

OUR PRESENT JURY SYSTEM

Attorney L. H. Bennett's Masterly Address at V. M. C. A. Last Sunday Afternoon.

The Young Men's Christian Association rooms were well filled last Sunday afternoon. Louis H. Bennett spoke on the faults of the modern jury system as it applies to criminal cases, particularly, and as usual pleased his audience. The young men who failed to attend missed a treat. Rev. F. N. Laplante was the speaker for next Sunday.

The Association's gymnasium is rapidly being completed and the rooms are rapidly being put in shape for a public reception to be held in the near future.

The Junior Department is in a flourishing condition and promises to become one of the most interesting branches of the work. All boys between the ages of 12 and 18 are eligible to membership. Ira Isaacs is the secretary.

L. H. Bennett's Speech.

We are aware that the only manner by which this system may be abolished is by amendment of the constitution. Had it better be done?

The origin of the trial by jury may be traced back to all of the feudal countries, as England, Germany, France, and Italy, and in discussing this mode of trial in his columnar series, Blackstone, the first law compiler, says: "It is a trial that hath been used time out of mind in this nation (England)."

Authors in tracing this mode of trial have found it is used among the Saxons, the institution being credited to Woden, who was the greatest legislator of the Saxons. The Britons used it, they being the first inhabitants of the British Isles. Sifted down, one of the very early writers, gives the credit for establishing this mode of trial to Blegner, King of Sweden and Denmark. Alfred the Great has also been given the glory, as he was in many other lawful acts. This then places the origin of trial by jury in a shroud of mystery—and there it remains.

At the beginning of the authenticated jury system it was used by the vassals or slaves of the lords in the lords' courts, and by the lords or vassals of the king in the king's court. I am speaking especially of England.

The theory being that the neighbors and friends of the defendant came, knowing all of the circumstances surrounding the litigation, were the best qualified to judge the merits and adjust the difficulty. This hardly holds today, for only a casual acquaintance with either of the parties, much less any knowledge of the facts, would in many instances bar the person from acting as a juror.

There may be termed two trials by jury, i. e., Extraordinary, which conforms with our grand jury, where but one side, that of the prosecution, is considered. The other Ordinary, or petit jury, whose duty it is to hear both sides of the litigated point, and from all the facts determine the validity of the former verdict. Where is the good sound reason in one body of 12 good men and true, going over one side of a story and 12 men equally good and true, going over both sides of the same story to affirm, or discredit the acts of the first 12? In the words of our illustrious modern Mathews, "What's the use?"

The jurists of today as a class, more especially in the great cities, are men without learning, and in many cases men of strong prejudices, who allow all of their personal feelings to enter into and dictate the trend of their judgment. These men, you need remember, are to pass upon litigated matters where millions in money and life are at stake, and these men good and true, are without the least responsibility, so far as their acts are concerned, and are to apply the law to the facts, and as soon as they are discharged are out of the public mind. You, I believe, may easily see, that these matters, of such moment to our system of government, if left to men who are schooled in the law and its application, these dangers would be eliminated and the judge would be continuously in the public eye, and his responsibility to the people forever before him. Then again the cost of litigation, especially state cases would be lessened, as may be instanced by the now famous "slugging case" which is being tried in our own county at this time. Eleven weeks have been consumed in securing the good and true, who must know absolutely nothing, and at an expense of nearly

\$60,000 to the taxpayers of the county.

Would the ends of justice be as fully cared for, and would the accused in this case have every advantage of the law, and of the evidence if the whole matter was tried, before, say 3 competent judges, learned in the law, and its application, who considered with the evidence? I cannot feel that there is a man before me who would answer No! Some one might say, "Here is a struggle between money and labor, and money will buy justice."

For myself I will answer, I believe the ends of justice to be men of honor and above price. Can this be said of justice? We have not so soon forgotten the plan and newspaper brigade who were brought to public shame such a short time ago. To recur to the bias, passion, or sympathy which may enter into the decision is a case by a jury, I was once sitting in district court in South Dakota, which corresponds to our circuit court, where a man was being tried for an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

The evidence did not establish a case the court instructed the jury to bring a verdict of acquittal. The jury retired, and after about a hour of calm, dignified deliberation, ignored the instructions of the presiding judge, and found a verdict of guilty, which was promptly set aside and the jury discharged with a reprimand.

Another where sympathy caused trouble was a case in the United States supreme court, tried before Justice Grier. The case was brought to contest a squatter and the plaintiff's title was beyond doubt, and perfect.

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AWARDED \$2,500 DAMAGES

Mrs. Bertha Krop Wins Her Case Against Her Father-in-Law.

The Waukegan Daily Sun in its issue of Dec. 20th, contained the following: TELLS PITIFUL TALE—MRS. BERTHA KROP TELLS OF ALLEGED TREASON—MENT PENDING THE TRIAL.

The story of Mrs. Bertha Krop of Riga against her father-in-law, Fred Krop, charging alienation of her husband's affections is proving a most sensational one. Both plaintiff and defendant have been on the stand and one's statement absolutely denies every one made by the other.

The statement of Mrs. Krop is most startling. She claimed that when she was living on the farm in Riga with her husband that her father-in-law came there daily and pestered the life out of her and her husband. That he told the husband his wife was crazy; that he had better be in jail than to live with her; that she was snoring when she was in bed three days as a result of an accident while she was lying in bed.

Mrs. Krop stated that one time, when she was in a delicate condition, she was left alone on the farm and had to do all the milking as well as everything else needed on the farm. She had to lift the milk cans into water, etc., and as she worked she became sick, whereupon she claims the father-in-law raised more trouble. The husband, while she was still in the same condition she was forced to lead a horse when having, and that she was hurt and was in bed for three days. The patient then came to her and told her to get up, that she was ill and he would not stand for it. The husband then said, "If you do not, I will hit you." She then said, "I will hit you if you do not let me alone." She then said, "I will hit you if you do not let me alone."

The defendant, when he went on the stand, said that he had always treated his daughter-in-law with kindness, that he told the husband to move to town if he did not like to live on the farm and that he offered her money whenever she needed it. On the other hand, she contended that when she was in a delicate condition that the husband, on recommendation of the father, refused to give her money. The stories of the pair as told in court differed very widely and a large crowd listened to the testimony.

The husband is not here at the hearing and it is said that his whereabouts are not known. It developed today that Mrs. Krop had filed a divorce suit in Cook county. The judge did not allow this bill to be put in evidence.

The evidence was all in by 2:30 o'clock and the court gave the counsel each 40 minutes to argue the case.

The arguments were in by three thirty, and on the first ballot the jury found in favor of Mrs. Krop, but it took them nearly two and a half hours to come to an agreement as to the amount to award. When they announced their verdict, it was found that the plaintiff had been awarded \$2,500.

FOR SALE—Gold watch pin, diamond setting; a bargain, good as new. At Adolphe's drug store. A beautiful present for a lady.

LOOKS GOOD FOR FARMERS

Weather Conditions This Fall Had a Good Effect on Crops in Illinois.

The weather was exceptionally favorable for farming operations in the central and northern districts, but too much precipitation interfered with work in the southern district during part of November. The normal daily excess in temperature averaged slightly above normal. Precipitation was deficient in the northern half of the state. While plowing and hunking were retarded in the southern counties on account of the wet condition of the soil, in other sections farming operations were prosecuted with but few interruptions.

Wheat maintains an exceptionally fine condition, an adverse report being the exception. Some correspondents report the best outlook in years. The plant, with ample moisture and favorable temperature conditions, has attained good growth, is showing a good stand, has stood well, and is altogether vigorous and healthy, being in good condition to withstand the rigors of winter. Rye is generally showing well.

Except in the southern counties, ideal weather conditions have obtained for the hunking and cribbing of corn. In the central and northern districts the crop is mostly gathered. The yield is generally satisfactory, although not coming up to early expectations in some instances, and the quality is mostly of high order, a noticeable feature of this year's crop is the fine, matured condition of the grain, being, markably, in most instances, as soon as gathered.

Pastures are generally good for the season and are affording feed for stock. The healthy condition of live stock is generally commensurate. Spontaneous cases of avian plague are reported in Monroe and Fulton counties.

