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LAST SESSION TO BE ONE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.

The President's Message—In Both Houses Its Reading Will be Attentively Listened to—A Forecast of the Legislation—Passing of Appropriation Bills First.

Washington, December 5.—The curtain will ring up today at noon upon the closing session of the Fifty-fifth congress. The war and the fruits of the American victory carry in their wake many problems which the National legislators must solve. But though many questions may press for solution the brief space covered by this session, which expires by limitation March 4, precludes the probability of much being accomplished, beyond the passage of the regular money budgets, the legislation for the increase of the regular army, which the administration deems necessary to meet the obligations imposed on the country by the result of the war and the enactment of a law to give a permanent territorial government to the Hawaiian islands. This covers all important legislation which the congressional leaders expect to see enacted at this session. It is almost the unanimous sentiment of the members that no attempt should be made to legislate concerning the possessions acquired by the war with Spain at this session.

There are earnest advocates of the Nicaragua canal who will strive to secure its passage now and they may possibly be successful, but neither it nor any one of the measures like the pooling bill, anti-scalpers' bill, etc., which have strong friends, will be allowed to interfere with the bills, the passage of which is deemed absolutely necessary to prevent an extra session.

The leaders at both ends of the capitol have put their heads together and the work of the session is to be entered upon with the idea of avoiding an extra session. With this purpose in view, the appropriation bills are to be given the road at both ends of the capitol and pressed through with all possible haste. Two sub-committees of the house appropriation committee have been at work for a week. The deficiency bill to meet the extraordinary expenses of the army and navy for submission to the full committee today. It is necessary it should become a law before the holiday recess, which this year is to be shorter than usual, and Chairman Cannon hopes to see it through the house and into the senate before the end of the present week. The democrats of the house have not disclosed their position, but it is not believed they will seek to obstruct an appropriation bill necessary for the maintenance of the army. Should it be their disposition to prolong debate on the conduct of the war on this bill it is safe to say that the committee on rules will be invoked to bring in an order to close debate.

Intense interest is manifested in the president's message, which will be submitted to congress today, on account of the great importance of the many questions it will have to deal with and no message, it is safe to say, has been listened to with the eagerness and interest with which the reading of President McKinley's message will be heard. After the reading of the message is completed the house will adjourn out of the respect to the memory of Messrs. Love of Mississippi and Northway of Ohio, who died during the year.

On Tuesday, or Wednesday at the latest the house will plunge into its work. Chairman Cannon will have the deficiency bill ready and it will occupy the attention of the house to the exclusion of everything else for the remainder of the week.

The Peace Commission.
Paris, December 5.—The United States and Spanish peace commissioners held private sessions yesterday. Afterward representatives of both sides predicted confidently that one treaty would be signed within a week unless unforeseen complications arose. The Americans say there is no foundation for the reports circulated in the United States and cabled back that President McKinley has forwarded to the American commissioners instructions to insist unyieldingly on a coaling station in the Carolines and that the Spaniards are endeavoring to renew their opposition to access one of the Philippines. Both commissions realize that the latter question is settled.

An Unwitnessed Duel.
Jackson, Ky., December 5.—The dead bodies of C. C. Runyon, town marshal, and Alfred Allen, a town tough, were found lying close together on the public highway at an early hour yesterday morning. Two revolvers lying beside the bodies told the tale of a desperate encounter. There were no witnesses to the tragedy, but it is thought Runyon attempted to arrest Allen, that the latter resisted and a fight at close quarters followed.

Fat Stock Show.

Fort Worth, Texas, December 5.—Arrangements are being made for the third annual Texa fat stock show, to be held in this city, beginning the second Tuesday in March, 1899, at equal dates with the meeting of the Texas Cattle Raisers' association. In all there will be about \$5000 in cash hung up for prizes. In addition there will be the usual number of wind-mills, tanks, feed troughs, etc., offered. Classes and premiums as far as made up are as follows:

Three-year and over steers—Best car Texas raised and fattened steers, 3 years old and over, \$300; second best car Texas raised and fattened steers, 3 years and over, \$225; third best car Texas raised and fattened steers, 3 years old and over, \$150; fourth best car Texas raised and fattened steers, 3 years old and over, \$75.

Two-year-old steers—Best car Texas raised and fattened steers, 2 years old and under 3 years old, \$200; second best car Texas raised and fattened steers, 2 years old and under 3 years old, \$125; third best car Texas raised and fattened steers, 2 years old and under 3 years old, \$75.

Speyed heifers—Best car Texas raised and fattened speyed heifers, \$150; second best car Texas raised and fattened speyed heifers, \$75.

Cows—Best car Texas raised and fattened cows, \$150; second best car Texas raised and fattened cows, \$100; third best car Texas raised and fattened cows, \$75.

Single steers—Best single steer, 3 years old and over, beef standard, \$100; second best single steer, 3 years old and over, beef standard, \$75.

In addition to the above there has already been offered the R. Z. Herrick prize of \$100 for the first premium on a steer of the second premium for the best two loads of cattle fed at Texas mills this season to be shipped to Chicago market.

A number of commission firms have signified their intention of offering special prizes.

The American Short-horn Breeders' association has appropriated \$500, of which \$300 is to be applied on the same classifications and amounts of breeding animals as last year and \$200 to be placed on single purebred or grade short-horn steers.

The American Hereford Breeders' association has offered \$250 in premiums, classifications to be the same as last year.

Indications are that several sales of breeding animals will be held.

In the matter of hogs and sheep premiums and amounts will be on classifications, the same as last year, and the premiums will be increased.

Victims at Baltimore.
Baltimore, December 5.—The most severe wind and rain storm that has visited Baltimore for many years prevailed yesterday and did thousands of dollars damage. Sixty miles an hour is the wind velocity given out by the weather bureau, the highest for nineteen years. Fully 800 houses in the vicinity were unroofed, chimneys innumerable were blown down, trees uprooted and poles leveled. The telegraphic, telephone and electric and trolley poles were blown down. Large sections of the city are in darkness and the telegraph and telephone systems are badly wrecked.

During the height of the hurricane a large gas supply tank at the corner of Scott and Ostend streets exploded and created a panic in that neighborhood. No damage was done.

For Permission to Purchase.
Austin, Texas, December 5.—The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company of Texas and the Sherman, Shreveport and Southern Railway company have given official notice, as required by law, that they will apply to the Twenty-sixth legislature for the passage of a local or special law authorizing and empowering the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company of Texas to acquire, by purchase or lease or otherwise, all the railway properties and franchises of the Sherman, Shreveport and Southern Railway company. The latter road now extends from McKinney, in Collin county, Texas.

Farmers Congress.
Fort Worth, Texas, December 5.—The first delegation to the National Farmers' congress arrived yesterday. The party numbered some fifteen or twenty leading citizens of the city. E. J. N. M., district came in the "Santa Maria," a special car of the Pecos Valley railroad. The delegation from Mexico will probably arrive today.

William Keller, one of the best known Presbyterian ministers in Louisville, Ky., died from heart trouble.

A Child Fatally Burned.
Waco, Texas, December 5.—Ruby Vernon-Kennedy, 4 years old, daughter of S. B. Kennedy, was fatally burned yesterday evening. The child was playing with fire in the yard and her dress was blown into the blaze. In an instant the little one was a mass of flames. The father and mother were both badly burned trying to save her, but her injuries are such that she can not live.

SESSION OPENED.

READING OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TOOK PLACE.

No Other Event of Importance Transpired—Magnificent Displays of Flowers Ornamented the Members' Desks—Foreign Representatives Present.

Washington, December 6.—In the opening hours of the last session of the memorable Fifty-fifth congress the senate chamber presented an animated scene. The galleries were filled early, many of the spectators being visitors to Washington who had embraced the opportunity to witness a congressional opening. On the senate floor the scene presented was unusual, if not brilliant. The desks of the members were loaded with magnificent specimens of the florist's art. Nothing more beautiful or elaborate in floral displays has been seen in the senate for many years. Above in the diplomatic gallery, just before the senate convened, appeared Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador and party; Mr. Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister, and attaches of his legation and some other members of the diplomatic corps. On the floor, Lord Herschel, the chief representative of Great Britain on the joint commission, accompanied by Mr. Jefferson Coolidge of Massachusetts, also came.

Sir Wilfred Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright, Sir Louis Davies and Mr. Carlton, members of the committee, were also on the floor.

Promptly on the stroke of 12 o'clock Vice President Hobart entered and ascending to his desk rapped for order.

Rev. Mr. Milburn, the veteran blind chaplain, in a profoundly impressive manner, returned "devout and reverent thanks for God's goodness to us as a nation and for His care of us since we last gathered in this chamber."

A resolution of the senate developed the presence of sixty-seven members. The usual resolutions were offered. Mr. Culom (Ill.) offered a resolution to appoint the committee to inform the house that the senate was ready to transact business; Mr. Male (Me.) fixing the hour of daily meeting at 10 o'clock noon, and Mr. Morrill (Vt.) to appoint a committee to notify the president that the senate was awaiting any communication he might desire to make.

Mr. Morrill (Vt.) and Mr. Cockrell (Mo.) were named by the vice president to join a like committee of the house to call on the president.

Mr. McBride (Or.) presented the credentials of his newly-elected colleague, Mr. Simon, to whom the vice president administered the oath of office.

Pending the reading of the president's message Mr. Allison moved that a recess be taken.

At 1:05 Major Pruden, executive clerk of the president, entered the chamber and the senate was again called to order. The message was presented to Vice President Hobart, who laid it before the senate at once, and its reading was begun at 1:20 p. m.

The reading of the message occupied two hours and eighteen minutes and not the slightest demonstration occurred.

At 3:45 p. m. the senate adjourned.

Opening of the House.
Washington, December 6.—Exactly at noon yesterday Speaker Reed's gavel came down with a sharp crack and the house of representatives entered upon the regular session of the memorable war congress. The scene within the great hall was animated, brilliant and picturesque. The sea of desks within the brass rails wach cut off the lobbies spreading in semi-circular lines from the speaker's rostrum were like waves from a center.

The desks were a veritable flower garden.

Mr. Dingley, the floor leader of the majority, and Mr. Bailey, the minority leader came in simultaneously from the lobbies of their respective sides. Mr. Bailey went immediately to his seat and Mr. Dingley, as soon as he could disengage himself from the friends who crowded about him, crossed over to the democratic side and shook hands with his political adversary. As the hands of the clock pointed to noon the giant form of the speaker pushed through the green balze doors of the lobby in the rear of the hall and Mr. Reed ascended the rostrum. A wave of applause swept the floor and galleries upon his appearance.

The house then took a recess until 1:30 to await the arrival of the president's message.

When the house reconvened after the recess the committee appointed to wait on the president appeared and reported that they had discharged their mission and that the president had said that he would communicate with congress in writing.

As soon as the reading was concluded the message was ordered printed and then, at 3:30 p. m., the house adjourned.

Opening of F. F. & V. Festival.
Houston, Texas, December 6.—At noon yesterday Houston's second annual winter festival was inaugurated. There was no show of pomp, no display of pageantry, but a sensible dedication of the big flower and fruit show and industrial exhibit. Kindly courtesy marked every act, and Houston's chivalry bade all the world to come and be welcome. There were a few well-timed remarks by President Childress, an appropriate opening address by Judge Kittrell, a crash of "Dixie" by Herb's band and—the Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Festival, pride of Houston and talk of Texas, was launched again.

Seldom has an enterprise of this nature re-opened under so favorable circumstances. There, under the dome of the big Auditorium, with flowers and plants and vegetables rendering the air redolent with the odor of many perfumes, with a sunshine on the outside that kissed roses into the happy cheeks and made everything seem grand, in the presence of a delighted audience—with such surroundings was Houston's famed flower show of '98 born. Those who had worked to make it the success it is were well pleased. The hues of the floral exhibits vied in beauty with the tints of the sky and the effects of both shone in the faces of those present.

The Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Festival is a magnificent illustration of what Texas and Houston can do. Its second annual opening gave promise of a future brighter yet.

Herb's band rendered a pleasing programme while the visitors were drifting in. Music, flowers, sunshine—all were there. The scenes about the Auditorium were pretty in the extreme. Flags and bunting, tastefully arranged, were handsomely set-off by the dark green of the tropical plants and the bright-colored flowers. Together they formed a picture worth going far to see. The effect was splendid and elicited exclamations of delight from all.

Session to Begin Today.
Fort Worth, Texas, December 6.—The city is rapidly filling up with delegates to the Farmers' National congress, which convenes today. Representatives from Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Nebraska and New Mexico arrived yesterday.

Ex-Governor W. D. Hoard of Wisconsin, president of the congress, came in today. In his address today he will call attention to all the great problems with which the farmer is confronted at the present time in regard to the production of agriculture and the marketing of the same. Among other things he favors subsidizing lines of steamers to South American ports. He favors congressional aid for State experiment stations and adulterations in food products. He will urge the farmers to use due diligence for the attainment of an enlightened comprehension of their interests, duties and mutual obligations.

There will be quite a fight by a number of states to secure the next meeting of the congress. Among the cities announced as candidates are Boston, Detroit, Milwaukee, Fargo and Cincinnati.

Boston makes a bid for it with \$1000 cash appropriated by the Massachusetts legislature.

President Hoard today predicted that the present meeting would be the largest attended of any yet held.

Aged Man Killed.
Dallas, Texas, December 6.—W. H. Jilham, 5 years old and a well-to-do farmer of Merrit, Texas, was a good yesterday while walking on the tracks of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroad. He was deaf and could not hear the whistle warning that was blown by the train engineer. Mr. Jilham was walking from Merrit to LaLonia to visit a married daughter. He made it a rule of his life never to ride on a railroad train if he could avoid it, as he feared he would be injured or killed. Over \$400 in money was found in his pockets.

Mistrial in Douglas Case.
Ardmore, I. T., December 6.—The jury in the case of Clarence Douglas, charged with the murder of James Williams at this place in June, 1897, was discharged yesterday, failing to agree on a verdict. The jury stood ten for acquittal and two for manslaughter. The case, which was taken to Purcell for hearing, occupied all last week. The jury have been deliberating on a verdict three days and nights with the above result.

