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Mr. Gage's Currency Plans.

The absence from Mr. McKinley's commendations as to currency re- says: form, and the rather full reiteration, tion is disposed to allow the Gage tion with the Central at Albany. suggestions to become the republican policy of finance.

begs the question, however, and indulges in a false promise when he tender money issued by the governtions to make it a proper factor in and manufactures; if the fact also be work or idle speculation. admitted that it is a deranging and of the country!"

merce!" In fact, the only objection possessed by other competing points backs has been one for which the republican party is alone responsible rect, but we fear it is too good to be it-Chamberlain's Pain Balm costs on a vast majority of the children pay out silver in the redemption of to see it made. Baylor Co. Banner. Bagley, Hueneme, Cal., are con- awakened will go away with the among other things spoke of the

rency that could be devised. timated at its true value when the and it would not become a portion of Lemore. proposition is put forth by the bank- a trunk line. It seems to us that ers and moneyed power to substitute an infinitely better opening lies via for this strong, safe, convenient leg- Haskell to Abilene and there meet al tender paper of the government a the road to be built from Coleman National bank note issue based upon to Abilene, or strike the T. & P. at private resources only, without legal some point further west and, in tender quality and subject necessar- either event eventually extend on to ily to fluctuations and spasmodic Spofford, the junction of the Mexican inflation and contraction. Silver International and the S. P. railways. has an intrinsic value, greater in This would open up to it our comproportion to its recognition as mon- merce with Mexico and put it in ey; this bank note currency would position to command a very large have no intrinsic value and be all per cent of the cattle shipping of credit. The government does not large scope of western Texas. propose to stand surety after a certain time, or beyond about 10 per cent, for this bank money; the greenback is based upon the faith of the

In a word, the "sound money" men propose to go back to the days five nutriti of "wildcat" paper, after having deluded and misled the people by their Parker's Ginger Tonic fer those who suffer. It goes to the root of the disorder by renewing violent assaults upon all kinds of "cheap money!" What is the inevitable conclusion? Simply that there is a great conspiracy to turn the National finances over to the National banks rather than a great crusade in behalf of "sound money" and "National honor." The cloven foot is becoming apparent at every development of the financial reforms proposed or indorsed by the admin-istration.—Houston Poso.

THE question with the republicans to fit the case. One leading light has said that the constitution is too

Maybe So Yes.

says in conclusion to his argument least doubt in the public mind here. the war ended the taxpayers of this matter by all-especially teachers to make interest and a profit above burn three thousand years of dried that "if it be conceded that the legal but the Banner puts little confidence country are paying pensions to a and pupils, the grounds can be made operating expenses on a higher valin the rumor that the road will be round million of people, based on beautiful and attractive and will fur- uation (which they claimed was the animation."-Exchange. ment does not possess the qualifica- built to Albany at any time in the injuries received in the service of nish a valuable object lesson to the true valuation) or they would lose the country's exchange of products sent out from Wichita Falls as guess of unbridled license that preceded done in that line. The work will bankruptcy-and they were sustain-

THE VALUE OF EXPERIENCE. that are good, but people have learned by ex-perience that Parker's Ginger Tonic dispels gencies happen, products of debility and defec-tive nutrition prolific of sickness and pain, that

STOP THE WASTE.

WHAT's to become of the nigger The president's message contained no allusion to recent race troubles nor any recommendation for another "force bill." The few ranters for is whether they shall fit our new ter- the protection of the colored brother ritory, the Philippines, (if the senate seem not to have been able to imsays they may be ours) to the con- press their views upon the president. stitution or stretch the constitution It is to be hoped that the president and the majority of our northern narrow and antiquated to be allowed brethren have at last learned that to stand in the way of modern pro- too much coddling and "protection" gress-which means he would over- is what is the matter with the negro

The Fraud of the Century.

A telegram from Wichita Falls to A third of a century after the close annual message of any specific re- the Dallas News of December 4th of the great civil war, we find the people of Haskell as together with the rolling stock on "Fellow citizens, if you want to appension list increasing at the rate of generally, we have a suggestion to same is valued for taxation at the preciate a woman, get away from Late developments almost insure more than 64,000 new names annu- make. It is that they adopt some sum of \$70,532,999, an average of her. You don't know what the on the other hand, in the report of the building of the new railroad into ally, overcoming the number drop- plan by which they can have the \$7850 per mile. The valuation fixed Creator did when he performed the the treasury of the latter's plan, the Territory and also the extension ped on account of death, and from public school grounds fenced and on this property by the Texas rail- first surgical operation on Adam. If would indicate that the administra- of the Wichita Valley to a connec- other causes, by about 18,000. The planted with shade trees and hardy road commission was \$141,192,225 you want to know what a grand, actual number of new names accord- shrubbery. As public school funds or a little over twice what the roads glorious and sugar coated thing a The above telegram is but anothing to the report of the Secretary of can not be used for this purpose, it pay taxes on. The freight rates woman is, just join the army as I er rumor of the extension of the the Interior, which have been added must be done by private enterprise fixed by the commission were calcu-The secretary of the treasury is Wichita Valley railroad and is per- during the year is 64,351. It has and the most feasible and attractive lated so as to allow the railroads to morning till night. Join the army first and foremost an advocate of the haps as authentic and reliable as taken these persons thirty-three scheme that occurs to the FREE make expenses and a reasonable and loaf with men, eat with men, substitution of a bank issue of notes any one of many similar rumors years to get their hands into the PRESS is for the teachers and par- profit on this valuation, and it was talk men, help men, carry men, walk for government issued paper -a about an extension of this line from public money. This "pension steal" ents to awaken in the pupils an in- shown on the hearing of the injunc- over men, shoot men, succor men, National bank currency in place of Seymour to some point west, south- as it is popularly termed, is probably terest in the matter and with their tion proceeding that they did make see men, men, men, and nothing but the greenbacks. Mr. Gage inveighs or southwest in circulation for the the greatest fraud ever attempted labor and such money as can be expenses and a reasonable profit on men, live in a perpetual atmosphere with more strength and feeling than past year or two. That the Wichita upon a nation by corrupt politicians. raised by private subscription and same under the commission rates. of suppressed profanity, boot smell good reason against our government Valley people have had the subject Thousands of these names are ad- entertainments to be given by the Yet the roads claimed that the com- and tobacco smoke, and at the end notes, while indorsing a bank note of an extension from Seymour up for ded by Congress at every session pupils or the literary society, accom- mission valuation was not high of three weeks you would be pascurrency with unstinted presise. He consideration lately, and that the after having been rejected by the plish, what seems to us, this most enough by nearly half, that the roads, sionately enamored with the mummy route indicated above is by far the pension examiners for sufficient rea- desirable end. most desirable, there is not the sons. More than thirty years after With the proper interest in the more and that they must be allowed her an electrical kiss that would

However, if the report proves true a startling piece of corruption as is experience which will be as valuable McCormick. disturbing factor in its relation to and a connection is made with the now embodied in the pension admin- to them in its way as the knowledge Now, if the commission valuation industry and commerce, then the Texas Central at Albany, Seymour istration of this country. And Con- they acquire directly from their was correct, or approximately so. time has come to substitute for it has nothing to fear from such an ex- gress is responsible for this whole- books. The work can be done before the railroads are paying only onea currency which will adequately and tension, and the sooner it is made sale robbery of the tax-payers. That and after school hours and on Satur- half as much taxes as they should safely meet the ever growing needs the better it will suit our people. body could remedy the evil and days and but little, if any, time taken pay, and if the railroads were right While the very best of feeling has make the pension list a roll of honor, from other duties. The children and their property is worth nearly Who has conceded and admitted always existed between the manage- but nistead, it takes an active part may not take to the idea just at once, double the valuation placed upon it these things about the legal tender ment of the Valley road and the in the perpetration of the outrage, but we believe that a little persever- by the commission and it is right to paper of the government? When to people of Seymour and we have re- and will not consent to any purga- ance will win them to it and that allow them to make a profit on the the 6,500,000 men who voted for ceived many favors in a co-operative tion of even well known trauds. once started on it they will be en valuation claimed by them, then it is democracy in 1896 be added the way from that source, still the town Every person who reads the Con. thusiastic in the work: A wind mill right for them to pay taxes on it at ranks who have had no war to make tions to boast of. If, as is now pro- Every demagogue in that body (and if the thing is gone into in the pro- paying but a little more than oneon the greenbacks, it will be found posed, the Valley is extended north that means a very considerable maj- per spirit we believe the necessary fourth as much taxes as they should that a majority of the voters in the and intersects the Rock Island at ority) has a little scheme of his own expenses can be met. It is certain- pay. Tax assessors and boards of United States believe that the gov- some point in the territory and a to push through, and therefore will ly worth a trial, and if success is equalization should take cognizance ernment's paper money is an emi- connection is made with the Central assist all other demagogues in push- achieved it will be worth all it may of these facts and see that the railneatly "proper factor in the coun- at Albany, instead of being the ter- ing their little schemes; and so it cost. Environment or surroundings roads do the fair thing. try's exchanges of products and minus for a branch road, as we are goes. It is a disgrace to the Amer- has a large influence in moulding manufactures," and that it is not a at present, it will give to us a through ican people that they complacently character and in shaping the ideas.

GALVESTON is beginning to loom up as a maratime port. On Novthat port laden with 65,024 bales of cotton, 168,620 sacks of cotton seed meal and cake, 358,000 loushels of wheat and 67,627 bushels of corn besides other odds and ends of

quildriver at Washington, is neither a prophet nor a son of a prophet, but of buying more Newses. He went to Washington a few drays prior to the assembling of congress and takthe vitality of the ; whole system and setting it N. Y. Journal kick against Bailey, exploited it for all that it was worth predicting that the opposition would get Bailey's scalp as the leader in congress of the democrats. Texas people were much interested, talked and speculated on the outcome in learn Bailey's fate, especially as on that result depended largely the shaping of the future course of the democratic policy in congress. And a show down in caucus it was for cus only 13 were opposed to Bailey. This makes the aforesaid Sterrett's ride it. It will be a sorry day-the now and, that left to himself and the scheme very transparent-it was to beginning of the end-when we be- white people of the south his destiny create interest and sell Newses. in to ignore and override the con- will be worked out properly in good This is a species of yellow journal- reasonable than the other. If so

Beautify Our School Grounds.

To the teachers of our public The 8,984 miles of railroad in Tex- how he misses the society of women:

Don't be persuaded into buying flowering shrubbery will beyond any The remor may or may not be cor- liniments without reputation or mer- question have a beneficial influence

> reared in them. next arbor day, February 22?

Yellow Jaundice Cured.

Suffering humanity should be supplied with every means possible for BILL STERRETT, the Dallas News' months and was treated by some of valuable suggestions. he's a son-of-a-gun when it comes to the best physicians in our city and capping a game on News readers and all to no avail. Dr. Bell, our druggetting them excited up to the point gist, recommended Electric Bitters, and after taking two bottles I was entirely cured. I now take great ing up the McMillen interview and rible malady. I am gratefully yours, M. A. Hogarty, Lexington, Ky."

Sold by A. P. McLemore druggist. JUDGE McCORMICK and the railroads think that the commission should fix freight rates so that the railroads can earn enough to pay the first democratic party caucus and operating expenses, interest on their of pneumonia. Among the many were anxious to see succeeding issu- investment and bonded indebtedness thousands who have used it for colds es of the News for several days to (regardless of how extravagantly or wrecklessly the debt may have been contracted) and a dividend or profit to the stockholders. What would behold when the opposition came to Judge McCormick and the railroads think of a commission to fix such Bailey by about six to one, that is, of prices on farm products as would the 83 members attending the cau- yield to the farmers fair interests on their investment (land, improvements and stock and tools,)fair wages for their labor and some profit over all. Is one proposition more un-

Do the Fair Thing.

improvements, etc., had cost much of an Egyptian servant girl and give near future and regards the report their country. Rome, in the period whole country as to what can be money and inevitably be forced into her downfall, never witnessed such also afford to the pupils practical ed in such contention by Judge

A CASE of smallpox is reported at deranging and disturbing factor in north and south line and we will tolerate such a state of affairs. Per- especially of the young, and this bit Fort Worth, but the city health its relation to industry and com- have all the advantages and facilities haps they will tire of it after a while. of nature and the pleasure and com- officer says it is well isolated and he fort derived from the shade trees and does not think there is any danger of

Hon. D. F. Goss, of Seymour, was -the "endless chain" possibilities true. An extension to Albany would no more, and its merits have been who attend the Haskell public school in the city yesterday on private busin consequence of the refusal of the mean a great deal to Seymour and proven by a test of many years. Such for years to come. Many a one in iness. While here he dropped into treasury to exercise its option to our people, we believe, would be glad letters as the following, from L. G. whom the desire has never been the Ledger office a short time, and these notes. That is a trouble that It looks to the FREE PRESS like stantly being received: "The best inspiration to beautify and adorn move on foot by the citizens of Baycan be easily averted, and if once the extension of the Wichita Valley remedy for pain I have ever used is their homes in a similar way, and lor and other western counties to removed the greenback would be road to Albany would be a funny Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and I say thus in time we may see beautiful exterminate prairie dogs. Senator found the superior of any paper cur- thing for that road to do, All its so after having used it in my family homesteads springing up over the Goss intends to introduce and press connections gained in that way for several years." It cures rheu- country where now the rule is to to its passage a bill in the next leg-The talk about "sound money" in would lead back into the eastern matism, lame back, sprains and leave the dweling places (we can islature which he hopes will aid the the gold standard circles can be es- and southeastern portion of the state swellings. For sale by A. P. Mc- hardly call them homes) bare, bleak people in their efforts in that direcand desolate looking, nothing invitation. This prairie dog question has ing or attractive about them, nothing become one of much importance to to endear them in the minds of those farmers and stock raisers of West Texas, and any move which Senator What say you to our suggestion. Goss makes toward exterminating ember I thirteen vessels cleared from Can't this matter be taken up in these pests will no doubt have the time for the planting of some trees hearty co-operation of Hon. Edgar Scurry, of this place, Hon. F. J. Barrett, of Henrietta, Hon. T. H. C. Peery, of Seymour, and Hon. D. E. Decker, of Quanah.-Wichita Ledg-

> Wouldn't it be a good idea for its relief. It is with pleasure we Senator Goss to give his proposed publish the following: "This is to bill to the press for general discuscertify that I was a terrible sufferer sion before the legislature meets? from Yellow Jaundice for over six Such discussion might draw out

Hw to Prevent Pneumonia.

At this time of year a cold is very easily contracted, and if left to run pleasure in recommending them to its course without the aid of some any person suffering with this ter- reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy to cure a cough or cold than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it quite extensively and it has always given entire satisfaction -Olagah, Ind. Ter. Chies.

This is the only remedy that is known to be a certain preventive and la grippe, we have never yet learned of a single case having resulted in pneumonia. Persons who have weak lungs or have reason to fear an attack of pneumonia, should keep the remedy at hand. The 25 and so cent sizes for sale by A. P

No. 51. A young man who has tried two

months soldiering writes home to tell

MONTHLY SUFFERING.

Thousands of women are monthly interin the head. shoulders, sides hips and limbe But they need not suffer.

These pains are sympto dangerous derange strual function should operat

MELREES

makes menstruation painless, and regular. It puts the delicate menstrual organs in condition to do their work properly.

And that stops all this pain.

Why will any woman suffer month after month when Wine of Cardui will relieve her? It Costs \$1.00 at the drug store. Why don't you get a bottle

ing symptoms, "The Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn. cial directions, addre

Parker's Ginger Tonic.

And Is The Best and Surest Cough Cure Ever

SKIN DISEASES

The motorman on an electric car is a nonconductor.

The man who is dissatisfied with his work is never happy.

Speaking of fireworks, David was the original giant cracker,

The man who starts out to meet trouble never has to go half way.

It isn't necessary for a woman to be

en artist in order to draw attention. Men take opposite sides on the money

The man who acts contrary to his wife's advice and fails never hears the

question, but the majority are on the

The woman who always tells the truth tells about nine unpleasant ones out of a possible ten.

A successful physician is one who is appreciated by his patients for what they think he did for them.

Were some people to talk of only what they really know, their silence would soon become painfully monoto-

It is reported that an enterprising western penitentiary is offering a watch and chain with every suit of clothes as a special inducement.

We can secure other people's approval if we do right and try hard, but our own is worth a hundred of it, and no way has been found out to secure that.

A thrill passes through all men at the reception of a new truth, or at the performance of a great action, which comes out of the heart of nature. By the necessity of our constitution a certain enthusiasm attends the individual's consciousness of that pres-

Vegetable life is influenced much more by certain kinds of light rays than by others, and Flammarion, the French astronomer, has been enabled to estimate the relative values of the different rays. Four hothouses, of red, green, blue and ordinary glass, were built, and vegetables of the same species were cultivated in all. The experiment showed that plants in the red house attained a much greater size than those in the blue house. The light through blue glass stunted the plants, which thrive better under green light, still better under the chemical influence of red rays, and best of all in

As the late John W. Keely announced positively not very long ago that he years; that he had finished experimenting and that he had finally harnessed the etheric forces, his death ought not to mean that his so-called secret has died with him. If Keely is indeed the marvel that his admirers claim and not the self-deluded humbug, the victim of his own physical delusions, it should not take long to establish his greatness before all the world. Certainly the whole world is interested in knowing whether Keely actually harnessed the vibratory energy of the universe or only thought he had.

Recent bloodhound trials in England Indicate that the popular notion of the pertinacity and infallibility of those sleuth hounds is exaggerated. Tested in the most favorable circumstances, chair, her reddish-auburn head among not more than one dog in four faith- the velvet cushions, one beautiful fully tracked its quarry, and at least white hand lazily stroking the Persian one in four failed wholly or refused to cat in her lap. Lilith Stuart had a make the attempt. In the actual track- strange affection for these animals. ing of real fugitives, conditions would Could it be, as "Aurora Leigh" says be far less favorable to the dogs, and the work of woman is, symbolical? their performances would doubtless be correspondingly less creditable. We her seam, taking in at one swift glance may have to revise, or at least dis- the attitude of the graceful, sinuous eredit, some stirring scenes in fiction, figure in its pale-green evening-gown, from "Uncle Tom's Cabin" to "The trimmed heavily with creamy lace, un-Cloister and the Hearth."

reason being that few of the ordinary mystery. articles of American diet are produced in the islands. Most of the meat is im- Stuart," she replied, in her grave, quiet ported; eggs cost sixty cents a dozen, tone, and chickens a dollar and a quarter There was nothing in common hecrowded labor-market and a high- announcing with ceremony, "Mr. Evan priced provision-store, would find him- Monteith." salf in no enviable position.

of Chicago is quoted as saying: "There deep, mysterious smile in them which will be a boom in December wheat as had brought so many hearts to her the result of the heavy foreign orders. feet, her hand half extended—the acbut not because of any corner in it, nor tion of a queen expecting homage. because of any speculative manipula- Monteith came forward and bowed tion." He confirmed the report that low; but he did not take the halfhe was interested in the Rhode Island proffered hand, and Lilith allowed it Locomotive works, and said: "I am to fall by her side. going to try to make the Rhode Island "Look at my lovely pussy! Is she Locomotive works pay. The shops are not a queen among Persians " she at Providence R. I. I am here for that said, laying her own beautiful mouth business solely. I have a large interest on the top of the animal's head, in the works, and I think I can make "And, do you know, I actually believe the business a success."

If you wish to be miserable you must think about yourself-about what you want, what you like, what respect people ought to pay to you, and then to you nothing will be pure. You will spoil everything you touch; you will make sin and misery for yourself out of everything which God sends you; you will be as wretched as you choose.

Life is short and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts the room. of those who are traveling the same dark journey with us. Oh, be swift to love, make haste to be kind.

The Day Star of the Orkney's.

A Romance---By Hannah B. McKenzie.

CHAPTER VII.-(Continued.) "Strangers?" repeated Evan Monteith. His tone was one of mingled astonishment and reproach. He stood still in the middle of the road and back, and going to the piano, opened faced her; but Day did not raise her eyes to his face. She felt she could keys, began one of Mendelssohn's not. "Strangers, Day?" he repeated, in a low voice that thrilled with some deep feeling. "After all that has been between us, do you still count us stran- face, gers? Is this your love or your promised trust?" Day's face was pale as death. She put her hand to her throat if he were about to speak. "Do you before she answered. Then she spoke know what I feel like? A dream-yes; at last, very slowly, as if she were trying to weigh her words well.

"Mr. Montelth, we know almost nothing of each other. Our acquain- her cheek, lying like a shadow upon tanceship, even now, only extends to them. Monteith looked at her for a three weeks. We Orcadians do not leap into friendship so suddenly as the | world could have looked at her with-Southrons. It takes years to make our friendship strong and true. You know little of us; we know nothing at all of you. Though it so happened that face was strangely cold and stern. accident brought you to our door, you must not feel under any obligation to only a paid employe, and, however us. We only did what common hu- galling it might sometimes be to obey. manity required of us. Then let us she knew that on Lillith Stuart's favor not speak of trust and friendship. Ifif we thought of it before, it was be-

cause we were foolishly impulsive." He had been silent for a few moments when Day ceased speaking. Now his voice sounded hard and almost hoarse. "A man does not need to look for much faith among his fellowcreatures. After all, why should I have asked it from you? And yet I thought you meant what you said that day. But why recall the past?" he added, as Day involuntarily made a movement with her hand. "I am only hurt-

"No: do not recall it. Let us rather forget it,' said Day, in a hurried

"Forgive me!" Montelth exclaimed the next moment. "I am a brute to speak like that to you, who, whatever you may think of me, have been an angel of mercy and kindness to me. I cannot clear myself in your eyes now; but when I can-when I am free to tell all, as please God some day I shall-I shall come to you and ask you-well, for your friendship then. Now my mouth is sealed, and any one who trusts me must 'trust me in all in all, or not at all." Well, shall we say good-

"It is better, perhaps," Day said, a little pantingly.

"Then good-by. Will you shake He stretched out his. Day instantly.

"Good-bye, Miss Malcrow. And will you remember this-that whatever you may think of me, I hold you now, and ever shall hold you, as the sweetest and truest and kindest woman that ever I have known. Good-by, and may fate give you the happiness you deserve!"

