who are strong and well to-day, simply through the use of your Compound."—MRS. H. F. ROBERTS, 1404 McGee St., Kansas City, Mo.—
\$5000 forfeit if above testimonial is not genuine.

Don't hesitate to write to Mrs. Pinkham. She will understand your case perfectly, and will treat you with kindness. Her advice is free, and the address is Lynn, Mass.

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February Clearing Sale.

Now that stock-taking is over our energies will be given to clearing out balance of winter goods. Therefore, for the next few days

Price Reductions

unequaled in the history of Drygoods may be expected in every department at the "Big Store." It's not a question of cost or worth, but simply of clearing out stock.

THERENAMENTAL STRUCKS STRUCKS STRUCKS STRUCKS STRUCKS STRUCK

We are closing out our Boot and Shoe Department to give the space to other lines. The whole stock selling at cost and under.

February Sale Staple Department.

Blankets, size 60 x 80, worth \$3, sale price

White Wool | Gray All-Wool | Gray Flannel, | Gray Flannel, | Wrapperettes, Blankets, size | Blankets, size | twilled & plain, | twilled & plain, | assorted colors 72 x 90, worth 64 x 84, worth regular price regular price regular 10c and

\$4.25, sale price | \$2.75, sale price | 20c, sale price | 15c, sale price | 121/2c, sale price

Clearance Sale of Mantles.

17 only, Ladies' Mantles in Beaver Cloth, black, brown and fawn. Regular price was \$6, Feb. Sale Price 99c.

15 only, Ladies' Mantles in brown and green Frieze. Regular prices were from \$4.75 to \$5.50, Feb. Sale Price \$1.

7 only, Ladies' Jackets, in fawn Frieze. Regular price was \$6.25,

Feb. Sale Price \$1.50.

10 only, Black Curl Cloth Jackets. Regular \$5.50 to \$8.50,

ular \$62.50, for\$47 00

lar \$30, for\$22 00

for\$19 00

Feb. Sale Price \$3.50 to \$5.

1 only, Electric Seal Caperine, regu-

1 only, Sable Caperine, regular \$30,

2 only, Gray Lamb Caperines, regu-

Clearance Sale of Furs.

only, Electric Seal Jacket, regular \$36, for\$29 00 only. Astrachan Jackets, regular

\$25, for\$19 00 only, Astrachan Jackets, regular \$36, for\$29 50

only, Astrachan Jacket, regular \$40, for\$31 00 only, Lamb and Electric Seal Cape-

rine, regular \$18, for \$13 00

2 only, Sable Ruffs, \$12, for .. \$8 90 | 2 Black Opossum Ruffs, \$7, 2 only, Sable Ruffs, \$10, for. \$6 90 for.....\$5 50 lets, \$18, for......\$13 00 1 only Sable Ruff, \$6.90, for .. \$4 90 1 Mink Ruff, \$9, for \$6 50 2 only Thibet Muffs, \$6.75, 1 Silver Fox Ruff, \$12, for....\$7 90 1 only Sable Muff, \$9, for....\$6 90 for......\$4 90

lar \$15, for.....\$11 00 s only, Black Lamb Caperine, regular \$20, for\$15 00 I pair only, Ladies' Seal Gaunt-

HOSIERY, VESTS, WAISTS AND CORSETS.

Boy's Best Scotch Wool Hose, 50c, for 39c Ladies' and Boys' Wool Hose, 25c, for 17c Ladies' Scotch Wool Vests, 75c, for 50c Ladies' Fleeced Cotton Vests, 25c, for 15c Ladies' Pure Wool Vests, \$1 00, for..... 75e Ladies' French Flannel Waists, \$3 50, for\$2 90 Ladies' P. & N. Corsets, regular \$1 50, for..... 99c

Millinery Clearance Sale.

16 only Handsomely Trimmed Hats, from \$2 00 to \$12 00, at DISCOUNT OF 50 PER CENT. Colored and Black Dress Hat Shapes, worth from 75c to \$2 25, February sale price Wings, Birds and Breasts, worth double the money, February sale price 15c, 25c and 50c

Clothing Department.

coats, regular price \$6, February sale price

\$4.50

coats, regular Overcoats, spun Overcoats regular price ets, regular price\$8, February sale price

Boys' Heavy Tweed Suits, \$5, for \$3 50

and \$3, for.....\$2 25

Boys' Heavy Tweed Suits, \$2 75

Men's Oxford | Men's Oxford | Men's Fine | Men's Fine | Boys' Heavy | Boys' Fine ary sale price

\$10.75

Gray Over- Gray Over. Miltonette Gray Home- Pea Jackets, Frieze Pea Jacksale price

ary sale price

regular price regular price \$2.50, Febru- February sale price \$3.75.

Boys' Vestee Suits, \$4 to \$5, for...\$2 95 Men's Heavy Tweed Pants, \$1 25 and \$1 35, for...... 95c

Men's Furnishings.

Men's Heavy Fleece-Lined Underwear, regular \$1 per suit, for...... 75c Men's Heavy Scotch Wool Underwear, regular \$1 50 per suit, for.....\$1 10 Men's Heavy Lambswool Underwear, reguMen's Furnishings.

Men's Fine Mocha Gloves, wool lined, \$1, Men's Fine Kid Gloves, flannel lined, regular 50e, for...... 39c

lar \$4 per suit, for......\$2 95 Crockery Bargains.

50 dozen Printed Cups, and Saucers, regular price \$1 10 per dozen, February sale

9 dozen Odd Printed Dinner 50 only Glass Footed Fruit Soup and Tea Plates,

Bowls, February sale price,