A very light apple crop has been gathered, but the results, without exception are disappointing. The yield is very small and the quality of the fruit is inferior.

A fair crop of potatoes was secured, but complaints of rotting are received from some sections.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH SERVICES.

Excellent Musical Program to be Given.

Services at St. Ann's church, Christmas, will be held at 8:00 a. m. High Mass will be sung, and sermon delivered by Rev. E. J. Fox. The following musical program will be rendered: O, Holy Night.....Adam Choir.

Kyrie.....Bordest Choir. Gloria.....Bordest Choir. Sanctus.....Leonard, E. Flat Choir. Subist, Mrs. F. O. Willmarth and Miss Rose Volker.

Agnus Dei.....Leonard, E. Flat Choir. Subist, Mrs. F. O. Willmarth. Benedictus.....Leonard, E. Flat Choir. Subist, Mrs. F. O. Willmarth.

Sanctus.....Leonard, E. Flat Choir. Benedictus.....Bordest Choir. Subist, Mrs. F. O. Willmarth.

Agnus Dei.....Leonard, E. Flat Choir. Subist, Mrs. F. O. Willmarth. Benedictus.....Leonard, E. Flat Choir. Subist, Mrs. F. O. Willmarth.

O Salutaris.....Perry Choir. Tantum Ergo.....Wiegand Choir. Laudate Dominum.....Choir.

Recessional.....Reading Orchestra. Organist.....Miss Ester Castello. Violinist.....Mr. Walter Sears. Cellist.....Mr. E. L. Wilmer. Master of Ceremony.....Edward Volker.

Thurifer.....Arthur Taylor. Dance at Lake Zurich.

A grand dance will be given at the Lake Zurich House, Lake Zurich, on Saturday evening, Dec. 20th. The floor committee is composed of gentlemen which is in itself a guarantee that a most enjoyable time will be in store for all who attend. The music, the Patience Ladies' Orchestra, will be the best that has played in Lake Zurich for many years. Philip Young is manager.

FOR SALE—Two residences on Grove avenue property of Mrs. Flora Lines. Inquire of FRED LINES, A. L. Barrington. 2w

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PORTER SCHOOL REORGANIZED

Christmas Exercises to Be Held This Evening.

The following program will be rendered at the Porter school house this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. A Santa Claus will be one of the features. All citizens are most cordially invited to attend:

Song, "When Days Are Short"—School. Recitation—Mildred Gleke. Recitation—Lillian Meyer. Recitation—Alfred Olsen. Recitation—Mildred Heinrich. Recitation—Osga Olsen. Song—Mr. and Mrs. Weigel. Dialogue, "The Gling Family"—By School.

Song by the little folks. Recitation—Alma Klein. Recitation—Ed. Wollhausen. Dialogue, "Cor and Box"—Ed. Wollhausen, Geo. French, Ella Klein. Song, "Jolly Old St. Nicholas"—School.

(ENTER SANTA CLAUS.) Distribution of presents. Something New in Gifts.

We have arranged to install telephone on Christmas day as gifts. Is there anything more useful to your friends, relatives, or a married son or daughter? Just what they need. Appreciated all the year around. Ask your manager about it. CHICAGO TELEPHONE CO.

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PALATINE LOCAL JOTTINGS

Gathered and Compiled by a Special Correspondent.

Sam Nordmeier attended the fatstock show Wednesday. The churches held their Christmas exercises Saturday night.

Mrs. H. C. Mattine and son, George were Chicago visitors Tuesday. Mrs. Pearl Kurler was in Des Plaines Thursday of last week.

Willie Williams is ill at his home. We are glad to report he is better. There are a few cases of diphtheria in town. The doctors have it under control.

Miss Dymond of Normal Park visited this week at the Patton and Hicks homes.

Miss Ethel M. Sten spent Sunday of last week at the home of Mrs. Emily Wilson.

The police squad is planning for a Christmas program in two or three of the rooms.

There will be no school next week. Some of the country schools will also enjoy a vacation.

Miss Mildred Hicks visited her cousins, the Mises Dymond, at Normal Park Sunday.

The box car which was held recently was a great success. The ladies cleared a little over \$200.

Mrs. M. R. Gaudin attended the funeral of her cousin, Merrill French, at Arlington Heights Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Wilson is very ill at the Cook County Hospital. Her recovery, we understand, is very doubtful.

Elmer Robertson of Carlisle, Ark. is visiting here. He joins Mrs. Robertson here to spend the holidays.

Charles Paddock is unable to be at his post of duty for a few days on account of some trouble with his eyes.

Geo. Anderson has a valuable horse lost week. There seems to be quite an epidemic of sickness among horses.

Fred Nolting and Miss Emma Engleberg were married Wednesday of last week and then started for a trip out west.

Misses Della Knigge, Hattie Kuehler and Alma Dickman attended the dance at Arlington Heights last Saturday night.

Several of our people were shocked by the news of the Walsh bank failure, as "their all" was with them, but they have been assured that they will not lose a cent.

Mrs. Bertha Krop won the damage suit in Waukegan the first of the week against Fred Krop, Sr. She was ably defended by our raising young lawyer, Ralph C. Peck.

The Patience orchestra has decided not to give their dance Dec. 20th, as was announced. They will play for the Maennerchor dance New Year's night. The orchestra will give a masquerade

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BIG STORE

Largest Stock of HOLIDAY GOODS

ever shown in this vicinity. A full assortment of TOYS, all kinds, 5 cents to \$1.00; DOLLS, 5 cents to \$3.50; DOLL CARRIAGES, 25 cents to \$2.00. GO CARTS, WAGONS, SLEIGHS, 25 cents to \$1.50.

Rocking Horses, Shoflys, Chairs, Tables, Rockers for children, Fancy Goods, Albums, Manicuring Sets, Toilet Sets, Handkerchiefs Boxes, Cuff and Collar Boxes, Game Boxes, Sewing Boxes. Shaving Sets, Smoking Sets, Pocketbooks.

Jewelry, Rings, Stick Pins, Cuff Buttons, Watch Chains, Watches and Clocks, Silverware, Knives and Forks; a full line of Spoons, all kinds; Sugar Shells, Butter Knives, Napkin Rings, Mugs, and a full line of Plated Silver Novelties.

A large line of Umbrellas, Fancy Slippers, Belts, Handkerchiefs 1 cent to 50 cents; Mufflers, Gloves and Mittens, Neckties, Suspenders, Ladies' Furs, Perfumery, Fancy Knit Shawls, Sweaters for boys, men, ladies and children, all sizes. Full line of, Fancy Crockery, Lamps, Plates, Cups and Saucers, Vases, Fancy Dishes 5 cents to \$2.50.

Rugs, Carpet Sweepers, Blankets, Bed Spreads, Table Linens, Towels, Napkins. Full line of Toy Books; also other Books, Pictures, etc. 1,000 pounds CHOICE CANDY 10 cents per pound up. Nuts of all kinds.

DO NOT FORGET THAT WE ARE HEADQUARTERS TO FURNISH YOUR TABLE WITH GROCERIES. PRICES ALWAYS THE LOWEST.

A. W. MEYER

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about the middle of January. "Watch for the bills."

Wm. Nolting and his wife returned Saturday night. They were surprised Monday night by a party of their friends, who gathered to give them a happy start on their life journey.

The L. O. O. F. are repairing their hall. It is to receive a new carpet and new wall paper. The building has been raised about a nice basement put under it.

The schools in the country about Palatine held Christmas exercises Thursday night and Friday afternoon. Misses Scott of Highland Grove school and Arps of the Plum Grove school held exercises Thursday night. Misses Gainer, Paddock and Taylor had their Friday afternoon.

OBITUARY. Mrs. Jeannette Brey-Wilson was born in Canada in 1855, came to Arlington Heights in 1880, was married to Frank Wilson in 1881 and removed some time later to Palatine. Mr. Wilson died in 1889. She made her home in Palatine until about six years ago, when she moved to Ravenswood, from where her remains were brought last Sunday for burial in Hillside cemetery. Services were held in the M. E. church, Rev. Young officiating. Church of Honor attended the funeral in a body, she being a charter member of Columbia District Court No. 405.