He has gone, and Day, white and trembling, with doubt and remorse and love fighting within her, stood alone on the road.

CHAPTER VIII.

"Mr. Monteith is coming tonight, Miss Troil, so, if you are not engaged with Lady Westray, you might stay in the drawing-room and play to us,

said Miss Stuart languidly. She reclined in a luxurious easy.

Elspeth Trott looked up quickly from til it looked like that of a Thetis springing from the sea-foam. There were To live in Hawaii costs, it is said, times when, even to Elspeth, who had more than to live in California, one known her for six years, Lilith was a

"I shall do so if you desire it. Miss

apiece, and the cheapest fish, the red tween these two young women, and mullet, sells for twenty-five cents a silence followed Elspeth's reply. She pound. These facts explain the warn- went on quietly with her work, while arm. ings which Hawaiian Masons and Odd Lilith played with her Persian, alter-Fellows have recently addressed to in- nately stroking it and pulling its ears. tending emigrants. Even in an earthly Presently steps sounded on the softparadise men must eat, and a desti- ly-carpeted corridor outside, and the tute stranger, set down between a door was thrown open, the footman

Lilith did not rise, but lay back in her chair, her face turned towards the In a recent interview Joseph Leiter door, her dark-blue eyes with that

she loves me? Is it not strange?"

There was hardly coquetry in the question; it was almost murmured over the Persian's head, and might have been intended for her as much as for Monteith. Monteith took no notice of it. He turned to shake hands with Eispeth, then, coming back to Lillith's side, took a seat beside her. "You have sent for me, and, in obedience to your request, I am here," he said, in a lowered tone. Elspeth rose and made a motion as if to leave

"Oh, don't go, please, Miss Troil" eried Lilith. 'I wish you to play to us. Something low and soft and sweet, like this divine evening. And we shall

sit and dream while you are playing. Ask her, Mr. Monteith."

"I shall play if you wish me, Miss Stuart," said Elspeth again. She came it, and running her fingers over the "Songs Without Words."

Lilith lay back in her chair, an expression of delight on her changeful

"Ah! don't distress me!" she said. when Monteith made a movement as and it is of the past-the past that comes never again!" She sighed a little, and her long dark lashes swept moment. Perhaps no other man in the out a thrill of admiration.

She looked divinely fair and divinely sweet at that moment; but Monteith's Elspeth played on and on. She was depended her situation; for Lady Westray was not in a position to defy the mistress of Crag Castle.

And Monteith, in spite of himself began to feel strangely softened. His mind wandered to the old-fashioned garden at Abbot's Head, and to the dainty figure that used to flit among the rose-bushes there. He had almost forgotten the one beside him, and started as a soft hand fell on his.

"Let us go out," whispered Lilith's voice almost in his ear, "to the terrace, The evening is so entrancing that it seems a shame to remain indoors. And do you hear the birds singing in the garden? I do even above the music You will come?" Monteith rose with out a word. As they passed the plane Lilith tapped Elspeth lightly on the shoulder

"Thank you. It is beautiful," she said. "But we have demanded too much of you. We are going out on the terrace."

Elspeth looked after them as Lillth's sea-green robe vanished outside the window

"Dare I warn him?" she said to herself. "And yet I think he knows her. He does not trust her; but there is no one in the world I distrust more." Lillth had gone to the edge of the balcony and leant upon the balusters. From that point the view was one which can only be seen in northern lands. Although it was long past sunput hers into it with a strange little set, the sunset plory still lingered in shrinking motion; but he released it the western sky in colors so gorgeous and vivid that no painter's brush

> Monteith had followed Lilith and leant his arm on the balustrade. She looked up at him, her eyes gleaming strangely.

"You have something to say to me What is it?"

"Yes; I have something to say to you," Montelth answered slowly, as if he weighed every word he uttered, "A fortnight ago, Lilith Stuart, you and I met again under strange circumstances. You asked me then if it was to be war or peace between us. I have come now to give you my answer.

"Once upon a time I was your dupe and believed in you; but that is long ago. Now I know you as you are. am no longer taken in by your smiles your touches, your sweet words. I know what these are worth, and measure my strength, not against them, but against yourself. And having said this, I have said all. You un-

derstand me now?" She was still looking at him, but the expression in her eyes had slowly changed as he was speaking. There was something in them now not pleasant to see-something cruel, gleaming, almost wolfish. She put her hand to the lace at her white neck, and her little pink nails dug into it flercely. "Then it is to be war?" she whis-

pered, almost hissing the words in a sibilant undertone. "If you like to put it so-yes, Miss

Stuart," said the young man, very She leant over the balustrade again,

her face growing curiously pale and set. Then suddenly she sprang erect, turning to him, laid her hand on his

"Evan, remember all the past! Oh, is that nothing to you?" "Nothing," he answered, in the same

cold tone. "The past only causes me shame to remember. I am glad to forget it. Now I have told you the truth -the whole truth. I came to Orkney thinking that in some way I could spare you or compromise matters; but it is impossible. Right is right eternally; nothing can ever change it. It must be war between us, because no compromise will do-no compromise would be right. Therefore let me say good-by and leave you. When we meet again it will be before all the world as

"As foes" she whispered. Her voice sounded strangely low in her throat; it was as if something choked her. She suddenly stood erect, and the long sea-green gown fell in loose folds about her sinuous figure. "This is your final

"It is my final decision," said Evan Monteith. "I shall go now, Mies Stuart, and the day after tomorrow I leave for London. Shall we say good-by now ?" "Good-by," said Lillth Stuart, She

held out her beautiful white hand-a hand that Evan Monteith had kissed in the past-to him. Her eyes, which, even in the dark, shone like a cat's, were curiously luminous. "Good-by,

"I shall not touch your hand." said Tribune. Monteith gravely. "It would be bypoerisy to do so. Good-by once more, Miss Stuart"

He bowed, turned and left her. A

stafr led down from the balcony to the had gone Lilith turned and stretched out her beautiful arms, with their feamy yellow lace, towards the direc-

tion in which he had gone. "The day after tomorrow," she said. And a little, low laugh came rippling from her red lips. "Oh, fool! fool! The day after tomorrow!"

CHAPTER IX. "There is nothing else for it. I am forced into this unfortunate position!" said Evan Monteith to himself, as he cycled back to Stromness along the cliff-path, which was, however, safe enough, for it was strongly protected by a wooden barricade. Even now it was hardly dark and Monteith had not lit his lamp.

"I wish the work had been committed to any other but to me," he mused

as he spun onwards. "But I must atone for the past. Much of it has been my fault, and on me, therefore, lies the responsibility of undoing any evil I have done. Yes, I shall go to London and lay the facts before the lawyers; then commit all into their hands. But am I to go without seeing Day?"

His face changed as the name was uttered, a little hesitatingly even to himself. The sternness and resolution faded out, and a softened expression crept over it.

Will she forgive me when she knows all?" he thought. "Ah, surely she will? And yet, could I be satisfied with her forgiveness alone? Is there not more that I crave for, puresouled darling! Surely her parents were far-sighted when they gave her her name, for she is like the day indeed -bringing joy and sunshine and love wherever she goes. Surely, if a bad woman is the worst creature on earth,

a good one is God's best gift to man?" Monteith had a room at the Gow Hotel; but he did not sleep much that night. When he did, his sleep was haunted by strange, awful dreams, in which he felt himself being hurled over some frightful precipice; and when he looked up to the platform of rock from which he had fallen, he saw the mocking face of Lilith Stuart gazing down at him, and heard her scornful laughter float above him on the

The dream haunted him strangely, even after he had risen and breakfasted. He told himself it was only the natural result of yesterday's disagreeable duty; but somehow he could not shake off the uncomfortable impression it had left.

(To be Continued.)

THE MADSTONE SELDOM FAILS Wonderful Properties Claimed for a Memphis Possession.

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch: There is in the house of Mrs. H. R. Beebe of 73 Duniap street, Memphis. Tenn., a wonderful madstone, which for 75 years has enjoyed the reputation of performing wonderful cures of hydrophobia. Mrs. John Shelton, the sister of Mrs. Beebe, is the owner of the stone. It was willed to her by her father, a minister in the Christian church, to whom it was presented by a poor German woman in his parish. The pastor made good use of i for more than half a century. In all those years only two persons treated with the stone failed to recover. One of these had let the wound go unattended for over nine days; the other was a farmer, too busy with his crop to permit of the applications which were considered necessary. Mrs. Shelton lest her father twenty years ago. She has used the madstone constantly since and has never either lost a case or made a charge for treating. People come from far and near to be treated In many instances dumb brutes that have been bitten by rabid dogs have died while people bitten by the same doxs have recovered, showing conclusively that the animals were mad. The stone is broken in several pieces and has something the appearance of a piece of coral. It is porous and absorbs the poison when applied to the wound. It was broken by being gnawed by a valuable dog. The dog was being treated for hydrophobia. He had been bitten and the stone was bound to his wound. He not only gnawed the stone off, but tried to chew it into bits. The stone is applied by being first put in hot water for a few minutes. Then it is taken out and placed, as hot as can be borne, upon the wound. This is repeated hourly for twelve hours. If there is more than one wound the treatment is extended to twenty-four hours.

OLD KISSING CUSTOM.

Dates from Ancient Times and Is Still Observed.

Old-fashloned Hungerford is once more celebrating Hocktide with all its quaint customs and ancient ceremonies. says Notes and Queries. This interesting ceremony began with the annual 'macaroni supper," and will be continued today, when the two managers of the rival banks, who have been elected "tuttimen" for the ensuing year, go round to the houses of the tenants in the town and exercise their prerogative of kissing all the ladies in each house. Hungerford is one of the last remaining unreformed boroughs of England, and still retains its ancient official nomenclature, electing to have in place of mayor and corporation, a constable, a portreeve, a keeper of the coffers, a hayward, two ale tasters and a bellman. The tuttimen (who are also collectors of the poll tax) have from time immemorial called at every house in the borough and received from each inhabitant, if he be male, a penny, and in case of the ladies a kiss, the ceremony being announced from the balcony of the town hall by a blast from the Hungerford horn blown by the bellman. Afterward a dinner is held, at which the officers for the ensuing year are elected.

Two Ways of Putting It. "I notice, Miranda," remarked Mr. Neggschoice, "that your first busband's clothes do not fit me." "No, Cyrus," coincided Mrs. Neggschoice, with a littie sigh. "You don't them."-Chicago

Why does a man usually have to snuffle off this mortal coil before he cuts much of a figure is history?

gardens. He went down by it, and soon vanished from sight. When he had gone Lilith turned and stretched OUR BUDGET OF FUN. Sharp Pains

A Collection of Choice Witticisms, Original and Selected.

Telling Them of Tampa. Weary months I've spent in Tampa, where the luscious hard-tack grows a wondrous fruit, dear sister, which fact ev'ry soldier knows. And it grows—please pass the butter!— grows in Tampa, as I said— Sister! just a few potatoes! Mother.

won't you pass the bread! There's another curious product of that most peculiar land,

'Tis the pig tree, where the pork bloom
—Mother! this steak's just grand!

And this pig tree—Mother! say, this
home-made pickle's all O K!

Tell you all about our camp life? Cer-tainly-please pass the bread! Well, we got up in the morning and at night we went to bed. Then, sometimes, we-Sister! help me to another piece of steak! Yes, and then, again, we-Mother! what fine gravy you can make!

Did we have good meals at Tampa? Yes indeedy-in a horn! Best the land afforded-Sister! give me one more ear of corn! Meals down there were so delightful that I-Mother! pour the ten! So delightful that-Say, sister! is that

succotash I see? Well, as I was saying, camp life is-Say, sister! pass the slaw! Camp life is—Say, mother! just a bit re steak-er-medium raw! To go back to camp life—Will I have some chicken salad, say! Will I? Well, you try me! Sister! won't you pass the bread this way!

Down at Tamps-what's that, mother?
Did I har you mention pie?
Ice cream, too, this must be heaven in
the sky! Down to Tampa-easy mother! just two lumps is all I take! Down at-O! confound old Tampa; Sis-

ter! won't you pass the cake! -Baltimore American.

A Bad Bargain. "Look at her," said Jabbs as he jumped from his bicycle at the corner, where half a dozen of his friends were watching the procession of wheelmen. There's a daisy for you, Regular beauty! All the latest improvements; no chain and strong without being heavy. Nobody has a better wheel and it fits me just as though it was made

to measurements." "It is a fine one," admitted one of the crowd. "Must have set you back a good deal for it."

"That's where you're off. I'm too fly to pay \$100 for a riding machine. Hain't she a dandy? And just among ourselves, she cost me exactly \$11.60."

"That's right. If there's a bargain lying 'round loose anywhere you can inside to drill. She gives herself the bet I'll find it. Nice looking young fellow was going through here on a tour. He went lame in one leg and staid at the hotel, thinking that he would come out all right again. He didn't, became discouraged, ran short army code of ethics just as she does on cash, and finally offered me the of the catechism and the constitution wheel if I'd buy him a ticket home. of the United States. She told me nev-Jove! but she's a corker. You fellows er to call at her house again, but last better let me buy your wheels for evening I went up there with a flag of

wagon turn, and returned, examined the wheel, compared the number with one in his notebook, called his companion, and the two led the "daisy" off between them to the station-house. Jabbs swore copiously, and made a bold start to get out a writ of replevin, but he thought better of it, and s now hunting the fellow he made the

deal with.-Detroit Free Press. Strange Eighteenth Century Clock. A strange clock was made during the last century for a French noble- person has died from the effects of man. The dial was horizontal and the figures, being hollow, were filled with different sweets and spices. Thus, running his finger along the hand, by tasting, the owner could tell the hour

Frances Knew.

"I know what keeps mamma so long," said little Frances, by way of explaining her mother's continued absence to a caller.

"What is it, dear?" "She said she'd be back soon."

without a light.

Family Resemblance. Aunt-"Who does your new little sister look most like, your father or

your mother?" Little Emma-"Both; she has no teeth-that's like mommer. And she's a job like that in a restaurant," hairless, like popper."

Higgins Hall-"Have you heard that empty box story?"

Rustic Bridge-"No." Higgins Hall-"It's just as well you haven't; there's nothing in it."



"I say, I trust you'll catch my bright complexion all right?" Well-a-madam, you don't mean to say I ought to use your own paint?" St. James' Budget.

Complete Despondency. "Speaking of disappointed men," exclaimed the cynical person, "I never saw so complete a specimen.

"Political candidate?" "No. He got back from the Klondike just in time to see where our baseball club is finishing."-Washing-

Wouldn't Take Chances

man's patriotism by his conversation."

Jones-"No, I suppose not."

would you call him a coward?"

Smith-"One can't always judge a

Smith-"Take Brown, for instance;

Jones-"Well, er-I might if I was

Dealing with Futures.

match?" asked one lady of another.

"And did your daughter make a good

"Indeed she did," replied the other.

Her husband is considered the

shrewdest and most unprincipled law-

yer in the state, and of course he will

Junior Law Partner-"You say it

would be useless to appeal that case

ourse it would-he's busted already."

Suspended Hostilities.

"Good! How did you manage?"

"I hear you had a terrible row with

"Awful! But I guess it all came out

"Well, you know that her hobby is

war. She thinks war, talks war, and

dreams war. She'd go to war if she

could. When there is a crisis immi-

nent or a big battle has been fought

she sits out on the verandah with a

pint of pennies and buys extras as fast

as they come out. She studies military

tactics as though the fate of the army

depended upon it, and if the little Ger-

man band plays martial airs she goes

a block when she warms to her work."

"What has all this to do with your

"Everything. She approves of the

truce three feet square. She met me

on an armistice, during which terms

will be further considered."-Detroit

Good Doctors to Have Around.

in a certain Ohio town for six months,

the doctors thinking it was merely an

eruption of some kind, and only one

Christian Scientist hereafter,"

tian Science?"

-Exchange.

Bobby-"Sure."

size shoes she wore."

breakable dishes."

rying about nothing."

of nature."

say ?"

you?"

ships.

"I see that they have had smallpox

"That settles it. I'm going to be a

"Everything. Do you suppose those

people would have pulled through as

they did if they had known they were

having smallpox? Not by a long shot.

They'd have died off by the dozen.

Those doctors ought to be handsomely

rewarded for what they didn't know."

As a Walter.

Softleigh-"And what did she-aw-

Bobby-"She said you ought to get

Hal Counter-"So she did not accept

Sam Shoeseller-"No-got down on

my knees to propose—then forgot what

I was there for and asked her what

The Cook-"Shure an' cooks moosht

The Cook-"They how thim non-

"I must confess," said Willie Wish-

'Well," said Miss Cayenne, benign-

ngton, "that I often waste time wor-

ly, "self-preservation is the first law

Couldn't Keep Them. "Yes," said the first theatrical man-

ager, "I'm changing my bills weekly."

ager. "I have to change my bills the

minute I get them."-New York World.

Spoiled His Atm.

the West whisky once saved my life."

Browne-"How was that?"

there are in most places."

veessiting season!"-Ally Sloper.

me was full."-New York World.

Towne-"While I was traveling in

Towne-"The desperado who shot at

Visitor-"Ah! well, old chap, I sup-

pose there's as many idiots here as

Native-"There are mair-in the

"You're in luck," said the other man-

hev a har-rud toime av it on board

The Cop-"Phwy is thot?"

youah sister that I am waiting?"

Softleigh-"Bobby, did you-aw-ten

of Easymarks to a higher court?"

New York World.

her, Simpley?

reconciliation?"

Senior Law Partner-"Why.

be able to gratify her every wish."

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Won't Lie for Fishermen. A Scottish laird was relating to a

sure he wouldn't fight."-Baltimore friend at his dinner table the story of a fine fish he caught one day. "Donald," said he to the servant be-

hind his chair-an old man, but a new servant-"how heavy was the fish I took yesterday.?" Donald neither spoke nor moved.

The laird repeated the question. "Weel," replied Donald, "it was twal' pund at breakfast, it had gotten to achteen at dinner time, and it was sax-and-twenty when ve sat doon to supper wi' the captain." Then, after a pause, he added:

"I've been telling lees a' my life to please the shooters; but I'll be blowed if I am going to tell lees in my old age to please the fishers."

WESTERN CANADA PRAIRIES.

Future Welfare of the Continent Lies in Their Fertile Fields.

The rapid progress that is being made in the settlement of the fertile prairies of Western Canada is leading to the investigation of its resources by those interested in having provision made for those living in the crowdel east, for those who have been struggling for years on impoverished farms, for the renter who is unable any longer to bear up under the strain imposed by the landlord, and for the farmer who, unable to purchase farms for his sons in his own neighborhood, has to look around for lower-priced lands. The investigation shows that it is impossible to meet these conditions successfully outside of Western Canada. Already millions of bushels of wheat are being grown there each year, while as many as 50,000 head of cattle were shipped out this year. A representative of The Germania, Milwaukee, one of the leading German papers in the United States, recently made a trip through Manitoba, Assinibola, Alberta and Saskatchewan, where lie the free government lands of Western Canada. and in a future issue will appear extracts from flattering letters contributed to The Germania and other papers by their special correspondents. an inducement for immigrants to make their homes in Canada, the Canadian government offers 160 acres of land

free of cost to any settler. For further information apply to Canadian Government Agent, Departcommands, too, and you can hear for ment Interior, Ottawa, Canada, or to Dr. Richardson, Houson, Texas.

Noah Brooks says that the originator of the now famous "Punch, Brothers; Punch With Care" was the late-Isaac H. Bromley, of the New York Tribune. The "skit" first appeared in Scribner's during 1876. Mark Twain Just at this point two detectives at the door. I requested a parley and afterward wrote a story about the tercame along. One of them took a look she granted it. After negotiations rible effect which the verse had upon at Jabbs' wheel, went by, made a band covering two hours she modified her him, and most of his readers have supdemands somewhat, and the point on posed the verse also was his work.