TEXAS GRAIN MEN

DECIDE THEY HAVE NO GRIEVANCE AGAINST CALVESTON.

They Want Cheaper Insurance Rates—Half a Million in Risks to be Given Out to Some Company Willing to Give the Figures Other News Notes.

Galveston, Texas, December 7.—The second day of the Texas Grain Dealers was devoted partly to business and partly to pleasure. They still have a little grievance against the port, but it is a mild one and can be easily overcome.

The members held a meeting at the Grand hotel yesterday morning to discuss several matters bearing on their business. The first question brought up was that of insurance and the following pledge was drawn up for signing:

We fully agree and pledge ourselves to place with the insurance company with whom our committee may arrange for a reduction in the rate of all our business up to the amount the company will carry.

Following this was a list giving the probable amount each member of the association would carry. The total amounted to more than half a million of dollars. The members think they are entitled to a reduction of about 25 per cent from the present rate, and a resolution was passed directing the insurance committee to place the insurance with which every company will make the decrease.

H. B. Dorsey of Weatherford called attention to what he considered to be two evils, one is that the doors of loaded grain cars are frequently left open after the inspector has made his examination. He believed they should be sealed. Another is that the cars are not cleanly swept. It is a common thing, he said, for from two to six bushels of grain to be found in a car after it has been unloaded. The matter was discussed and a committee appointed to draft resolutions covering the views of the association, which will be presented at a meeting held late yesterday evening.

Editor Clark of the Chicago Grain Dealer's Journal, Secretary of the Grain Dealers' association, Chief Grain Inspector Robinson, H. D. Dilbro and T. W. League were elected members of the association.

At 11 o'clock the meeting adjourned to accept a boat ride on the bay. The return trip was made about 1 o'clock and then cars were taken down the island, where an oyster roast was given the visiting grain dealers.

After the return from the feast another meeting was held and the business of the trip wound up. The committee on resolutions reported, declaring that this visit had clearly demonstrated carelessness by some shippers in the co-operation of cars, method of loading, etc., and urging that more care should be taken in the future. They found the grain inspections at Galveston to be fair and just. There was no complaint with the weighing, the same rule being applied here as elsewhere. The Wharf company was requested to have all cars sealed as soon as they are inspected. The visitors left for their various homes last night.

Real Estate and Editors' Day.
Houston, Texas, December 7.—The second day of Houston's big festival passed off most auspiciously. The weather was all that could be expected and the strangers flocked in on every train.

The day was designated as Real Estate and Newspaper Men's Day, and they were the especial guests of the occasion, the real estate men holding a convention during the day with a trolley ride in the afternoon and the editors being entertained with an oyster roast in the afternoon.

The Auditorium and the industrial exhibits were well patronized during the day and the streets last night were literally packed with people to see the illuminated bicycle parade.

The largest attendance of the week is expected today and tomorrow.

The First Roll Laid.
Kirbyville, Texas, December 7.—The first roll was laid and the first spike was driven on the extension of the Gulf, Beaumont and Kansas City railroad on last Saturday morning. There was a blizzard blowing from the north all day Saturday, but it did not keep Mr. H. Hanson, the contractor of this extension, in doors, as he and his foreman, Mr. Black, had the track laying crew out by 7 o'clock to begin their day's labor, and at 6 in the afternoon they had laid and fastened down in good order about one-half mile of track which the heaviest engine is now going over at intervals daily. The road is being laid with 60-pound steel rails and all other of the different departments of construction are being finished in the same substantial order.

Memphis, Tenn.—The Southern Medical College association is in session here with delegates from all but two of the associations, the Texas Medical college of Galveston and the Medical college of Georgia.

The Peace Treaty.

Paris, December 7.—The peace treaty of Paris is practically an accomplished fact. Yesterday's session disposed of the chief features of the treaty, which will be embodied in the following eight articles:

1. The customary preface of treaties in the nature of an expression of amity and of hope for perpetual peace.
2. The relinquishment by Spain of her sovereignty over Porto Rico.
3. The withdrawal of Spanish troops.
4. The relinquishment of Spain's sovereignty over Cuba.
5. Spain's cession of the Philippines.
6. The withdrawal of Spanish troops there.
7. Payment by the United States of \$20,000,000 for the Philippines.
8. The provision for the "open door" commercial policy in the Philippines.

The rough draft of the treaty, which may be considerably changed, covers the protocol. It makes a long document which Senator Davis, of the United States peace commission, says will be found to be one of the most interesting papers in its character ever written.

So completely are the details of the evacuation of the Philippines stipulated that a commission, such as was arranged for the Spanish withdrawal from the West Indies, will be unnecessary.

Among the questions not yet settled, however, are the coaling station and religious freedom in the Carolines, the Spanish commission not having replied to the American offer.

The Americans have agreed to transport the Spanish prisoners home, including the garrison and sailors at Manila, captured by Admiral Dewey and General Merritt, as well as the soldiers and civilians held by the Philippines, whose return the Americans have guaranteed. As a compensation Spain promises to liberate all Cuban, Porto Rican and Philippine political prisoners.

Spanish soldiers electing to remain in the colonies may do so, but it is more a matter of economy for the Americans to return the others, as they must be fed as long as they are kept and Spain is unable to bear the expenses of the repatriation.

Also the Americans have rejected Spain's request for free shipping for ten years in Cuba and Porto Rican waters. They have given the Spanish commissioners such poor consolation as the latter may derive from the permission to reapply when the diplomatic relations have been renewed, for shipping concessions under the reciprocity scheme of the Dingley law, for which Senator Dupuy de Lome was negotiating at Washington when the war broke out.

There are still under discussion eight secondary subjects which the Spanish commissioners broached last week, including the status of patents and copyrights. The American commissioners yesterday handed Senator Rios a written reply covering these questions.

There will probably be no joint session today as the Spaniards desire to consider the propositions.

Farewell Review.
Savannah, Ga., December 7.—The farewell review of the Seventh army corps before its departure for Cuba took place in Forsythe park yesterday. Sixteen thousand troops passed in review before General Lee. Besides the Seventh corps the Third Georgia regiment, Second United States artillery and two light batteries from the Third, one from the Fourth, one from the Fifth and one from the First Maine artillery, took part in the review.

Troop A of the First Georgia cavalry, the famous Jeff Davis legion of the cavalry, formed General Lee's escort.

Texas Senatorship.
Washington, December 7.—Governor-elect Joseph D. Sayers was seen yesterday morning and asked what he had to say concerning the statement made by one of his personal and political friends to the effect that he would be a candidate for United States senator against Senator Chilton and Congressman Bailey. Governor Sayers said: "I am not a candidate for the United States. I have written or spoken to no one upon the subject and no one is authorized to speak for me."

Galveston Cotton Still Burning.
Liverpool, December 7.—The British steamer Edenhall, Captain Jones, at this port from Galveston, previously reported with fire in her cargo, has not yet had it extinguished. After clearing most of the cargo below decks and in the lower hold fire broke out again, necessitating flooding the fore part of the vessel.

Houston Poultry Show.
Houston, Texas, December 7.—The attendance at the poultry show is most satisfactory to the management, being far in excess of last year. There are no less than fifty people in the hall at any time, and they come and go at all hours during the day, apparently well satisfied with the display.

New York.—The general estimate of the loss from the fire, including the wheat the train arrived at Muncie the wind was broken out of a car and a dozen soldiers were seen with bloody heads.

TEXAS AND TEXANS.

Charles Hall, colored, nearly 100 years old, died at Terrell.

Dr. Daniel Dupree of Oak Cliff, aged 77 years, died suddenly.

Dan Glover was given fifteen years at Caldwell for murder.

Aaron Lewis was badly hacked with a hatchet at Houston by another man.

One hundred bales of cotton were badly damaged by fire at Waxahachie.

Tyler county's first carload of syrup has been shipped. It was sent to Coleman.

Austin Lewis, a pardoned ex-convict, was fatally stabbed in the heart at Cuero.

S. W. Butts, a member of the Dallas fire department, died at El Paso of consumption.

Rev. Homer T. Wilson has accepted the pastorate of the Third Christian church of Fort Worth.

The British steamer Roma, which stuck on a reef near Galveston, unloaded 500 tons before getting off.

The comptroller registered \$5000 of Tom Green county courthouse and jail refunding bonds.

Hudson's gin at Anson, valued at \$8000, and insured for \$5000, was destroyed by fire.

The house and contents of W. J. Raines at Tyler burned. Loss, \$5000; insurance, \$3800.

Jim Aden, charged with killing Andy Thomas, was admitted to bail at Gainesville in the sum of \$4000, which he gave.

John H. Ward of Fort Worth has gone to Washington to endeavor to get a military port established at his city.

The iron bridge at Reni crossing in Williamson county, costing \$2400, has been accepted by the commissioners of that county.

FEW WOES FOR HIM.

THE SIGHTLESS SCHOLAR SEES ALL THINGS.

Michigan's Great Blind Man, James P. Hamilton, Scholar, Musician and Athlete, Now Lecturing—He Is Never Contented at Being Blind.

(Battle Creek, Mich., Letter.)
 HE career of James Perrin Hamilton of this city, the blind graduate of the University of Michigan, is scarcely less remarkable than his eyesight. His eyesight having been totally destroyed while he was yet a child, the brave boy determined, nevertheless, to have an education, and he has accomplished his ambition in a manner which eclipses the efforts of many a young man endowed with the power of perfect sight. The young man was born Oct. 19, 1872, his father being Rev. James Hamilton, an eminent Grand Rapids divine. The boy in early childhood fell on a pair of shears, by which one of his eyes was ruined. From sympathetic affection the other eye lost its sight and the boy was left to the mercy of the world. But he was not to be conquered by misfortune.

At ten years of age he entered the state school for the blind at Lansing, and attended faithfully to his duties until he graduated in the literary

course, with high scholarship. The great desire of "seeing" Europe was then made possible by his knowledge of the piano. He went across the ocean and began his long trip, earning his money by tuning pianos, the acuteness of his hearing making him perfectly adapted for this work. In Germany and France he studied the languages of the people until he could talk them fluently. He often said that the old world was a revelation to him and worth years of study in college. The people were all kind to the young blind man and he gained a store of information such as few tourists obtain.

Age, and then, missing his college, entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he astounded everybody with his power of learning and the use to which it was all put. In 1895 he married a bright, intelligent young woman, and the happy couple left soon for study in Italy and Greece. His reception there was remarkable, especially in Greece, where the blind are expected to beg for a living. Nothing more than this was imagined of Mr. Hamilton, but, on the contrary, he was a worker and needed no donations. He soon became the subject of extensive articles in the various Grecian papers and large crowds flocked around him wherever he went, so that soon the attention of the nobility was attracted.

After being the man of the hour at dinner parties among the most noble families of Greece, he received an invitation from the queen to appear before her highness. He was received with all the courtesy and honor which could be used without entering upon pompous ceremony, and when he departed she gave the young man her photograph.

Mr. Hamilton is not only a scholar, a lecturer and a piano tuner combined, but a musician of exceptional merit, having medals and testimonials from the leading conservatories of America and the old world. His execution on the piano is marvellously sweet and pathetic in its shading and expression. He has the usual wonderful power of memory which often, if not always, characterizes the blind, and is able to give the entire lecture of any man from notes taken during the delivery, provided the lecture is not over an hour in length. When writing he uses the Brail system of printing the paper, so that it is read on the reverse side, and he writes from seventy to eighty words a minute.

A surprising feature of his life is the fact that he holds seven medals for wrestling catch-as-catch-can and has never been beaten unless he wandered out of his class. He won the championship medal and honors at the intercollegiate meet when it was held at Ypsanti. Mr. Hamilton is ambitious, active and never content at being idle. He has prepared a lecture, "What the Blind Man Sees in Europe," and it is unique, interesting and bright, having been delivered many times. When the new school for the blind is completed in Greece Mr. Hamilton is to have the same in charge, at the request of her majesty the queen of Greece.

Found Out.
 "Why do you think that man is an impostor?" the proprietor of the hotel inquired. "Because," the clerk replied, "he claims that he lives in Indianapolis." "Well, how do you know that he doesn't?" "He gave himself away the first time he pronounced it. He didn't call it 'Injunapolis.'"—Detroit Free Press.

Results of His Observation.
 "So far as office is concerned," said the cross roads sage, "I have noticed that mighty few men ever reach their shining years."

Rubbie Can Hold His Own.
 A talkative woman for that man Miss He's a barter to marry? She's such a barter for him? Land, no!

Beetle That Holds On.
 The rhinoceros beetle has a tenacious and as powerful a grasp as the most ferocious bulldog. Its head may be two-thirds severed from its body, and it will not loosen its hold. It has real horns and not mandibles, like many of its family.

Some men avoid a disagreeable task by persuading themselves that its accomplishment is an impossibility.

Two Skirts Easy to Copy at Home.

NATURE DOESN'T LIKE GENIUS.

She Always Provides for the Extinction of His Race.

Through all time men of genius have scoffed at and have ridiculed the attempts of pseudo-proud old "riches" to create superior orders of manhood, says the Humanitarian. Nor is this a matter for wonder; they were and are ridiculous. Yet these attempts are repeated every hour. Considering them one would suppose that wealth, titles, dignities are talismans which insure virtue and honor and personal worth and beauty in those to whom they descend. Talismans are ridiculous and so are titles. Nobility is of blood and not of garters, royal sponsors and christenrobes. Pedigrees, portraits and family history, when truthful, tell us a great deal about nobility of a race. Titles, quarters and patents are worthless; and the production of a great genius is, in general, as bad a sign as the production of a great prodigy. Races that produce geniuses should be avoided; the best is the second best—the normal. Genius, as some one (Victor Hugo, I think) has finely said, is a promontory stretching out into the ocean of the infinite. Look for the descendants of Shakespeare, Bacon, Macaulay, Wellington, Nelson, Gibbon, Swift, Voltaire, Carlyle, Bonaparte, Goldsmith, Spenser, Milton, Cromwell, Disraeli—to take a few names at random—and you will find that they are not. For the genius is always a transgressor of the normal—a "sport." He is never symmetrical. Such a one nature likes not and she makes provision for the extinction of the race.