The deceased leaves two brothers and two sisters to mourn her departure.

Excursion Rates for the Holidays. Via the North-Western Line. Excursion tickets will be sold at reduced rates December 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 1905, and January 1, 1906, good for returning until and including January 4, 1906, to points on the North-Western Line, including C. St. P. & M. O. R. Y., to points on the Union Pacific R. R., and including Cheyenne and Denver, points on A. T. & S. F. R. R., Denver & Rio Grande R. R., and Colorado Southern, Denver to Trinidad, inclusive, and Colorado and Southern points, Inver Jct. to Cheyenne, inclusive, also to points on D. S. & A. R. and Mineral Range R. R. Apply to agents Chicago & North-Western R. Y.

Leave your orders at F. W. Scott's for holly wreaths.

Woman's Club Entertained at the Home of Miss Margaret Lamey.

A Christmas program was given yesterday afternoon by the Women's Club at the residence of Miss Margaret Lamey. A fine program of music was given by Miss Minnie Arps, Misses VanHorn and Deane of Palatine, and Mrs. Welch. A paper on Christmas was read by Mrs. F. N. Laplante and several readings pertaining to Christmas given by the members of the club.

At the conclusion of the program refreshments were served by the hostess and each guest received a pretty souvenir from a Christmas tree. The parlors were tastefully decorated in holly, evergreens and Christmas bells and a number of the children of the club were present, which made the occasion somewhat of a children's day. The meeting next week will be under the direction of the educational and domestic service department, and will be held at the residence of Mrs. D. H. Richardson. A lecture on "Practical Home Nursing" will be given by Dr. Richardson, and it is expected that special numbers of music will be furnished by Miss Florence Chase of the Chicago Musical College.

Personally Conducted Tour to California. Exclusively first-class tour under the auspices of the Tourist Department, Chicago, Union Pacific & North-Western Line, leaves Chicago, Wednesday, February 7th, spending the disagreeable portions of February and March, in the land of sunshine and flowers. \$32.00 includes all expenses, railway fare, sleeping cars, meals in dining cars and hotel expense. Service first class in every respect. Persons starting from points west of Chicago can join the party at some convenient point. Write for particulars to A. Hutchison, Manager, 212 Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

WORLD'S NEWS -TOLD IN- PARAGRAPHS

F. S. Pusey, of Philadelphia, one of the promoters of a \$5,000,000 mail scheme, in which thousands of persons invested their savings, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment on a charge of swindling.

Royal B. Stewart and W. T. Horwath, convicted by a federal jury at St. Paul of land frauds in South Dakota, were sentenced, the former to one year and six months in prison and \$1,000 fine and the latter to six months in jail and \$500 fine.

Charles V. Hecker of Chicago and John Kelly of Memphis, employed on the engineering boat, Hammer, were murdered and robbed near Joseph, La., by a negro named Asa Bee, who was captured and is likely to be lynched.

The charter of the Imperial Trust company of New Jersey, N. J., was forfeited by the New Jersey supreme court in Jersey City. The Jersey state bank examiner testified that the company did not have a dollar of assets so far as he could learn, although it professed to have a surplus of \$500,000.

Having refused the offer of Miss Lulu May Nesbit of Oakdale, Pa., of a release from his promise of marriage because her foot had been amputated as the result of an accident, James T. McCorkle, a lawyer of Pueblo, Colo., was married to the young woman.

George Pfister, a one-armed man, was shot and killed by a posse of farmers while stealing grain from the barn of W. O. Turner, a well-known prohibitionist living near Dayton, O. A plaster of paris model of the statue of the late Senator M. A. Hanna has been completed by Augustus Saint Gaudens, the sculptor. The statue, valued at \$65,000, is to be placed in Cleveland.

A motion to advance the application for a rehearing of the appeal of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick was filed in the United States circuit court of appeals at Cincinnati. A hearing is expected on Jan. 8.

Benjamin Parkhurst of Washington died in an Easton, Pa., hospital from the effects of a beating received at the hands of friends with whom he had been drinking. Parkhurst was connected with the government postal department twenty years.

Acting Governor General H. C. Ide of the Philippines will invite William J. Bryan upon his arrival in Manila to be his guest. The Elks have also arranged to meet and entertain Mr. Bryan. He will lecture before them during his visit, his subject being "The Prince of Peace."

Jesse Glasco, a son of Dr. J. Glasco of Alto Pass, Ill., killed a woman and newly made citizen and was instantly killed.

An offer of \$50,000 toward a fund of \$100,000 for the relief of aged Presbyterians in Ohio was announced at Cincinnati, although the name of the donor was withheld.

William Moore and Elmer Waldron, employees of the Mahoning Gas Fuel company at Youngstown, Ohio, were suffocated in a natural gas pit. They had entered to make some repairs.

Dr. Edward A. Ross, professor of sociology in Nebraska university, has been accepted to accept an offer from the University of Wisconsin.

Gov. Toole of Montana positively declines to be a candidate for the United States senate to succeed Senator Clark.

Ralph and Ray Relyea, brothers, aged 10 and 12 years, were drowned while skating on the Coldwater river at Coldwater, Mich. Their bodies were found clasped in each other's arms.

Judge Evans of Columbus found Frank Cantor of Canton, O., guilty of murder in the first degree for the killing of Headquarters Officer Daniel E. Davis. The murder was committed last summer.

John Golden and wife celebrated their golden wedding near Ashland, Ill., on the farm where they have lived every day since their marriage in 1855.

Bishop James McGillicuddy of Duluth, Minn., will assist at the dedication of the new \$100,000 cathedral early in February. Cardinal Gibbons will also assist in the dedication.

A band of Yaqui Indians waylaid Fernando Mayorena, one of the wealthiest merchants in Sonora, Mexico, on the outskirts of the village of Mayorena and killed him and his driver.

Mrs. Kirkby-Lynn, the English concert artist, arrived in New York on the Eturia for her first American concert tour.

The Cunard line steamer Caronia, which sailed from Liverpool Saturday for New York, took among her passengers Dr. William C. Cullen, professor of medicine at Oxford, and Mrs. Oiler.

William J. Bryan will reach Manila Dec. 22.

The main building of the Pittsburgh Steel Hoop Works was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$50,000.

The wholesale grocery house of the C. W. Adams & Sons Company in Louisville was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$119,000; insurance about \$50,000.

LATEST CASH MARKET REPORTS

Chicago Produce.
Butter—Daisies, 14 1/2c; prime, 15 1/2c; extra, 16 1/2c; seconds, 17 1/2c; reimported, 18 1/2c; dairies, 19 1/2c; extra, 20 1/2c; prime, 21 1/2c; seconds, 22 1/2c; reimported, 23 1/2c; dairies, 24 1/2c; extra, 25 1/2c; prime, 26 1/2c; seconds, 27 1/2c; reimported, 28 1/2c; dairies, 29 1/2c; extra, 30 1/2c; prime, 31 1/2c; seconds, 32 1/2c; reimported, 33 1/2c; dairies, 34 1/2c; extra, 35 1/2c; prime, 36 1/2c; seconds, 37 1/2c; reimported, 38 1/2c; dairies, 39 1/2c; extra, 40 1/2c; prime, 41 1/2c; seconds, 42 1/2c; reimported, 43 1/2c; dairies, 44 1/2c; extra, 45 1/2c; prime, 46 1/2c; seconds, 47 1/2c; reimported, 48 1/2c; dairies, 49 1/2c; extra, 50 1/2c; prime, 51 1/2c; seconds, 52 1/2c; reimported, 53 1/2c; dairies, 54 1/2c; extra, 55 1/2c; prime, 56 1/2c; seconds, 57 1/2c; reimported, 58 1/2c; dairies, 59 1/2c; extra, 60 1/2c; prime, 61 1/2c; seconds, 62 1/2c; reimported, 63 1/2c; dairies, 64 1/2c; extra, 65 1/2c; prime, 66 1/2c; seconds, 67 1/2c; reimported, 68 1/2c; dairies, 69 1/2c; 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CHAPTER XXIV.—Continued.