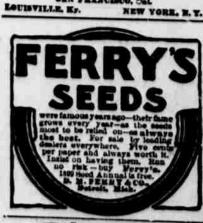
which we struck was as to whether our former amiable relations should The cleaning of a gun attracts all be re-established. We compromised

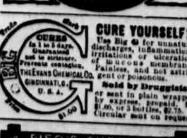


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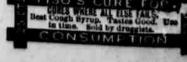
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m Psalms zilz., 4. as Follows: "I for Everyday Life.

the harp." So I look off upon society e mysteries to music and open my dark sayings on a harp. Interrogation the first: Why does

iseful and whom we cannot spare, ad leave alive and in good health so utables. Many of the most usemen and women die at thirty or years of age, while you often useless people alive at sixty and ty and eighty. John Careless to Bradford, who was soon to t to death, saying: "Why doth suffer me and such other cateres to live, that can do nothing sume the alms of the church. take away so many worthy workin the Lord's vineyard?" Similar tions are often asked. Here are The one is a noble charand a Christian man; he chooses lifetime companion one who has tenderly reared, and she is y of him and he is worthy of merchant, or farmer, or pronal man, or mechanic, or artist. colls to educate and rear his chilhe is succeeding, but he has yet established for his family a mpetency; he seems indispento that household; but one day. he has paid off the mortgage is house, he is coming home th a strong northeast wind, and strikes through him, and four of pneumonia end his earthly and the wife and children go a struggle for shelter and food. next-door neighbor is a man who, th strong and well, lets his wife ort him; he is around at the grostore, or some general loafingplace, in the evenings, while his wife ews; his boys are imitating his examis to rave because his coffee is cold when he comes to a late breakfast, or to say cutting things about his wife's looks, when he furnishes nothing for her wardrobe. The best thing that could happen to that family would be that man's funeral; but

while the parasites have great vital tenacity. I take up this dark saying on my harp, and give three or four thrums on the string in the way of surmising and hopeful guess. Perhaps the useful man was taken out of the world because he and his family were so constructed that they could not have endured some great prosperity that might have been just ahead, and they altogether might have gone down in the vortex of worldliness which every year swallows up ten thousand households. And so he went while he was numble and consecrated, and they were y the severities of life kept close to hrist, and fitted for usefulness here nd high seats in heaven, and when y meet at last before the throne. will acknowledge that, though furnace was hot, it purified them, prepared them for an eternal caof glory and reward for which no kind of life could have fitted On the other hand the useless lived on to fifty, or sixty, or sevyears, because all the ease he can have, he must have in this God will say to those who have never d, and you ought not, therefore, udge him his earthly longevity. In the ages there has not a single you have not the qualification for this or ever entered heaven. There is anthem." So they sit with closed lips place for him to hang around. Not in the temples, for they are full vigorous, alert and rapturous wor-If the good and useful go early, se for them that they have so got through with human life. at best is a struggle. And if seless and the bad stay, rejoice they may be out in the world's air a good many years before final incarceration.

he declines to die; he lives on and on,

and on. So we have all noticed that

many of the useful are early cut off,

rogation the second: Why do people have so much trouble, , bankruptcy, persecution, the black vultures sometimes puttheir flerce beaks into one set of . .. cves? I think now of a good I once had. He was a conse-Christian man, an elder in the and as polished a Christian an as ever walked Broadway. his general health gave out and d around on a cane, an old at forty. After a while paralysis Having by poor health pelled suddenly to quit busihe lost what property he had. his beautiful daughter died; son became hopelessly dementnother son, splendid of mind manding of presence, resolved would take care of his father's id; but under the swoop of expired. So you know good women who have had enough you think, to crush fifty peoworldly philosophy could take trouble and set it to music, or on violin or flute, but I dare that dark saying on a gospel

people have trouble? Did you ever know any very consecrated man or woman who had not had great trouble? Never! It was through their troubles | tired. So I gather up into one great sanctified that they were made very good. If you find anywhere in this wherefores of your life and mine, which city a man who has now, and always Will Open My Dark Sayings Upon the has had, perfect health, and never least Harp"-Some Pertinent Interrogations a child, and has always been popular, and never had business struggle or misfortune, who is distinguished for To would is full of the inexplicable, goodness, pull your wire for a tele-me impassable, the unfathomable, the graph messenger-boy, and send me goodness, pull your wire for a telesurmountable. We cannot go three word, and I will drop everything and s in any direction without coming | so right away to look at him. There against a hard wall of mystery, never has been a man like that, and dles, paradoxes, profundities, laby- never will be. Who are those arroths, problems that we cannot solve, gant, self-conceited creatures who oglyphics that we cannot decipher, move about without sympathy for grams we cannot spell out, others, and who think more of a St. linxes that will not speak. For that Bernard dog, or an Alderney cow, or on, David in my text proposed to a Southdown sheep, or a Berkshire te up some of these sombre and dark pig than of a man? They never had gs and try to set them to sweet any trouble, or the trouble was never sanctified. Who are those men who listen with moist eye as you tell them ad find people in unhappy conjunc- of suffering, and who have a pathos in their voice, and a kindness in their what it means, and they have manner, and an excuse or an alleviatht to ask, Why is this? Why is tion for those gone astray? They are hat? and I think I will be doing a the men who have graduated at the tood work by trying to explain some Royal Academy of Trouble, and they these strange things, and make you have the diploma written in wrinkle re content with your lot, and I shall on their own countenances. My! my! be answering questions that have What heartaches they had! What sten been asked me, or that we have tears they have wept! What injustice all asked ourselves, while I try to set they have suffered! The mightiest influence for purification and salvation is trouble. No diamond fit for a crown until it is cut. No wheat fit for bread God take out of this world those who till it is ground. There are only three things that can break off a chain-a hammer, a file, or a fire; and trouble y who are only a nuisance to the is all three of them. The greatest 1? I thought I would begin with writers, orators and reformers get very toughest of all the seeming much of their force from trouble, What gave to Washington Irving that exquisite tenderness and pathos which will make his books favorites while the English language continues to be written and spoken? An early heartbreak, that he never once mentioned; and when, thirty years after the death of Matilda Hoffman, who was to have been his bride, her father picked up a piece of embroidery and said, "That is a piece of poor Matilda's workmanship," Washington Irving sank from hilarity into silence, and walked away. Out of that lifetime grief the great author dipped his pen's mightiest reinforcement. "Calvin's Institutes of Re-

ligion," than which a more wonder-

ful book was never written by human

hand, was begun by the author at

twenty-five years of age, because of

the persecution by Francis, king of

France. Faraday toiled for all time

on a salary of eighty pounds a year

and candles. As every brick of the

wall of Babylon was stamped with the

letter N, standing for Nebuchadnezzar,

so every part of the temple of Christian achievement is stamped with the letter T, standing for trouble. Interrogation third: Why did the garet, wife of Malcolm Kenmore of good God let sin or trouble come into | Canmohr, king of Scotland, devised the the world when he might have kept grace cup to entice her guests to rethem out? My reply is, He had a good reason. He had reasons that he has never given us. He had reasons which he could no more make us understand in our finite state than the father. ple, and lounge and swagger and starting out on some great and elab-orate enterprise, could make the twoyear-old child in its armed chair comprehend it. One was to demonstrate what grandeur of character may be achieved on earth by conquering evil-Had there been no evil to conquer and no trouble to console, then this universe would never have known an Abraham, or a Moses, or a Joshua or an Ezekiel, or a Paul, or a Christ, or a Washington, or a John Milton, or a John Howard, and a million victories which have been gained by the consecrated spirits of all ages would never have been gained. Had there been no battle, there would have been no victory. Nine-tenths of the anthems of heaven would never have been sung. Heaven could never have been a thousandth part of the heaven that it is. I will not say that I am glad that sin and sorrow did enter, but I do say that I am glad that after God has given all His reasons to an assembled universe. He will be more honored than if sin and sorrow had never entered, and that the unfallen celestials will be outdone. and will put down their trumpets to listen, and it will be in heaven when those who have conquered sin and sorrow shall enter as it would be in a small singing school on earth if Thalberg, and Gottschalk, and Wagner, and Beethoven, and Rheinberger, and Schumann should all at once enter. The

immortals that have been chanting ten

thousand years before the throne will

if we could only sing like that! But

fallen, and consequently have not been

redeemed: "You must be silent now;

and folded hands, and sinners saved by

grace take up the harmony, for the

Bible says "no man could learn that

say, as they close their librettos:

song but the hundred and forty and four thousand which were redeemed from the earth." Amid the tussle and romp of reunion I tell you whose hand of welcome you had better first clasp, and whose cheek is entitled to the Arst kiss. It is the hand and the cheek of him without whom you would never have got there at all, the Lord Jesus, the darling of the skies, as he cries out, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love, and the fires could not burn it, and the floods could not drown it." Then you, my dear people, having no more use for my poor harp, on which I used to open your dark sayings, and whose chords sometimes snapped, despoiling the symphony, you will take down your own harps from the willows that grow by the eternal celestial water courses, and play together those celestial airs, some of the names of which are entitled, "The King in His Beauty," "The Land That Was Far Off." And as the last dark curtain of mystery is forever lifted, it will be as though all the oratorios that were ever heard had been rolled into one, and "Israel in Egypt," fever at Fernandina, Fia., he and "Jephthah's Daughter," and Beethoven's "Overture in C," and Ritter's first "Sonata in D minor." and the "Creation," and the 'Messiah" had been blown from the lips of one trumpet, or been invoked by the sweep of one bow. or had dropped from the vibrating

chords of one harp. But here I must slow up lest, in

You wonder that very consecrated tryng to solve mysteries, I add to the mystery that we have already wendered at, namely, Why preachers should keep on after all the hearers are armful all the whys and hows and we have not had time or the ability to answer, and write on them the words, "Adjourned to Eternity." I rejoice that we do not understand all things now, for if we did, what would we learn in heaven? If we knew it all down here in the freshmen and sophomore class, what would be the use of our going up to stand amid the juniors and the seniors? If we could put down one leg of the compass, and with the other sweep a circle clear around all the inscrutables, if we could lift our little steelyards, and weigh the throne of the Omnipotent, if we could with our seven-day clock measure eternity, what would be left for heavenly revelation? So I move that we cheefully adjourn what is now beyond our comprehension; and as, according to Rollin, the historian, Alexander the Great, having obtained the gold casket in which Darius had kept his rare perfume, used that aromatic casket thereafter to keep his favorite copy of Homer in, and called the book, therefore, the "Edition of the Casket," and at night put the casket and his sword under his pillow; so I put, this day, into the perfumed casket of your richest affections and hopes this promise, worth more than anything Homer ever wrote or sword ever conquered: "What I do thou shalt know hereafter," and that I call the "Edition Celestial."

THE LOVING CUP.

First Used to Prevent Murder by Polso When Drinking.

The loving cup seems to date from the "good old times" when one gentleman would poison a friend whom he had invited to drink with him, says the Fall River News. The cup was used to prevent this friendly act; it held a large amount of liquor, and had three handles. The host took it by two of the handles and pledged the guest. Holding it by both hands, he could not draw his sword, and his drinking was proof that the wine was not poisoned. When the guest took the cup by the disenged handle, the host released one handle, the right hand still holding one, so that he might help the guest raise the cup and incidentally so that his right hand might be too busy to draw a sword or dagger. When the guest had drunk the host released the cup, which was passed to the next guest. The loving cup is old in its idea. The Lord Mayor of London has one or more in the corporation plate chest. Dr. Brewer refers the origin of the cup back to early Christian times, when the monks changed the wassail of love. He suggests, also, that Marmain until after grace has been said. Another name for the loving cup is "parting cup," about equivalent to "stirrup cup." But all these suggestions really come back to that first given; the loving cup may have been a parting cup, a cup of grace, but it was intended to guarantee the drinker from attack by his host while he drank.

STORYETTES.

At Killarney every visitor hears some laughable stories. Here is one: 'A number of boatmen who were quarreling about the division of "tips" indulged at the top of their voices in a good deal of profane language, which the marvelous echo repeated verbatim. 'Arrah, look at that, now, for a scandal," said one of the party, who was of a pious turn. "T'aching the poor harmless echo to curse and sware."

The construction of Prince Bis marck's sentences were frequently portentous. On the occasion to which I have been particularly referring, bays a writer in the Century, my companion was as impatient as only an intelligent woman can be to secure the intellectual treat before her and gave low voice of the painstaking translator rendered with some adequacy the thought of Bismarck. Then there were short pauses, followed by rapid little summaries of what had been said. A's these grew more and more frequent, the lady became irritated. Finally there was an entire cessation on the part of the interpreter and yet Bismarck was going right on with everincreasing vehemence. There were constant calls from the lady of "What's he saying? What's he saying?" and an increase of impatience in the box quite proportionate to the growing violence of the speaker. Finally the wretched interpreter could endure the strain no longer and, turning with a gesture of fierce resentment to his excited employer, he hissed: "Madam, I am waiting for the verb!"

Observation has disproved for me the have passed through heart-tragedies and cyclones of emotion, and who yet wear the satin of youth upon their cheeks, albeit their birthdays have long ceased to be among the year's festivals for them. They said, like another before them, "My youth and my happiness are gone, why should I throw my beauty after them?" And they straightway began to battle with time and grief. There was scientific massage for the encroaching lines about the mouth and eyes; there were carefully prepared baths for the complexion and varying "food tonic" for the wasted pores; there were outdoor exercises unlimited, resting and sleepproducing. Strong, great emotions, such as love and sorrow (and they walk ever hand in hand), may ravage beauty for a season, but they intensify it eventually if the exterior is well cared for.-Ella Wheeler Wilcox in Woman's Home Companion.

Dr. Gunsaulus of Chicago would have the church "open a door large enough to admit a man as religiously great as Abraham Lincoln, however small he might be theologically,"

FARM AND GARDEN.

AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-Date Hlats About Cul-Thereof-Horticulture, Viticulture and | possible hay crop. Floriculture.

A Novel Method of Planting Strawberries. From Farmers' Review; -The culti-

vation of a spring-set bed of strawber-

ries is most costly during the first month and a half after setting in the field. Attention must be given them at a time when the grower is most busy with other farm work. The best way of reducing this work that has come under the writer's notice and has been found by him satisfactory is practiced in some of the fields of Western New York. The young plants are dug in early spring, the roots shortened to about four inches, and the dead leaves trimmed off. In shortening, the plant is held in the left hand, the thumb and forefinger embracing it at the collar. All roots that hang below the little finger are cut off with a pair of shears. The trimmed plants are then set in rows a foot apart. They are shaded, if they need it, until they take hold and are mulched with welldecayed, short stable manure. During the month or six weeks that the plants remain in the bed they are sprayed frewatered if they become dry. Before they are removed the ground is thoroughly drenched, so that they may be packed close together upon trays and taken to the field. The splendid root system they develop in the bed prevents the danger of a check when set. During this time the field is being thoroughly prepared. After harrowing it the weeder is run over it once each week or ten days, to kill the weeds, expose grubs to the crows and keep the surface loose and open. The plants have thus a mellow ped, well warmed, in which to start. They are not checked, as is often the case with April-set plants for which the ground has been plowed, perhaps necessarily, before it was in fit condition. After the plants are set the treatment is the same as for ordinary plantations. Besides the advantages mentioned this system is admirable in that the plants may be sprayed much more thoroughly in much less time and with much less fungicide than when set in the open field. Further, unless the field be disease infected, plants grown and treated in this way will, after being set, seldom need a spraying during the first year. The setting of these plants in the field comes at a time when the greatest rush of spring work is over and may be taken more easily. When bowl to the "pocula caritatis," or cup plants come from the nursery in poor condition they can be treated to best advantage by this method and losses in the field thus prevented. Lastly, plants so grown are fully as good as pot-grown plants, and for this reason should be valued by persons that never think of setting out a bed until the

Soil for Apple Orchards.

to the grower!-M. G. Kains.

be selected with a great deal of care. It used to be the idea that any soil was good enough for the apple orchard, and we find in many cases apple orchards set out on soils entirely unsuited for them. Some people have the idea that the poorer the soil the better it will be for the apple orchard. This opinion evidently arose from the experience of people in setting out orchards on very rich land and finding them unsuited for them. They quite naturally inferred that if the rich land was not good the poor land must be good. But rich land is not suitable, for the reason that it occasions a too great growth of wood and not enough of fruit buds. As we say, "It all grows

to foliage!" Land should be rich enough to insure a good growth of wood, but not too rich to permit fruit buds to develop in large numbers. Generally a meadow will be found unsuitable, for minute instructions to her interpre- the reason that the soil-water stands ter. All went well for a time, as the so near the surface that the roots are soaked during a large part of the year. The water does not have to lie near the surface to do this, for, as is well known, the roots of apple trees penetrate very deeply into the ground, sometimes seven or more feet. The hill location is generally best for the apple orchard, for the reason that there is no underlying sheet of water. The drainage is natural and rapid, and the roots are always able to do their work without interference. A medium clay soil is generally good, for the reason that in it the fertility is held till taken up by the roots. A sandy soil gets rapidly poor, and when fertilized leaches so badly that much of the manure is lost.

Pasturing Meadows.

In the management of meadows there are too many who seem to think that they can eat their cake and still have it and a great deal of pasturing is done that should never be permitted, says Iowa Homestead. Many think that as theory that only the women devoid of soon as the hay crop is removed it emotion and feeling can retain a is good economy to turn on the cattle youthful appearance in maturity. I and thus make a continued use of the personally know three women who field on the theory that nothing should be allowed to go to waste. Many others pasture the meadow in the fall to consume the growth of grass after recovery from the cutting. Economy is a good thing, and, other things being equal, he will prosper best who permits the least waste. But there is such a thing as making a saving at too great expense, and much of the pasturing of meadows is of this class, for it is done at the expense of the future hay crop. A newly cut meadow for instance, is not a stubble field from which a penny saved is necessarily earned. It is the place where the next year's haycrop is to be grown and should be managed with that idea in view. To pasture the meadow in the fall may save some feed that is worth saving, but it may also leave the ground so bare that when winter comes great injury is done to the grass roots and it may not recover. When one sees himself short of pasture, either in midsummer or later in the fall, and the meadow shows up well with considerable feed on it, there is a great temptation to turn the stock on, and there they actually exist. It is better, for will stunt the whole lot.

instance, than to let the stock suffer WAS SLAVE FOR A DAY circumstances should not be permitted MATTERS OF INTEREST TO to occur. To provide a fodder crop in a corn country is so easy that there is no necessity for it to occur, and the management of the meadow should be carried on for the meadow's own good Tried to Buy His Freedom-The Man tivation of the soil and Yields and with an eye single to the largest

The English Thoroughbred. Mr. J. H. Sanders, in his book on

thoroughbred horse is peculiarly a British production. . . . Of the Oriental sires it is generally admitted that the Godolphin Arabian imported into England in the year 1728-179 years ago-is the last that has proven stock; and while this blending of the blood of the Orient with the old races that the care and skill of English the stoutest, best and fleetest for sucand Barb blood to which tradition has ascribed its superiority. Many importations of the choicest blood of the Orient have been made both to this country and England within the last half century, and yet scarcely a name gree of a horse that has distinguished himself upon the turf. . . . In evquently for diseases and insects and ery instance in which the speed and bian they have proven superior to their eastern competitors. This fact is so universally recognized that nearly all countries upon the civilized globe have for many years regarded the English thoroughbred, or 'blood horse,' as the basis of all substantial equine improvement. . . . Our American horses are largely permeated with the blood of the English thoroughbred. Many of the best stallions and mares of England have been imported to this country, and their influence is seen on every hand. It enters largely into the groundwork of all our trotting strains, and it is doubtful if a single great road horse or trotter has been produced in this country that did not possess a large structure has been built."

Basic Slag on Clay Land Experiments conducted in the west of have brought some useful results in manusing with basic slag on clay land to light, after three years' experience. says Farmer and Stockbreeder (Eng.). These are briefly (1) On certain soils, the full effects of basic slag are not apparent until a considerable period has elapsed; but (2) the development of these effects may be, and probably is, hastened or retarded by the condition of the season following the application of the manure; and (3) that it may perhaps be assumed that the beneficial effects of the slag are not only maintained over a very considerable period, but that there is also a marked fruit begins to appear in the markets. Surely enough to commend the method these efforts from year to year, such as growth, and probably also to the pro- forming him of Mr. Tilghman's de-The soil for an apple orchard should duction of a condition of food-avail- mand we decided that it was not safe ability in the soil, which is specially for him to return to Hartford, but that favorable to the growth of leguminous it was best for him to go to England, plants. The stimulus given to clovers where he would find many friends been carried out at the expense of the so, and was abroad about two years. ordinary grasses.

Where Are the Wild Pigeons. In response to an inquiry as to the cause of the disappearance of the once fugitive slave law was passed, in 1850, abundant wild pigeon, the information is here given that the wholesale butchery of these birds resulted in almost exterminating the species, says Wisconters followed the birds to their nesting grounds, where countless thousands of wild pigeons congregated to breed, and a merciless slaughter was indulged in, year after year, until few of the species remain. The larger portion of the pigeons (old birds and young squabs, indiscriminately) were killed on the roosting grounds, and shipped to the larger cities. A smaller percentage was netted or trapped and sent alive in crates to sportsmen's clubs and associations for trap-shooting purposes. The trap-shooting sportsmen of America are therefore "accessories" in the nefarious work of destroying the wild pigeons of the country, though the greed of the market hunter is mainly responsible for "the deep damnation of their taking off."

Grape Growing on Little Land.-It is surprising how little extent of earth's surface is needed to root a grape vine. If it can grow upward and have open even with this there was scarcely a I held it for a day to see what the senspace seven by 25 feet on the earth's sation would be, and then executed a surface, and this supported for years deed of manumission. two grape vines, each of which ran up a trellis as high as the house, and bore every year fine clusters of luscious fruit at the top.-Ex.

Butter Plentiful in Colorado.-The Denver Post says that never before in the history of Colorado have the manufacturers and dealers in oleo made so little money as they have during the past four months. The oleo business has been practically ruined by the over-production of butter, and the state dairy commissioner, whose principal duties are to see that the oleo laws pan. They spi ntheir webs on the teleare enforced, finds his usefulness gone graph wires and are so numerous as for the time being, as a result. Prior to March 15, oleo was being shipped Sweeping the wires does little good, as into Denver from Chicago and Kan- the spiders begin all over again, sas City by the carload, but nowadays the changed conditions have caused the article to be in little or no demand at any price. Dairy Commissioner Cannon says that the slump in the oleo market was caused by the plentiful supply of butter all over the

As chicks grow they should be given thing to do under the circumstances as | 50 chicks in a space fit only for 25

PURCHASE OF A COLORED CLERGYMAN FUGITIVE.