TREES IN NEW ZEALAND.

The Kauri, a Pine, Grows to an Enormous Height.
 From the Chautauquan: The Kauri is the monarch of the New Zealand forest, an indigenous pine, growing to enormous height, frequently eighty feet, before it sends out a bough, while its average diameter is from eight to nine feet. It is said to be 800 years in reaching maturity. There is no underbrush in a kauri forest, the prince of trees permitting no rival within its domain. The totara is another species of pine, which, however, has none of the characteristics of the coniferae of other countries, either in habit or in appearance. The most singular of all is the rata, a peculiar tree with somewhat the nature of a parasite. If it springs up near a rimu pine it winds about it like a huge vine, its tightening coils gradually crushing the life out of the unfortunate pine. When it reaches the top it sends out branches and stands a hollow shell, its coils knit closely together by a dense network of fibres, which appear in the last stage of its growth. It has a like affinity for its own species and a second rata springing up beside one of earlier growth will absorb and destroy it as it destroys the rimu. If, however, neither rimu nor rata is within reach, it grows up a respectable and well-behaved tree, attaining a height of from fifty to sixty feet and is used for masts in ship-building.

Black Hole in Ireland.
 A district of Ireland, there is what is called a black hole, indeed, that it obscured the sky and sent fowls to roost. The fall extended over an area of some miles. While the rain continued lights were obliged to be lighted, birds roosted, and, as is often the case, many people imagined that the last day had come. According to a meteorologist, the cause of this singular shower was only soot. Although it fell in a district far removed from the large manufacturing towns, it was explained that during the previous week there had been strong winds blowing from the northeast, and these winds, collecting the soot from the manufacturing towns of the north, had carried it at a high altitude in a southwesterly direction. When the soot-laden air met a moist wind from the southwest the latter parted with its moisture and the former with its soot—hence the shower of black rain.

AN OLD-TIMER.
 This well-preserved old house was built in 1793, as the stone in the gable end testifies. It occupies the ground adjoining that on which stood the house always known as "The Old Johnson House," which was built in 1698. It was a plain, one-story, modest looking stone dwelling, with curb roof enclosing the garret. During the battle of Germantown, two cannons were placed directly in front of it, in order

THE OLD JOHNSON HOUSE.
 to silence the musetry of the British, who were stationed in Chew's house immediately opposite.

Sensation.
 Now was come the age of the moral sensation, when parental kindness was rattling around trying to fill the place of the rod and the strap. "Give me 10 cents, mamma," persisted the boy with fawn curls, "and I'll take the medicine!" "No, Clifford," exclaimed the sweet woman, tears springing to her eyes, "papa's salary is cut and five cents is all we can afford!" Inwardly, however, she thinks what a terrible thing is poverty.—Detroit Journal.

Some men avoid a disagreeable task by persuading themselves that its accomplishment is an impossibility.

YOUR UNDERSKIRT MADE ACCORDING TO YOUR BUILD

If You Are Slim, Have It Gathered; Otherwise Fit It—Skirts Made of Silks That Do Not Rustle—All Have Ruffles.

(Paris Letter.)
 The shops that make a specialty of lingerie exhibit great quantities of pretty underskirts, with the ruffles and puffs and lace appliques arranged in such divers patterns that there are no duplicates to be found.

A hoop that support underskirts for ball gowns boasts only the palest shades of violet, pink, yellow and blue, along with an unusual number of ivory satin skirts. They are ornamented with innumerable frills of mousseline de soie and the other gauzy materials.

The skirts to be worn with bodice robes are hardly less elaborate, though their most characteristic features is the elaborateness of the trimming on the front edge. It is intended to show under the loose robe.

Between the skirts intended for visiting toilets and those designed to be worn with tailor-made costumes there is less difference. The latter, though, are quite a bit shorter and never extend below the shoe tops. For their pretty frills and sabbons could not be trailed along the wet, muddy, winter sidewalks here.

The preference for crisp, rustling taffeta for underskirts is not so marked at present. So many of the women of taste have a horror of announcing their presence by a great rustle of silk skirts, that soft brocades and failles are chosen. Then, too, a stiff rustling taffeta is generally woven with spun glass, which, while insuring a smart flare, splits at every crease after a few weeks' wear.

A soft taffeta skirt, designed to be worn with a tailor built gown, was in a pretty shade of heliotrope green, and was finished with a frill of silk that commenced on both sides of the front five inches in width and, increasing in depth, reached half way to the waist at the back. At the top there was a pointed yoke, with narrow strips of blue green and dark red velvet ribbon, arranged over it in a plaid.

The same effect was repeated on the bottom of the frill, giving it an effective and durable finish.

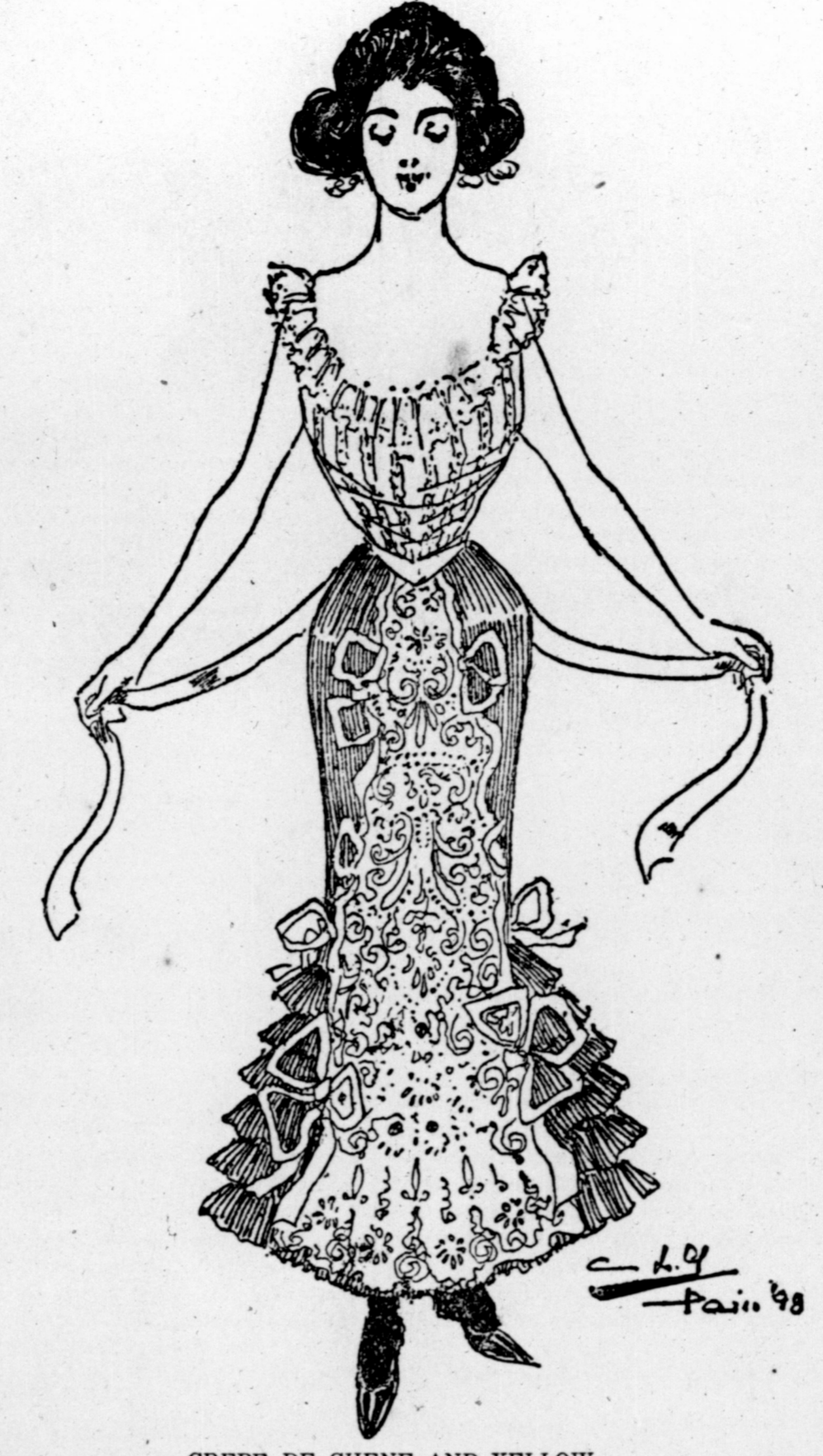
Another chic skirt to be worn with a tailor built gown was of dull red taffeta. It fitted close over the hips and was trimmed with a graduating flounce of the same, sixteen inches at the front and twenty-eight at the back. Black lace bowknots were applied over the flounce. A narrow frill composed of taffeta and black lace bordered the edge of the flounce.

Two or three petticoats were made to fasten on both sides of the front edge, so that they should remain intact even if the skirt gaped at the back.

When a bodice robe is worn, the skirt is made to order, it is designed according to the purchaser's build. For stout women the upper part of the skirt, often formed like a yoke, is glove-fitting. For a too slender figure deficiencies are made up by having the silk gathered full over the hips and back.

A skirt that was to be worn with a bodice gown of primrose crepe de chine was made of tulle in a decidedly deeper shade of yellow. The apron was covered entirely with a dainty piece of chambray lace bordered with striped yellow and white gauze ribbon. The ribbon was arranged in bowknots and applied on the top of the skirt. Six full narrow frills of yellow mousseline de soie trimmed the bottom of the skirt. They extend around to each side of the apron; and the bowknots bordering them were allowed to fly loose. This, like the rest of the bodice skirts, was long, for it really served more as a skirt than a petticoat.

It is quite a fad at present to wear a skirt divided skirt of soft white silk with the white satin petticoats designed for balls. One that was made of ivory tulle was very dainty. It was trimmed around the bottom with a narrow frill of English lace, headed with entre-deux of the same. Above the entre-deux there was a graceful renaissance pattern traced in narrow



CREPE DE CHENE AND YELLOW

white cotton braid. Bordering the top of the pattern was a puff of cream gauze finished with twists of the same.

The long ivory satin petticoat that went with this divided skirt was very elaborate. It formed part of a bridal trousseau, and was to be worn with the wedding gown. It fitted close at the upper part and was finished with a single narrow piping, like most of this year's skirts. It was trimmed around the bottom with a broad flounce that was deeper at the back than the front. The lower part of the flounce was

covered with accordion plaited white gauze, with squares of imitation Brussels lace applied over it in a line, with the corners touching. A full lace frill bordered the edge of the skirt. Entre-deux of the same lace headed the broad satin flounce.

A chambray skirt, designed to be worn with a green corduroy gown, was made with a long, close-fitting yoke of shot copper and apple green taffeta that formed a point at the back. Below the yoke were three broad frills

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USE OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS
 Sort of Passee Watchdog for the British Constitution.
 The house of lords cannot now profess to make the laws of the nation, but it can, and does, prevent vast changes being made in the constitution by a snap vote or a scratch majority, says the Spectator. It does for the British constitution what a written document, unalterable except under certain special conditions, does for other forms of government. But for it the whole of our laws and liberties would lie at the mercy of any man who could get control of the house of commons for twenty-four hours. It considers all legislation, and though in practice it seldom ventures to make changes, it is able to insist on a reference to the country if it holds that a great and far-reaching revolution is being made without the electors being really aware of what is happening. In fact, it views the laws sent up to it in the light of this question: "Ought this law, if not amended, to be rejected until it has been referred to the nation with the demand, 'Is it your pleasure that this bill shall become law?'" The house of lords is, in a word, an old servant who has passed out of active employment, but still holds one very important office in the national household. The master said to him in effect: "You are not very active work, and I do not expect you to take any great share in the regular routine of law-making. That must, as a rule, be left, like all the accounts, to my younger servants. I should like you, however, to keep an eye upon them, and if you notice something being done which appears to you quite contrary to my wishes and to sound management, I want you to help it until I have been asked whether I really want it carried out. Of course you must not always be worrying me with such questions, nor do I want you to refer things back to me merely because you do not like them yourself. I only want to be appealed to when you feel reasonably sure that I shall object to what is proposed."

Clay Pipes.
 The British museum contains a very full collection of clay pipes, dating back as far as the sixteenth century. The custom of waxing the pipe end to prevent it sticking to the lips was introduced by the Dutch about the year 1760.

Her Employment.
 Mrs. McCorkle—How does Miss Sere put in her time? Mrs. McCrackle—By waiting a "miss" spent life.—New York World.

OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

SOME GOOD JOKES, ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.

A Variety of Jokes—Gibes and Ironies Original and Selected—Flotsam and Jetsam from the Tide of Humor—Witty Sayings.

Ten Years Hence.
 "And what is your name?" the new teacher said.
 To the dear little boy who stood at the head.
 Of the very big class she was going to teach.
 With a winning smile to all and to each.
 "Dewey's my name," said the dear little lad.
 Who looked as if he could never be bad.
 "A beautiful name," the new teacher said;
 "With it you are sure to be always ahead!"

"The class in geography," then she said.
 "May rise to recte." From her book she read.
 "The lesson's about the Philippine Isles.
 'Tis far from here by ten thousand miles."
 "Dewey, my dear," the new teacher said.
 To that little boy who stood at the head.
 "Go to the blackboard and draw for me
 A map of Manila for all to see!"

What do you think that new teacher thought.
 When all those sixty small boys she taught
 Sprang to their feet with one single accord.
 And rushed right over to that blackboard?
 —Frances Aymar Mathews in New York Sun.

The Old Style.
 Polite Old Gentleman—I perceive, madam, that I need not inquire about your health.
 Nice Old Lady—Thank you, sir. I confess that I feel ten years younger than I am.
 Polite Old Gentleman—Possibly, madam, but you cannot feel a day younger than you look.—Truth.

Woman's Way.
 Mrs. Triggs—"Oh, dear, did you ever hear of such luck! Mrs. Waggsley has made me a present of a vase that must have cost at least \$30. But that's the way it always goes! Bad luck comes when you're hard up and can least afford to face it."
 Mr. Triggs—"I don't understand you. Why should this beautiful present make you talk about bad luck and being hard up?"
 Mrs. Triggs—"Why, you dull thing, don't you see that I shall have to give her something in return which will cost at least \$5 more?"