The next day Louis and Lang were united in marriage to Pearl Huntington, according to the ritual of the Roman Catholic church; for strange as it may seem, there was a priest in Joliet. A lawful marriage was an unusual occurrence in the city, but owing to the standing of Pearl, so different from the other inhabitants, it caused little comment. As this marriage was part of Schiller's scheme, Lang invited the king to participate in the ceremony. To Schiller this act was at the same time gall and wormwood and the sweetest honey—and this "royal" knight could not forbear to taunt Dr. Huntington with the fact that part of his revenge at least was fulfilled—"married with a convict," Dr. Huntington, in his turn led the schemer to believe that it was a most undesirable match, while at the same time he really the contrary was the case. Golden congratulated both Pearl and Louis on the plan, while Rogers reasoned that it would soften Pearl's lot and take away the sting of compulsion.

When Wilson arrived home from the mine, after supper Lang placed him and Dr. Huntington on guard, and with an equipment of arms, compass and a dark lantern, Louis set out for the purpose of exploring the tunnel, as he thought, discovered the evening before. By the aid of a chisel, Lang succeeded in opening the door and found himself in the entrance to the passage way. He supposed that the tunnel would be but a hole cut through the rock and solid earth, and had prepared himself to crawl through a narrow opening for the better part of the distance. Such, however, was not the case. The passageway was wide and commodious, admitting of the passage of several men in the most convenient position, and instead of being artificial, was a natural canon, and evidently had in times gone by been the bed of

Both Lang and Wilson, from their position in the mine, were aware that the miners were working nights on a tunnel which was meant to take the prisoners to liberty. This must be the cause of the noise.

"Yes," said Lang, "must be done soon, if we intend to have the individual use of this tunnel. It would be a case of extreme hard luck if the convict were to tunnel into this passageway before we were ready for the inspection."

After careful marking the spot opposite where the noises were heard, the two proceeded on. At last they arrived at the end of the passage, and found themselves in almost a perfect room, large and dry, and a perfect arsenal was spread out to their view. Ironed blankets and covered with the same were about fifty rifles, revolvers and as many knives; while in one corner were several casks of giant powder and boxes of cartridges.

"If we had entered a room," said Lang, "it should seem that this to be the ammunition room. But as it is, I am forced to think this is but Golden's private arsenal."

"I agree with you," said Wilson. "We have been, then, at our command, enough material to equip a small army, the very thing necessary to place our convict on equal footing with the guards."

"Placed here evidently for some such purpose," replied Lang. "Now the question, are we near the treasury or simply about to enter some house, Golden's for instance?"

"No better way than to press on and find out."

Consulting the time, they were surprised to find it about two o'clock. After deep thinking, Lang came to the conclusion that the time was ripe for making further search. The outlines of a door were visible to the eye, and by diligent search in the door and sur-

world. To enlist the convicts was Lang's first idea.

The convicts depended largely upon Wilson in the matter of furnishing information in regard to the outside condition of affairs, and he was approached by the head of the gang that was tunneling to liberty, even before George approached him, so that it was an easy matter for Lang to make a proposition of aid to them. Wilson learned that most of the prisoners were political prisoners, insurrectionists and men of ideas, and that they had formed a plan almost similar to the one contemplated by Lang, only their idea was to assassinate the government, not to overthrow it. The majority of these men had made up their minds to face death by the bullet rather than to live in the mines. Wilson, seemingly entering heartily into their plan, made a proposition to hand into that organization. "He would have liked to have made known Lang's plans to these desperate men, but did not for fear of traitors. To a few, the ring-leaders, the most intelligent and with all the most desperate, however, he told enough to make the organization his own, or rather had it worked down in such a manner that it worked in harmony with Lang on the outside.

Lang, the evening after the disappearance of the prisoners, made a critical survey of the territory surrounding the haunted house and seemingly lost the tunnel being dug by the convicts. There could be very little doubt that the convicts were very near to the earth and in proximity to the tunnel leading to the treasury. It became necessary for him, then, to push his plans forward as fast as possible to avoid conflict from that quarter. He realized that it would never do to allow these men to get to the treasury before he did, as a matter of precaution he instructed Wilson to force the diggers to tunnel parallel to his tunnel, hoping in the delay to get his own plans.

Feeling that the time for open action had come, Lang called upon Golden, intending to attempt first to influence him. As Golden had partially approved of the extermination of the society, Lang anticipated no hard task.

"Golden," said Lang, "I presume you have had no occasion to change your opinion of me? You are still my friend?"

"No, I hold you in the same regard as before." He did not appear surprised at the question, and Lang felt that Golden was in a manner prepared for what was to follow.

"Do you remain a member of this colony because you like it, or because you are afraid that if you leave it the miners will do you harm?"

"The last."

(To be continued.)

SAVED BY LAUNDERED COLLAR.

Prisoner's Good Use of the Present Day Abomination.

Washing, today, is a question of chemicals, not of labor," said a speaker at the national convention of laundries in Philadelphia.

He sat down, and there was a burst of applause. But Carter McGrath of Atlanta said:

"It is well for us to look to the chemistry of washing and to get our labor-saving machines, but there is still another thing for us to look to: Let us try to make clothes washed by us last as long as they used to do when washed at home."

Mr. McGrath smiled.

"A cynic told me a story the other day," he said, "and it is our duty to knock down and taking from it, to destroy their reasons for existing."

"There was a prisoner in a cell, lamenting his lot. He longed for a saw, for a file."

"Suddenly the man spied on the floor a package of laundry, that the jailer had just tossed in."

"Saved," he cried hysterically, and he rushed to the window, and taking from it a stand-up collar, the poor fellow cut his way swiftly through the steel window bars to freedom with the saw like edge."

Typed by the Court.

F. M. Beckford of Lacombe, N. H., was once arguing a case in the Belknap county court, and began his argument as follows:

"Your Honor and Gentlemen of the Jury: This case is one peculiar in circumstance as well as in fact. It came to me as a legacy from my late brother, Col. Thomas J. Whipple, who was engaged in his preparation at the time of his death. The county attorney who brought the case into court has long since gone to his reward. The only who hold the original hearing of this case has passed away. Our distinguished Attorney General Barnard, since he has been called to that happy land where litigation is no longer a business, several of the leading witnesses, too, are dead."

"All of which," said the court, "reminds us of the uncertainty of human life. Proceed, or none of us will be able to see the case through."

A New Anecdote of Witte's.

That M. Witte has a sense of humor is again made evident in a story concerning him. It appears that, while arranging to propose a toast at a dinner given in his honor before leaving America, it was suggested that he propose the health of the president and his host the health of the czar. "Is that customary in this country?" he asked. "Can one propose the president without including the people?" he asked. "I suppose," he added, reflectively, and with the suggestion of a twinkle in his eyes, "it is the difference between a republic and a monarchy."—Harper's Weekly.

ILLINOIS NEWS

Choose items from the state, especially selected for our readers.

COURT CLASH IN JUNCTION CASE

District Judge leaves Writ of Certiorari and Takes Jurisdiction.

A serious clash of federal and state courts developed Monday in the trial of Walter W. Junger, accused of dynamiting the Edgar county bank for the purpose of destroying the books and records. Judge Craig of the county court at Paris issued a writ of attachment for United States District Attorney W. E. Trautman, alleging contempt for failure to produce the bank books and records in court, and overruled a motion of Trautman's attorney for the removal of the case to the district court. The district judge issued a writ of certiorari, ordering the case removed to the federal court and commanding the county court not to interfere with Trautman. It was announced that the books and records are in such a condition that they cannot be moved.

SCHOOL GIRL SHOTS A RIVAL

Quarrel Over Young Beau Lead to Serious Wound for One.

A revolver was used with serious effect by a 15-year-old girl in a school girl quarrel with a neighboring farmer's 16-year-old daughter in Farrington township. A rivalry for the preference of the 16-year-old son of the neighborhood is given as the cause. Stella Edmundson, 15, shot Maggie Helms, 16, and James Wilson, 18, is credited with being the cause of the shooting. Two shots were fired, one reaching the chest, the other the side of the girl. The former wound may produce serious results.

Teacher Is Robbed.