Finally Went Abroad and His Scotch Friends Raised the Money Necessary

to Secure His Emancipation. At a recent meeting of the Connec-"The Breeds of Live Stock," says: "The ticut Historical society, says the New Yora Post, John Hooker of Hartford related his personal experience, showing how he became a D. D. by the purchase of a colored clergyman who held that title and who could not hold such of any special benefit to the English a title as a slave. For several years before the passage of the fugitiveslave law the Rev. W. C. Pennington, of England furnished the foundation, a full-blooded negro, was the pastor there cannot be the slightest doubt of a Congregational church of colored people at Hartford. He was a faithbreeders in selecting and coupling with ful pastor and very much respected by the clergy of the city, as well as cessive generations has been a more by the people generally. No one potent agent in the formation of the knew or suspected that he was a fugibreed as it now exists than the Arabian tive slave and that he had never divulged the fact to any of his people in Hartford, nor even to his wife, He disclosed the fact to me that I might attempt to negotiate with his master for the purchase of his freedom. He was born the slave of Frisbie Tilghamong them can be found in the pedi- man of Hagerstown. Md., and vemained his slave until he ran away. when he was eighteen years old; ne was now about forty. The name which stoutness of our thoroughbreds have he now hore was an assumed one; his been tested side by side with the Ara- name as a slave was "Jim Pembroke." After his escape he found protection and assistance in a Quaker family in Pennsylvania, whose kindness be had est gratitude. He had already, in a stealthy way, learned to read a little. but here he began those studies which, man of intelligence and something of ed and ordained a minister, and, as I over a Congregational church of colored people at riartford. That he could preach quite acceptably I knew. share of this royal blood as a founda- as I had often heard him, and at one tion upon which the trotting super- time the Rev. Dr. Porter of Farmington had exchanged with him, and the people of the quiet old town had been 'astonished, some of them shocked, by seeing one of the blackest men in England by the Bath and West society their pulpit. After two or three consultations it was decided that it was ing. After he had left the city I wrote to Mr. Tilghman, stating that I did so in behalf of his former slave. 'Jim Pembroke," who was then out of the country and beyond his reach, but was willing to pay a small sum for his legal freedom. I took care, of course, to give him no intimation of his adopted name, nor of his place of residence. Mr. Tilghman wrote me in reply that "Jim was a first-rate blacksmith, and well worth \$1,000" and that as servtendency to increase observable in ants were then very high, he could not take less than \$500. The sum dewould seem to point to a gradual im- manded was much beyond Mr. Penprovement in the general condition of nington's ability to pay, and on my in-

which, of course, made it out of the question for him to return to America sin Agriculturalist. The market hun- the matter in hand and raise the necwhatever might be the amount required, and appointed a committee to with me on the subject. Upon hearing from the committee that they ence with Mr. Tilghman, and to agree insist upon, I wrote him, stating that not return unless his freedom was secured, and asking what was the low- New York Times. est price he would take for his freedom. A stranger replied, stating that Mr. Tilghman was dead, and that he was his administrator, and that, in the circumstances, as he desired to close up the settlement of the estate, he would take \$150. He added that, as administrator, he had no power to manumit, but could only sell the slave, and the purchaser could manumit, and wished me to name the person to space enough cu one or two sides to whom the bill of sale should be made. get plenty of sonshine, the area in Mr. Joseph R. Hawley, since our senwhich its roots can run is matter of ator at Washington, was then my juncomparatively little importance. We for law partner, and he at once went have seen thrifty and productive grape to Maryland, carrying the money (a vines where there was only three feet larger sum that was necessary had space between a house with its cellar been sent me by the Scotch friends). wall on one side and the street side- and, by my directions, took a bill of walk on the other. As the sidewalk sale to me. I thus became a slavewas made of plank, the grape roots holder and the owner of a doctor of undoubtedly extended under it. But divinity. On receiving the bill of sale

He found warm friends wherever he

by the university there. When the

Looks Like a Magical Watch. A curious watch has been brought out in France. The dial is transparent, but there are no works behind it and the hands appear to move by magic. The secret lies in concealing the works at the edge of the case and communicating the motion to the hands by means of a glass disk.

Spiders are a serious plague in Ja-

to cause a serious loss of insulation.

Egypt is the only country in the world where there are more men than women. The male sex in the dominion of the khedive exceeds the females by

It is a curious circumstance that may be times when it is really the best more room in the brooders. Crowding thing to do under the circumstances as 50 chicks in a space fit only for 25 tions have been discovered by luna-

MANUAL TRAINING IN YOUTH. Sharpens the Faculties and Gives a Fine, True Touch.

Manual training sharpens the senses

and makes eyes that see and ears that hear and a touch that is fine and true, says the Woman's Home Companion. It gives proper balance of values not only to the physical and intellectual activities of the individual, but to the intercourse of pupil with pupil, for frequently the seeming dullard turns out to be the skillful worker, and vice versa, and mutual respect and harmony result. So the varying yet equal worth of men is taught without sign or sound. Pupils, too, are encouraged to mutually aid each other in construction and in handling and use of tools; and the valuable quantity of social helpfulness grows like the flower from the swelling bud. It is a method of positive creative activity as against passive receptivity or destructive restlessness; in short, it is education, not instruction. It forms the mind instead of furnishing it. It creates right habits and so molds character. It makes careful, thinking, true men. "We make it our constant aim to let the acquisition of knowledge, the apprehension of truth, grow out of the experience of he children themselves," says Prof. Bamberger. It is the constructive method, as against that of cramming with rules and definitions the children do not understand and facts they do not assimilate. First comes actual acquaintance and repeated experiment, out of which the definition, rule or truth naturally grows and thus becomes the lasting possession of the child. . . . There is complete correlation and co-ordination in the intellectual and manual work. Things ever since remembered with the great- | thought out are wrought out; thus the hand becomes the outlet for the rising flood of the mind, and self-activity and self-expression are induced. The child. ever since pursued with unremiting | finds himself a creator, for the avenues ardor and industry, had made him a | are opened by which he discovers himself and gains possession and use of a scholar. After awhile he entered his faculties. He is the center of the the Christian ministry and was licens- universe, and making longer and longer excursions into the unknown, dishave represented, was now settled covers the world about him and his relations to it.

FAMOUS MARKSMAN.

Two Stories About the Late Sergt. Stewart of the Sixty-Ninth.

Some of the veterans of the state rifle range were sitting around in the restaurant lobby during the dinner hour at Creedmoor last week, indulging in reminiscences. Tim Scully, who best for him to go to Canada and re- has served up "victuals and drink" at main while the negotiation was pend- the range for the past twenty-one years, was speaking: "When Sergt. Stewart of the Sixty-ninth died last. month," he said, "one of the most famous shots of Creedmoor passed away. I remember one day three of us were standing on the porch out there discussing off-hand shooting. I suggested that a man might make ten hull's-eyes on the expert range, but could not have a flat sight and hit a target at 100 yards. Sergt, Stewart. scoffed at the idea, and, pointing to the lignum vitae ball on the top of the flagstaff, 200 feet away, offered to wager a ten-dollar bill that he could hit it in three shots without using any sight at all. The wager was laid and Sergt. Stewart blazed away. At the first shot a discussion arose as to whether or not the ball had been hit. Some of us so far as has been observed, has not among the abolitionists there. He did said it had and some said it hadn't. 'Well,' said Sergt, Stewart, 'I have two more shots yet.' The second shot we went, and on visiting Heidelberg, Ger- all agreed was a miss. The gergeant pulled up his piece for the third and many, was made a doctor of divinity last shot, and when he fired, knocked the ball off the pole. When we picked it up we found all three bullets imbedded in it." It is said that on anas a fugitive slave, he was in Scotland, other occasion a certain general who and friends were determined to take was anxious to become a sharpshooter was scoring "misses" one after the essary money to secure his freedom, other. He was about to give it up in despair when one of his friends called Sergt. Stewart to the general's aid. attend to the matter and correspond | The sergeant took his position in front of a near-by target and shot into the general's target, while the general wished me to renew the correspond- had been given a tip to fire over the fence. The record showed that the to pay him whatever he should finally general had made five "bulls," while many wondered that Sergt. Stewart, Jim was now in England and would the famous shot, should have missed his target five times handrunning.-

A Summer Play.

Playwright-Talk about realism? 've hit it now. You can reopen your theater next week, Manager-Such weather as this

The theater is like an oven. Playwright-That's all right. I've laid the scene in Africa.-New York Weekly.

NOTES ABOUT CHICAGO.

An artificial substitute for eggs is on the market.

Buckwheat cakes and spareribs are fashionable.

churches for the jubilee funds.

No prisoner now in the county jail is under sentence of death, It cost \$253 to raise \$448 in the

Only 1,627 women in Chicago registered this year, against 5,000 in 1896. Sheriff Pease has attended eleven executions during his administration. Pawnbrokers charge just as much interest, although the days are shorter.

many friends he has until he wrecks a bank. A disinfecting tank for dipping cattle is being installed at the stock

In Chicago a man never knows how

yards. Politicians are already asking whether Porto Rico will be republican or democratic.

If the city hall were in some distant or foreign city we would think it was a beautiful building.

Misfit tailors display "uncalled-for" garments. To look at them anyone would think they were.

The house-mover who drops a burglar-proof vault from a third-story

window makes a safe hit. Rome's triumphal arches were of en during stone and lasted for centuries. Ours are of canvas and fall down when

it rains. There is a George Curzon in Chics He is a bricklayer and lives at 3210 Wentworth avenue, but he is no relative of the vicercy of India.

TREATY HAS BEEN DULY SIGNED

The Work at Paris of the Two Commissions is Now Completed--Treaty Goes Ito United States Senate.

Treaty Signed.

Paris, Dec. 12.-Saturday Senor Mon tero Rios, president of the Spanish commission, ascended the steps, leaning on a cane and bundled up in a gow, Ky. fur coat. The Americans shook hands ed the conference hall. The faces of fourth consecutive time. the representatives of Spain were exgarded the occasion as a funeral one.

The treaty, which was not completed, was brought in sections in the hands of the engrossers while the com- of the Louisina diocese, through a firm ten statement presented on both sides mission was sitting.

After being photographed the commissioners listened to the reading of the treaty until 5:15, at which hour they took a recess until 7 o'clock, while awaiting the arrival of the last sections of the treaty.

The treaty as signed consists of seventeen articles, it having been advisable to subdivide two or three of the articles in the draft agreed upon at

The commissioners of the two nations wrote their signatures on two copies of the treaty, one copy being for the archives. The document was of the United States commission and by Senor Villaruti for Spain on account of the continued illness of Sec-

Each copy contained the English was a man of wide learning. and Spanish texts of the treaty in parallel columns.

The wording had been approved proa joint meeting, so there was no controversy on this subject.

Although the commissions met at work in half an hour, the engrossing of the trenty, a parchment, was found to be so troublesome that it delayed the signing of the document until 8:20. Clerk Martin of the American commission worked all day without even stopping to eat. When he came into the chamber at 7:30 with the document he found the commissioners waiting. The Spanish commissioners had arrived a half hour earlier. Mr. Arthur Ferguson then proceeded to read first the English and after that the Spanish version of the treaty.

This finished, two copies were passed around the table, the commissioners John J. Carter, the racing judge signing them in the order present, as whose body was cremated in the Baldfollows: William R. Day. Senator win hotel fire at San Francisco, is to Cushman K. Davis, Senator William P. have a monument at Nashville, Tenn. Frye, Whitelaw Reid and Senator to be erected by turfmen of the United George Gray; Senor Montero Rios, States. Se. ... Abarzuza, Senor Garnica, Senor Villarutia and Gen. Cerero y Saons, dent Polk are members of the next each commissioner signing his oppo- house of congress. Both are to rep-

Both were tied with the Spanish were expected to be affixed attendants has been consummated. documents were sealed as a compli- near the latter city. She was loaded ment to the French hosts of the com- with 100 bales of cotton and 3000 sacks

and exclaimed to a group of corre- Columbia, O., and 257 miles from Cynspondents who were waiting in the thianato Dover, Ky. The road is to corridor: "Ec' est fini."

commission followed Senor Villarutia ginia. and passed silently through the vestibule to their waiting carriages. The American commission strolled out, chatting complacently and as they descended the steps the lights in the chamber were darkened.

The contents of the treaty will not be published until it is submitted to years of age. the senate.

Bryan Resigns.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 12.-Gen. Kelfer, who is in command of the remaining troops of the seventh army corns since Gen. Lee's departure for Cuba last night confirmed the rumor of Col. W. J. Bryan's resignation of his command. Both Gen. Lee and Gen. Keifer endeavored to induce Col Bryan to go to Cuba, but were unsuccessful.

It is reported the temporary release of Col. Picquart has been ordered.

Worst in Years.

New Orleans, Dec. 12.-From all parts of the southwest comes news that the recent storm was the worst in twenty-nine years. It froze throughout Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas, and there was a snowfall of from six to twelve inches. No loss of life is reported, but heavy losses in crops and cattle and great suffering among the poor. The loss will be especially great in cotton.

Three thousand turkeys were mar-

Caucus Binding.

Washington, Dec. 12.-The Demo gratic house caucus Saturday night passed off without incident.

The resolution at the previous meet ing, declaring the action of the caubinding upon all who participated passed by nearly a unanimous but with the amendment that no her be reuired to vote for any but dment that no what he deems constitutional, and that matters except election of offi-no decision is binding, unless by a two-thirds vote.

SOUTHERN NEWS

Bob Brown, who killed several relatives of his wife, is to hang at Glas-

W. L. Trowbridge has been elected with the Spaniards when they enter- mayor of Vicksburg, Miss., for the

ceedingly solemn. Apparently they re- ator Walthall of Mississippi, died at president. Memphis, Tenn., aged 58 years. While absent in Europe Archbishop

> of Paris bankers. J. H. Gardner was shot and killed

near Jonesboro, Ark., by John Mangrum, formerly county clerk. They quarreled over a business transaction.

of Atlanta, Ca., died in a New York hospital of appendicitis, caused by a fall from a railroad train.

that city, robbed and cut to pieces. Four women have been arrested. Rev. J. H. St. Clair, who took fifteen

grains of morphine at Decatur, Ala., portunity for discussion. propared by Secretary Moore in behalf was pronounced dead and recovered. has left the city, and, it is reported, has gone to Mexico.

retary Ojeda of the Spanish commis- settled in Hot Springs county, Arkan- on our nation by President McKinley length the history of the Indian sas, in 1839, is dead, aged 90 years. He

The Portuguese ship captain charged viously by the commissions without he had merely employed her, and the bune, comprised of England, France

The Dahlonga Consolidated Gold Mining company has been organized at 3:30 o'clock, expecting to finish their Chattanooga, Tenn. The purpose of the company is to mine gold in the the Americans it is learned that the Dahlonga, Ga., district,

At Savannah, Ga., Private J. E. Moore, of the first Maine regiment, ticles provide for the cession and evacwas fined \$500 or six months on the chain gang for embracing the wife of Philippine islands, and the political, a prominent official on the street. Moore was itoxicated.

Sunday Jan 1 1899, the one hundredth anniversary of Transylvania university, at Lexington, Ky ... will be observed. The principal speaker will be Rt. Rev. T. U. Dudley, Episcopal bishop of that state.

Two grandsons of the late ex-Presi-

resent Kentucky districts.

A street car deal in Baltimore, Md and American colors. When the seals involving several millions of dollars,

were sent scurrying for ribbons of The steamboat John N. Harbin, ply-French, the tri-color, with which the ing between Memphis, Tenn., and Pine were expected to be fixed attendants Bluff, Ark., struck a snag and sank of cotton seed.

The signing was finished at 8:45. At A syndicate, backed by \$10,000,000. that time the door of the chamber has been organized to build the Black opened and Senor Villarutia appeared Diamond railway 300 miles south from extend through the rich coal mines of The other members of the Spanish Kentucky, Tennessee and West Vir-

Mrs. Polly Mays, 111 years old, the

and Chattanooga, Tenn., parties is be- cas. ing formed to operate a line of steamboats on the Tennessee river from Chattanooga to Riverton, and connect at the latter place with the St. Louis riffes, company B, first Texas, was

Not far from Warren, Ark., a young of company G, sixth Missouri at Saman named Berryman rushed out of vannah, aG., while in line of duty on his house with a cocked gun on his provost guard. Authoritative investishoulder to kill a hawk. He stumbled gation has pronounced him as having is the cause of the advance. The comand fell, the gun was discharged and performed his duty. the bullet went through his brother. killing him, and struck the mother, inflicting a slight wound.

Ship Grounded.

New York, Dec. 12.-The big battleship Massachusetts grounded Saturday morning near Governor's island. She got off, but had injured her bottom so hadly that soon afterward she had to ascertained, but five compartments against the United States on account were said to have water in them.

R. M. Black, of the staff of the Texas Stock and Farm Journal, died at San Montero Rios, president of the Span-President McKinley's message regard- and competent ministry."

on Joe Powers' ranch, eighteen miles at the last joint meeting of the comnorth of Marlin, was called out of his missions. But these reports are prachouse and killed. Five shots were tically without foundation. fired, but only one took effect, in the region of the heart.

Hon. J. S. Kendall, state superintenclerk in his department.

tric street railway.

Commissioner Speaks.

Paris, Dec. 10.-Senor Garnica was questioned as to the future of the Phil-

ippine islands and he said: "The United States has inaugurated a policy which will bring it much trouble and many responsibilities. The Americans are not prepared for the work they are about to undertake. Your democratic system must inaugurate an imperialist and bureaucratic system and you must increse your army and navy, with the result that there will be constant friction between yourselves and the European pow-

The American preserve secrecy regarding the terms of the treaty. This senators on the body who represent that it would be discourtesy to the senate to publish the terms before the Mrs. Walthall, wife of the late Sen- treaty is presented to this body by the

The protocol of the treaty will almost reach the dimensions of a vol-Chapelle succeeded in settling the debt ume, as it will contain every writduring the conferences. The Spaniards made a late contribution yesterday on the assembling of the committee. Senor Montero Rios then presented a vigorously worded protest in which the Spaniards declared they had yielded Dr. T. H. Huzza, a noted physician to force, but that they invoked the conof the rights on a nation of which at Paris. they are the victims. The protest was John Youngblood, of Tampa, Fla., for the purpose of record and consistwas lured into a disreputable house in ed of an argument in support of every

The protest concluded:

against us in connection with the

In spite of the secrecy observed by treaty in substance consists of thirteen or fourteen articles. The principal aruation of Cuba, Porto Rico and the administration and financial results thereof; the acquirement by the Unitrelinquishment of archives. The armerchandise in the Philippine islands investigation. for ten years, and leaving the status dies to be settled later.

An important provision is the guarantee of religious freedom in the ceded territories, in the same terms as the Florida treaty, the Americans having steadfastly refused to incorporate any guarantee of the United States' determination to facor the property of the Catholic church, leaving it subject to as private property.

annexation or imperialism, will vote in the senate to ratify the treaty, considering that the signing of that document binds him to support it.

Is satisfied.

Galveston, Tex , Dec. 10.-General Manager A. W. Fisk of the Eureka view here Clement B. Stern of the At-Banana company and State Health Officer W. F. Blunt had a consultation oldest woman in Virvinia, died at the yesterday. The banana importer says Cove, the homestead of the Mays for that quarantine regulations are satis- combine will have a capitalization of over a century, in Franklin county. factory. His company has chartered \$30,000,000. A syndicate of English She was in excellent health up to a the steamer Iberia. Each of the two and American capitalists has been nefew weeks ago, when she was injured steamers secured will carry from six- gotiating with the owners of mills in a fall. Her youngest child is 66 teen to twenty-two cars of bananas on looking to the formation of a trust A company composed of St. Louis will carry commissary supplies for Bo- the Atlas mill will be included in the

Forced to Kill Bim.

Private Lovejoy of the Galveston forced to shoot and kill Private Kein

The Goulds are forming a vast railway combine of the southwest lines. The proposition is to merge them in-\$294,440,522.

Without Foundation

Paris, Dec. 10 .- The Madrid papers put back to the navy yard. The full are disposed to revive the question of extent of the damage could not be the Maine, and excite public opinion of the reference made to this subject in President McKinley's message to congress. They report that Senor ish commission, made an impassioned ing the island. Frank Debasquez, a Mexican, living denunciation of President McKinley

Guthrie Ok., Dec. 10 .- Charley Shepdent of education-elect, has appointed and, agent of the Hunter Milling com- ing the Nevada bank of this city out killed and none of the bodies recover-H. L. Piner of Grayson county chief pany of Wellington, Kan., was held of over \$20,000 by means of a raises ed. Their findings will be forwarded to up by masked highwaymen at Black- check, which he and three others pre- Secretary Alger. well, sandbagged and robbed of \$700 sented to the bank for payment. Pine Bluff, Ark., is to have an elec- in cash, revolver, cash and account

Washington, Dec. 10 -The asvy department has received a cablegram finished. The Spaniards have declined from Admiral Dewey, summarizing to grant most of the requests of the the existing conditions at Manilla and United States which were unsettled at such points in the Philippines as have the beginning of the session. been visited by his officers. Advices also have been received by Gen. Otls, in the Carolien islands to the United the commandant of the United States States. military forces in the islands, and they both go to show a notable improvement in conditions, and the growth of a better spirit among those factions which promised to give trouble. This fact is particularly gratifying, as the United States government is already giving consideration to the best means at hand to redeem the pledge it will be placed under at Paris to secure the is partly through the influence of three release of the Spanish prisoners, and the government is confident that their captors will release them upon proper representations from Gen. Otls and Admiral Dewey. It may be necessary to call the navy into service in this matter for the reason that some of the prisoners are held in captivity on other islands than Luzon, which can be reached best and most effectively

> by Admiral Dewey's ships. In addition to the clerical prisoners, Americans themselves hold nearly 15,000 Spanish soldiers as prisoners. men captured at the fall of Manilla. These are actually on parole about the

> > Indian Catholic Schools.

which the Americans refused some of archbishops of the Catholic church in fact that the task was accomplished. them peremptorily and without an op- America, has submitted a petition to the contract school system be re- American commission, remarked: "But these concession which we opened, and that congress again go were obliged to make touch us less over the whole subject of Indian edu-Christopher Columbus Cripps, who than the insult which has been ifflicted cation. The petition sets forth at in his message. We again protest gcl- school question and the legislation emnly against the accusation hurled applying to it up to the recent provisions in appropriation bills looking the custom. with having a Hottentot girl as a slave. Maine and we intend to again submit to the gradual discontinuance of govshowed documents at New Orleans that the question to an international tri- ernment aid to sectarian schools. The petition asks that a congressionand Germany, to determine who shall al inquiry be made in place of the debear the responsibility of the catas. partmental inquiries, in order that the merits and defects of contract schools and government schools may be shown, and "not kept a secret of state, concealed in the files of any department or office."

The petition was referred to the house Indian committee, which is now preparing the Indian appropriation bill. Senator Gorman presented a similar petition in the senate.

Representative Sherman, chairman ticles of secondary importance deter- Catholic church has made large exfinished law suits and contracts; guar- that congress should know the exact ington." anteeing of the same terms to Span- condition of things. Mr. Sherman ish shipping and merchandise as im- said that he probably would take posed upon American shipping and some action to bring about such an

tiating for the purchase of both the

in and about Cleveland.

The street railways of Cleveland, the general laws on the same footing together with the suburban lines, are capitalized at \$24,300,000. It is es-Senator Gray, though well known to timated that the entire street railway be radically opposed to the policy of system can be purchased for about tion yesterday aftergnoon ordered a

> Fitzslmmons will meet Ryan if the latter will agree to the middleweight limit of 150 pounds.

Flour Combine.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 10,-In an interlas flour mills. Milwaukee stated that he expected the hig flour combination would be in operation shortly. The eac htrip from Bocas and returning for some time past. Mr. Stern said that new organization.

> A cablegram has just been received, it is stated from an agent of the proposed combine, who has been in London for some time past arranging the deal, which says that all negotiations will be closed up within four weeks. "If flour goes up," Mr. Stern says,

it will not be the combination that bination will include practically all the spring wheat mills in the country."

Like Message.