Far Seeing.
 "What are you making so much disturbance for?" inquired Aguilado's friend.
 "My dear fellow, you are not keeping up with the pace of civilization. You don't appreciate the value of advertising. I don't propose to go into the United States along with the bunch as merely one of the natives. I'm going to be a deposited potentate, who can hold his own in society with any ex-queen who ever migrated."

Strong Attraction.
 No, mamma, I don't want to die and go to heaven."
 "Why, Johnnie, how naughty! What's the reason you don't want to go there?"
 "Cause I'd have to go away and leave Petie Jimson."
 "And do you love Petie so much?"
 "No, mamma, I don't love him so much, but he's th' only little boy I know that has fits."

Not Superstitious.
 "And you wouldn't begin a journey on Friday?"
 "Not me!"
 "I can't understand how you have any faith in such a silly superstition."
 "No superstition about it—Saturday's payday."

A Miss Take.
 "Is that young person in bloomers the type of the American girl?"
 "No; I should call her a typographical error."—Puck.

The Corrupted Philosopher.
 "A thing of beauty," said the corrupted philosopher, "is a joy until the fashion changes."
Sure to Grow.
 "Drillum's independent company is becoming so large that he has decided to make it a regiment."
 "Who is eligible for membership?"
 "Any one who first planted the American colors on Cuban soil."

Willing to Oblige.
 The Rev. Mr. Wilgus—My young friend, I should be delighted to have you hear me preach next Sabbath. I am going to deliver a special sermon to members of the theatrical profession.
 McFadden (knockabout artist)—I guess I'll go. What time do you come on?

HE KILLS LEGALLY.
 In the code and sacred books of the Parsees no provision is made for capital punishment, but a culprit is to be beaten with three hundred blows, proportioned to his offense, and if he succumbs no one is to blame. The dignity of the function was better recognized in ancient times than it is today. In old Greece the presentation of the hemlock was an honorable service and the man who performed it was ranked by Aristotle above ordinary magistrates. Formerly in Germany the duty devolved upon the youngest member of the community, in Thuringia upon the latest settler, and in Franconia, justly upon the newest married. In Spain the office is, or was, hereditary, and in France it became practically so. The methods of selecting him who shall act as executioner have throughout history been many and curious. In earliest Roman days the sentence was carried into effect by the accuser and a similar practice was in vogue in the Crimea when that was a kingdom.

WHAT THE LAW DECIDES.

An unrestricted guaranty of payment indorsed on a negotiable instrument held, in Commercial bank vs. Cheshire Provident Institute (Kas.), 41 L. R. A. 175, to be negotiable and it is also held that it passes with the title to the instrument.

The "heirs" who are entitled to a right of action for the death of a person under 2 Hill's code, section 138, are held, in Noble vs. Seattle (Wash.), 41 L. R. A. 822, to include the widow and children only, and not to include the parents of the deceased.

A statute reducing the lien or charge of a judgment against the estate or person of a judgment debtor and prohibiting the renewal thereof for more than one year after the act takes effect is held, in Bettman vs. Cowley (Wash.), 40 L. R. A. 815, to be an unconstitutional impairment of the obligation of contracts so far as it applies to those made before the statute was passed.

A person holding a mileage ticket, who, with intent to board a train standing on a siding near a station, without going to the station, attempts to cross the main line, is held, in Southern Railroad company vs. Smith (C. C. App. 5th C.), 40 L. R. A. 745, to be not a passenger to whom the carrier owes extraordinary care or diligence, but only one of the general public entitled to ordinary care, if he has done nothing to notify any of the officers or agents of the carrier that he is a prospective passenger.

DON'T.
 Don't expect to shine in society if your clothes do.
 Don't forget that the larkest hour is only sixty minutes.
 Don't kick an infuriated dog when you have slippers on.
 Don't think that an apology always wipes out the offense.
 Don't attempt to judge a girl's love for you by what she says.
 Don't act the fool. There are too many people doing that naturally.
 Don't substitute black tea for green because the purchaser is color blind.
 Don't accuse the fowl of being tough until you are sure the knife isn't dull.
 Don't carry a barrel of flour on your head in order to acquire a graceful carriage.
 Don't forget that you injure your own character when you attack that of another.
 Don't forget that it is wicked to bet and lose; no man has the moral right to be wrong.
 Don't think because beauty is but skin deep all thick-skinned people are handsome.
 Don't scold your wife in the presence of others; they may think you are afraid to do it when alone with her.
 Don't sacrifice the certainties of today for the uncertainties of tomorrow. Don't be afraid to speak out loud when the world is too busy to listen to whispers.

IN THE LOWER KINGDOM.
 No bird can fly backward without turning. The dragon fly, however, can accomplish this feat and outstrip any swallow.
 Oysters, after they have been brought away from the sea, know by instinct the exact hour when the tide is rising and approaching their beds, and so, of their own accord, open their shells to receive their food from the sea, as if they were still at home.
 The tongues of the cat family are covered with recurring spines. In the common domestic cat these are small, but sufficiently well developed to give the tongue a feeling of roughness. But in the lion and tiger the spines are strong enough to enable the animal to tear away the skin of a man's hand merely by licking it.
 There are several species of fish, reptiles and insects which never sleep during their stay in this world. Among fish it is now positively known that pike, salmon and goldfish never sleep at all. Also that there are several others of the fish family that never sleep more than a few minutes during a month. There are dozens of species of flies which never indulge in slumber and from three to five species of reptiles which the naturalists have never yet been able to catch napping.

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IRONICAL IPS.
 If a man is cowardly he always quotes "Discretion is the better part of valor."
 If you see a small boy chasing a bee and afterward hear him yell it's a sure sign that he has caught it.—Daily News

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THE WAY ETC IS HARD

SUDDEN CLOSING OF A CAREER OF CRIME.

Mattie Mahoney was shot on a Grand Jury Roadside, shielding a Brutal Man—Tragic Story of Misguided Girl Who Loved a Murderer.

When Howard Clark and Mattie Mahoney were shot to death by officers of the law in Indiana two life stories were ended that from the first almost were cast in sin and shadow.

Howard Clark was born in Louisville about thirty-two years ago. His parents were people of the middle class, thoroughly respectable and in tolerable circumstances.

About three years ago a burglar gained a reputation in Louisville as "the only man who could beat the slot machines." The little devices were in their heyday.



HOWARD CLARK.

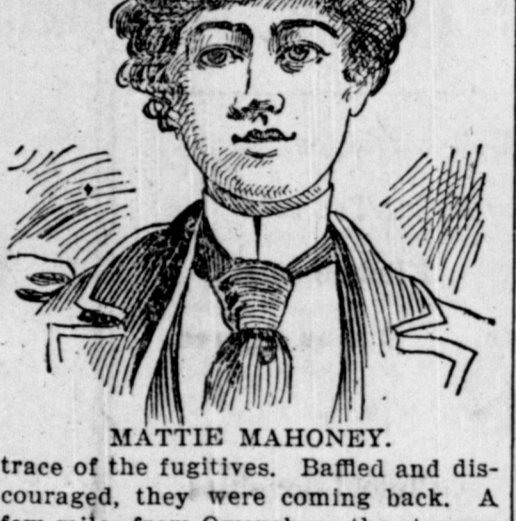
As if he had disappeared from the face of the earth until Chief of Police Haeger heard that he was in St. Louis.

him and at once notified the police department. Search was instituted.

Clark learned that things were getting warm and decided to skip out. The girl went with him.

No further trace of their movements had been ascertained until they were seen passing Tell City the following Friday morning.

Meanwhile Chief Pierce had gone back to Owensboro and had organized another posse composed of Marshal Taylor of Owensboro, J. T. Bell and C. H. Moseley.



MATTIE MAHONEY.

trace of the fugitives. Baffled and discouraged, they were coming back. A few miles from Owensboro the steamer made a landing and the officers became engaged in conversation with a fisherman.

TWO YOUNG WOMEN.

Touring the United States in a Special Car Costing \$300 a Day. Three hundred dollars a day is what it is costing two young ladies who are "doing" the United States.

He was an earnest minister, and one Sunday, in the course of a sermon on the significance of little things, he said: "The hand which made the mighty heavens made a grain of sand; which made the lofty mountains made a drop of water; which made you made the grass of the field; which made me made a daisy!"—Chicago Journal.

LANDOR'S OWN STORY OF HIS AWFUL SUFFERING

He Undoubtedly Would Have Been Killed Had It Not Been for a Strange Superstition.

[LONDON LETTER.]

There are few less known regions on the earth's surface than Tibet. Owing to the jealous exclusiveness of the Chinese authorities, the religious fanaticism of the Tibetans themselves and the wild and difficult nature of the country, Tibet has remained isolated from the world longer and more completely than any other region of Asia.



THIBETAN CASTLE WITH GIGANTIC INSCRIPTION.

Mr. Landor arrived in India in April, 1898, and made his first attempt to enter Tibet towards the end of May. But the Forbidden Land was equal to its reputation; the Tibetan authorities prevented him from entering the country by the Lippu Lek Pass—the easiest route—and it was only in the middle of July that he entered Tibet by the Lumpia Pass, was again turned back, but ultimately succeeded in getting across the mountains to Mansarowar.



THE NATURAL CASTLE.

bound, as prisoners into the presence of the "Pombo," or governor of the province. At first Mr. Landor himself was not tortured, but the "Pombo" only trying to intimidate him by the sight of the cruel scourging of the unfortunate Chanden Sing.

various implements to show that they were preparing for action."

The culmination of the tortures was to have been beheading by a naked sword, but a curious circumstance enabled him to escape with his life and those of his followers.

"Then in order to accelerate our speed, a horseman rode by my side, lashing my pony to make it go its hardest. Meanwhile the horseman who held the cord did his utmost to pull me out of the saddle, no doubt in the hope of seeing me trampled to death by the cohort behind me. As I leaned my body forward so as to maintain my seat, and with my arms pulled violently backwards by the rope, the flesh was rubbed off my hands and knuckles by the chain of the handcuffs.

SOLOMON DISTANCED.

In All His Glory He Was Not Arrayed Like These.

A donation party was given to a good country clergyman in part payment of his small salary, the principal result being 27 bushels of beans and a large variety of second-hand clothing for his five children.

His Sense of Duty.

"Do you fully appreciate," asked the earnest citizen, "the duty which every man owes to his country?"

Negatively Benefited.

"I am always grateful to my parents for the musical education they gave me," said Willie Washington.

Largest Sun Dial.

The largest sun-dial in the world is Hayou Horoo, a large promontory, extending 3,000 feet above the Aegean sea.

Pay in the Japanese Navy.

A Japanese admiral receives, by a recent ordinance, 6,000 silver dollars a year, a vice admiral 4,000, while first and second-class captains get 2,496 and 2,263 respectively.

Couldn't Stand It.

"How did that girl happen to break the mirror in her room? She's not so homely," "No; but she's from Boston. I dare say she looked at the glass and it shivered."

LITERARY NOTES.

George W. Cable is busy on a novel of the civil war, which he expects to call "The Cavalier." Most of the characters are New Orleans creoles and the scenes of the tale are in the region just north of New Orleans.

It is surely one of "life's little ironies" that the great laughter-maker, Max Adler, whose real name is Charles Heber Clark, a man with a world-wide reputation as a humorist, should sit in the office of the Textile Record and write ponderous editorials about the exports of the last fiscal year, the protective tariff, free trade, pig iron, and the currency.

Apropos of Mr. Kipling's new book a good story is being told of him. Recently he sold a book to his publisher at a rate that worked out to a shilling a word.

Marian Crawford's new book is "Ave Roma Inmortalis: Studies from the Chronicles of Rome," in two volumes. He begins with a brief historical study of the rise of Rome, with sketches of some of the great men who made her greatness, and afterward takes the fourteen different regions or wards into which the city was divided in medieval times.

FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof—Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

Orchards in Hard Places.

In an address before the Wisconsin State Horticultural Society, Geo. J. Kellogg said in part:

In recommending the best plan most likely to succeed on low situations and poor orchard soil, I would go back to the foundation and plant four seeds of the most hardy apple or crab known, such as Duchess and Hibernial or Virginia crab, in a well paved spot where the future orchard tree is to stand, protect by a bit of fence board on the southwest side, and so staked and cultivated that a good growth may be secured; the first fall remove all but two of the most vigorous seedlings, bank up for winter and if the size is sufficient to carry a clone, the following spring graft two inches below the crown with Duchess, Hibernial, Charlamooff and Virginia crab for those kinds less hardy.

The advantage of grafting the seedling without transplanting is to get the benefit of the whole root and in no other way can the full benefit be obtained; grafting two inches below ground will insure the rooting of the scion; using Virginia crab as a stock upon which at two to three feet to graft, or bud, in the limbs, varieties which are less hardy, such varieties as Duchess, Hibernial, Glass Green and a few others may be grafted at the ground. The grafts should be shaded by a bit of board till large enough to be protected by the lath shield. Graft two seedlings, then remove one later on.

Second plan. Set two root grafts of short roots and long scions where the future orchard tree is to stand; protect the same as before; take up the weakest if both grafts grow; always prune the growing tree when the bud can be removed with the thumb; have one central trunk and side branches at right angles six to twelve inches apart; stimulate the tree to early growth but do not cultivate after July, or cause more than a moderate growth of wood each year. After trees come to bearing do not let them overbear, or starve to death; a tree should be fed in proportion to its fruitage.

William Penn Anderson of the railway bureau of live stock statistics, Union Stock Yards, Chicago, has just completed a canvass of the range cattle of the country for the Associated Press.

Stock on Western Ranges.

There are thousands of cattle being held in close herd awaiting shipment.

Varieties of Wheat.

The Pennsylvania station has been testing wheats for more than ten years. Of those that were tested for eight years it says:

Drowning Colling Moths.

Wormy apples may be prevented by placing barrels half filled with water in the orchard just as the trees are about to open their blossoms.

The Grain Weevil.

A bulletin sent out from the Indiana experiment station says: Numerous inquiries have recently come to the experiment station concerning a small insect which is described as doing great damage to the wheat.