Charles Rodebaugh, a young school teacher, was beaten and robbed of \$50 in cash and a twenty-dollar watch, twenty miles north of Willow Hill. He had started to pay off a note. Two highwaymen placed a barbed wire across the road, and when the young man got out of his buggy to disentangle his horse, he was pounced upon him, after beating him, obtained the booty and escaped. Mr. Rodebaugh's injuries are not serious.

Minister Is Paralyzed.

The funeral of Thomas J. Cox was held at the First M. E. church, Litchfield, under the auspices of the Masonic order. The board of education, of which the deceased was secretary, turned out in a body, as did the twenty-eight teachers and over 800 school children. While Rev. J. W. Wright, pastor of the church, was delivering the funeral sermon, a fatal stroke, which rendered him almost speechless.

Horticultural Officers.

The fifth annual convention of the Illinois state horticultural society at Urbana elected officers as follows: President, George G. Foster, Normal; vice-president, S. C. Southerland, Tiskilwa; treasurer, J. W. Stanton, Richwood; secretary, R. Bryant, Princeton. Prof. A. T. Erwin of the Iowa state college and Prof. C. F. Randall of the University of Illinois read papers.

Violate Food Laws.

John Sullivan, John Sullivan, Jr., Louis Wiles, the Luyties Bros., Mercantile Company, Theodore Trebbe, Dietrich A. Beckwith, Cavenah and Harry McRoberts of East St. Louis were each fined \$25 and costs by Justice Wangelin of Belleville on pleas of guilty to violating the Illinois pure food laws.

Negro Slayer Is Sentenced.

Thomas Slayer, a negro barber, was found guilty of murdering Mrs. Lydia Grant, a white woman, and his punishment fixed at fourteen years' imprisonment by a jury at Clinton. Witnesses intended shooting Mrs. Alex Jackson, a white woman, with whom he was in a love affair, but he killed Mrs. Grant.

National Guard Orders.

Adjutant General Scott today issued Illinois National Guard orders as follows: Restoration of First Lieutenant Michael J. Prandy, Company F, 3d Infantry, accepted; election of First Lieutenant W. A. Johnson, Company C, 6th Infantry, confirmed.

Fatally Shot by Cousin.

Elmer McCallin, who was shot by his cousin, Jesse McCallin, at the home of their uncle, the Rev. C. H. McCullin, last Saturday in a quarrel due to jealousy over Mrs. L. Verne Holmes, died Monday, never having regained consciousness.

Drops Dead Beside Casket.

Mrs. Ellen O'Brien, aged 80, dropped dead at Quincy, while standing beside the casket containing her dead son, William T. O'Brien.

Greek Boy Remembers Father.

Gus Ymbros, a 13-year-old Greek, who has been working at a shoe-shining establishment in Alton, has sent a Christmas present of \$250 to his father, who is living at the old home in Greece. The boy, although scarcely able to speak English, has managed to save a quarter of \$275 in seven months. He says that when he came to America seven months ago he dressed himself in long trousers and hired out as a man with a railroad construction gang at \$1.75 a day.

BROTHERS FIGHT FATAL DUEL

Quarrel Over Division of Estate Ends with Death to Two.

William Andrews, head and Joel Andrews is dying at the family home in Rosebale township, near Alton, as the result of a duel between the brothers over the division of a 200-acre tract of their father's estate in Jersey county. Joel claimed that William had taken advantage of him in dividing the estate of their father, William Andrews. Mrs. Andrews took the part of William, and Joel left home. Joel was driving past the old home when he encountered William, who was shucking corn in the field. Joel leaped from the wagon with a shotgun in his hand. As he approached, William fired at him with a revolver, mortally wounding him. Joel then fired at William with his shotgun and William fell dead instantly, his body lying with backshot.

CHIEF ENGINEER.

Michael J. Butler, just elected for the tenth term as Chief Engineer of Division No. 19, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of the Chicago & Alton system, is a resident of Bloomington and has been handling on that road between Bloomington and Chicago for a quarter of a century.



MICHAEL J. BUTLER

Butler, being in charge of the Alton limited, the fastest train on the road. His choice for ten terms as the leader of the brotherhood is a remarkable compliment to the trust reposed in him. He has also represented the order at three international conventions. Engineer Butler commenced his railroad career as a brakeman in the early '70s, being engaged on the same road. A fellow trainman was William Cotter, now general manager of the Pere Marquette system.

Illinois Coal for Northern Lines.

The amount of coal being drawn by northern lines from the central Illinois bituminous fields is constantly growing. The Chicago and Northwestern is averaging 10,000 tons daily over the tracks of the Chicago and Alton, a portion going via Peoria while the major portion goes direct to Chicago. The Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul is now taking 5,000 tons per day, and it is said, will increase this amount next year. The Rock Island is also getting a considerable portion of its coal from points on the Alton. This extension of the Burlington from Centralia to Herrin taps a rich coal district, and the line has aroused the other lines to similar activity. The Illinois Central is credited with an effort to control the output of the coal on many of its lines and is said to be consulting some of the small mines in southern Illinois.

Couple Hurt in Runaway.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hill of Freeburg were thrown out of their buggy during the runaway of their horse near that village and landed in a ditch. Both of them were caught under the wheel of the buggy. Mr. Hill has a broken wrist fractured and was badly bruised. Her husband sustained a dislocated shoulder, sprained wrist and severe bruises.

The Illinois River Hatchery.

The United States senate has passed without dissent the bill introduced by Senator Hopkins providing for the establishment of a fish hatchery on the Illinois river. Mr. Hopkins left the bill in the hands of Senator Cullem and other friends, who promptly pushed it through when the opportunity came.

Establishes Woman's Rest.

The civic department of the Pana Woman's Club has rented a room, which will be used as a waiting room by the families of farmers who come into Pana to trade. The room will be nicely furnished and will be called the Woman's Rest.

Coal Mine Is Sold.

The Williamson county mine, near Dewmarine, known as the Calp mine, has been purchased by the St. Louis and Big Muddy Coal company, which James C. Brush of this city is general manager. The consideration was \$125,000.

Acquits Poor Farm Keeper.

Justice Joseph Wilson acquitted John Thompson, keeper of the county poor farm, of the charge of abusing an inmate, brought by F. W. Reinisch, a former resident of Chandierville.

DECIDES WATER POWER CASE

Court's Decision Followed by Agreement as to Rights Below Joliet.

In a decision of the circuit court at Joliet, and by an agreement entered into immediately after the decision, the interests represented by Attorney Charles A. Monroe of Chicago come into complete possession of the water power rights of the drainage canal and the Desplains river between dam No. 1 in Joliet and the head waters of the Illinois. It is understood that the Illinois Steel company is back of Monroe and that the power to operate all its plants in Illinois and Indiana will be developed at an immense plant to be built at the head of Lake Joliet. The decision removes all obstacles to the development. "The drainage board had absolutely no interest in this suit," said Trustee Frank X. Clodd. The Gaylord syndicate wanted to secure water power rights within one jurisdiction, but we refused. Then Gaylord went further down the river beyond our jurisdiction, which ends about a mile below Joliet. There he planned to develop water power. He and Monroe got into a dispute over their interests and the suit was the result."

Sunday Closing at Dixon.

The ill is sure to be on in Dixon. A special meeting of the city council Monday revoked several saloon licenses. Mayor Edwards stated that when he took his oath of office he promised to see that the laws of the city of Dixon were obeyed, and that from now on all the saloons would close on time and remain closed on Sunday.

W. R. C. Election.

The Woman's Relief Corps of Jacksonville, has elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Belle Hopper; vice president, Mrs. Anna Ferguson; junior vice president, Mrs. Andrews; chaplain, Mrs. Sophia Benson; treasurer, Mrs. C. R. Taylor; conductor, Mrs. Anna Vinciglia; guard, Mrs. Martha Hopper.

Prohibitionists Name Ticket.

The Prohibition county convention at Harrisburg nominated the following candidates: Judge W. L. Moeckinger, sheriff; C. C. Skelton, treasurer; Ewing S. Glascock, clerk; A. D. Lamb, superintendent of schools, Alvin Cox, Delegates to the state, congressional and senatorial conventions were named.