Santiago de Cuba, Dec. 10 .- There to one system with a total capital of has been great rejoicing in connection with the fete of Purisima Concepcion. Mourning emblems were exchanged for glorious decorations in the cathedral, and sorrowful music gave way to

With the exception of the extremists-the party advocating the immediste freedom of Cubs and the establishment forthwith of a Cuban government-all factions are apparently well satisfied with the promises of

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 10.-Karl Becker, known to the police all over the country as the prince of forgers. was sentenced yesterday to serve sev-

Paris, Dec. 9 .- The treaty has been

They refuse to cede a coaling station cial.

Judge Day said yesterday: "We have settled all the points on which we can agree. It only remains to engross and sign the treaty. That will be

done in two or three days."

The members of the commission the treaty contains little outside of the scope of the war protocol and the matters directly based thereon, like the provisions for the evacuation of the ceded territories, the transfer of public property therein, and guarantees of the safety of property and rights of the Spanish citizens remaining there.

The details of the last class of questions covered by the statement which the Americans handed Senor Rios at the last meeting were considered yesfuse to divulge the details of the conference.

Several points upon which they were unable to agree were left open for diplomatic negotiations.

The Spaniards refuse to admit that city, and the question is how they are had failed to respect former treaties to be returned to Spain. This must guaranteeing religious freedom in the science of the nations against the abuse be settled by the peace commissioners Caroline islands, or that there was a necessity for new guarantees.

The conclusion of the work was, according to the commissioners, marked Washington, Dec. 10.-Cardinal by politeness and all outward eviconcession made by the Spaniards and Gibbons, in behalf of himself and the dences of good feeling and relief at the When all the Philippines had been congress asking that the question of discussed Judge Day, president of the

"There seems nothing more to do but to engross and sign the treaty."

Senor Montero Rios, president of the Spanish commission, acquiesced in this and the Americans bowed themselves out before the Spaniards, according to

The Spaniards charge equal blame upon the European powers and the United States for their downfall. One of the Spanish commissioners said last evening: "The European nations have made a great mistake in deserting Spain and leaving her to spoliation by the brute force of a conscienceless giant. They all now that in the Philippines America has taken more than she can digest. She will ultimately sell the islands to England or Germany and when the transfer is attempted it will precipitate a general European strife. We have refused to sell any ed States of public property and the of the house committee on Indian at- island in the Carolines. We never fairs, is of the opinion that as the thought of considering the offer. Nor have we consented to negotiate upon mine the status of Spanish subjects re- penditures for Indian education in the any question except those directly inmaining in the ceded territory and un- erection of buildings, etc., it is fair volved in the protocol signed at Wash-

Do Not Like It. dent of the Spanish peace commission ed that an English syndicate is nego- at Paris, instructing him to again protest against President McKinley's refbig and little consolidated street rail- evence to the Maine in his recent mesways, the two companies which control and operate all the street railway parcial says there is great indignation lines in the city, both cable and elec. at the American commissioners' rejectric, as well as all the suburban lines tion of Senor Rios' reuest for a neutral of the Maine.

Stay of Proceedings.

Paris, Dec. 9.-The court of causastay of proceedings in the Picquart court-martial

Gen. Garcia is very ill with pneumonia at Washington.

A German's Opinion.

Berlin, Dec. 9 .- Count Von Goetzen, former military attache at the German embassy in Washington, who was commissioned by Emperor William to accompany the United States army during the Spanish-American war for the purpose of observation and official reed audience at the Kaiserhof on "The Newest Colonial Power."

The lecturer spoke sympathetically of the American army and navy except so far as the volunteers were concerned. He said the only good volunteers were the rough riders. He severely said, tendered little assistance to the Americans. Count Von Goetzen said the dynamite guns proved ineffective because they lacked distance apparat-

us. The United States regulars were characterized by the lecturer as a "most excellent body, though small," and their uniforms was "practical." Count Von Goetsen prophesied a great future for the new American colfrequently applauded.

Some Madrid papers accuse Premier Sagasta of a lack of skill and energy ber of troop K, United States cavalry, in protecting Spanish interests. They and Miss Maud Nicholson, of Bedford, Dye, Montague county, for interment. demand the immediate convocation of Ind., were married at Jeffersonville by the cortes and the resumption of the a justice. It was a case of love at city of Barcelona, Spain, says the constitution as guaranteed, so that first sight. They had never met be-"public opinion can declare for a new fore, but, as he was passing through

First Lieut. W. C. Rafferty of the first artillery and Second Lieut. M. A. Lewis of the third Texas volunteer infantry compose the board charged with investigating the blowing up of the John R. Meige in the Mississippi river. en years in San Quentin, for defraud- The captain and six of the crew were

> A number of the first Texas regiment have received honorable discharges.

Japan Wants Thom. Washington, Dec. 8.-Japan has of fered this government \$200,000,000 for

the Philippine islands. This information came from a very high source and is asserted to be offi-

It was further stated that this overture of Japan was met by the reply from the president that no negotiations the Anti-Imperialism league. affecting the disposition or control of

In direct connection with this story it is known that an influential renator dockyards at Ferrol, Spain, and berecently had a long talk with the president at which the disposition of the Philippines was the main topic of con- loss is estimated at 4,000,000 pesetas. versation. The argument of the senator was that while he was opposed to the holding of the Philippines he had now become convinced that it would be necessary to hold the island of Luzon. He told the president it would be to the advantage of the government to dispose of all of the group except terday, but all the commissioners re- Luzon and that it would be the better plan to have several purchasers for the group. In other words, he would avoid all possible complications by letting Germany, England, France, Japan

of peace at Parfs.

into the gigantic auction sale. The positive statemnt is made that the president signified his assent to this elaborate scheme.

Senate and House

a short session yesterday afternoon and then adjourned until Monday, after making the Nicaragua canal bill the unfinished business before that body. Mr. Morgan called up the measure, whereupon Mr. Pettigrew moved to adjourn. This motion failed-yeas 13, journment was immediately taken, troops, During the session Mr. Vest stated his opposition to the hurried manner of passing pension bills in the senate, and Porto Rico 1000 Bibles, to be distribgave notice that he would insist upon a quorum being present when pension island. These books are in the Spanbills were being acted upon.

The urgency deficiency bill to provide for the support of the military and naval establishments was passed by the house yesterday practically without be president of Cuba, and Aguinaldo

The confernce report upon the bill to render the sureties to consuls, vice consuls and consular agents liable for damages in suits at law was adopted. The house adjourned over until Mon-

day to give the committees an oppor-

President Invited.

tunity to work without interruption.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 9.-Both passed the following resolution inviting President McKinley to visit Mont-

Resolved by th senate, the house concurring, that President McKinley says the fire was returned and several be and he is hereby cordially invited insurgents killed. such other time as may best suit his is called, is silver gray, with tiger pleasure or convenience.

Caused by Jealousy. Missouri City, Mo., Dec. 9-What will undoubtedly prove to be a double murinvestigation into the cause of the loss der was committed last night in a country church two miles out from Missouri City. Miss Della Clevenger was shot down, mortally wounded and her escort to the meeting house, George Allen, was instantly killed. The murderer was Ernest Clevenger, a cousin to the young woman, who was one of his victims. The tragedy was due to young Clevenger's insane jealousy of

his cousin.

Fatal Shooting. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 9.-When Frank Brooks came home from work last night he found in one bedroom his wife shot dead and in another his 9year-old daughter also dead. In a note that he found from his wife she stated that she was tired of life and was going to heaven and take her little daughport, addressed a large and distinguish- ter with her, from which it is supposed she committed the murder and then suicided. The woman had been in poor

health for some time.

Street Rallway Sale. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 9.-Negoetiations tary of war, the telegraphic instrucwhich have been proceeding for over tions of November 25, directing the condemned the insurgents, who, he three months resulted in the sale to a honorable discharge from the fourth New York syndicate, represented by Texas of a number of officers and pri-Brown Bros., of the Lindell and Mis- vates, are confirmed. These soldiers souri Street railway system of St. are entitled to travel pay. Louis for \$8,500,000.

The Baltimore and Northern Electric extensive dockyard, in view of the Railway company, backed by a syn- probable construction of the Nicardicate of New York, Philadelphia and agua canal in the near future, nego-Baltimore capitalists, has purchased tions are progressing for the purthe Baltimore City Passenger Railway chase of a dockyard site. onies because, he said, "the Americans company. Twelve million six hundred are prime colonists." The lecture was thousand dollars are involved in the transaction.

> Henry Breuck, of California, a mem- They were accompanied by Lieut. Walon a train, Breuck saw Miss Nicholson, and fell in love with her. A proposal and elopement followed

Land Tax.

Yokohama, Dec. 9.—The government has introduced in the diet a bill providing for increasing the land tax by 14,000,000 yen, towards an estimated budget deficit of 30,000,000 yen. The remainder of the amount required with saluted them.

be raised by other taxation.

It is believed these proposals will lead to a rupture of the undestanding of the cabinet and Liberals.

The president has nominated Lieut

SOLDIERS AND MARIN

Gen. Kitchener has ptarted from London on his return to Egypt. The steamship San Francisco has arrived at Valencia, Spain, with 1800

Spanish troops from Cuba. Episcopal Bishop Potter of New York is one of the vice presidents of

Hobson is to go to Manila about the the Philippines could be entered into 20th instant, to superintend the rais-until after the conclusion of the treaty ing of the sunken Spanish was being in that harbor,

> A fire occurred in the government fore the flames were extinguished a number of bomb-shells exploded. The The orders discharging Brig. Gens.

> Andrew S. Burt and Royston, United States volunteers, to date Nov. 30, are amended so as to honorably discharge them, to take effect Dec. 31. The anniversary of Gen. Macco's

death, the Cuban insurgent, was com-

memorated in Santiago cathedral. The entire edifice was draped in black, interspersed with Cuban colors. Ex-President Cleveland says he isardently opposed to every feature of "this annexation and expansion policy." He says he is opposed to all

annexation, from Hawaii to the Philippines. At San Francisco word has been received to the effect that shortly sev-Washington, Dec. 9.—The senate held eral regiments of regular troops will be sent to Manila for the purpose of relieving the volunteer forces now

there. The quartermaster's department is making most satisfactory progress in the preparation of docks, railways and camp sites in the neighborhood of nays 42-and the bill went forward. Ad- Havana for the reception of the

Rev. A. F. McKim, agent for the American Bible society, has taken to uted among the inhabitants of that

ish language. Henri Rochefort, the well known Frenchman, applauds our war as one of mercy. He would like Gomez to governor general of the Philippines.

Representative Hull of Iowa, chairman of the house committee on milltary affairs, has introduced a bill providing for an increase of the regular army to approximately 100,000 men. The party who followed Senor Rios,

mission at Paris, with the supposed object of endeavoring to assassinate him, it is now claimed is a prominent houses of the legislature yesterday Spaniard who is Rios' mortal enemy. It is cabled that the insurgents have been again firing on the Spanish citizens of Iloilo, and that it has been done at night. The cablegram also

president of the Spanish peace com-

Madrid, Dec. 9.—The Imparcial says in the name of the general assembly The cat which was rescued from the the Spanish government decided to tel- and the people of Alabama to extend wreck of the Christobal Colon and preital, and to be present on the 17th day is now on exhibition at the Chicago of December as the state's guest or at cat show. Senor Colon, as the feline

> Gen. Guy V. Henry, the new governor of the military department of Porto Rico, is beginning energetically. He intends to hold elections for mayor and councilmen in every town, and, if necessary to insure fairness, the elections will be under military suppl

vision. Archbishop Chapelle, appointed apostlic delgate to Porto Rico by the pope, was banqueted on his return to New Orleans from Rome. Every Catholic priest in New Orleans, and many from all over the state, as well

as laymen, attended. The Pittsburg Reduction company has just received an order for all the aluminum for a new telegraph and telephone line to be erected in Manila, in the Philippine islands. The order is for a Spanish company that is anxious to take advantage of the progressive-

ness of American rule. More than 500 representatives of brewery interests in the United States, representing \$400,000,000 capital, mct at New York and decided to have a committee appointed to protest to congress against the \$1 per barrel war tax

As part of the plan for making Kingston, Jamaica, a great naval depot and

By direction of the assistant secre-

The remains of Henry Crabtree, who was a private in company I, third regiment, stationed at Fort McIntoen, where he died, were received at St. Jo. er Hoover. The body was taken to

Many business men of the seaport lay all the blame of the late war up their own government, and say they will do all they can to heal the breach

between the two nations. Gen. Wade, accompanied by other members of the American evacution commission, called on Gen. Castella-

Gordon Taylor, 18 years old, a tel egrapher, who served in the Porto Rico campaign as a member of the United States signal service corps. died at Sedulia, Mo., of typhoid fer He was mustered out of the service at

Peace Commission. Pursuant to the fifth article of the pre-tocol, I appointed William R. Day, lately secretary of state; Cushman K. Davis, Wil-liam P. Frye and George Gray, senators of the United States, and Whitelaw Reid, to be the peace commissioners on the part of the United States. Proceeding in due sca-on to Paris, they there met on the first of letoher five commissioners similarly ap-

not discuss at this time the govern or the future of the new posses which will come to us as the result war with Spain. Such discussion appropriate after the treaty of hall be ratified. In the meantime

As soon as we are in the possession of Cuba and have pacified the island, it will be necessary to give aid and decision to its people to form a government of themselves. It should be undertaken at the earliest mo-ment consistent with safety and assured anoual be interested and assured cess. It is important that our relation this people shall be of the most friend-character and our commercial relations as and reciprocate. It should be our y to assist in every proper way to build the waste places of the Island, encourage industry of the people, and assist them form a government which shall be free independent, thus realizing the best irations of the Cuban people. Spanish a must be replaced by a just, benevolent I humane government, created by the pile of Cuba, capable of performing all crest, ohigations and which shall energy thrift, industry and prosperity, and mote peace and good will among all inhabitants, whatever may have been it relations in the past. Neither rege nor passion should have a place in new government. Until there is comtet transquilty in the Island and a stable transpurch in any process.

The Lattimer Riot. of striking miners and the Sheriff erne county and his deputies, in 3 miners were killed and 44 wound-which 10 of the killed and 12 of the

than those of other countries. The worth of such a result in making known our ma-tional capacity to supply the world's mar-

TO CONGRESS.

TO CONGRESS.

Exhibits of this internations character are becoming more frequent as the exchangers of the Fifty-fifth congress is commercial countries. The worth this power and means to do so.

McKinley's message to the coff the Fifty-fifth congress is commendations:

The army to 100,000 men. It is the makes the commendations:

The army to 100,000 men. It is more than this government is not invited to mational participation at some important forcing center, but often on too short notice to permit of recourse to congress for the power and means to do so.

My predecessors have suggested the advantability of providing by a general enactment and a standing appropriation for this country by commission. This plan has my cordial approval.

I trust the Belgian restriction on the importantions of catife from the United States originally adopted as a sanitary precaution will at an early date be satisfied as to their present and future of hardship and discrimination so as to admit live catiful and the comment of the country is the state of the message to the fields of industry is ded, revenue legislation passed at congress has increased the copy and the fields of industry is ded, revenue legislation passed at congress has increased the copy and the fields of industry is the finances of the government is not invited to matter that this government is not invited to matter that t

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expiration of the time limited for the duration of the commission, was signed May 24, 1807, and has remained unacted upon by the senate. The term therein fixed for effecting the exchange of ratification having clapsed, the convention falls unless the time be extended by amendment which i am endeavoring to bring about, with the friendly concurrence of the Chilian government.

Chinese Empire. The United States has not been an indifferent spectator of the extraordinary
events transpiring in the Chinese empire,
whereby portions of its maritime provinces are passing under the control of various European powers, but the prospect
that the vast commerce which the energy
of our citizens and the necessity of our
staple productions for Chinese uses has
built up in those regions may not be prejudiced through any exclusive treatment by
the new occupants, has obviated the need
of this country becoming an actor on the
scene.

last the same measure of authoritative pro-tection as the representatives of other un-tions have been constrained to employ.

Paris Exposition.

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Our position among nations having a large Pacific coast, gives the equitable claim to this consideration and friendly treatment in this regard and it will be my aim to subserve our large interests in that quarter by all means appropriate to the constant policy of our government. The territories of Kio Chow, Wei Hal Wei and of Port Arthur and Talien Wan leased to Germany, Great Britain and Russia respectively for terms of years, will, it is announced, be open to international commerce during such aften occupation; and if no discriminating treatment of American citizen and their trade be found to exist or hereafter develop, the desire of this government would appear to be realized. In this relation, as showing the volume and value of our exchanges with China and the peculiarity favorable conditions which exist for their expansion in the normal course of trade, I prefer to the communication addressed to the speaker of the house of representatives by the secretary of the treasury on the 24th of last January with its accompanying letter of the accretary of state recommending an appropriation for a commission to study the commercial and industrial condition in the Chinese empire and report as to the opportunities for and obstacles to the enlargement of markets in China for the raw products and manufactures of the United States. Action was not taken thereon during the late session, I cordially urge that the recommendation receive at your hands the consideration which its importance and rimeliness merits. Meanwhile there may be just grounds for disquietude in view of the unrest and revival of an old sentiment of opposition and prejudice to allen people which pervades certain of the Chinese provinces. As in the case of the attacks upon our citizens in Szechusn and at Kutien in 1805 the United States minister has been instructed to secure the fullest measure of protection, both local and im

the remaining articles may be provisionally saved.

The proposal of the czar for a general reduction of the vast military establishments that weigh he heavily upon many people in time of peace was communicated to this government with an earnest invitation to be represented in the conference which it is contemplated to assemble with a view to discussing the means of accomplishing so desirable a result. His majesty was at once informed of the cordial sympathy of this government with the principle involved in his exaited sphere and the readiness of the United States to take part. The active military force of the United States as measured by our population, territorial area and taxable wealth is, and under any conceivable prospective conditions, must continue to be in time of peace so conspicuously less than that of the armed powers to whom the czar's appeal is especially addressed, that the question can have for us no practical importance save as marking an auspicious step toward the betterment of the condition of the modern peoples and then: but in this view it behooves us as a tation to lead countenance and sid to the beneficient project.

Here the president reviewed the settlement of the principal into the treasury.

Martime Policy.

It is true we may suffer in such cases less than other communities, but all nations are damaged more or less, but the state of uneasiness and apprehension into which an outbreak of hostilities throws the entire continue to be in time of peace so conspicuously less than that of the area of the coultry and the results of the coultry of the coulding of the modern people and the cultivation of peace and good will among the n: but in this view it behooves us as a tation to lead countenance and sid to the beneficient project.

Hawaiian Islands.

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Pending the consideration by the senate of treaty signed June 16, 1897, by the plendroft of the United States and out the republic of Hawaii, providing for the annexation of the Islands, a Joint resolution to accomplish the same purpose by accepting the offered cession and incorporating the ceded territory into the Union, was adopted by the congress and approved July 7, 1898. I thereupon directed the United States ship Philadelphia to convey Rear Admiral Miller to Honolulu and entrusted to his hands this important legislative act to be delivered to the president of the republic of Hawaii with whom the admiral and the United States minister were authorised to make appropriate arrangements for transferring the sovereignty of the islands to the United States.

This was simply but impressively accomplished on the 12th of August by the delivery of a certified copy of the resolution to President Dole, who thereupon yielded up to the United States government the sovereignty and the public property of the Hawaiian lalands. Pursuant to the terms of the point resolution and in exercise of attention the solution and in exercise of attention that the solution are solution and in exercise of attention that the solution are solution and in exercise of attention that the solution are solution and the solution that the solution are solution and the solution that the solution that the solution tof There is now every prospect that the participation of the United States in the universal exposition to be held in Paris in 1900 will be on a scale commensurate with the advanced position held by our products and ladustries in the world's chief morkets. The preliminary report of Moses P. Handy who, under the act approved July 19, 1867, was applinted apectal commissioner, with a view to securing all attainable information necessary to a full and complete understanding by congress in regard to the participation of this government in the Paris exposition, was laid before you by measage of December 6, 1897, and showed the large opportunities opened to make known our national progress in arta, science and manufactures as well as the urgent need of immediate and adequate provision to emble due advantage thereof to be taken. Mr. Handy's death soon afterward rondered it necessary for another to take up and complete his unfinished work, and on January II, last Mr. Thomas W. Cridder, third assistant secretary of state was designated to fulfill that task. His report was laid before you by my measage from the continuance of all the administrative and municipal function of the annexed territory was laid before you by my measage from the continuance of all the administrative and municipal function of the annexed territory was laid before you by my measage from the continuance of all the administrative and municipal function of the summater territory until congress shall otherwise enact. Following the further provision of the joint

mest of agricultural, the fish commission and the smithonian institute, in representation of the foreign and t

both countries that all reasonable facilities should be granted for its development.

The question of reciprocal commercial reasonable with refece, including the restoration of currants to the free list is under consideration.

The long standing claim of Berand Campiel of of admanges for injuries sustained from a violent assault committed against him by military authorities in the greenent of that republic of this sum \$5000 has already been poil. It is heped that other pounding claims of American distense gapting the summary of a maniest poil. It is heped that other pounding claims of American distense against that republic may be amiliarly adjusted.

The newly accredited envey of the United States to the Ottoman port carries instructions looking to the disposal of matters in controversy with Turkey for a number of years. He is especially charged to press for a just settlement of our claims for indeminity by reason of the destruction of properly of the country during the American troubles of 1856, as well as for the recognition to older claims of equal justness.

The government of Peru has given the prescribed notification of its intention to alroyante the treaty of friendship, commerce and avaignation concluded with this country during the American troubles of the survey of the treaty of riendship, commerce and avaignation concluded with this country to the maintenance of commerce and good relations which could with difficulty be replaced by the nomination of renewed provisions within the brief tweive months intervening before the treaty terminates, i have in the power should be given him to recitor it should be necessary and the furnity of the facility of the country during the American troubles of the simulation of the survey of the survey of the survey of the country during the American troubles of the survey of the treaty of riendship, commerce and mayignation of renewed provisions within the brief tweive months intervening before the treaty terminates, i have in the power should be given him to recitor it There are now in the regular army 57, 872 officers and men. In said act it was provided "that at the end of any war is which the United States may become in volved the army shall be reduced to a peace basis by the transfer in the same arm of the service, or absorption by promotion of the service, or absorption by promotion of honorable discharge under such regulation as the secretary of war may establish a supernumerary commissioned officers an supernumerary commissioned officers and supernumerary commissioned officers a

The following recommendation of the secretary of the navy relative to the increase of the navy bave my earnest aproporti.