Farming Area of Montana—Montana is the third largest State in the Union, covering an area 550 miles in width from east to west, and 300 miles in length from north to south. The boundaries include 146,030 square miles, or 92,998,400 acres. The lands are divided among the different industries about as follows: Farm lands, 30,000,000 acres; grazing lands or natural pasture, 35,000,000 acres; and native forests, 14,000,000 acres.

Farm Buildings Too Far Apart.

We have quite frequently houses and barns located quite a distance apart, so far indeed that it requires several minutes' time to go from one to the other. If house and barn are only 100 feet too far apart, and we make but three trips back and forth each day, in a week's time we have traveled about an extra mile and in twenty years will have gone a thousand miles out of our way or farther than necessary.

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When the Court House and Jail get their new coat of paint they will look presentable.

It is a noticeable fact that Del Rio is building up, and in a very substantial manner.

That stereotyped paragraph about our sunny south had better be put under the stove to thaw.

The paymaster paid off at San Antonio, Friday, and the supposition is that he will pay here Monday.

SONORA is one of the most enterprising blitter towns in the West. It will have oranges and a big tree loaded with presents X-mas.

THURSDAY night a regular old-time blizzard came sweeping down and next morning the ground was covered with snow. The snow commenced falling at 4 o'clock Friday morning and continued until eight, when the mercury took another tumble and everything froze solid. At this writing the weather is threatening a repetition of Tuesday nights storm and the cold is intense. This spell is bad on stock of all kinds and if it continues some loss is bound to result.

Further proceedings of the East Texas conference, in session at Beaumont.

Delaware Indians have gone to Mexico to select a new home; the white men are crowding them out of the Territory.

Charles Bass suicided by injecting morphine into his veins at Dallas.

Federal Judge Seaman holds that State courts have no jurisdiction in bankruptcy proceedings.

House of Bishops of the Methodist church, South, vote to return the money voted them by congress if the senate so decides.

Major Carter Harrison and the anti-railway franchise extensionists have aroused Chicagoans to such a point that boodle aldermen are in danger of their lives.

McCoy and Sharkey matched to fight in New York on January 10 next.

The National Farmers' congress made several recommendations for needed legislation, which will be sent to congress.

Government will furnish free treatment and bath to the poor at Hot Springs, Ark.

Smallpox epidemic in Bedford, Pa.

Thursday last the first Sunset limited train out of New Orleans met with a serious accident near Jennings, La. Engine was derailed and several of the cars badly injured. A number of employees were more or less seriously injured but no one was killed, their escape being almost miraculous, as the locomotive turned over. None of the passengers on the train, of whom there were over thirty, were injured, although they were badly shaken up. Wrecking trains were sent to the scene from both directions to assist in clearing the track, which work took several days. Passengers were transferred, which took some time, and the California train several days was quite late. The train is due here at 7:40 in the evening, but on two days did not reach here until nearly noon on the following day. It is very seldom that serious accidents occur on the Southern Pacific, their fine road bed, good equipment and careful employees reducing danger to a minimum.—Uvalde News.

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One of the wedding bailes the other night broke up in a row, and Judge Magner held special session next morning.

A double wedding took place at the Catholic church, Monday morning, the contracting parties being Mr. Roque Locke and Miss Aniseta Sanchez, and Mr. Jose Angel Martinez and Miss Isabel Talamantes. In the evening two big bailes were given in honor of the newly wed.

One item that inadvertently escaped us last week was the departure of Mr. Alex Rosen. He left Brackett for good and will locate in some new town further north. Mr. Rosen was universally liked and has many friends here who regret his going. THE NEWS wishes Mr. Rosen success in whatever part of the world he may locate.

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A DISSERTATION ON THE DEADBEAT.

Behold the deadbeat. He toils not, neither does he spin—only yawns at the corner grocery—yet Solomon in all his glory didn't have a better time than he.
The deadbeat always shuns evil; he regards honest labor as the greatest of evils.
He pays no taxes to speak of, yet he roosts on empty beer kegs, and tells hard-working, tax-paying citizens how they must vote.

He is robbed in purple and fine linen and fares sumptuously each day, until the merchant gets on to his curves and tells him he must cough up some of the coin of the realm before he can purchase more goods. Then the dead beat sits down, for he is too tired to stand long, and sorrowfully speaks of the grinding monopolies and the rich who do not give the poor man a show; after which he proceeds to find some other merchant who has not yet out his eye-teeth on tough deadbeats.

The guileless editor falls an easy prey to the wily deadbeat. The d. b. reads the paper for years and years and waxes fat while the patches on the editor's bloomers expand from day to day and he has to stand twice in one place to make a shadow. When the editor suggests a small payment on account, the deadbeat indignantly protests that he never subscribed for the paper and would not read it if he had to. Then the editor tightens his belt another hole and cheerfully scratches his name off the list.

It has never been ascertained what the deadbeat was created for, unless it was to prevent over-production of foodstuffs and wearing apparel, for it has been shown that it takes the labor of six honest men to support one deadbeat in the style to which he has been accustomed.
The deadbeat is very numerous and very long-lived. When thrones have rotted and bond issues have ceased to trouble the deadbeat will still be found enjoying the pleasures of life and living off the labor of honest men.

Through the courtesy of the author we have become possessed of a handbook on athletics. We are a devoted to athletics, but find that the book does not treat of the kind of sport we indulge in. A man who weekly dallies with the unconquerable G. Washington had press, who habitually chops up enough seasoned oak every morning for the day's household use; and who ever and anon is compelled to engage in mortal combat with the sated delinquent subscriber, can have no taste for such gentle pastimes as football and other popular sports.—Hondo Herald.

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PIG WITH A BROKEN LEG.

An Indiana Woman's Effort to Have Her Queer Pet's Injured Member Set.

The physicians at the city dispensary have all sorts of patients, but a new record was made the other day, says the Indianapolis News, when a woman brought a pig there to have its leg set. She drove up in a carriage and exhibited a five-year-old pig, with a broken leg, and entered into negotiations to have the injured member repaired. While she was talking she paused ever and anon to hold a milk-bottle to the little sufferer's mouth, to stop its pitiful cries.
Dr. Kennedy informed her that it was not in their regular line to practice on pigs, but the case might be taken—for consideration. Dr. Pink asked her why she did not go to a veterinary surgeon, and she said he would charge too much for the work. Dr. Pink offered to set the limb for 50 cents.
"Oh, you're awful high," the woman almost screamed. "I studied medicine myself, and have an idea of what you ought, to charge. I'll give you a quarter."

But Dr. Pink would not come down, and the woman finally consented to pay the price. The doctor was about to begin the operation, and had given the pig's leg a preliminary pull, which made the bottle again necessary, when the woman was struck with an idea. "I suppose you guarantee your work," she said. "I think so much of the little fellow, and I want to know that his leg won't be crooked when he gets well."
Dr. Pink would not agree to guarantee the job without additional pay. He informed the woman that it would cost an additional dollar to guarantee it. This almost caused the woman to faint, and as soon as she could recover from the shock, she grabbed the reins and drove away.

EMANCIPATED WOMAN.

She is Found in Italy as Well as in the United States—How She Works There.
Though in Italy the so-called "emancipation" of women is by no means so far advanced as in England or the United States, there are few countries in Europe where the political influence of women is greater than in Italy. The influence, though great, is not, however, always apparent, for it is chiefly exercised indirectly and privately by the women of the upper classes. Instead of forming themselves into associations and leagues and international unions and organizations and competing with political orators, the Italian women interested in political work quietly, and certainly not less efficaciously than their more "emancipated" sisters.

As a rule, Italian women work by means of the old French expedient, the salon. In Rome alone there are no fewer than a dozen salons devoted almost entirely to the discussion of political topics. Each salon has its own political "color," which is generally that of the husband or father or friend of the mistress of the house; but while the thread and web of the politics carried on in a salon is spun and woven by the men who frequent it, the personal influence of the mistress of the house acts on each one of her guests, modifying views, and softening, or it may be accentuating, the roughness of ambition. As long as they remain in their salons Italian political women are in every way admirable.

BEES IN HIS HUNTING COAT.

Pockets Full of Honey for a Soldier When He Came Home from the War.
Asa Witham, a farmer of Blanchard, Me., has been a member of the Dover company, Maine volunteer militia, for two years, and is counted one of the best marksmen in his regiment. Last May when he was waiting for the government to call the troops to Augusta he went out one afternoon and shot six rabbits. On his return a messenger met him in the doorway and told him he must take the next train for the state capital. As his canvas hunting coat was wet with the blood of the rabbits he hung it up on the limb of an apple tree, remarking that it would be well washed by the time he returned from the war.

Witham was mustered in and went to Chickamauga, where he was on duty every day until a month ago, when his regiment was ordered back to Augusta. He was sent home on a month's furlough. Being somewhat exhausted from a continuous diet of hardtack and bacon, he thought he would try his luck at partridge shooting before setting down to farmwork. The canvas coat was hanging from the limb in the orchard, but when Witham went to put it on he found that it was already occupied by a swarm of bees, which had taken possession of the garment during his absence. With the aid of a sulphur smudge fire he expelled the insects, and secured 22 pounds of white comb honey.

A Queer Verdict.

Upon the Isle of Man, where sheep-stealing is evidently a serious offense, John Dixon was recently sentenced to three years' imprisonment for it. The exact words of the jury were: "Not having satisfactorily accounted to the minds of the jury for the possession of the sheep, we find the prisoner guilty." What puzzles the lawyers is this: Can a man be legally jailed on such a verdict?

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USED HIS HAND FOR BAIT.

This Thrilling Yarn About a Diver and a Shark Comes from Diego Garcia.

An article about diving in St. Nicholas tells the following story about Lambert, a famous English diver. The fish in some waters are a hindrance and are great disliked by the diver. Perhaps the diver's worst foe is the conger eel. This creature attacks in swarms and is most daring and exceedingly vicious. The congers bark like dogs, and never hesitate in the least to bite a man.
"At one time my right hand," said a diver to us, "was exposed for a moment while in the water, when one of these fierce creatures made a dash for it and took a large piece from the back of the hand. It bit freely and I was obliged to come up to the surface and get it dressed."
"But how about the sharks? Don't you find them troublesome?"
"Not very. You see, sharks are like rats; leave them alone, and they run away if they catch sight of you. Corner a shark and he will fight you. I can give you one of Lambert's; he once had a thrilling fight with one at the bottom of the Indian ocean. He had been sent to the island of Diego Garcia to fix copper sheets on a coal bunk that had been fouled by a steamer, and was annoyed during his operations by the same shark for nearly a week.
The monster was temporarily scared away, however, every time Lambert opened the escape valve in his helmet and allowed some air to rush out. One day Lambert signaled to his attendants for a big sheath knife and a looped rope.
"Having these, Lambert used his bare hand as a bait and waited until the shark commenced to turn on its back, when he stabbed it repeatedly, passed the noose of his body and signaled for it to be drawn up. The diver brought home the shark's backbone as a trophy."

WHEN HER SOLDIERS RETURN.

The Internal Crisis in Spain Will When Have Begun in Britain?
The loss of our (Spanish) colonies means the absolute disappearance of all industry and commerce which the inhabitants of those islands were forced to support, says "A Spaniard" in Fortnightly Review. Factories, workshops, magazines—all must be closed, and thousands of thousands of operatives turned adrift on the world, homeless and helpless. A hundred thousand soldiers will come home to swell their ranks, sickly, mutilated men, no longer needed to fight their country's battles, and no longer able to carry on the struggle for existence under the ruins of the old order of things. The greater number of 30,000 military officers will be deprived of their command and placed on the reserve list, where the pay is such that a captain, who generally has a wife and family to support, receives about two shillings and four pence a day.
Agriculture, which is dying out, cannot support these legions of famishing men, women and children, nor are soldiers the kind of people who take kindly to the hard handrum life of the fields. When these multitudes have felt the pinch of hunger, and see themselves thrown back upon the laws of nature to keep themselves and their loved ones from dying, then the internal crisis will have begun in very truth, and the town of the revolution will have sounded. In Spain, the army will decide, by its attitude, whether Carlism or republicans shall triumph.

SPANISH MUSIC.

The National Character of Spain Is Very Well Indicated by its Harmonies.
It is interesting to note how a nation's favorite musical instrument is a key to the national character. Thus, for instance, England's musical instrument is the organ, Scotland's the bagpipe, Ireland's the harp, Italy's the violin, Spain's the guitar, Germany's the flute, the United States—the saxophone and north the piano. Spain's affinity seems strongest, and just now, is of especial public interest. The guitar is ubiquitous in Spain. Its tinkling, sweetish harmonies may be heard on the battlefield, in my lady's bower, in the mule cart, in the barber's shop, in saloons, hotel and the highways and byways. Spanish music is pretty rather than powerful; its boleros, rigidous and fandangos gay rather than grand. It savors more of dagger and hatpin than bayonet and bomb. Glancing back in guitar history to the days of King David, when this instrument was known as a kinnor, one sees that while it was used to refresh Saul, it was also carried by depraved female minstrels, as evidenced by the Prophet Isaiah's ironical suggestion to them to "take a kinnor, go about the city, make sweet melody, sing many songs, that you may not be forgotten." The popular Spanish air of "El Sevillano" is a capital illustration of the characteristics of Spanish music and Spain. Its pretty, thin strains remind one of the country of the mulcaster and friar.
Beech Canoes for the Orient.
Bangor manufacturers are sending canoes of birch and canvas to Palestine, Japan, India and China. One recently sent to India was to the order of a British officer, and the cost of transportation was more than \$75. A canoe just ordered is intended for a trip up the river Jordan.
Rattlers Needed in Brazil.
The facilities for inland transportation are so limited in Brazil that the inhabitants of the ports find it cheaper to import grain from North America than from their own farms.

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At the ARBOR. Bids were opened this a. m. for beef contract but too late for us to publish.

The treatment for worms must be prompt and safe. White's Cream Vermifuge can be trusted to restore your child to health.

Mr Jas Murphy desires us to inform his friends, and the public in general, that anticipating the fact that on Xmas day it is customary for everybody to have a big fat turkey for dinner, he will have a supply of them for sale.