Smallpox in Two More Counties.

Dr. E. S. Baker, inspector for the state board of health, has been sent to Kane, Greene county, to investigate supposed cases of smallpox, thought to have been communicated from Jerseyville. An inspector also was sent to Nunda, McHenry county, where a number of cases of smallpox are reported.

Public Building Bills.

Peoria's public building is to be improved, repaired and enlarged at an expense of \$350,000, provided a bill for that purpose introduced in the house by Representative Grant is passed. A new public building at Canawha, to cost \$20,000, is proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Dickson.

Jacksonville C. A. R.

The newly elected officers of the G. A. R. post of Jacksonville are: Commander, George W. Fox; senior vice commander, Alex. Platt; junior vice, R. F. Pocock; chaplain, B. Gohsen; quartermaster, W. A. Kirby; sergeant, T. Bartlett; officer of the day, J. W. Woolter; officer of the guard, Joseph Vicia.

Ruffians Attack Citizen.

Isaiah Kirby, a resident of Ridgely, is lying in St. John's hospital at Springfield in a critical condition, as the result of an attack made on him by a gang of ruffians in Ridgely, and George Guyman, said to be leader of the gang, is in the county jail.

Veteran Struck by Car.

Sergeant Fred A. V. Hotchkins, who was admitted to the Soldiers' home at Quincy from Chicago in 1899, was found unconscious beside a street car track. He was struck by a car while crossing the track. His condition is serious.

Aged Man Is Slashed.

John Butler of Rock Falls, 72 years old, was attacked and horribly mutilated by a razor by unknown parties at Sterling.

Gets Bargain in Farm.

Thomas H. Land has purchased of W. A. Raglin a 300-acre farm in Carmi township at a cost of \$15,000.

Heads Springfield Ball Club.

At a meeting of the directors of the Springfield Baseball association of the Three-Eye League Richard F. Kinsella was elected president, William H. Conkling secretary and C. K. Minary treasurer. Kinsella recently secured control of the association and had other officers hold 134 of the 160 shares of stock. Frank Donnelly had been signed to manage Springfield's team again next season. About twenty players already have been signed and are reserved.



At last Lang flashed the rays of the dark lantern around.

an underground river, with its source undoubtedly in the higher region on the side of the city. At intervals the sides were boarded up, and here and there were marks of excavations by man, enlargements by cutting through rock and sandstone.

Closing the door behind him, Lang proceeded carefully. A hundred yards from the entrance our friend became aware that, instead of progressing upward, toward or into the mountains, that he was walking down, and imagined that at one time he was directly under water. Consulting his compass, he covered that he was journeying in the opposite direction from the one that he thought should take him without the city's walls. In other words he was walking toward the very heart of the city. Treating the dangerous ground, Louis thought it wise to retrace his steps and call in the aid of Wilson, and place Pearl on guard instead, for fear that some occasion would arise when it would be necessary for him to be called back for the entertainment of any visitor that might be called in. Threat and string enough was produced, so the communication could be had by Pearl with the two in the tunnel. The fact that a tunnel existed at all was a revelation to everybody but Lang. "You have succeeded in discovering it in a week," said Wilson enthusiastically, "what I have not been able to discover in years, though I have made diggings and soundings in almost every direction."

"True," replied Lang, playing out the string as they walked along. "But you have not been placed in the position to know, as I have, the one man who founded the town. However, we are not now in the tunnel I was made constant of a continuance, I think, of the one leading out of the city."

"The second entrance, then, where do you think this will lead to?"

Louis, who now fully understood the value of Golden's words to Johnson when he said, "I have plenty of money at my command," readily replied, "Undoubtedly the treasury."

"I think you are right!" replied Wilson.

For fear of running into a snare, or even into some blind passageway, the progress was necessarily slow. In one spot, stopping to listen, both were made aware of the proximity of strange noises. Dull, plodding sounds. Aware, of course, that noises carry far through earth, they reasoned that in some spot about the line with themselves, digging was being carried on.

Leath & Gilligan's paint is the best paint for the purpose.

A Christmas Carol.

Christian people, come and sing,
Hope and joy receiving!
Tell of him who is our King,
Still his words are living!
Proud or humble, rich or poor,
Christmas opens wide your door.
From each heart its blessings pour,
The joy of joys is giving!

Christian people, sing ye now!
Earnest voices raising,
Sing good will to earth below,
Which, like heav'n, is praising!
Proud or humble, rich or poor,
Christmas opens wide your door.
From each heart its blessings pour,
The joy of joys is giving!

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

Time was, with most of us, when Christmas day encircling all our limited world like a magic ring, left nothing out for so to make (or seek) bound together all our home enjoyments, affections, and hopes; grouped everything and every one around the Christmas tree, and made the little picture shining in our bright young eyes, complete.

Time came, perhaps, all so soon! when our thoughts overleaped that narrow boundary; when there was some one (very dear, we thought then, very beautiful, and absolutely perfect) wanting to the fullness of our happiness; when we were waiting too for we thought so, which did just as well, at the Christmas heartily by that some one sat; and when we were intertwined with very wealth and grandeur of our life that some one's name.

That was the time for the bright visionary Christmas which have long arisen from us to show faintly, after summer rain, in the silver edge of the rainbow! That was the time for the beatified enjoyment of the things that were to be, and never were, and yet the things that were real in our resolute hope that it would be hard to say, now, what realities achieved since, have been stronger!

What! Did that Christmas never really come when we and the priceless pearl who was our young choice were received, after a year's priest of totally impossible marriages, by the two united families previously at daggers-drawn on our account? When brothers and sisters-in-law who had always been rather cool to us before our relationship was effected, perfectly dotted on us, and when fathers and mothers overwhelmed us with unlimited incomes. Was that Christmas dinner never really eaten, after which we arose, and generously and eloquently rendered honor to our late rival, present in the company, then and there exchanging friendship and forgiveness, and founding an attachment, not to be surpassed in Greek or Roman story, which subsisted until death?

Has that same rival gone to care for that same priceless pearl, and married for money, and become uxorious? Above all, do we really know, now, that we should probably have been miserable if we had won and worn the pearl, and that we are better without her?

That Christmas when we had recently achieved so much fame; when we had been carried in triumph where, for doing something great and good; when we had won an honored and ennobled name, and arrived and were received at home in a shower of tears of joy; is it possible that that Christmas has not come yet?

And is our life here, at the best, so constituted, that, pausing as we advance at such a rate, in the millions in the track as this great birthday, we look back on the things that never were, as naturally and full as gravely as on the things that have been and are gone, or have been and still are? If it be so, and so it seems to be, must we come to the

conclusion, that life is little better than a dream, and little worth the loves and strivings that we crowd into it?

No! Far be such misallied philosophy from us, dear reader, on Christmas day! Nearer and closer to our hearts be the Christmas spirit, which is the spirit of active usefulness, perseverance, cheerful discharge of duty, kindness, and forbearance! It is in the last virtues especially, that we are, or should be, strengthened by the unaccomplished visions of our youth; for, who shall say that they are not our teachers to deal gently even with the impalpable nothings of the earth?

Therefore, as we grow older, let us be more thankful that the circle of our Christmas associations and of the lessons that they bring, expands! Let us welcome every one of them and

decays, for other homes and other bands of children, not yet in being nor for ages yet to be, arise, and bloom and ripen to the end of all!

Welcome, everything! Welcome, alike what has been, and what never was, and what we hope may be, to your shelter underneath the holly, to your places round the Christmas tree, where what is sits open-hearted! In yonder shadow, do we see obtruding furiously from the haze, an enemy's face? By Christmas Day, can he forgive him? If the injury he has done us may admit of such companionship, let him come here and take his place. If otherwise, unhappily, let him go hence, assured that we will never injure nor accuse him.

On this day we shut out Nothing! "Pause," says a low voice. "Nothing! Think!"

"On Christmas Day, we will shut out from our fireside, Nothing."

"Not the shadow of a vast City where the withered leaves are lying deep!" the voice replies. "Not the shadow of that darkens the whole globe? Not the shadow of the City of the Dead?"