1. Three sea going and sheathed and coppered battleships of about 13,500 tons trial

TEXAS IN TINY TYPE.

Mention of Many Maior and Minor Matters Material.

twenty-fifty anniversary of the insti- sight. tption of the seventh district, Independent Order of B'nai B'rith. The best talent of the Jewish people

gramme. There was oratory, music, both vocal and instrumental and reci-

The seventh district embrases most of the territory south of the Potomac river and east of New Mexico. The Order B'nai B'rith was organized in the seventh district in 1873.

It has grown to a membership of over 5000 and maintains large benevolent establishments. Eureka lodge in Waco, in common with many other lodges in the district, celebrated the silver anniversary yesterday according to a resolution adopted at the last grand lodge meeting.

The orators were Dr. Weiss, Dr. and others.

of the Maccabees, a celebration insti- agricultural college. tuted 150 years prior to the Christian

the perpetually burning lamp, the con- Illinois, the latter in place of Dennis secrated light and the chanters of the Kenyon, deceased. hymn of triumphant Israel exulting Mrs. Ada M. Ewing of Des Moines, in deliverance from tyranny of the Ia., was down on the programme for Syrian monarch were faithfully ren. a paper on "The Development of the dered. The entertainment closed at 6 West." Owing to the rush to get of at least 200 ladies and gentlemen were o'clock with the song of the Macca- on the excursion the paper was not seated. bees, sang as they gathered in the reached, but wil be printed along with temple and beheld the high priest ren- the proceedings of the meeting. dering homage to Jehovah amid the ruins of the averthrown and broken idols of heathenism.

Saved by a Pencil Clasp. Beeville, Tex., Dec. 12 .- Foliz Hardeman, a clerk of this city, while going number are Mr. Whitney, the reprehome Saturday night, was attacked by a robber, who approached him in the money. On being refused he plunged tive from the Venezuelan government. outskirts of town and demanded into Hardeman with a knife. The first stab was made directly at Hardeman's heart, and but for a pencil clasp on his left vest pocket the result of the assassin's aim would have been fatal. The knife blade made a considerable indentation in the metal. A scuffic encountry of the executive committee of the association, were unavoidably detained here. The representatives from Mexicological and the second and control of the executive committee of the association, were unavoidably detained here. The representatives from Mexicological and the second and control of the executive committee of the association, were unavoidably detained here. The representatives from Mexicological and the second and control of the executive committee of the association and the second and control of the executive committee of the association and control of the executive committee of the association and control of the executive committee of the association and control of the executive committee of the association and control of the executive committee of the association and control of the executive committee of the association and control of the executive committee of the association and control of the executive committee of the association and control of the executive committee of the association and control of the executive committee of the association and control of the executive committee of the association and control of the executive committee of the executive committee of the executive committee of the association and control of the executive committee of the executive committe was cut in three places. No money was secured. The robber escaped. A suspicious character found in a box car was arrested and placed in jail. He had a razor and knife on his person.

Brownwood Blaze. A fire at the oil mill at Brownwood and \$6000. The storerooms containing nine large storage tanks of cotton seed oil was destroyed, though the cou- R. M. Hoover; senior conductor, J. C. considered and passed. tents of but one tank was entirely lost. The wind and weather was favorable for fighting the fire, and the depart- outside sentinel, E. W. O'Neill; diviment did excellent service in extin- sion committee, Tom Ferguson, John guishing the flames. Nearly threefourths of the oil was saved, though perhaps badly damaged by the fire. The success in extinguishing the flaming oil was a surprise, as but about one-tenth of that in each tank was burned. Cause of the fire not known

Bonham, Tex., Dec. 12.-News has reached here of a sad accident that happened near Commerce. C. B. Wheeler, a prominent farmer of Gober, a few miles south of here, had been to Commerce on a visit, and had started home in a wagon by himself. Next morning his body was found in a ditch about a mile from that place, covered with snow. The supposition is that in the darkness he had driven in the ditch and was killed. The wagon was turned over, his body being underneath, with the hub of one of the

wheels resting on his breast.

Ranks Consulidate. Temple. Tex., Dec. 12.-Saturday the Temple National bank stock amounting to \$80,000 was purchased by W. E. Hall and associates, and the bank recapitulated. The private banking firm of Miller, Hall & Co. is merged in the Temple National Bank. The new officers are J. Z. Miller, Sr., of Belton, president; W. E. Hall of Temple, cashier; C. P. Dodge of Temple, assistant cashier.

Gor. Culberson has commuted to life Imprisonment David Daney, under sentence of death in Colorado county.

streets bit four persons and chased another before being killed.

A dog rushing along Dallas, Tex.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 12.-Last evening at 7:30 the special train bearing the delegation of the Farmers' cougrees, arrived here from Galveston, en route to Cuero, Victoria and San Antonio. The tourists took quarters at the hotels for the night. They left here to make the first stop at Sugarland to take a look at the large sugar mill at that place. They will go through the mill and then leave for

The Congress Over.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 10 .- The last day's session of the Farmers' con- mittee of the Farmers' congress to gress has come and gone. In addition whom was referred the selection of the to the attention the members have re- city for the next meeting decided on ceived from the citizens of Fort Boston, Mass. Worth, they have been especially blessed by the clerk of the weather bureau. For three days he provided them with abundant sunshine and refreshing breezes from the guit, which carried in their embrace the warmth of spring. Yesterday, as if to prove to them that the Lone Star state can produce any old thing indigenous to Waco, Tex., Dec. 12.—The hall of the the north, he gave an old-fashioned Young Men's Hebrew association was blizzard, so that when the delegates thronged yesterday afternoon with a from the north awoke in the morning brilliant assembly of cultivated people their half-opened eyes beheld a snowgathered to enjoy the celebration of the white mantle covering everything in

The last session of the congress yesterday morning was a brief one, and was devoted entirely to business and of central Texas took part in the pro- in listening to an address on Ameri-Representative Candage of Massachusetts. In spite of the inclement weather there was a good attendance prived them of. of delegates when the chairman called the meeting to order.

sence of Mr. Spaulding, and will act on tobacco culture.

which takes place in 1899. Treasurer Pro Tem Avery made a meeting. short address, in which he said that the fact that the next meeting of the congress was to be held in Boston would rebuild its finances, as the legislature of Massachusetts at its last session had appropriated \$1000 for the Suhler, Charles L. Sanger, Abe Gross holding of the congress in Boston in the event of its happening. The A delightful portion of the program- money was taken by the legislative me was the representation of the Feast act from the appropriation for the

J. P. Todd of Guthrie was on motion elected vice president for Oklahoma, The old high priest, the cruse of oil, and J. P. Stewart vice president for

The Farmers' National congress excursion left the Houston and Texas Central passenger depot for Houston over that line. There were ten coaches, and about 400 visitors from different states aboard. Among the sentative from the agricultural department at Washington, and also Sener Romero, who came as the representa-Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Colorado, ico also did not go, but left for San Antonio, from which city they will return to the City of Mexico.

Williams; junior conductor Tom Ferguson; inside sentinel, C. L. Dwyer; Casey, J. J. Donovan; delegate to grand division, W. J. Hoover; alternate to grand division, J. J. Donovan; cipher corespondent, W. J. Hoover,

The Blizzard.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 10.-The weather in north and central Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, reports indicate, is the worst known in December in years. Snow storms of almost unparalleled severity have occurred, and traffic of all kinds has been demoralized. There are not wanting persons who declare that such severe weather has never before been known in this section during the month of December.

In Texas, the blizzard of Thursday night practically stopped all traffic on many of the roads, particularly those in the north end of the state.

Wound Up in a Storm. Midland, Tex., Dec. 10.-The great

carnival was brought to a summary Buckner of the Texas Prisoners' assoclose by a terrific blizzard. Snow has ciation said last night that he felt very drifted as high as the fences. All trains east are snow-bound. The great association has not been held during crowds are well fed, comfortable and the congress here. A call f a meethappy.

the cattle.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 10.-George

Stead, a Galveston, Harrisburg and

San Antonio engineer, atempted to board a switch engine in the yards here and fell beneath the wheels. He retained a hold on the ash pan and in that manner saved his life, but was dragged 200 yards before he was discovered and removed from his perilous position. He was unconscious when picked up.

Sharkey and McCoy are to fight before the Lenox Athletic club, New York, Jan. 10, for a purse of \$20,000.

Another body has been found in the Baldwin hotel ruins at San Fran-

The residence of J. W. French at Jacksonville, Tex., valued at \$1400,

The Prince of Water has decided to isit America next summer.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 9 .- The com-

The beet root sugar industry was indorsed.

Considerable business was transacted and several speeches made. The agricultural possibilities of Mexico received consideration.

The congress of the United States was urged to take effective steps to prevent the spread of splenetic fevers. State legislatures were requested to establish textile schools, also to provide penalties for adulteration of food. The congress of the United States

was requested to extend to settlers free homes in Oklahoma and the Cherokes Strip under the homestead law.

Congress was petitioned to grant to the interstate commerce commission can mail service in American ships by the right to make rates, to use powers originally conferred on them, which recent decisions of the courts have de-

Prof. Whitney of the bureau of soil and analysis, the representative of the John G. Avery of Massachusetts was secretary of agriculture, concluded the elected treasurer pro tem, in the ab- night session with an interesting talk

until the next election of officers, Denver and Des Moines made hard but unsuccessful fights for the next

A Pleasant Occasion.

Houston, Tex., DeDc. 9.-The feature of the fourth day of the fruit, flower and vegetable festival was furnished by the traveling members of the Travelers' Protective association and of the United Commercial Travelers, together with their host of lady friends and relatives. One hundred and fifty strong they had a street parade, headed by both President Howard Peak and Post C President H. J. Harby, followed by other officers of high rank. Upon their return to their headquarters there was an informal reception by the ladies in the parlors of the hotel. The reception was followed by a luncheon, where

Redeeming Bunds.

Gainesville, Tex., Dec. 9 .- At the city council meeting Tuesday night the mayor was instructed to take up the school bonds of 1896, amounting to \$14,000, and the crematory bonds amounting \$2500. The light committee was instructed to confer with the county commissioners with the view of adding more electric lights to the public square. Eight new lights have just been added to the city. A resolution was introduced and passed which che-Ohio and Illinois are present, and a ates the fifth ward by dividing in half good representation is on hand from the fourth. The resolution goes into other distant states. President Hoard effect on the first Tuesday in April.

Real Fatate Men.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 9.-The real estate men's convention in session here formed a permanent organization. Officers as follows were chosen: C. S. Renfield, Houston, president; T. J. Houston, Tex., Dec 10.-The Order Skaggs, Rock Island, secretary; Thomof Rilway Conductors held their an- as F. McEnnis, Dallas, vice president, nual meeting here, and it was a late and the following associate vice presihour before they adjourned. The elec- dents: E. Largur, J. T. State, J. C. tion of officers for the ensuing year re- Woodruff, Cyrus Thompson, L. Seadid damage estimated at between \$5000 sulted as follows: Chief conductor, W. brook, J. N. Groesback and George J. Hoover; assistant chief conductor, Spiller, An executive committee was al-N. Darrow; secretary and treasurer, so elected. Several resolutions were

> At Oakland, I. T., Mrs. E. Lacra and her 4-year-old daughter were badly burned.

> There are said to be 200 cases of small-pox at Bedford, Pa., a town with 2800 inhabitants.

> > Soon Begins.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 9 .- General Manager Fisk and Assistant General Manager Grubbe of the Eureka Banana company arrived here yesterday. The first steamer of the line will be here about Jan. 1, and others will follow at intervals of eight days. Mr. Fisk thinks he will have two steamers a week within a year. They will bring about 12,000 bunches each. The fruit will be unloaded in about three and a half hours, and will be hustled northward. The company will probably be chartered under the laws of New

Disappointed. Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 9 .- Dr. R. C.

much disappointed that a session of the ing was issued, but none c ae mem-Great suffering is reported among bers responded. He sai last night, however, that he had re lived a number of letters from members expressing their sympathy for the movement and regretting their inability to be on hand.

> Delegates Appointed. Austin, Tex., Dec. 9.-Adjt. Gen. A.

Wosencraft, Lieut. Col. Heary Hutchings of Austin. Col. I. M. Standifer of Denison and Major A. Harrison of the Texas volunteer guard battlion of artillery, now on leave of absence while serving as major in the for Texas infantry, stationed at San Antonio, will comprise a delegation that will represent the Texas volu guard at the annual meeting of the Interstate National Guard can which will convene at Curiago

In a fight over farm matters in county, near Wanabachie, T. S. B.

The Russian government has p a trial order with an American

Current Notes of Interesting and Instructive Mexican capital, a handsome and oily-Discoveries and Inventions.

to become something more than a own claim, including a pair of tusks myth, though the modern Cinderella will need no fairy godmother to fur- together with a hip bone. The socket, made his appearance at her father's nish her with a coach in which to empty for centuries, was as big as a reach home swiftly. Her slippers will soup bowl, and over eight inches across answer the purpose. The modern Cin- the top. Close by the skull was found derella's glass slipper is a skate, of three times the size of that of a bufwhich the upper part resembles a slipper, open behind, with a split "laceup" heel-cap. The Age of Steel de- thick all round the deep-buried rescribes this new skate as a skate of mains. In fact small nuggets were glass, hardened by a recent process to found imbedded in the bones. the consistency of steel. Every part of the skate is of glass, from the slipper-like upper to the glittering blade. It is asserted that the glass blades are much more slippery than steel ones. and that they will run almost as well over rough, snow-covered ice, as on a smooth ice-sheet, and will also go easily over inequalities, twigs and other obstructions. They are made very sharp, and are so extremely hard that it is almost impossible to blunt them. They are unlike steel skates in that they never want grinding, and never rust. The new skates are as pretty as they are efficient. They are very nearly transparent, and in some cases the glass, while in the liquid state, is variously colored. Several notable skaters are said to have tested them, in every case with most satisfactory results. So the pretty skates, with their sharp blades, will, in all probability, soon be seen skimming over lakes and streams, and youths and maidens who long ago relegated the Cinderella story to the region of their childhood, will take a renewed interest in glass slippers.

A New Anesthetic.

Two German investigators, MM, Einhorn and Heintz, have lately discovered a new anaesthetic which they call orthoform. It belongs to the group of aromatic amidoethers, and is a light crystalline white power, tasteless, odorless and of weak solubility. With acids it forms soluble salts, which are also anaesthetic, but too irritating to be employed locally on mucous membranes. Applied in powder or ointment to a wound or raw surface, orthoform renders them insensible-a fact confirmed by repeated clinical observation. In extensive burns, especially, orthoform allays the severest pains in a few minutes, and the relief endures for hours. Being non-poisonous. there is no danger in reapplying it as often as may be required after the first effect has ceased. Thus, in a case of ulcerated cancer of the face, where constant and excruciating pain rendered sleep impossible orthoform to the amount altogether or fifty grams, was dusted over the sore for a whole week. Pain ceased, and no ill effect followed. The remedy is equally safe and effectual when administered in ternally as an anodyne in cancer of the stomach. Moreover, it is a powerful antiseptic, and consequently promotes healing. Orthoform has no effect on the unbroken skin, but owing to its decided action upon mucous membranes, may prove valuable as a local anaesthetic previous to operations on that region-a question which is now being experimentally determined at Munich .- Paris Revue Scien-

Protection for Old Documents.

Collectors of old documents, rare engravings, stamps or other valuable papers that ought to be protected from the noxious influences of the air and from moisture can easily preserve them in their original condition by covering them with a 3 per cent solution of collodion. This solution can be applied with a soft brush without the slightest danger to the objects thus treated. This proceeding is mainly applicable where delicate colors that are soluble in water are to be preserved in their pristine freshness and beauty. The collodion covering is, therefore, most excellent for preserving water-color paintings and pastels.

Singing for the Phonograph. If you have listened to the songs churned out by the phonographs, and



enjoyed them, you will be interested in learning that the picture here given illustrates the manner in which the songs are obtained. The young lady is singing "Don't Let Mother Loose "I'll Papa's Gone," or some equally popular ballad, into three big metal cones, through which the sound is carried to the vibrators, which record the song on three wax cylinders. These cylinders are the "records" which give cent the song again when a nickel is dropped in the phonograph slot.

estantly found in Yukon and ka, but the miners have no time,

ing with the Smithsonian Institute re-Cinderella's glass slipper bids fair garding the specimens found on his ten feet long, seven inches in diameter, falo with two horns, distance between a small business. He had plenty of horns being over two feet. Gold was

Salls Used on a Railroad.

road is the oldest in the United States it had been the intention of the frontier and, excepting a few short lines built family and another wealthy family of in England in the early '20s, the oldest the City of Mexico to effect a matriin the world. The South Carolina monial alliance. A young man belongcompany was organized May 21, 1828, ing to the frontier family was to marry and during 1829 six miles of the road a young lady belonging to the were constructed. At the start horse- wealthy and prominent family of power only was used. Then a prem- the capital. But the young peoium of \$500 was awarded to the in- ple had never met, and the young girl ventor of the endless chain process, had never set eyes even on a photowhich was calculated to move pas- graph of her intended husband. Subsenger cars at the rate of twelve miles sequent events interfered with these an hour. In 1829 and 1830 sails were family projects. The frontier family substituted for the horse power. This fell from its high position and the



as it carried, when the wind was right, and presented proof positive to the thirteen passengers and three tons of young lady's family that her suitor was iron at the rate of ten miles an hour. an impostor. As soon as he was thus This means of locomotion, however, unmasked he made the best of his way one day." came to an abrupt end one day, when from the scene of his imposture and is the wind suddenly changed and took believed to have crossed into the United the sail, mast, sailors and all over- States. The girl's father has declined at fifteen miles an hour. In March, his daughter's name into court, 1830, a contract was awarded to the West Point foundry of New York to with wooden spokes and felloes.

Water and Heat. From the Philadelphia Record: hydrogen gas. The easiest two are mercury and lead, which stand in this respect on nearly the same footing. The same quantity of heat which will raise an ounce of water from the freezing to the boiling point will raise the temperature of about 30 ounces of mercury or lead, 9 ounces of iron, 11 ounces of copper, 16 ounces of silver through the same number of degrees. and the heat which is put into these substances to raise them to this or to any other temperature will be thrown off by them as they cool.

Getting Rid of Ashes at Sea Formerly the ashes on steamships were gathered into great cans, hoisted

to the decks with more or less difficulty and thrown overboard. Among the new devices for labor saving in this direction is a chute into which a very strong air current is forced. The ashes sea. The amount of labor saved by this means can scarcely be appreciated by those who have not watched the wearisome dragging of the enormous quantity of refuge from the furnaces in unnecessarily." steamships and large plants of this de-

Electricity in Shipbuilding

The use of electricity in shipbuilding, as well as for the ship's machinery, is making rapid progress. The portable electric drills used in shipyards have resulted in a marked economy, working as they do as readily in the most inaccessible places or awkward positions as in the open. Another invention of note in this line is that the wholesalers do not make more with a sober face, an electric riveter, so that now the than 10 per cent profit. holes may be drilled and the rivets. The first diamond a girl gets is said. But his father said: "Let him This machine will deal with rivets up no vainer of it than is a man when he him."

you know that you forgot something New York city than in any other do. when you went away this morning?" metropolis in the world. ment, and then replied:

and sobbed. Finally, when she could fast learning. The workmen are diyou started, b-but you did-didn't kiss proper shape; the shapers, who, with cow. anyb-b-body else."

"Oh-ho," he laughed; so you did notice it, eh?" A glad light came into her eyes, and

"Uh-huh," he answered, and then

the poor little chap's vacation."

ALMOST WON AN HEIRESS. FOR BUYS AND GIRLS.

After four months impersonating a dead flance and having thereby all but succeeded in wedding an heiress of the tongued youth of the sister republic has taken flight and is believed to be at present somewhere in this country. As is common enough in Mexico, the girl had in infancy been betrothed to a boy of about her own age-the son of her father's old friend, who lived in a distant province. Some months ago, the young woman, being then of marriageable age, a handsome young fellow mansion in the City of Mexico and introduced himself as her fiance. As a matter of fact he was a native of San Luis Potosi, where his father conducts money though where he obtained it is as yet unknown. As was recently learned, the impostor recently came into possession of certain documents be-

longing to a frontier family which had once been of great note. Through these The South Carolina & Georgia rail- documents the pretender learned that young man himself died. When the young adventurer learned of this his- a day. tory a plan occurred to him for replen- know." ishing his pocket. This plan was no other than the impersonation of the dead youth from the frontier. He learned all he could about the family capital, and by telling them plausible and water the flowers-and things." stories positively succeeded in imposimportance than anything else, he won mother. his way to the heart of the young lady. It is probable that the marriage would actually have come off had not some friends of the family heard of the plot

Mary Was a Mineralogist. construct an engine guaranteed to A teacher in one of the local schools make ten miles an hour and haul three was instructing a class of small chiltimes its weight. This was the first dren in mineralogy the other day, enlocomotive built in America and it deavoring to make clear to their young was called Best Friend. It was four- minds what a mineral really is Standwheel concern, all the wheels being ing before them she began in her clear drivers. These wheels had iron hubs, voice, "A mineral is an inorganic, homogeneous substance of definite, or approximately definite, chemical composition found in nature. Do you understand me? Come, now, you have all seen minerals. And your mothers and to heat, with the single exception of fathers have told you the names of them, haven't they? Of course they have. Now, can any one of you tell tinued: "Have not some of you been out and seen minerals on exhibition?" One little girl raised her hand. "I

Vichy and seltzer."

Sing to Their Oxen-

In France the oxen that work in the fields are regularly sung to as an enare placed in the chute as they ac- couragement to exertion, and no peascumulate and are almost instantly ant has the slightest doubt but that blown through this conductor into the the animals listen to him with pleas-

A Reason for Tenderness. "We should not hurt Spain's feelings

"Oh, no. Her feelings are one of the few possessions she has left."

from the South African fields, and roast beef and sweet potatoes.