Nance, the Jeweler, has just received a fine line of jewelry.

Seems like since our boys left for Manila, the young folks in town lost all interest in dance, entertainments etc.

A 45-60 Winchester for sale at the NEWS office.

Some of the boys of the Third are talking of getting up a grand ball during the holidays.

Ballard's Snow Liniment is the most penetrating Liniment in the world. It cures pain and inflammation of all kinds quicker than any other known remedy.

We don't like to give it away, but that Dutch brother-in-law of ours, Alphonse Bitter, and that Polande "devil" of ours have told us that we killed a deer. They killed three.

The best 50 cigar in town, TANSIL'S PUNCH, at Partrick's Drug Store.

Will Murphy, Fred Bitter and Mr. Cude are out on a ten days deer hunt.

Tom McAlpin is the man that can supply you with oysters and fish for Christmas. The Arbor, that's the place.

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ALLEGED MURDER OF C. M. MULHERN.

For years past Jeff Davis county—where we are glad to say, the New Era circulates almost universally among its citizens—has been noted for being one of the most law abiding and well ordered counties in the state.

The county is prosperous and free from debt, having a large amount of surplus in the treasury.

Even during the drouthy times several years ago there was little suffering among stockmen, and practically no serious reverses of fortune.

The courts have come and gone, and as a matter of fact grand juries have been empaneled and discharged and no indictments found because of the excellent character of the citizenship of the county and because there was no occasion for conflicts.

But, unfortunately, the recent election proved a veritable Pandora's box, and let loose a legion of geniuses of discord and misfortune.

About a week before the election a ball was given by the partizans of one of the local tickets for county office at which a trouble of more or less serious import arose.

Later on at night some hours after the ball had closed, a partizan of one of the tickets was shot but not seriously injured, and the next day three of the partizans of the opposing ticket were arrested, charged with the shooting.

On preliminary hearing they were discharged, and on the same day of their discharge several leading partizans of the opposing ticket were arrested on various charges—carrying arms, making threats, etc.

But for a few days this preliminary difficulty seems to have had a quieting effect, and the community at Fort Davis passed over the election day without further trouble.

The election passed off quietly, and the usual peaceful community of Fort Davis was congratulating itself upon its good fortune, and a ball was given at the court house by the successful ticket to celebrate its victory.

Unfortunately, at this ball the evil spirits had their headquarters, and as the previous ball made itself apparent in a somewhat ominous manner, and threats were made of evil import.

Two evenings later several partizans of the respective ticket met at the beer saloon of Tom Hawthorne, in old Fort Davis, and to all appearances were enjoying among themselves a social glass of beer.

Several beers were taken, and in the course of the talk an altercation followed, and Charley Mulhern was shot, the ball taking effect in the bowels, and proved fatal thirty-six hours later.

The Mulhern family of Jeff Davis county, of which Charles Mulhern, Sr., is the head, is one of the most prominent and highly respected families in the county.

Charley Mulhern, himself was not known to have an enemy in the world, Public sentiment, naturally, is strongly on the side of the deceased.

O. L. Price, is the county attorney of Jeff Davis county. He came to Fort Davis several years ago, and for a year or two had charge of the schools, and later was foreman of the Grierson ranch.

To say the least, he was well respected and well esteemed in that community.

The preliminary examination of Price was held November 14 and 15. The state put on the stand only one eye-witness, an attending physician, a witness at the death-bed of Mulhern, and a witness to prove malice.

The defendant declined to place any of its witnesses on the stand. Price was re-nanded to go out bail but, no doubt, a habeas corpus proceeding will be instituted in due time, to permit him to give bail.

This most unfortunate affair is universally regretted in Jeff Davis county and by every good citizen of the neighboring counties.

That county had an enviable reputation for being orderly and law abiding which everybody in this section of the state felt proud of, it is a matter of sincere regret that such an unfortunate affair should have occurred in so worthy a community.

Hon. W. W. Gatewood has been retained by the friends of the deceased and represented the state at the examining trial, and R. W. Adams, recently located at Marfa, represented the defendant O. L. Price.—Marfa New Era.

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"MISSING."

The soldiers who were classed as "missing," after the fighting before Santiago, were those who could not be accounted for.

It was a simple classification; but no one word ever included so various a lot of men, or covered so many tragedies and comedies so utterly diverse.

The "missing" were in some cases the most ardent of cowards, and in other the very bravest of the brave.

A soldier of the Seventeenth Infantry was shot in the region of the heart during the night attack of the second of July.

The shot did not kill him outright, nor for the moment paralyze his physical powers, but it crazed him utterly.

His comrades saw him strike his breast with his hands, heard him cry out, "I am shot!" and saw him drop his gun and run staggering down the hill toward the camp of the regiment.

Reaching the camp, he did not stop, but ran into the bushes which thickly skirted it.

Soon men were sent out to find and bring him in, but he was never found.

No one doubts that he kept on running, in delirium, until finally he fell in some obscure corner of the jungle where no search could discover him.

The report in his case was "wounded and missing."

Soldier who were wounded in the advance movements at Caucay and at San Juan ridge often fell to the ground and were unable to get forward or back, although their wounds were of such a character that, with proper treatment, the men might have survived.

As they fell their comrades pressed forward, and were ordered, after the position they were seeking was gained, to new positions.

If they remembered the spot where their comrades had fallen they had no opportunity to get back to them.

The surgeons and hospital stewards were expected to look out for wounded men, but sometimes the men were hidden in bushes or in the breast-high grass so that they were never found.

There were pitiful cases in which wounded men dragged themselves into the hospital or other camps two or three days after they were shot.

Undoubtedly many others never succeeded in teaching success, and died alone in the woods or the tall grass.

The reader must not suppose that efforts were not made to find these missing parties.

After every effort to bring in the dead and wounded, and these searches look great pains not to overlook any one; but the nature of the country and the wide field covered by the operations prevented the discovery of every disabled man.

It happened that in the Santiago campaign the army chaplains often took into account the missing as well as the dead and wounded, and searched the fields, often alone, to find these forgotten men.

Sometimes they were successful, and rescued the men from a terrible death. They were fired upon by Spanish sharpshooters from the trees while thus engaged, and at least one chaplain—Mr. Galloway, of Newark, New Jersey—went home with a bullet-wound in his arm from a Spanish rifle.

A certain proportion of the missing men were skulkers. Among the bravest people, in the most intrepid armies, there are cowards.

The San Juan woods, where troops were badly broken up, offered excellent facilities for "dodging."

A man could easily, in certain situations of the fight be merely missing when he had really run away.

But if he ran away, he found the problem of subsistence a very difficult one. There was nothing to eat in the whole country—except mangoes and coconuts—save in the American camps.

So it happened that most of the few soldiers who skulked found their way back to their own regiments, and had a strange tale of adventures to tell.

Generally there was no proof upon which to order them to punishment; but this punishment they had to bear—the suspicion of cowardice attaching to them as long as they remained in the service.

I know of several cases in which men who skulked and showed cowardice in the first fighting returned and redeemed their reputation afterward.

Sometimes it takes a man some time to find out that he is really as brave as any one else.

The early trepidation occurred only when the troops were fighting under cover of woods.

In the open, surrounded by their comrades, no man skulked. Shame, if not courage and the sense of duty, kept them in their places.—Youth's Companion.

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George Petty, Jr., stuck his great big, jolly mug in the plate glass door of our sanctum yesterday and yelled "load of wood for the editor!" and we needed it bad, too. Thanks, George, we'll dance at your wedding.

Mr. D. S. Soranton, a discharged soldier of the Twenty-third, lately arrived here from Manila, was circulating around town among his numerous friends one night last week, and becoming a little indiscreet, made a display of considerable money.

Later that night a report was circulated that some one had robbed Mr. Soranton. Upon investigation it appeared that he had been to the house of a woman named Lizzie Woods and it was at that house that he had first missed his money, amounting to some \$250 in gold and currency.

Sheriff Nolan has two of the parties implicated in jail, other arrests will probably follow later.

Mr. John Robinson, the Grass Valley sheepman dropped into the editor's sanctum yesterday, and told us that he had finished dipping Mr. Nolan's sheep—some 3,000 head. The day four men dipped 1800 head and never drowned a single one.

Mr. Robinson says he is not at work making improvements on the ranch and says that it will soon be one of the most comfortable in Kinney county.

That's alright John, but it's unusual for beehive sheepmen to put up lace curtains and put down carpets and put up cooking stoves, rather unusual Johnny.

The Postoffice is having a rush of work, orders for fine programs, name invitations etc, coming in from neighboring towns. We print anything and everything at Antonio prices and guarantee our work.

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A ROUGH DIAMOND.

Miss Elsie, Miss Elsie, the bank has been robbed! Twenty thousand pounds gone, mister! And poor master away! Oh, dear! Oh, dear!

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She prayed fervently that she might be able to keep the knowledge to herself forever, safely hidden from the fond old man who believed in her. Fate would decide.

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The Revenge of the Elephant.

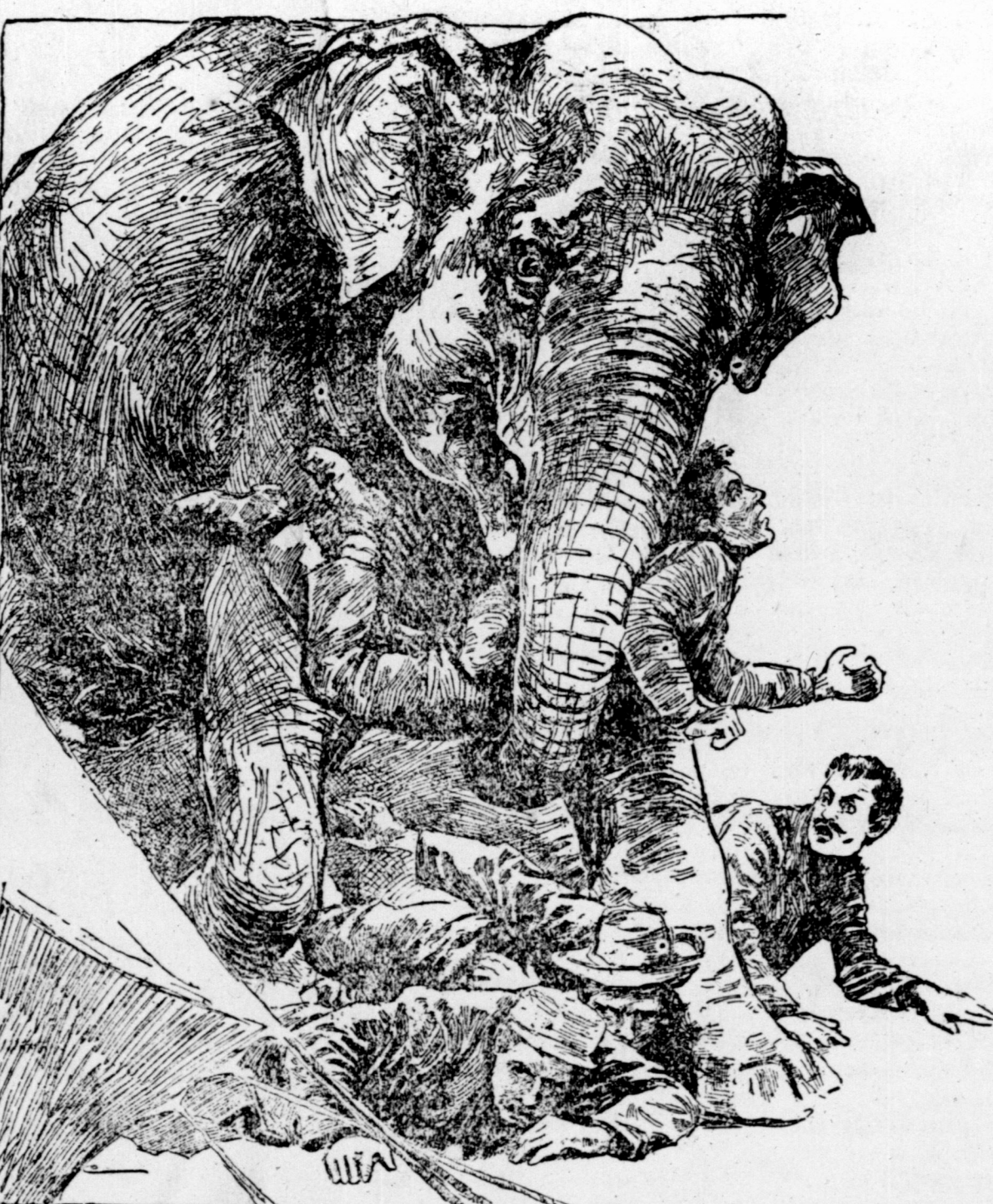
George Dilly of Logan, W. Va., who was supposed to have lost his life in the campaign against Santiago, met instead a horrible death at Ronceverte a few days ago.

Dilly was mourned as dead by his parents in the little mountain home. He left with the avowed intention of enlisting in the army, and he last heard of him when he was in camp in one of the Southern regiments and wrote home to his parents that he was going to the front. That he was the victim of the war was agreed by every one until the visit of a circus at Ronceverte.

While the circus was stationed there three men employed by the show as canvas men seemed to take great delight in annoying a large female elephant of her baby while she was tied to her stake.

The men would do this frequently, and the big beast with almost human instincts would cry aloud for the babe and pull at her stake in a frantic effort to go to her offspring, but she had never succeeded, and after keeping the babe away some time it would be returned to her.

While at Ronceverte, Dilly, who was but twenty years old, together with the men, after old Junas had been made fast to her stake, spirited the baby away and then lay down on the ground in another end of the tent to watch the ravings of the big elephant, which seemed to delight the many hundreds of sightseers who were in the menagerie at the time.



"BEFORE DILLY WOKE UP SHE PICKED HIM UP FROM ALL THE OTHER SLEEPERS AND HAD HIM SECURELY IN HER TRUNK."

phant, Junas, and her baby. Although repeatedly warned by her keeper to desist they paid no heed to his warnings, but persisted in tormenting the animal in many ways, the most annoying of all being the spitting away

When the big beast missed her babe she became more frantic than ever, and after fretting and calling the little one for some time, all the while tugging away at her chain, she quieted down, and the perpetrators of the

gave a shrill cry, and when the man came down upon the ground trampled him to death. After satisfying herself that Dilly was dead the animal returned to her stake and was made fast. Her keepers had learned a lesson.

