

A FIRM STAND. A Kansas exchange doubts Governor Taft, and wishes to know what stand the Manila press takes. He is informed that the Manila press, irrespective of party affiliations, experiences some difficulty in standing at all. With a ball and chain attached to each leg, and the provost marshal's sedition club held over its head, the Manila press sits down in a dark corner, to rise when it is ordered to stand where it is told.

WELL DONE. Mayor Seth Low is doing things. To an outsider it seems a very small matter for a mayor to close the dives of a city on the Sabbath, but to the person who pauses to consider that in New York the system of bribery and blackmail must be overthrown, that police commissioners, district overseers, captains and thousands of patrolmen must stand shoulder to shoulder in the fight to throw off the yoke of servitude and stand forth as guardians of the law, rather than abettors of crime, the entire success of the attempt to give New York a "dry" Sunday seems little less than marvelous. If the fusion administration accomplishes nothing more, this practical illustration of the fact that New York can be well governed, is a long stride toward real and lasting reform, and presages the ultimate triumph of the fusion administration over the heelers and grafters who have for years absorbed the greater part of the municipal taxes, and demanded tribute from thousands of evil-doers who plied their vocations under the protecting arm of the officers whose sworn duty it was to bring them to justice.

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AN EASY WAY. At every meeting of a state legislature, in any of the western states, bills to abate the noxious weed nuisance are introduced and usually one is passed. Farmers always take great interest in the movement to suppress the sunflower, and many dollars have been taken from slender road funds and paid over to the destroyer of these rank and lawless weeds.

Of course the modern habit of regulating everything by law, instead of by the employment of a little ingenuity, is hard to break off, but if farmers will for this season forget that there is such a clause as "be it enacted," and simply sow alfalfa, or some equally hardy and profitable product along the roadways, the sunflower nuisance will abate itself, roadways will look neat and cheerful and a few more dollars will rattle into the farmer's till. This remedy, because of its simplicity, escapes the vision of the modern law-worshipper, who persists in bringing scientific knowledge and legal lore to bear upon the evils which a little common sense easily overcomes.

CHILDISH CRITICS. And now Eugene F. Ware has drawn the fire of the pretaturally good. They accuse him of being an atheist, and roundly score the President for having taken into his official household a person who refuses to accept the orthodox doctrine. All this because Mr. Ware caused one of his characters to say:

"For I don't believe a thing Of the stories that are told Of the miracles of old."

Admitting that this is at least rank heresy, it may be contended that so long as Dickens was not punished for the murder of "Bill Sykes" much abused "Nancy," Scott was not taken to task for the crimes committed by his reckless "Risingham," Cooper has never been placed in the dock for the destruction of the lamented Mohicans, and Dumas escaped the wheel and guillotine though the dark deeds of the creatures of his fertile imagination fill many volumes, Ware may hope to escape being punished for the unorthodox utterances of his "Washerwoman," a person who existed only in his own imagination.

STAND UP FOR NEBRASKA. The mayors of several Nebraska cities have been requested to cooperate with an eastern innocent who labors under the delusion that Nebraska has not a sufficient supply of eligible femininity, and is preparing to introduce a job lot of shelf-worn eastern females with matrimonial aspirations.

This insinuation against the loveliness, lovingness and lovability of the rosy-cheeked daughters of the prairie is received with contempt, for the Nebraska girl does not fear competition, nor ask for a protective tariff or subsidy to enable her to control the home market.

Nebraska has girls to—marry, and they marry whenever the spirit moves them. Those who remain single do so because they prefer single blessedness to double querimoniousness; never because the gallants prefer the foreign article.

The well-established economic rule which forbids the importation of an article which can be produced at home, applies to Nebraska and the threatened influx of eastern matrimonial cullings into her well-stocked markets; but let them come, for the poor things may make acceptable servants in the mansions where Nebraska girls will eventually reign.

ROOSEVELT AND MILES. When a military officer is given a command, he is told to adopt his own methods of enforcing his orders, so long as they do not conflict with general orders. His superiors do not care how he governs the men, or who is to blame if he fails to govern them at all. His sole directions are: "Take these men and make soldiers of them." If he fails to do this he will be relieved of command, no matter if he is able to prove that the men were stubborn, obstinate, untractable and of low intellect.

General Miles stands in the same relation to the entire army as does the subordinate to the company, battalion, regiment or brigade. He is supposed to promote harmony among his inferiors and maintain cordial relations with his superiors. If for any reason he is unable to do this he is of no use to the army and his presence at its head is not conducive to the good of the service, neither does it add lustre to his own official record.

Mr. Roosevelt is commander in chief of the American army; Mr. Miles his lieutenant. The former can no more discharge his duties to the army without the respectful cooperation of the latter, than Miles could command a regiment, the company officers of which were continually encouraging insubordination and rewarding disloyalty to the commander.