Cecil Rhodes practically controls the to London to a syndicate which makes out. prices for the whole world, and the But there was little spirit in th

work only one and a half horse-power. self-conscious and eager to take ad- whether any one had raised them for

past. Hollanders and Belgians do the him-She put her handkerchief to her eyes work, but American apprentices are machines and diamond dust, work the He hurried to his room. The bed

the gem the luster that dazzles. Not more than ten years ago Amsterdam was the only place in the world the empty pitcher flew up in his hand. where diamonds could be cut and pre- But, bethinking himself, he ran for his pared for market, and a stone was not own water. felt so good over his eleverness that sterdam merchant had fingered it. A face fell as he saw none in his drawer. he had to go out and buy himself a stone of five carats in the rough could What did he want of a collar, anyquarter's worth of cigars.—Exchange. be cut down to two carats in Amsterdam and nobody said a word, for there way? No one would expect to see him was no opposition market to go to. It at the tea-thie. "In the summer my wife won't let is said the famous Kohinoor and other me get little Jim up early because it's stones as noted lost many carats bed, restless and a trifle hungry, he others of the fish family that never "Yes?"

dam cutters. Through some means altogether a satisfactory one. He remost of the historical diamonds owned get him up early because the poor litter of the historical diamonds owned by kings and rajahs today have lost the chap goes to achool."—Cleveland one-half their value through poor subting in the past.

SOME GOOD STORIES FOR OUR JUNIOR READERS.

flow the Mill Grinds-Phil's Experiment -A Story for Little Folk That Makes for the Good of Future Generations-In'liss the Teasing Pussy.

How the Mill Grinds. The fellow at the ladder's top, to him all glor; goes, And the fellow at the bottom is the

fellow no one knows. No good are all the "had beens," for in country and in town Nobody cares how high you've been when once you have come down.

When once you have been president and are president no more, You may run a farm, or teach a school, or keep a country store.

No one will ask about you, you never will be missed .-The mill will only grind for you while you supply the grist. -Burlington Hawkeye.

Phil's Experiment. "Have I got to take up these leaves every day?" said Phil, with a whine in

his voice. "Yes, every day." But what is the use? They keep

on falling, and make just as big a litter "Your room has to be set in order every day," said his mother, smiling. "I wouldn't care much if it wasn't,"

"And your shirts have to be washed every week. And the dishes you eat from have to be washed three times You keep on eating, you

Phil could not forbear a smile as he slowly raked away at the leaves. "Seems to me I have to do a good deal of work for other folks," he went history of the frontier people and he on, mournfully. "I have to pile wood presented himself to the family in the and cut kindlings and drive the cow

"Do you have more to do for others ing upon them. But, what was of more than others do for you?" asked his

"Yes, ma'am: I guess so. Anyway if I could stop doing things for folks they might stop doing things for me.' "Do you really mean that?"

"Yes, indeed!" said Phil, eagerly. "May I try it, mamma?" "If you like. You may try it for

"Remember, then, mamma, nobody's to ask me to do a single thing, and I'll remember my part. Hurrah! board in a gale which drove the cars to prosecute him, not caring to drag Phil dropped the rake over the small pile of leaves and rushed away to look at his fishing line, for he had made up his mind to go fishing in the afternoon and have a pleasant time.

Running hastily to the barn, he fell and tore a hole in his trousers. "Mamma," he cried, picking himself up and going toward the house. But he suddenly remembered that mamma was not to be called upon. He ran up stairs to change his torn garments.

"Ah! Two buttons off of my other pants, and I forgot to tell about it. Never mind! I can sew them on myself. I often have. It's easy enough to sew on buttons."

separate trial. But, as he sprang to put on his trousers, he found that they were sewed to the skirt of the coat he had on. The schoolbell was ringing. and he rushed away with the torn trousers on. thought so. Mary will name three min-But he was late, to his regret, for

erals." Mary arose and putting her he had begun school with a resolution hands behind her, lisped: "Apollinaris not to have one tardy mark during the

The tear in the trousers kept catching in things, and tearing larger, until "Yes, Ethel was in the hospital only he was very much ashamed of it, and three days." "Why did she leave so was glad at length to huery home, As "The chief surgeon proposed he again sewed on the buttons he could to her and she came home to get her not help wondering if mending one's trousseau ready,"-Cleveland Plain clothes were not a little harder than cutting kindlings.

"Never mind!" he said to himself "Nobody will ask me to do anything after dinner, and I can do just what I please all day when I get out of

The task finished, he went to the dinner table with a boy's appetite. "Where is my place%" he asked, see

ing no place ready for him. "Have you forgotten our ment?" asked his mother.

"Why, no, mamma. I said nobody need do anything for me. I am going to wash my own dishes when I'm done. "But do you expect any one to cook

for you?" Phil stared at her for a moment, Nearly all the diamonds today come then gave a rather blank look at the

"I did forget, that's a fact!" he said, entire output. The rough diamonds go with a laugh, as he turned and went

business is down to such a fine point laugh, and mamma looked after him "I can't see him miss dinner," she

driven from the same power circuit. usually her engagement ring and she is learn his lesson well. It will not hurt to one-eighth-inch diameter at the first adorns his shirt front or his finger Phil went out to the orchard and ate rate of 120 per hour, requiring for this with a bit of sparkle. They are both apples, not troubling himself to think

vantage of any opportunity to show him, and rejoicing in the reflection their new possession. There is no that when picking time came he would "John," said Mrs. Younglove, "do doubt that there are more diamonds in not have any part of that work to He went fishing, and on the way Mr. Younglove thought for a mo. Today there are about 400 diamond home he had the satisfaction of sit-

cutters in New York and Brooklyn, ting on the fence to watch his brother "No, I didn't know that I had. What and Amsterdam is an autocrat of the Ben drive the cow home. Ben hailed

"The Pratts have come to tea." "That's jolly!" shouted Phil, springvided into three classes—the cleavers, ing from the fence and running home. "You-you kissed the baby before who split the stone in the rough into leaving Ben to plod along with the

stone into the most beautiful shape was not made, and everything he had they can, and the polishers, who give touched that day lay just where he had left it, which did not trouble him. "Hello!-no water!" he exclaimed, as

owed by each to others, and that all IN THE ODD CORNER. peace and harmony and happiness depend upon the good-will and cheeri-

these duties are performed. Next morning he awoke, at the sound of the breakfast bell, to a keen perception of the delightful smell of mutton chops, buckwheat cakes and other good things.

"Well," he exclaimed, jumping up, "I'm not going to live another day on apples, if I know myself, it's a mean, sneaking thing to try to shirk things. I get all I want to eat, and good, too!" And he snifted eagerly. as the appetizing smell came stronger. And we're getting closer—closer to the "And it's a pity if I can't do a little to help on."

He went out, and had the leaves raked before breakfast, at which he Sir John Moore will be buried in his anppeared with a glowing color and a idelong glance at mamma.

"I think I've tried it long enough, "I think I've tried it long enough,"

"I think I've tried it long enough, and Mary, known to all the girls so very appeared with a glowing color and a sidelong glance at mamma.

mamma," he said, with a smile, "I believe I'll do chores and board with you, if you'll take me back."

"I will," said mamma, passing him the hot cakes,

The Laughing Plant. The Laughing Plant.

This grows in Arabia, and derives to have a mame from the peculiar intoxication that the charging "Light Brigade." its name from the peculiar intoxication produced in those who partake of its seed. It is of the moderate size, with bright yellow flowers and soft velvety seed pods, each of which contains two or three seeds resembling small black beans. The natives of the district where the plant grows dry these seeds and reduce them to powder. A small dose of this powder has effects similar to those arising from the inhalation of laughing gas. It causes the soberest person to dance, shout, and laugh with the bolsterous excitement of a madman, and to rush about, cutting the most ridiculous capers for nearly an hour. At the expiration of this time exhaustion sets in, and the excited person falls asleep, to wake after several hours with no recollection of his antics.

The botanical classification of the growth has not yet been identified .-Montreal Pharmaceutical Journal.

The Tease Cut. An English paper recently told the story of a cat named M'liss. M'liss was a tease. When the other cat curls herself up for a sleep, M'liss will get in a position near her, and when she is sure her friend is asleep M'liss gives her a quick tap on the head to waken her, and then she crouches out of sight, or runs away. Then when puss curls down again and falls asleep, she is roused in the same way, until she entches M'liss, and there is a fight. But this ending does not cure naughty M'liss of her teasing tendencies. The next day she repeats her offenses in evident enjoyment.

I wonder if you have ever known any boys and girls like this teasing cat.

The Largest Loaves of Bread The largest loaves of bread baked in the world are those of France and distributed almost exclusively women, who go to the various bakehouses at 5:30 a. m. and spend about an hour polishing up the loaves. After the loaves are thoroughly cleaned of dust and grit, the "bread porter" pro-

Those who live in apartments or flats find their loaves leaning against An Unkind Parent.

ceeds on the round of her customers.

nearly 15 years of age and I think it is time she had some kind of a musical instrument to play on. Mr. Sharp-What a remarkable coincidence. I had the very same thought this morning when she was singing in

Mrs. Sharp-Our daughter is now

the dining room. Mrs. Sharp-What instrument you think would be the most suitable? the only instrument I know of that gart's Times.

would drown her voice.

It is announced that Miss Ann Cor- bune. The experiments with liquefied rigan, of Ashburne, county Meath, has air at the Brooklyn Polytechnic the been left a legacy of £20 per annum by other day, which ended so disastrously the late Empress of Austria. During to Professor Fay and a student, have one of her visits to Ireland the late revived interest in the wonderful fluid. empress called at the school of which The most interesting question now for Miss Corrigan was then mistress, and became greatly interested in the chil- fluid can be made with sufficient dren. The legacy now comes after economy to warrant its use, commany years "in kind remembrance."

Limited as is the extent of the ancient City of London, its revenues are not be much longer unharnessed; for on a vast and lordly scale. An abstract account of the produce and expendi- make short work of chaining up this ture of the city's estate-commonly called "city's cash"-for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897, showed, says Household Words, that the receipts amounted to £1,015,257 14s 51/4d. The expenditures amounted to £1,004,048 9s 7d. The accounts form a printed volume of 323 pages.

IN THE LOWER KINGDOM.

Oysters, after they have brought away from the sea, know by natinct 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 recurving 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 through the clumsiness of the Amster- began to wonder if his bargain was sleep more than a few minutes during

ness and loving kindness with which QUEER AND CURIOUS THINGS AND EVENTS.

> the Queer Things to Be Found in Their Columns-A Power That I Greater Than Steam.

The Old-Time Friends.

to ring again tonight

long ago, Will lead us out that "little lamb," whose fleece was white as snow

And Cate will tell Plate that he reasons very well, While Hamlet on the future in sollioquy will dwell;
And we'll harken on the hilltops and we'll

But come, old friends, and lead us to the meadows far away, the boys who rang the Curfew once

are getting old and gray.

And Death, the reckless reaper, is thinning out the line.
But in dreams they drift to Bingen-to
"Bingen on the Rhine!"

About Spanish Newspaper Spanish newspapers are queer things even outside of their "news" about the United States, the Indians and what not, and their queerness is due as much to the public which they serve as to the inconceivable ignorance or

wilful dishonesty, or both, of the people who make them. It is said, for instance, that outside of the larger cities there is a large class of people who do not even know of the existence of the present crisis To one unacquainted with Spanish customs and manners it might seem strange that Spanish newspapers did not lay the whole matter before the people, but, according to an American paper there are some obstacles in the way of such a general campaign of

education in Spain. In the first place, it must be remembered that less than one-third and only a little more than one-fourth of the Spanish people can read or write. An educated Spaniard is not the rule, but the exception. A newspaper among a population more than two-thirds of which can neither read nor write is not likely to have a tremendous circutation or unlimited power. Even in the cities the circulation is not large. La Epoca, the conservative organ of Madrid, for example, has a circulation of less than 5,000 copies. Outside

be newspapers. Indeed, out of all the 1,200 periodicals published in Spain, the scientific Italy. The "pipe" bread of Italy is journals, religious papers and fashion baked in loaves two or three feet long. papers are largely in majority, while in France the loaves are made while the newspapers are in the minews is obtained chiefly from governby ment officials. The whole kingdom of Spain does not receive as many foreign dispatches in a week as are sent to a single city in this country. The average Spanish editor does not see much use in paying for an interesting dispatch from abroad when the chances are about ten to one that when he gets the dispatch the press censor All these facts must be borne in

will not allow the paper to print it. mind in considering the influences which go to make up public opinion in Spain. Unfortunately for the stability of the present Spanish government. clerical influences in Spain are rather with the Carlist pretender than with the young king. If Sagasta were able to lay before the Spanish people generally a true statement of the present condition of things and of Weyler's brutality, spoliation and outrageous robbery in Cuba it would not take long Mr. Sharp-I think a steam calliope to settle the Cuban question with would be about the proper thing. It's peace and honor to both sides.-Tag-

Power Greater Than Steam

New York, telegram to Chicago Tri-

the scientists to solve is whether the mercially or industriously. Professor Fay accidentally discovered that it contains a force which, provided it can be economically generated, will the inventive genius of the age will able-bodied element and making practical use of it, provided its combined cost of manufacturer warrants the cost of the harness. No one has yet pretended to determine just how the force which liquefied air throws off may be utilized, nor even to decide up more than a few of the uses and ways in which the powerful chemical properties of the liquid may be taken advantage of. That the effervescing of the liquid may be used to produce all kinds of cooling or freezing effects is, of course, at once apparent, and it is not wildly improbable to suppose that the vapor may one day be used to keep house at any desired degree of coolness even in the hottest weather. This, of course, suggests the perfection of all forms of cold storage. The chemical action of the fluid upon solids and liquids of every composition also opens a practically unlimited field for the operation of the liquid's astonishing ower. The apparatus used by Professor Tripler in the manufacture of the fluid, as all who have followed the developments so far know, is comparatively simple, and the process does not, on the face of it, seem to be ex pensive. He uses a forty horse-powe engine, which is directly connected with his air pump. Under certain conin fact, is more important than any other part of the apparatus. It was de-signed by Professor Tripler, and he alone understands its operation and

effects. At all events, with his engine at work, Professor Tripler can turn this valve and drawn out liquefied air just as water is drawn out of a faucet. As the apparatus is comparatively inexpensive and air is free, the liquefied article ought not to be expensive, previding the stock is not watered .-Pittsburg Dispatch.

The Trouble in Catalonia. Not only are the traditions and customs of Catalonia (and what is true of one province is true of the others) different from those of Castile, but the economic interests of each of these units which compose the Spanish state are occasionally opposed to each other, says the Contemporary Review. It is mistake, therefore, to suppose that the abrogation of our special laws is a sentimental grievance. It is also a material loss which may be estimated in pesetas and centimos. Administrative centralization means economic centralization, which in the case of Catalonia is tantamount to ruin. The few dozen greedy stump orators who compose the central government garner in all the riches of the country for the purpose of "administrating" it. And they do; but it never gets much beyond the point at which charity be-

Millions upon millions are collected for the army and navy, but are they spent on these defenses? Ask Toral in Santiago de Cuba, Admiral Cervera or Gen. Augustin. Yet the money has gone somewhere. Politicians who came to Madrid with a carpet-bag full of impedimenta a year or two ago possess palaces and country villas and extravagant mistresses today. But the soldiers have not leather boots that

will keep out the water! And Catalans pay more, far more, of that maladministered money than any other province of Spain. The government appropriated the funds belonging to the churches, universities, hospitals, savings banks and pawnbrokers of the kingdom on the ground that the capital was necessary to the state, which would in future pay interest on it. Perhaps it was necessary. Let that question pass. What the Catalans object to is that the capital has vanished no man knows whither, while the obligation to pay the interest remains, and the government is at its wits' ends to find the means of dis-

charging that obligation. Romance of a Ring.

At the close of the battle of the Tchernaya I was riding from the bridge toward our camp when a zouave offered me a huge gold signet ring which he had taken off the finger of a Russian officer, says the Spectator. I need not mention how he had obtained it, but I bought it as a memento of the day. It bore a massive shield with a coat of arms and a coronet with of Barcelona and Madrid there are the letter Z." I wore it occasionally perhaps 600 papers published in on my forefinger as a signet ring, and Spain, and not half of these pretend to the likeness of it is to be seen in an engraving from a photograph which adorns one of my books. When I attended the coronation of the czar in 1856 Count --, adjoint of the minister of Finland, to whom I told the story of the ring, took an impression It took him a long time to thread in the shape of very long rolls four or nority. Newspaper enterprise does not of the seal and discovered that the the needle, and then every stitch was five feet in length, and in many cases have much encouragement. Foreign ring belonged to a colonel whose wid-Miss Hope of the commandery of Worcester, was then living at her country seat some distance from Moscow. I sent the lady the ring with a few lines to say how fortunate I esteemed myself to be the means of restoring her a souvenir of her gallant husband. Before I left Moscow my fair countrywoman brought me the ring, and with many thanks asked me to keep what was painfully associated with the memory of one whom she could never forget. I was not des-

> tined to keep it long. The following year I was on my way to Sir Colin Campbell's camp, and while the Nubia was coaling at Aden Mr. Stewart Muirhead of the 7th hussars and I were lodged in a sort of cave for the night. It was intensely hot, and my companion, who was a confirmed sybarite, hired a Somail Arab to fan him to keep the mosquitoes away while he slept. I reposed on an adjoining couch, and when I woke in the morning the ring which I wore on my finger was gone. The hotel was turned ireide out, the police were summoned, all the Somali boys in Aden were driven like a flock of sheep into the yard, where their wool was closely searched and their scanty clothing minutely examined, but though I offered egregious ransom the P. and O. Nubia sailed that day with me for Calcutta, disconso-

Nothing could be more strikingly illustrative of the importance of small things than the large role which is now attributed to the mosquito in the etiology of some of the most serious and widespread diseases to which the human race is subject. It is truly said that what prevents the most successful colonization of many tropical countries, and what throws the greatest obstacle in the way of civilization of and good government in vast regions of Central Africa, is not climate, nor distance from home, and not unfriendliness on the part of the natives. The obstacle is malaria, and now we find that the prevalence of malaria, so far as man is concerned, depends on the mosquito, and this pestilent little insect, in addition to irritating and annoying, is the means by which the poison of malaria is propagated and distributed. For years back botanists have known the important part played by birds in the scattering of seed, and insects in the distribution of the pollen of plants, and it seems not unlikely that pathologista will have to recognize in a much larger degree than has till lately been done the large part taken by the subordinate forms of life by which we are surrounded—our cattle, our horses, our dogs and cats, our files, our mosquitos, and perhaps even our fles distributing disease from man to man and, as is stated in regard to the m squito and malaria, in decidir whether the extension of our empi over great areas of the globe's surf

statistics anent the tobacco monopoly in France show that soldiers and students smoke less than they did. Somebody smokes more, however, for while the population remains practically stationary, tobacco sales are increasing, and the quantity consumed per head of the population is three times as much as it was seventy years ago. France is comparatively a moderate country. Holland, Belgium, the United States, Germany, Australia, Norway, Denmark and Canada all consume larger quantities. Russia and Portugal consume less. Then comes England, while Spaniards, It is now a common occurrence for Italians and Swiss smoke less than John to stop in the middle of the road Englishmen. A Dutchman smokes five and trade horses with some jockey. times as much as an Englishman. The and it is said that he is never worsted. amount of tobacco consumed annually He will go to any part of his father's

Wealth from Washtub. field, N. J., supposed to be in very which the blind man himself can not or States navy, the plans are worthy of poor circumstances and who went out does not explain. When he decides to special attention because of the fact by the day washing, dropped dead. come to town he goes to the woods, and that they provide for the largest bat-When she died a leather belt was found about her waist.

found in it \$200 in cash and \$1400 dozen grazing in the pasture. He has or nearly three times the length of the worth of securities.

Neither Mrs. Vanderweg's husband nor her sons knew she had this money. gard him as one of the fastest and feet 4 inches. Its displacement is 48,410 A local tradesman was the only person who knew anything of it. This man says the money represents the amount she saved since January 1 last. On the first of the year he was in the habit of receiving from her the money she saved during the year, and that with the earnings of her securities he invested in other securities for

"Mention My Name." Fritz Williams, the actor, was sitting one vening in a New York cafe when two very young men came in. They beckoned condescendingly to the waiter. "Waiter." said the one, "bring me a chop. Mind it's just right now. Just mention my name to the cook." "You may bring me a steak," said the other, just as grandly, "and tell the cook who it's for." The waiter was half way across the room, which was crowded, when Fritz Williams hailed him. "Waiter." he drawled, "bring me half a dozen blue points and mention the blind man can not do, and durmy name to every darned oyster."

Not His Saloon. Magistrate-What is the against this man, officer? Policeman-Openin' a saloon at

o'clock in the marnin,' yer honor.

Magistrate-Where is the saloon? Policeman-He ain't got none, yer honor. It was Casey's saloon he was openin' wid a jimmy.

A Baby is All This. "A baby," says I. Zangwill, "is a joy to its mother, an heir to its father, a charge to the nurse, a soul to the A Noted Astronomer Gives Some Interclergyman who baptizes it, a new blonuisance to he neighbors."

Will Clean Room. Somebody has discovered that a Bermuda onion eaten raw will clear the head. A Bermuda onion eaten raw will do more than that. It will clear an entire room. An active Bermuda onion is a complete clearing house all

And Gravy, Too. Southender-Waiter, I want dinner

Waiter-Will ze gentleman haf table d'hote, or a la carte? with plenty of gravy.

See a Snow Storm in

We never did; but we have seen the clothing at this time of the year so covered with dandruff that it looked as if it had been out in a regular snow-

to for another short walk.