Not even that. Of all days in the year, we will turn our faces towards that City upon Christmas day, and from its silent hosts bring down what we loved, among us. City of the Dead, in the blessed name, wherein we are gathered at this time, and in the Presence of that is here among us, according to the promise, we will receive, and not dismiss, the people who are dear to us!

Yes. We can look upon that angelic child, that slight, so solemnly, so beautifully, among the living children by the fire, and can bear to think how they departed from us. Entertaining angels unawares, as the Patriarchs did, the playful children are unconscious of their guests; but we can see them—can see a radiant arm around the favorite neck, as if there were a tempting of that child away. Among the celestial figures is one, a poor, shaven boy on earth, of a glorious beauty now, of whom his dying mother said it grieved her much to leave him here, alone, for so many years as it was likely would elapse before he came to being such a little child. But he went quickly, and was laid upon her breast, and in her hands she leads him. "There was a gallant boy, who fell far away, upon a burning and beneath a burning sun, and said: 'Tell them at home, with my last love, how much I could have wished to kiss them once, but that I died contented and had done my duty!' Or there was another, over whom they read the words, 'Therefore we commit his body to the deep!' so consoled him to the lonely heaven and said: 'Go. There was another who lay down to his rest in the dark shadow of great forests, and, on earth, awake no more. O shall they not, from sand and sea and forest, be brought home at such a time!—From the writings of Charles Dickens.

Christmas eve at midnight has always in all countries been looked upon as the "ghostly" time of the year.



Botticelli's Madonna

summon them to take their places by the Christmas hearth. Welcome, old aspirations, glittering creatures of an ancient fancy, to your shelter underneath the holly! We know you, and have not outlived you yet. Welcome, old projects and old loves, however, fleeting, to your nooks among the steadier lights that burn around us. Welcome, all that was within the reach of Time to show away the curls of our first-love. Upon another girl's face near it—pleader but smiling bright—a quiet and contented little face, we see Home family written. Shining from the word, smoothed; how other happiness blooms, ripens, and decays—so, not

EXPERT CRITICISES THE ARMY.

Lieut.-Col. Pettit Ascribes American Victories to Luck.
Lieut.-Col. Pettit, who last week read a paper before the military service institution at Governors Island, N. Y., in which he declared the republican system of government and politics makes our army an undisciplined collection of men who win victories only through luck, is considered an expert on military matters. He is a West Pointer and has seen service on the frontier and in Cuba. He was military governor of Manila.



LIEUT.-COL. J. S. PETTIT
Hlo, Cuba, where he made a record in establishing a government, schools, and sanitary conditions.

SUCCESS DUE TO BRAIN WORK.

Farmers of the Country Working on Scientific Basis.

The most productive farms of the country are those of the northwest. This is not because the natural conditions are more favorable in that section than in others—the south, for instance—but because the northwestern farmer is a stickler for system in his business. He does nothing by guesswork. He keeps books and takes a strict account of expenses and income. He knows what it costs him to grow his crops and when he has marked them he knows what his profit or loss has been. He knows the value of keeping up his machinery and his stock and of taking advantage of newest methods. He is a reader of newspapers and magazines and keeps abreast of the progress of the world. Year after year the farmer is milking more and more brains with the brawn and guano they put on their fields, with most satisfactory results.—Savannah (Ga.) News.

Take the Hopeful View.

Those who are prone to alarm at the recent disclosures of fraud and corruption in high places should take heart of their faith. Our nation is robust and strong, young and virile. We shall not die of the national measles. The disclosures are a warning that we have the measles, that is all. As we have caught the disease comparatively early in its development and have good physicians we will get well. It was nearly a third of a century ago that James Anthony Froude, the English economist, wrote optimistically: "Somehow this world was built upon moral foundations, and in the long run it is well with the righteous and ill with the wicked man."—Kansas City Journal.

NOBEL PRIZE AWARDED WOMAN



Baroness von Suttner of Austria, who has been given this year's Nobel prize for distinguished work in the interests of peace between nations, is the author of "Lay Down Your Arms," the book which is said to have led to the cessation of the Hague conference.

Hereditary Dramatic Genius.

As it may be inferred from his name, Booth Tarlington owes to heredity the dramatic gifts evinced in his writings. Mr. Tarlington's great-grandmother was the best of the Mary New-moys in the annals of Old Salem. Mary Newton married Walter Booth and from them were descended the Booths who were the pride and glory of the stage thirty years ago. Her, Thomas Hooker scholar and orator of revolutionary fame, was also one of the author's ancestors. Mr. Tarlington's full name is Newton Booth Tarlington, as he was named after his uncle, Newton Booth, a senator and governor of California, who was also a gifted orator.

"Ugly" Show a Success.

An interesting showman in Milan, who has more than once organized successful beauty shows, recently struck out in a new line by arranging what might be styled an "ugly" show, wherein a number of women and girls competed for three prizes which were offered for the three ugliest competitors. And strange to say, the show was a decided success, which goes to prove that, contrary to a common belief, there are some women sufficiently ugly to be conscious of their defect.



The Help of Machinery.

There was a time when the farmer worked all by himself a small farm and found it profitable to do all of his work by hand. Had there been machinery at that time, it would have seemed little value for him, as he could not have disposed of his surplus for enough money to pay for his machinery and leave a balance on the transaction. The transport by sea was then by sailing vessels and the transportation over the land by means largely of ox teams. We cannot imagine the great grain crops of today being moved by such means. If great grain crops had been raised the grain must have fallen in value till it would not have paid the cost of raising, or much of it would have moulded in the bins. With the progress of the world came the necessity for the use of farm machinery. The power on the water was changed to steam and great barges were constructed with enormous carrying capacity. These could carry grain around the world at small cost per bushel. On the land hundreds of lines of railway opened up the country, and train-loads of grain are now moved in any direction night or day. It is no longer possible for a community to produce so much grain that it cannot be shipped out. The commerce of the world will take all the grain the farmer can grow. It is therefore necessary for the farmer to take advantage of the existence of machinery for farm use. The price of grain has fallen greatly from what it was a hundred or two years ago, and each acre of land must therefore be worked at a less cost than formerly. This the farmer can do only by the use of machinery, and the more improved the machinery the less per acre is the cost of handling the land. Every farmer should therefore study the machine question and learn if he is using fairly good machinery, or whether he is using machines that are expensive of labor and effective to a less degree than they should be in farm machines. It is sometimes cheaper to throw away an old machine than it is to keep it.

Is Iron a Fertilizer?

It has not been believed that iron in any form is what we might call a real fertilizer in the soil, although we know that iron gives the color both to the soil and to the plants produced upon it. There are some experiments, however, which believe that iron sulphate is itself a fertilizer. One of the Belgians, who has been making some experiments on oats and other cereals. He applied 250 kilograms of iron sulphate, and by it produced the same effect on the soil as did 150 kilograms of nitrate of soda. In addition, many weeds were destroyed by the iron sulphate. The author attributes the general effect of the iron sulphate solely to the iron and not to the sulphuric acid. We are sure, however, that most of our experimenters, at least those on this side of the water, will be very slow in accepting the conclusions of the experimenter. While iron does enter into the formation of plants, yet it is to a very limited extent. The advantage resulting from the application as recorded may be due to some other element rather than to the application of iron.

Buy Clover Seed Early.

Usually clover seed is sown very early in the spring or even late in the winter. In northern localities it is sown in the snow in March and further south a bit later in February. The clover seed is said to be purchased a considerable time before it is used, so that it may be tested. This testing should be done by counting out a hundred seeds and placing them between damp woolen cloths inclosed in reversed plates to keep in the moisture. If the germination is low now lots of seed may have to be purchased, and this is the more reason for buying the seed early in the winter. Also the testing is more likely to be done if the seed is purchased early than if it is purchased late. The late-bought seed is too apt to be scattered on the land without the farmer knowing whether it is fairly good or not. If it fails he does not know whether the failure is due to poor seed or something else.

Care in Experiments.

In the making of farm experiments great care needs to be exercised to have all possibility of error eradicated. Many of the so-called experiments carried on on farms are really not experiments at all. They are conclusions suggested that no scientist would accept their conclusions. Such an experiment is that in which the farmer, to test his land or otherwise, puts the fertilizer on a field but has no check plot with "no treatment." He makes a comparison with what the field did when the fertilizer was not used, it would be evident to him that any increase of harvest may be due to something else than the fertilizer. Such experiments mean little or nothing.