TRAGEDY ON A FARM.

PRETTY DAISY SMITH KILLED NEAR A TREE.

The Cruel Murder Done by a Persistent but Rejected Suitor for Her Hand—The Crime Which Has Startled a Heretofore Quiet Community.



EDWARD CRISSINGER, 19 years old, is an inmate of the county jail at Sunbury, Pa.,—a self-confessed murderer.

His victim was a pretty 16-year-old Daisy Smith, whose body was found in her father's meadow with three gunshot wounds in the back. Crissinger, two hours later, was seen by a neighbor washing a blood-stained shirt, and pair of overalls near his home, a mile away. In the stiff fingers of the dead girl was a tuft of fern which her father had bade her gather in the meadow, and her head nestled on a pillow of crimson leaves that had fallen from a maple—the tree under which Crissinger sat when the girl first saw him. Under this tree, too, was found a clue that fastened the crime upon him—the stem of a corn-cob pipe. It was the fitting of this lost stem in the pipe found in Crissinger's pocket that caused him to give up and confess. The strong wall of the Northumberland county jail was the only thing that prevented a crowd of farmers from stringing Crissinger to the tree under which he committed his deed, but now they have become reconciled, for they feel that the law will deal justly with him. The murderer of pretty, plump, blue-eyed Daisy

the body of Daisy lay in his arms, drawn tightly to his breast, her blood oozing out upon his hands and face. Daisy's long hair had fallen over her neck, almost concealing the awful wound in the throat. It was the mother's hand that brushed the tresses back and disclosed the terrible secret of her child's death. Soon the father revived, and told how he had found her in the meadow. An alarm was given, and soon the neighbors gathered.

Lafayette Wynn and William Helm suspected Edward Crissinger of the murder. Three months before he had met one of Daisy's sisters on a lonely road, and because she repulsed him he attacked her brutally.

He had recently paid the penalty for this indignity, and, somehow or another, Wynn and Helm thought that Crissinger ought at least to be asked about Daisy's murder. They hurried to Crissinger's home. All the other members of Crissinger's family were down at Smith's with the other neighbors, helping to care for the body of the murdered girl, but Ed. said that he did not care to go. When Wynn and Helm reached Crissinger's they found Ed. washing a shirt and a pair of trousers. There was blood on both. In a shanty they found a gun that had just been fired, for there was powder moisture in the barrel. Ed. was taken prisoner and Coroner Shindel that night quietly brought him to prison.

It was learned that the young fellow had bought a new knife that morning. This knife was found in a knot-hole in a tree near where he washed his clothes. The blade was bloody. Then the pipe-stem was found under the tree where the girl was murdered. The stem fitted a bowl that Crissinger had in his pocket. With such evidence against him, Crissinger broke down and confessed. And here is his story: "I went out with my dog and gun that morning, going over to the woods near the Smith place. My dog strayed



DAISY SMITH.

Smith horrified the countryside about Bolling Springs, and a crowd of neighbors gathered at the home to offer consolation to the parents and family—and to combine in an effort to find and punish the murderer. Daisy had been sent by her father, early that morning, to gather sweet fern in the meadow. He wanted the fern to use in a medicine which he was preparing for a sick horse. Daisy went skipping and singing away, remarking joyously that she just knew where plenty of fern grew, and that she'd not be gone long. Twenty minutes later Farmer Smith heard a gunshot. He looked up and down the road, but could see nobody, so he concluded that the boys were shooting at the crows in the orchard. But Daisy did not return. He waited for over an hour. Then he grew uneasy, and walked slowly down the road toward the meadow, calling her as he went, but getting no response. At a sharp turn in the road he saw something fluttering over in the meadow. It looked much like Daisy's apron—and, sure enough, it was. From the fence he could see his daughter lying at the meadow's edge under the maple tree. He thought she must have fallen asleep, but as he hurried near he saw blood on her hands, her face, her neck, and a great, gaping gash in her throat. She was dead. Daisy was the youngest of his family of five girls. She was the prettiest of the lot—and the neighbors often told him that they were all good looking. He worshiped her, and here he found her dead—murdered. Did the old man cry an alarm? Did he run away in horror? No. He fell upon his knees by the side of his child's body; he kissed her lips, then raising his face and eyes to heaven, he called upon God to avenge the crime, to point out his child's slayer that the law might mete a just punishment. His prayer has been answered. Edward Crissinger, caught red-handed, and about whom a chain of evidence was woven before the sun had set that day, confessed. The law will do the rest.

away, and I fired one shot to call him back. Just then I saw Daisy Smith coming toward me. She said I'd be arrested for shooting rabbits out of season. I told her I wasn't shooting rabbits, that she lied, too, when she up and slapped me in the face and then ran. I waited until she got about fifty feet away, when I up and fired. I saw by the way she staggered that I had hit her, and I was afraid she'd get away, so I ran after her. She fell down and screamed when she saw me making for her with the knife, and before she could get up I cut her throat. I think, three times. Then I knew she was dead. On my way home I washed the blood off my hands in the creek that runs down by Smith's barn."

This story the young murderer told to County Detective Dougherty with as much complacency as he might tell of a corn-husking bee, and with almost the same gusto.

Time and time again Edward Crissinger had tried to force himself into



EDWARD CRISSINGER.

the company of the good-looking Smith girls. He told his friends that he would like to have one of them for a sweetheart, but his company, for some reason, was objectionable. After he met and violently attacked the one Smith girl he kept away from the house, although Daisy reported at home, on several occasions, that she had met her at the cross-roads store and tried to talk with her.

Champion Fasteners. In fasting forbids the sect of Jains, in India, is far ahead of all rivals. Fasts of from 30 to 40 days are very common, and once a year they are said to abstain from food for 75 days.

BACHELOR HOSTS.

Rank High Among Entertainers—Traded to Fill the Position.

A distinct feature in the society life of the day, and one which widens each year, is the number of entertainments now given by bachelors; indeed, bachelor hosts rank high among entertainers, and their popularity is thoroughly established.

The facilities now a command, and of which men are not slow to avail themselves, for entertaining are far greater than was formerly the case, says the London Queen. Here and there a smart ball was given by a bachelor host, or a dinner party at which lavish expense was the keynote, but these entertainments were necessarily restricted in number and only the very rich attempted to enter the lists as hosts. Now, almost every bachelor so disposed is able to invite ladies to some sort of entertainment, large or small, as the case may be, to dinner, to a supper after the play, to luncheon, to afternoon tea. The numerous clubs which now exist to which members have the privilege of inviting ladies render entertaining an easy matter to those bachelors who, though living in town or coming thither for a few months have no actual residence and locate themselves in the vicinity of their clubs. The clubs of London and the clubs in town and the clubs of the river are all noted for the parties given by bachelor hosts—dinner parties and afternoon parties. Not few bachelors reside in chambers, in flats, and when these same are particularly well appointed from an artistic point of view, many are the smart "teas" there given. Not so long ago a bachelor, when giving a dinner or a dinner party, thought it necessary to be supported by a relative, a sister, an aunt or a sister-in-law, and to be here supposed to expect the presence of a hostess on the occasion, but now it is thoroughly understood that a bachelor host can receive ladies without the countenance of the before-mentioned relative, and if present it is as a guest, not as a hostess. Young men are, as it were, trained from boyhood to become bachelor hosts. In Eaton, is memorable for its luncheons and teas annually given by boys of from 14 and upward, to their relatives and friends; again, these boys are accustomed to entertain other in their rooms, and many of the hampers dispatched to them for this purpose by their parents, men, too, the undergraduates at Oxford and Cambridge not only "play" the host in commemoration week imbrige, but in the "May week" at entertain the ladies of their acquaintance at luncheon, afternoon tea their rooms, and out of doors. Young gentlemen are usually given to dine and dance with boys of their own age, and from boyhood to manhood, and in youth to middle age, bachelors successfully fulfill the role of "host" and continue it more or less after a man.

FREAKS OF LIGHTNING.

Out of every three persons struck by lightning two recover. Experts say the electricity in a thunderbolt is not very great, but the voltage is. In old times vessels used often to be struck by lightning and the loss by that cause was very great. From 1790 to 1840 no fewer than 280 ships of the British navy were struck, 10 men being killed and 150 wounded. Nowadays warships, as well as big merchant vessels, have lightning rods running down their masts into the sea, so that the electricity is carried off. In these days nobody hears of the destruction of a vessel by lightning. Churches, if they continue to be built as now, will always be favorite targets for lightning. They are the buildings most commonly struck.

One of the best evidences of the value of lightning rods up to date has been afforded by the Washington monument. It is capped by a small four-sided pyramid of aluminium, which metal so cheap to-day, was very costly at the time of the building of the greatest obelisk that the world has ever known. This aluminium tip is connected with the ground by four copper rods which go down into the earth. On April 5, 1885, five immense bolts of electricity were seen to flash between the monument and a thundercloud overhanging in the course of twenty minutes. In other words, the monument was struck five times, but it suffered no damage whatever. On June 15 of the same year a more tremendous assault was made upon the monument from the heavens and the result was a fracture of one of the topmost stones. The crack still remains to show what nature can do in the way of an electrical shock, but the slightness of the damage is evidence of man's power to protect himself from such attacks. The obelisk is ideally located for attracting electrical assaults from the skies and yet, while many times hit, it has suffered only once and that time to a trifling extent.

Enlivened for a Term of Years. "War," wearily sighed the editor, "is a horrible thing, yet people will rush into it. It is hell, indeed!" "Yes, that's true," replied a friend; "but the fighting is over now. It doesn't last like it used to." "Oh, yes, the soldiers have quit killing each other, but the poets won't be mustered out for years to come."—Puck.

He Knew. "Willie Jones," said Mr. Grimface, the schoolmaster sternly, "I am very much afraid from your behavior you wish me to chastise you. Do you remember the old precept beginning 'Spare the rod?' " "Yes, sir," said Willie. "Spare the rod and lose the fish."—Harper's Bazar.

Jealous of Himself. "Is he really so jealous?" "Why, he is even jealous of himself since some one told him matrimony had made another man of him."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Why isn't the ocean swell a high roller?

PRAYER OVER STOLEN MUTTON.

Russia. Being Satiated, Asks for Undisturbed Digestion.

Russia having grabbed all the land that she wants under the menace of war, now asks for a pause in the conversation that she may say grace over her stolen mutton, says the National Review. Russia satiated is alive to the benefits of undisturbed digestion. In plain English, there is no moral sanction to the bishops and Mr. P. Hughes. The source is tainted. The hands are not clean. Russian intrigues in other quarters are approaching maturity. She is Manchuria in Persia. Strategic lines of railway on the confines of Afghanistan, destitute of commercial value, are building by Russia with the simple object of harassing British rule in India. A Russian mission in Abyssinia, under the cloak of religion, is poisoning the Emperor Menelik's mind and inspiring him with jealous antipathy against England's mission on the upper Nile. For two years past Russia has done her utmost to launch the army that defeated the Italians at Adowa against the English on their arrival on the Blue Nile. While these things are, it is not contrary to reason and to sense that men should speak of the czar's message as though it were a deliverance from Sinai! If Russia is really converted from the error of her ways, deeds, not words, are required as a demonstration of the sincerity of the imperial proselyte. Until those deeds are forthcoming Englishmen will do well to remember who is the power that invites them to maintain a peace they have no desire to disturb. Militarism has kept the peace. Now that the sleeping dogs are being awakened and old quarrels raked up, it is possible that the St. Petersburg conference may lead to Armageddon rather than to amity. Among life's great questions this is what may be expected.

A Tandem Ride. Two hearts that beat in love alike, Four feet that pedal as one.

Four hands clasped and four lips smacked! When the bike ride was done, —Detroit Free Press.

She Was Obliging. She had risen several times to let a gentleman pass out between the acts. "I am sorry to disturb you, madam," he remarked, apologetically, as he went out for the fourth time. "O, don't mention it," she replied, pleasantly, "I am most happy to oblige you; my husband keeps the refreshment bar."—Exchange.

How They Got On. May—"You say Mr. Little has a family of ten, and he gets only \$12 a week. How on earth does he get along?" Jennie—"Oh, every Little helps."—Philadelphia Record.

Violence Unexpected. "Penelope's new fall suit is a perfect wreck." "Did she get caught in a rain?" "No; she went to a millinery opening, and it turned into a bargain rush."—Detroit Free Press.

AG STORY.

Bound to Go Down, Too. "How milk has higher in it?" "But it's because of the cocoa nuts grow."

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WOMAN CRAVES FOR VINEGAR.

St. Louis Female's Remarkable Appetite for the Sour Fruit.

From the St. Louis Republic: For the simple pleasure of only a momentary exhilaration persons become addicted to various habits in partaking of harmful drugs which tear down the system and ruin the brain, but the latest freak to attract the notice of physicians is a vinegar fiend. A slight, flashing-eyed little woman of about 30 years, who acted like a bunch of unstrung nerves, fitted into the city dispensary yesterday afternoon and took a seat beside the desk of Dr. R. M. Hughes. She gave her name as Elizabeth Finnegan of 721 Gratiot street. The doctor made an examination of his patient and asked her what the trouble was. Upon inquiry he found she was suffering from stomach trouble; then he learned that it had been brought about by the excessive use of vinegar, to which habit she said she had been addicted for several months. "I first contracted the craving for something sour when I was sick with bilious fever last spring," she said. "There was nothing in the house I cared to drink. Water tasted bitter, and one day I became so thirsty I drank a glass of vinegar. It just suited my taste, and I drank it until I was well. Still I had a craving for the sour draught and continued to drink it in large quantities every day since. At first it was simply to quench a thirst which I could not satisfy with water, but now it has grown into a confirmed habit which I cannot check. It is not only the taste I crave, but the effect. It fires my mind and makes me feel so queer sometimes I do not know where I am." Dr. Hughes gave her a prescription and told her to return. "It is one of the rarest cases I ever had," said the doctor, "and I am somewhat at a loss to know how to treat it. You see, it may be as bad as the liquor habit, and in that event she will have to undergo a similar treatment to that of the biliousness of gold cure. I do not think drugs will be of any avail as long as she has recourse to the vinegar bottle. It seems to be a habit fastened on by an almost insatiable craving, and absence of the drug may be necessary to effect a cure. If she drank simple cider vinegar it would be different, but the combination that is sold nowadays for vinegar is far from pure. It is a mixture of strong acids, which are well-nigh poison, as shown in the case of this woman. The drugs were so powerful they have eaten out the lining of her stomach and infused a foreign element in her blood. If she is cured it will be gratifying to note."