WONDERFUL BLIND MAN.

from birth. Until he reached man-

hood, John lived on the farm with his

father, and it was not uncommon to see him driving to the city with a load of corn, wheat, or other farm product. A piece of ground was given to him, and each year he would market in Clinton, and place the proceeds to his credit in the bank. He would buy horses, cattle and hogs. Even when a boy he was regarded as a good trader. per inhabitant in Germany is three large farm, unattended, in search of a pounds, which far exceeds our aver- truant horse or cow, and his searches are usually successful. How he man- cials for approval. But beside the senages to distinguish the stock for which timental interest which naturally athe is searching is a question which taches to the craze through the man-Mrs. Edward Vanderweg of Plain- puzzles everybody, and a mystery ner of its presentation to the United

with apparently as little difficulty as a tleship, bar none, in the world. man blessed with two good eyes selects The length of the American Boy, One of her sons, while examining it, his favorite horse from perhaps a according to the plans, is 1,000 feet, each season for years made a hand in Illinois or Kentucky. Its breadth is the harvest field, and the farmers re- about one-fifth of its length, or 207 most reliable wheat "shockers" in the tons, while its propelling force is supneighborhood. It was three years ago, plied by eight turbine screws, expectduring harvest, that the blind man's ed to develop a speed of forty knots an brother became entangled in the ma- hour. chinery of a harvester and suffered a broken arm. As soon as the accident occurred John started on a run from the field to the barn and began hitching a team to a spring wagon. He worked rapidly, and when the men bore the injured man to the house, the blind boy had the team hitched up. driven out in the road, and ready to start with his brother to a doctor in this city. He drove almost at breakneck speed, made the turns of the streets after reaching the city, and brought his horses to a standstill in front of a doctor's office. After assisting the wounded brother up a stairway into the office, he drew out his watch, slid his index finger quickly

> rail fence as well as any man, and prides himself on the rapid manner in which he gets along with the work. He built a plank fence along the gravel road in front of the Walther house. The line is perfectly straight, while the workmanship on the fence and gates is not excelled by many men who can see, and who profess to be carpenters. -Indianapolis News.

around the dial and with a sigh re-

marked: "Just half-past ten-I was

only twelve minutes driving to town."

There is no work on the farm that

ing idle times he builds and repairs

fences. He can lay the "worm" for a

THE METEORIC SHOWER.

esting Information.

Professor Asaph Hall, the Universnew customer to the shopkeeper and a ity of Michigan, astronomer, is speaking of the shower of meteors which occurred recently gives out some interesting facts regarding the history and theory of the phenomena. The stream first appeared in 1833 and it is generally supposed was caused by the bursting of a comet, the billions of pieces continuing to make the trip around the sun. About once in thirty years the earth crosses the vast stream-a stream so long that it takes from three to five years for it to pass a given point, and so broad that the earth is from six to eight hours sweeping across it. The second great shower was seen in 1866, and the next heavy shower is predicted for November. Southender-Bring me some of both, 1899. The stream appeared to come from the direction of the constellation of Leo. It attracted attention not only Some people appear ludicrous by the on account of the number of the meundue admiration they seem to have teors but because of the remarkable appearance which attended their rush through space. There was a long phosphorescent streak behind them. while the meteors themselves were a red or orange color. The reason that they were visible was that their velocity in coming into the path of the earth was about 28 miles a second and as the earth was going in almost the opposite direction with a velocity almost as great the speed was sufficient to set fire to the bodies and burn or explode them long before they reached the earth. Although a few stray ones might have struck the earth practically no damage was done.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

When a woman is looking very fagged out and tired she should avoid wearing gray colors anywhere near the

as possible until the hoarseness has disappeared or the voice may be permanently lost or difficulties of the throat may be produced.

The hair should always be well prushed for five or ten minutes twice a day. It keeps it glossy and makes it will be \$20,000,000. grow. Even if it falls out very much grow. Even if it falls out very much it should be well brushed just the American Boy will be thirteen miles, and they can be fired at that distance

Tears are a certain beauty destroyer and bring wrinkles to the face sooner than anything else. Women who weep on all and every occasion lose their good looks very early. A smiling face and a cheerful temper are the best preservatives of beauty in the world.

If you are thin and anemic start the morning by drinking a glass of warm mifk and about half an hour afterward rise and take a cold br tepid bath, with a little ammonia or salt in the water. Sponge the body briskly and dry with Sponge the body brinkly and dry with a rough bath towel; rub vigorously till the body is in a warm glow. Drink cocca for breakfast and eat in egg if possible. About a quarter of an hour after take a tonic in some form, and between breakfast and luncheon go for a anort walk, but do not allow yourself to become fatigued. At lunch and dinner a glass of claret or burgundy should be taken, and in the afternoon go for another short walk.

She—Did your grandfather live to a green old age? He—Well, I should say so! He was buncoed three times after he was seventy.

Things He Does That Surprise His Indiana Priends. John Walther, who lives within two miles of Clinton, Ind., has been blind

Plans for the Ship Submitted to is always a good demand for good the Navy Department.

be called the American Boy, the money to be expended in the project to be raised by popular subscription among the boys in the various cities of the United States, has proceeded so far have been drawn up, and are now in the hands of the navy department offi-

The American Boy is a double-turreted seagoing battleship of the firstclass. Her guns will be the most powerful known to mue. The first battery will include four monster 15-inch guns, twelve 12-inch and four 10-inch ones. All of them, of course, are breechloading rifles. The secondary battery consists of two 12-inch dynamite guns and twenty 12-inch mortars. Still a third group of cannon, called the "tertlary battery," is composed of the following formidable array. Twenty-four 8-inch guns, eight 6-inch guns, four 4-inch rapid-fire guns, 100 6-pounders, fifty 4-pounders, eight tubes for discharge of aerial torpedoes, eight tubes for submarine torpedoes, forty 1pounders, sixteen Gatling guns. There will also be a monster ram which, if this gigantic ship ever gets at close quarters with an enemy, would shear open a ship like the Illinois as easily as the Illinois herself could stave in the plates of a passenger steamer. The ram of the American Boy is, perhaps, the most powerful offense weapon, exclusive of electrical contrivances, ever designed. Imagine a steel cold chisel of enormous proportions backed by a mass of iron weighing 48,410 tons, and across the sea at the speed of an express train. No human device, except such another ship as the American that, so we went slow and got down cook or other domestic servant. No,

such ships crash together at full speed

there would be such a conision as the

The armor belt of the American Boy

will be thirty-six inches thick, backed

by eight feet of asbestos felt. The tur-

ret armor will be forty-four inches.

There will be two armored decks, one

above the other, the upper carrying

The list of striking things supple-

mental to the general work of destruc-

tion is amazing. It includes a twenty-

inch telescope, two war balloons, two

hydraulic dredgers rigged at the prow

for clearing obstructed channels, two

derricks that operate in connection

with the dredgers, two submarine boats

armed with cable shears, 300 auxiliary

engines for lifting supplies, moving

guns and the like; oil sufficient to quiet

a high sea and keep it still during

thirty days; a submerged guard

against mines and torpedoes; 25,000

tons of smokeless coal; a gymnasiur

in the cabin as large as a small audi-

torium; finally, 170 officers and 2,500

men. The cost of the monster ship

with perfect accuracy. Taken alto-

gether, it is quite certain that no hu-

man invention of destruction can com-

pare for a moment with the American

Street Car Incident.

a Gilmor street car this morning and

asked the conductor: "Does this car

go to Highlandtown?" The conductor did not hear the question, and the man

asked, indignantly: "I want to know, and know quick, if this car goes to Highlandtown?" The conductor an-swored that it did not, and that the

route mapped out by the railway offi-

A man with an incipient jag boarded

five inches of steel, the lower eight

inches

imagination is unable to forecast.

The proposal to build a warship to | barring a collision, break-down, or running off the track, was by the Gilmor street way. The dazed man asked, in an injured tone: "And don't this car go to Highlandtown?" "No, sir," replied the conducthat the money is not only largely in tor. "Well," said the man, "I'm glad hand, but the plans for the battleship it don't. I don't like Highlandtown." -Baltimore News.

> A LONG FALL. Never Would Have Believed It if

Hadn't Seen It. The man with a bunch of twine for whiskers was shaking his chin at the company of listeners, one of whom had shortly before read from a newspaper a story of a man falling down a well and sustaining no very serious injury, says the Washington Star. "Which reminds me, gents," he said, "that what I am about to relate to you is a fact, a calm, cold fact, that I wouldn't think of telling you if it was anything else. It happened out in one of the deep mines of Colorado. where there was a straight shaft 850 feet deep. Some said it was 875, but, gents, I'm a truthful man, and I know it was 25 feet 1 inch short of that, for I measured it myself. Weil. to make a long story short, one day there was a man out to see the mine from New York to buy it. He had a pot of money, and he looked like he carried it around under his vest, for he was as big through as a bass drum and built on them proportions. I guess he weighed 300 pounds, though it might have been only 298. Anyhow, he was standing around the mouth of the shaft one morning, and by some chance or other he toppled over and down he went. I was looking right at him when he toppled, and I never want to see another man's face look like his did then, gents, indeed I don't. Not much. Well, to make a long story short, we looked at each other for a minute as he went down the hole, and then we broke for the cage, which was fastened up yet, and two of us started down after him, expecting to find him a mangled mass at the bottom. But we didn't, and as we began to near the bottom we heard him yelling like a coyote to hold up or we'd imagine this whole mass hurling itself | mash the life out of him. That scared | her chances of securing a good husus worse than the other, and we want- band are certainly much better if she ed to go back, but we couldn't do is working in a store than if she is a

Boy, could stand for an instant against | to him all right. Well, to make a long | there is no feature of domestic ser-

that he had compressed the air in it

to such an extent that by the time he

got pretty near to the bottom he

wasn't moving faster than he would

have moved through that much water,

and he had really stopped ten or fifteen

feet from the bottom and couldn't get

either way, which was what scared him

so as we came down on him in the

cage. Very paculiar occurrence, gents,

and if I hadn't seen it with my own

eyes I never would have believed it

Geography for Women.

The introduction to Parkenton's

'Modern Atlas," published in 1815, has

a reference to "the sex" which ought

to be very interesting to our modern

college girl. The learned author says:

Geography is a study so universally in-

structive and pleasing that it has, for

nearly a century, been taught even to

females, whose pursuits are foreign

from serious researches. In the trivial

conversation of the social circle, in the

daily avidity of the occurrences of the

times, pregnant, indeed, above all

others with rapid and important

changes that affect the very existence

of states and empires, geography has

become an habitual resource to 'he

elegant female, as well as the profound

And That's Something.

"Take Fred Grant, for instance,"

said the man who is always complain-

ing, "what has he ever done that amounted to anything?" "Well," re-

plied the man who is disposed to be

charitable, "he has succeeded in look-

"It seems to me this paper gives a

poor account of the parade." "Oh, well, you know it beggared descrip-

ing like his father, on horseback."

philosopher.

in the world. Never."

hole so fast and he had filled it so full | icle.

Why Girls Prefer Work Behind Counters to Domestic Service.

Many a Chicago woman has won-

mystery of this is dark and impenestreet establishment may throw some girls. You won't find many fellows who would go to see a girl who was a 'kitchen mechanic,' for that is what they call them. There is no reason why a girl in a store cannot have as much company as she pleases, as her work does not unfit her for it, but if she starts to cook or take any other situation in a house she will very soon find that there are reasons enough why no young men will come to see her. I suppose every girl looks forward to the time when she will be married and

The Brie Cheese Microbe.

characteristic microbes of Brie cheese.

ripening and improve the quality of

new cheese. Similar experiments with

regard to butter and cheese have been

made in this country by Prof. H. W.

Conn, of Wesleyan University, Middle-

town, Conn., who has actually intro-

duced microbe methods in practical

dairying to improve the quality of but-

"Who is that?" asked his best girl

of the Ann Arbor student as they

passed two large men among the

crowd upon the unveiling of the Blair

monument at Lansing. "What? Don't

you know? Why, that's the full-pack

on the 'Varsity team." "No, I mean the older gentleman." "Oh, that's

General Shafter. But isn't the other one a dandy?"—Detroit Free Press.

His Own Brand.

"And so Pennington is making a

reputation for himself as a writer of

dialect stories? What sort of dialect

does he write-negro, Irish, Hoosier,

golf, or what?" "It's something en-

tirely new-one that he invented him-

self. I understand that the magazines

Told a Secret of the Kitchen.

An eating house proprietor in Taco-ma, Wash., arrested for selling game

out of season, escaping on evidence

satisfactory to the jury that his wife

could prepare mutten to make it teets

simply can't get enough of it."

ter and ripen cream.

STORE RATHER THAN KITCHEN

dered whether it is as difficult to secure satisfactory domestic help in other cities as it is at home. There cooks and other household assistants and there is just as continued an oversupply of girls desirous of securing positions in offices and stores, and the trable to many a distracted matron. Perhaps the following expressions from an intelligent young woman who is at present employed in a large State light on the subject: "It is all very well to talk about prejudice against domestic service, but the whole thing is just this: Working in a store is business; in a kitchen it is drudgery. In a store a girl has some chance to do something for herself. She is put behind a counter and told to sell goods, and she knows if she does it well or better than the others about her she is likely to get her salary raised or get a better position in the store. If a girl has plenty of ambition and really is a good saleswoman after a time she may become a buyer for the house or even a drummer. What has a girl in a kitchen to look for? If she is a fine cook she will just stay cook as long as she stays with the family and when she gets out and wants another job she has to start in as cook again. Another thing is that the girl in a store is responsible for her work to the manager of her department and to nobody else. The girl in a kitchen has to please the wife, husband, children, aunt and any number of visitors who come around, and to please half a dozen people of different tastes is not an easy thing. Besides, I want my evenings to myself instead of being stuck in a kitchen six nights out of seven. Why, girls in this store belong to musical clubs and socials by the dozen, and there is not one who would change to go into anybody's home. Besides that, all girls like company, I guess, and if there is any prejudice about the matter it is with the young man who comes to see the

All code books carried on warships have leaden backs, to make them sink if lost overboard. The letters in the book, moreover, are printed with peculiar ink, which fades away when it comes in contact with the water. To make things still more safe the letters are changed every few months by the navy department. Even on the warships few officers know their vessel's official signal code.

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-Mr. B. L. Frost got home this week from a trip to Dallas and Henrietta.

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lasses, New crop, at S. L. Robertson's. -Mr. Sam Hittson and family of Stephens county are here on a visit

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-Mrs. Meadors will move out and Mr. T. D. Carney will take charge of the hotel to-day.

-Pure ribbon cane molases at W. W. Fields & Bros.

-Mr. Ed Lanier of Stonewall they will pay you the highest market county bought 70 head of stock cat- price for them. tle the other day of Mr. Carl Benedict of this county at \$20.

-Don't be fooled on prices; if you don't want but \$1 worth it will pay you to figure with Carn ey & McFee

business and wants your trade. Go ing I cannot carry you any longer so and see him, he will always treat come at once, don't wait for me to you right.

of cattle over the line this week prescriptions. This is not the time which he had purchased near Wich- of year to sell on credit. ita Falls.

gone with us for this year-try us with the cash and we'll surprise you CARNEY & MCKEE. in prices.

-Mr. W. P. Lilly of Osceola, Mo., is visiting his relatives here, the tamilies of Messrs. W. W. and R. B. Fields

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CARNEY & MCKEE. -Quarantine inspector P. S. matters. He found everything straight here.

-Pay up; if you owe me why will to return Januaary 3rd, 1899. you wait for me to dun you? I need the money to meet my liabilities. Don't wait, as what you owe me is already due. Respectfully,

S. L. ROBERTSON -Mr. Henry King of Throckmorton county was here yesterday with a wagon load of fine turkeys which he sold to Haskell people for Xmas

-For fruit cake and mince meat ingredients and a choice line of family groceries, extracts, seasonings etc., go to W. W. Fields & Bros.

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ed and cures every time. Dr. J. E. it could be largely ignored if it did and the Lord only knows what in Lindsey is agent for it.

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CARNEY & MCKER.

-We have had a week of unusually cold and disagreeable weather. Much of the snow that fell Thursday night of last week is still on the ground, but there is enough of the surface bare now for range stock to pick up a living. Owing to its coming this early in the winter and to livestock being in good condition. losses have been insignificant.

Christmas Entertainment.

The Haskell Literary Society aid- Sunday schools: ed by Mrs. McCollum and her elocutionary pupils will give an enter- J. B. Jones, tainment on Monday night following -For choicest Christmas candies Christmas day. The programme tions, comic readings, music and de- Bryant, Mollie Whitman, Laura bate. Question for debate is the Garren and Minnie Lindsey. Philippine question. Everybody is invited to attend. Look for full pro- Roy Cummings, gram in next issue of the Free Press.

Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Haskell National Bank will be held on Tuesday, Janurary 10th, 1899, between the hours of g a. m. and 4 p. m., at the office of said bank in the town of Haskell, Texas, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensueing year and for transacting such other business as may properly come before such meeting. J. L. JONES.

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> A. P. McLemore. B. Y. P. U.

Program for Dec. 18th, 3 p.im.

Leader-Miss Mary Rice.

Song.-Prayer. Roll call and scripture responses. Lesson-A Sad Sight and our Duty n View of it. Matt. 9:36-10:1.

Song. Paper on Lesson-Miss Minnie

Song Recitation-Miss Ethel Mason. Scripture Reading by Union.

Local Holiday Excursion.

To points on Wichita Valley and Ft. Worth & Denver in Colorado we Roberts, of Quanah, is here this will make rate of one and one-third week looking after cattle quarantine fare for round trip. Selling December 23rd, 24th, 25th and 31st, 1898, and January 1st 1899. Final time

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McLemore from there to deep water in Galveston bay, and there is now said to be always hungry for any sort of gov--HARPER whiskey on your some prospect of the present session ernment employment and who see in sideboard proves your taste is cor- making an appropriation with which the annexation and colonial governrect. It proves also that you are do- to begin the work. The scheme has ment of this group of more than a ing your duty to your guest and to been pronounced entirely feasible by thousand islands positions for hunyourself-keeping the finest whiskey competent engineers and its success- dreds of officials with little direct Haskell, Tex. ilities. It might also have the effect classes we believe are the ones who -The Excelsior Black Leg Vac- of bringing Galveston's blood suck- are coming dangerously near to cine, is the only inoculation vac- ing wharf company to terms as noth- loosening this country from its safe cine in successful use in the United ing else could, as with 25 feet of morrings and pushing it over the States or Europe is thoroughly, test- water straight through to Houston danger line of expansion, imperialism

not lower its rates.

A Grand Christmas Tree.

The several Sunday schools have perfected their arrangements for a union Christmas tree at the opera house on Christmas eve night. With all united on one tree it is expected that it will be one of the most beautiful trees that has ever delighted the eyes and gladdened the hearts of Haskell children and made them loyal worshipers of good old Saint Nicholos. A glance at the list of young ladies on the committee to dress and decorate the tree gives ample assurance that this will be so.

Following are the committees, made up of members of the different

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS. W. M. Townes, R. E. Sherrill.

COM. ON FINANCE. will be composed of orations, recita- Misses Eugenia English, Mollie

COM. TO PROCURE TREE. Sam Ramsey,

Miller Couch. COM, ON MUSIC. Mrs. H. R. Jones, Miss Lera Riddel,

Miss Ethel Mason. COM. ON DRESSING AND DECORAT-ING TREE.

Misses Lillie Rike, Buna Wilbourn, Laura Garren, Jessie Armstrong, May Fields, Mollie Whitman and Minnie Lindsey.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE. Miss Sallie Ramsey, Mrs. S. L. Robertson and Mrs. Levi McCollum. COM. TO TAKE PRESENTS FROM

TREE. Hugh Meadors, Lee Garrett. COM. TO CALL NAMES.

Geo. Couch. COM. TO DELIVER PRESENTS. Geo. Fields, Jno. Wilbourn, Bob Tyson and Marshall Pierson.

Jim Fields,

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Is THERE anything in a name? progressing nicely at present, That is what Jerry Simpson of Kansas, who became known to fame as Bivins has swallowed by accident a "Sockless Jerry" is wondering since dozen common fire crackers and now he was defeated for reelection to he is as walking volcano, belching congress by a man named Bower-

We no not for a moment believe Press. that a majority of the people of this country desire the annexation of the or any other form of government. bishop Ireland or Keane of this But the annexation (or retention) country will be one of the number. scheme and its necessary accompaniment, a great standing army has and will have the noisy advocacy of every contractor, every jobber, every unscrupulous trader and speculator in the necessities of the government. These people will spend money to promote it. It will also have the advocacy of army men who want a Houston is working heroically to broader field for employment, adticians (a pretty large one) who are ful accomplishment would certainly supervision and the possibility of add greatly to Texas' exporting fac- much fat picking (stealage.) These

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again place our brain on tap. The prairie dogs are suffering from lagrippe and are in need of immedi- wife gives her Chamberlain's Cough ate medical attention.

Mr. Ferguson is playing havoc with coyotes, having cought seven sizes for sale by A. P. McLemore. 52 last week.

E. Bivins says he will always have it in for the weather bureau for sending such weather as the past blizzard. tention to a communication from Live stock is suffering some as re- teacher urging parents to aid him in sult of bad weather.

C. H. Bivins and Joe Ferguson their children at school says: were seen coursing their way to the "Life is made up of small things; prairie last Sunday afternoon, the of little golden moments, of pressmiles were on their faces like the cious days, and a day passed, without waves on a mill pond, but it is pro- learning something of value, is a phesied by older heads that some forever lost. Character is builded old man will use his boot in playing day by day, from small acts we do, a tat-too on the soles of somebody's the thoughts we think and our assotrousers shortly. ciations, There is a time to prepare

We have a linen duster, a cellul- the ground, to sow the seed and to oid collar nine inches in height and harvest the grain. In youth, while That everything may move along a pair of tan slippers formerly worn the mind is plastic, is the time to smoothly, it is hoped that all those by Barnum's baby elephant and sow the seeds of wisdom that should named on committees will cheerfully thirty cents in legal tender that we be harvested in eternity. A day would be pleased to exchange for an lost leaves a blank in the mind. How overcoat, having traded ours off for careful we should be to treasure each ice last summer. If this deal can moment and to see that those ennot be made we propose hunting a trusted to our care should garner climate to suit our clothes.

It is reported that Heaven itself passing through the field of life." would not have made a side show clutches upon her and for seven for the entertainment held recently Lee Bivins is candidate for the

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Carpet-bag and Valise Railroad, below at the price opposite same. subject to the action of the Lake creek doodle-bug society. Thomas Edison is said to have in course of completion an engine that night and with two bottles has been will consume its own smoke. If absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. this contrivance could be applied to

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Lake creek school is reported

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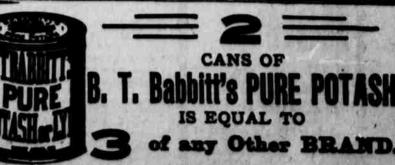
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