A Siamese Twin Growth.

A curious freak of nature has recently been discovered on Goat Island, at Niagara Falls. It is no less than two trees of the Siamese Twin pattern, which have been attracting attention in various parts of the country. The connecting limb between the two trees on Goat Island is believed to be the longest connection of the kind yet found, and it is very much of a novelty. The two trees are connected at red cedars. The larger of the two trees is about forty feet high, and about two feet from the base, where the tree is thirty-nine and one-half inches in circumference, the connecting limb shoots out. At the point where the branch leaves the larger tree it is six inches in circumference. At a distance of thirty inches from the larger tree the branch passes through a crotch in a white birch tree, which is fifty-seven inches in circumference just below the crotch. In height the birch is taller than the cedars surrounding it. Then the course of the connecting branch inclines downward and connects with the second cedar about a foot from its base. The length of the branch is nine feet and one inch. It is four and three-quarter inches in circumference at the birch tree and seven inches in circumference where it joins the second tree. This second tree is twenty-seven inches in circumference and about thirty feet high. Two other trees spring from the same root, one of which is nineteen inches in circumference, the other fourteen inches. There is nothing to tell from which tree the branch first sprung, but it seems clear that it originally started from the larger tree, passed through the crotch of the birch, when all the trees were young, and in some manner formed a union with the second tree, but the junction of the limb with the two trees is very similar. The size of all the trees is evidence that the strange connection between the two trees is one many years old, and the size and height of the respective parts of the tree and the limb connecting them are old and is seen by the growth of the limb between the birch and the big cedar. This strange connection between the trees is considered such a wonderful freak of nature that Supt. Welch of the state reservation, of which Goat Island is a part, will be asked to take special pains to preserve it. Its location on the island is such that possibly few would be able to find it without a friend to point it out to them, as one might pass it many times and not discover the relations of the trees.

Equivalent. Physician—"I don't believe you are carrying out my directions at all. I'll have you to one ten-cent cigar a day." Patient—"That's all right" doctor. I smoke ten one-cent cigars. It's the same thing."—Chicago Tribune.

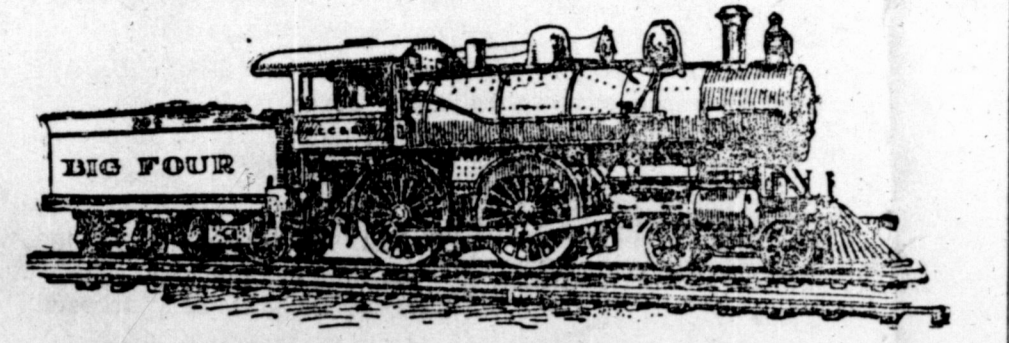
Dilatary. "You are certainly the most dilatary man I ever saw—never in time for anything." "Perhaps so; there was only one thing in my life I was too soon in." "What was that?" "In getting married."—Vanity Fair.

Numbered. "It is said," remarked the barber, "that the hairs of the head are all numbered." "Don't doubt it," grunted the man in the chair; "and every time you pull one of mine it hurts like sixty."

Avoid Boating. "You had better not go boating with Ada," said Tommy to his sister's fiancé. "Why not, Tommy?" "Cause I heard her say she intended to throw you overboard soon."

BIG FOUR GIANT LOCOMOTIVES

The Big Four railroad has recently received from the builders four 8-wheel passenger locomotives to haul their fast trains. These engines are, in every respect, models of their kind, and are probably the largest, fastest, most powerful and best looking passenger engines in any part of the country, and are a credit to the management and their designer, Mr. Wm. Garstang, superintendent of motive power of the Big Four, and the Schenectady Locomotive Works, their builders. The engines are now in ser-



ONE OF THE NEW LOCOMOTIVES.

vice between St. Louis and Cleveland, on the fastest and heaviest trains, making the time and doing it easier than was ever accomplished before on this run. In designing these engines it was necessary to make a machine combining great power with high speed and easy running avoiding all jerk to the train, an unnecessary strain on the track. This has been accomplished to such an extent that both engine and tender, while at the highest speed, ride with the greatest steadiness and so soft and easy a motion that the engineers claim not to be at all tired at the end of their run. These noble machines stand 15 feet high from top of rail to top of cab and 9 feet 9 1/2 inches to center of boiler which, with driving wheels 78 inches and truck and tender wheels 36 inches in diameter, show trim and powerful, without an wagon top with taber back, 62 inches diameter at smallest ring and 78 inches diameter at the throat built to carry a wagon pressure of 200 pounds per square inch. Among the special articles are Richardson's balance valves, Jerome metallic packing, Coale muffler, Kunkle open popp, air operated bell ringer, French springs, Leach pneumatic sanding device, gold steam heat, monitor injector, Janney couplers and Fox pressed steel tender truck frames. Some of the principal dimensions are as follows: Weight 130,000 pounds; cylinders 20x26 inches; boiler diameter 62 inches; tubes diameter 2 inches; tubes number of 320; fire box width 41 inches; fire box length 108 inches; working pressure 200 pounds; heating tender water capacity 5,000 gallons; tender coal capacity 10 tons; tender trucks, pressed steel.

PECAN GROWING PROFITABLE.

What an Experienced Grower Has to Say of the Industry. The following instructive paper on pecans was recently read at a farmers institute. The author is Dr. O. D. Faust, of Bemberg, South Carolina. Probably at no previous time has there been such an interest taken in the planting of nut trees all over the United States as now. The forests of the Southern States have furnished the finest nut trees on top of the green earth. If he be a benefactor of his race who causes two blades of grass to grow where only one blade grew before, how much more must he benefit the world who plants that which shall continue to grow in beauty and strength and become of still greater benefit to the world as the years go on? The rest of the foregoing instructive paper together with some good points on the growing and marketing of this, the best of all our home grown nuts, can be secured by sending two cent stamp to Henry Pfeiffer, Kansas City, Mo.

RAMS HORNS.

Little horns are seldom stranded. Don't shear a goat to get fine wool. Investigation is a cure for prejudice. Every blessing brings an obligation. Heart-worship will mean hand-work. Friendship is a mortgage on principle. The real N. G. man is the No God man. Seed sowing is more profitable than ear pulling. Hypocrisy will be below par in the day of judgment. Too many neglect the golden now for the silver hereafter. Men are saved by character; but it is Christ, and not their deeds. Truth never loses any of its power by being spoken in love. The heart regulates the life. Get the heart right, and your life is sure to be. The death of each drunkard means the drafting of another boy to the ranks of the saloon. Laying the ax to the branches instead of "the root of the tree" will not keep new ones from sprouting.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Finger nails grow at the rate of rather more than an inch and a half in a year. The monkey wrench gets its name from its inventor, Thomas Monkey of Bordentown, N. J. In three years the expenses of running an Atlantic steamer exceeds the cost of construction. It is a curious circumstance that some of the most important inventions have been discovered by lunatics. The amount of silk produced by an spider is so small that a scientist computes that 663,522 would be required to produce a pound of thread. Bees are said to see an enormous distance. When absent from their hive they go up into the air till they see their home, and then fly toward it in a straight line. The facilities for inland transportation are so limited in Brazil that the inhabitants of the ports find it cheaper to import grain from North America than from their own farms. It would be difficult to imagine more extraordinary digestive powers than those of the hyena. One of these beasts has been known to swallow six large bones whole without crushing them. It is stated that the king of Siam, who recently visited Europe, had had to have a special box made to hold all the insignia of the distinguished orders conferred on him by brother monarchs. The latest novelty in padlocks is one with an auxiliary chamber containing an explosive for creating an alarm on the lock being tampered with. The explosive is fired by a hammer inside the lock. Lawyers are so plentiful that but few criminals get a chance to plead guilty. The old scriptural sobriety was effectual; ascetic sobriety is effectual dulness. The respect due to old age is always dealt out with a ladle to the wealthy grandfather.

PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE.

Dudley Hardy has designed about 350 posters. Oom Paul, it is said, has lately begun to assume a little more of the pomp and ceremony of a president. He now has seven troopers to escort him from one government building to another. Among Col. Roosevelt's less-known hunting expeditions was that of tramping upon a rattlesnake in Colorado. The reptile struck the future Rough Rider and made a sick man of him for several days. Mrs. Jim Wood enjoys the reputation in the profession of being the most word-perfect woman in this country. She has a wonderful memory, studies quickly, and is seldom obliged to resort to "gag." The grand duke of Mecklinburg-Strelitz has just celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday. He is thus only five months younger than Queen Victoria. The king of Denmark, however, is older than either, having passed his 80th year, while the grand duke of Luemburg, the oldest of the rulers of Europe, is over 81. How easy is pen-and-paper piety! It is far cheaper to work one's head than one's heart to goodness. I can make a hundred meditations sooner than subdue one sin in my soul. The assimilation of Hawaii will be complete when the islanders are seen eating New England pie, and the inhabitants of the "pie belt" partake cheerfully and adequately of the Hawaiian national dish, poi.

Interest in the project to replace the Maine by a battleship to be called the American Boy, to be built by means of contributions from the youth of America, continues unabated. Scores of contributions and letters of inquiry arrive daily at the Cincinnati headquarters. Schools all over the country are giving entertainments for the benefit of the fund.

A Race Against Fire.

The crew of a steamer from Spain (discovered in mid ocean that flames were raging in the hold. For ten days they bravely fought the flames. If men would fight as persistently against disorders of the stomach, there would be fewer premature deaths. The best weapon for such a fight is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

DEVIOUS DEFINITIONS.

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There is no fool so sad a fool as the smart fool.

GROWTH OF FINGER NAILS.

In one particular the growth of the nails and hair and beard are governed by the same law—that of growing more rapidly in summer than in winter.

Comparing the same fingers on the different hands, it will be found that the nails on the left-hand fingers require about eighty days longer to renew than those on the right hand. The finger nails of the human species grow more rapidly in children than in adults, and the growth is slowest with the aged. Both in childhood and age they grow faster in summer than in winter. In one instance a nail that required 132 days to renew in winter, renewed in summer in exactly 116 days.

One peculiarity of the growth of finger nails is that the period of renewal differs proportionately with the length of the fingers. Thus it is more rapid in the middle fingers than any other. In the fingers on either side of the middle finger the period of renewal is about equal and slower. It is even more slow in the little finger, and is the slowest of all in the thumb.

The new South has its King Cotton, but there are other crop kings. A syndicate of sovereigns is better for the South than the sole monarch of the Atlanta Constitution picturesque remarks, "There the corn grows full-erred, and the bulging hills of cotton bid defiance even to four and one-eighth cents per pound. This, however, is because there is wheat to the right of it, potatoes to the left of it, and fattening cattle and rolling hogs before it."

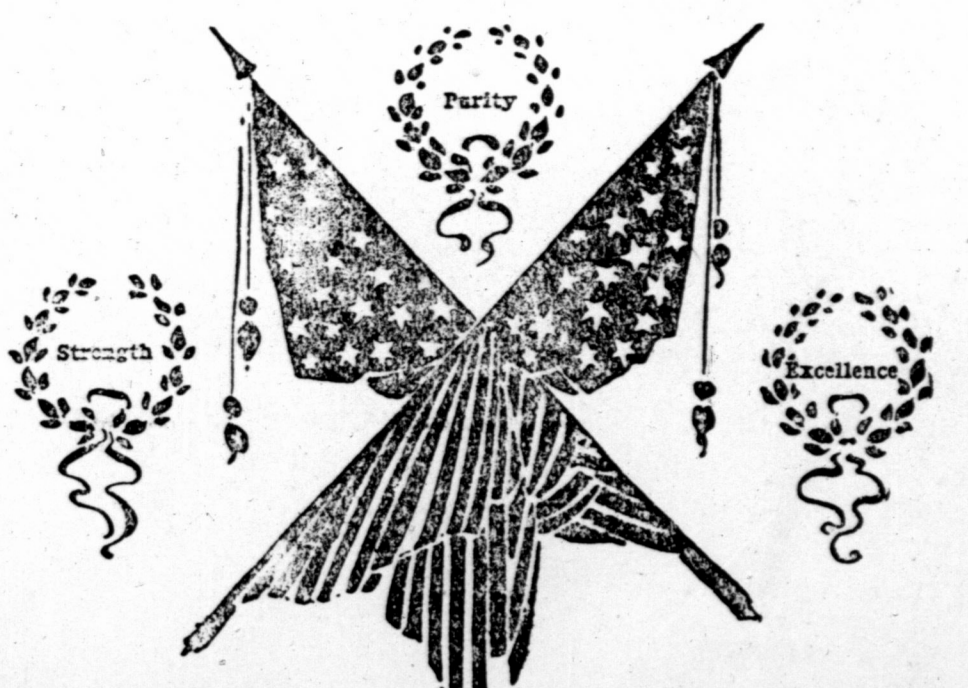
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What an absurd thing it is to pass over all the valuable parts of a man, and fix our attention on his infirmities. It is human nature for man to look out for number one, but the charming young widow always looks out for number two.

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