As fine a quality of silage can be made from sorghum as from any other crop, and there seems to be little difference between the feeding values of sorghum and corn silage for beef production.

In fall and winter plan the work for spring and summer.

SEVEN YEARS AGO.

A Rochester Chemist Found a Singularly Effective Medicine.

William A. Franklin, of the Franklin & Palmer Chemical Co., Rochester, N. Y., writes: "Seven years ago I was suffering very much through the failure of the kidneys to eliminate the uric acid from my system. My back was very lame and ached if I overexerted myself in the least degree. At times I was weighed down with a feeling of languor and depression and suffered continually from annoying irregularities of the bowels. I procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills and began using them. I found prompt relief from the aching and lameness in my back, and by the time I had taken three boxes I was cured of all my troubles. Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-McMillan Co., Buffalo, N. Y."

Interdependence of Nations.

This is only a timbered old world, after all, and what seriously affects the people of one section of it is pretty apt to affect others on the other side of the globe. For instance, ferro-manganese is necessary to the manufacture of steel; the bulk of the supply of ferro-manganese used in the steel mills of the United States is mined in the dominions of Russia; and as a result of the strikes and riots in Russia have shut off the source of American supply, in consequence of which the Pennsylvania steel mills have had to reduce their output, and as a result of the reduced output steel construction in Savannah and elsewhere is likely to be delayed indefinitely.—Savannah, Ga. News.

"Uncle Joe's" Caustic Comment.

Pennsylvanians in congress are disappointed and somewhat indignant because the Pennsylvania state legislature has not secured the money they regard as a proper number of places on important committees. Some of them interviewed Speaker Cannon on the subject and mentioned that the small states seemed to have been treated with more consideration than the great commonwealth which they represented. "Uncle Joe" let them talk for a while. Then he set his jaw and said bluntly: "Gentlemen, it's quality that counts, not quantity," and the incident was closed.

Chinese Ruler.

The Empress Dowager of China was sold into slavery at the age of eleven to save her family from starvation. Afterwards, she was presented to the late Emperor, and, upon his death, became Empress. Her lot was not a happy one, and she was sought to read after persistent pleading. The sterling qualities of this wonderful woman, like those of Pili-vius's Vitis, have overcome every obstacle and she has been herself at the head of China, as does Vitis at the head of breakfast foods.

Blessed for Papa.

J. H. Miller and Lily Rose, of Chickasha, I. T., ran away to Oklahoma City and were married on the birthday of the bride's father, the latter receiving the first intimation of the event in this note from his daughter: "I could think of nothing that you need more than a son-in-law, so I concluded to give you one as a birthday present."

Costly Saddle Owned by Khedive.

The Khedive of Egypt owns the most costly saddle in the world. It is made of black leather, though more sold than leather is visible, and it cost \$70,000. It is really four saddles in one, being used on horses harnessed to the royal coach on state occasions and occupied by four postillions.

Sport.

"Have good luck on your hunting trip!"
"No, poor. Guided a awful scarce this season; only got one and winged another."
"Got any deer?"
"Oh, yes. Five or six."—Puck.

Fashionable Flower.

"This flower is strictly up to date," said the florist.
"What do you mean by that?" asked the prospective customer.
"Why," he explained, "it has been obtained by grafting."—Detroit Free Press.

Every man ought to learn something every day not connected with his usual daily occupation. The married can always do that by just listening attentively.

Those Who Have Tried It. will use no other. DeWitt's Cold Cream is the best. It is made in Germany and is of Quality—15 oz. for 10 cents. Other brands contain only 12 oz.

The Long Island Japanese who committed suicide to escape being killed during the recent earthquake, had a mind incapable of recognizing an anomaly.

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES. Itching, Swelling, Bleeding, Protruding Piles, Drops, Stricture, Hemorrhoids, and all other ailments of the rectum. GUARANTEED to cure in 10 to 15 days. No.

"Not one false man but does incurable mischief."—Carlyle.

Lewis' Single Rider straight to cigar side of the road. Lewis' tobacco. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

"Labor is life," sings a poet. Alas, so it is, for most of us.

FITS GUARANTEED. No fits or nervousness after using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Sold by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Co., Lowell, Mass.

The Russian revolution is a Revolution.

Ambassador Reid's Popularity.
Robert J. Wyne, American consul general at London, says that London is in raptures over the lavishness of Ambassador Reid's entertainments. "It was a difficult thing for any man to go to London as ambassador after Chamberlain," he added, "but Reid has gone in for entertaining in such grand style as to captivate the nation. Ambassador has spent so much money as Reid."

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 8-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals, for if your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 oz." Friday, December 15, 1905, much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

Important to Mothers.
Remember carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, and use it as a sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it is the signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson* in the box for 30 years. The kind you have always bought.

Know Something of It.
Mr. Tucker—You talk about wanting to take lessons from a correspondence school. Do you know what a correspondence school is?
Tommy Tucker—Course I do. You go to other schools. The correspondence school comes to you.

Professor Loates His Job.
King Alfonso's German professor has been dismissed from service for the alleged offense of approving a rumor that the king was betrothed.
More Flexible and Lasting.
Defiance Starch you obtain in better lots than possible with any other brand and one-third more for same money.

Too Much Competition.
"I see that the Russian actors have all gone on a strike."
"Too much fun going on in the streets, I suppose."

So Have We.
"Have you ever been in Cork?"
"No, but I've seen a lot of drawings of it."—Cleveland Leader.

YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO SUFFER

From Constipation, Bowel and Stomach Trouble.

Q. What is the beginning of sickness?
A. Constipation.
Q. What is Constipation?
A. Failure of the bowels to carry off the waste matter which lies in the alimentary canal where it decays and produces the stinking gas, eventually the results are death under the most favorable conditions. Note the deaths from typhoid fever and appendicitis, stomach and bowel trouble at the present time.

Q. What causes Constipation?
A. Neglect to respond to the call of nature promptly. Mental emotion and improper diet.
Q. What are the results of neglected Constipation?
A. Constipation causes more suffering than any other disease. It causes rheumatism, colds, indigestion, headache, kidney, lung and heart troubles, etc. It is the one disease that starts all others. Indigestion, dyspepsia, nervousness, loss of sleep and strength are its symptoms—colds, appendicitis and cancer are caused by Constipation. Its consequences are known to all physicians, but few sufferers realize their condition until it is too late. Women become confined invalids as a result of Constipation.

Q. Do physicians recognize that?
A. Yes. The first question your doctor asks you is "are you constipated?" That is the cure.
Q. Can it be cured?
A. Yes, with proper treatment. The common error is to resort to physic, such as pills, salts, mineral water, cathartics, etc., every one of which is injurious. They weaken and increase the malady. You know this by your own experience.

Q. What then should be done to cure it?
A. Get a bottle of Mulla's Grape Tonic at once. Mulla's Grape Tonic will positively cure Constipation and Stomach Trouble in the shortest space of time. No other remedy has before been known to cure Constipation positively and permanently.

Q. What is Mulla's Grape Tonic?
A. It is a Compound with the essence of the juice of Concord Grapes. It exerts a peculiar strengthening, healing influence upon the intestines, that they can do their work unaided. The process is gradual, but sure. It is a healthy food. It cures Constipation, Dyspepsia, Stomach and Bowel Trouble, indigestion, flatulency, acidity, loss of sleep, loss of appetite, loss of strength, loss of energy, loss of vitality, loss of life.

Q. Where can Mulla's Grape Tonic be had?
A. Your druggist sells it. The dollar bottle contains nearly three times the 50-cent size.
Good for ailing children and nursing mothers.
A free bottle to all who have never used it because we know it will cure you.

FREE BOTTLE 1235-3
FREE. Send this coupon with your name and address. Your druggist will send you a free bottle. If you have never used it, send your name and address and you will receive a free bottle. If you have used it, send your name and address and you will receive a free bottle.

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Congressional Proceedings

Thursday, December 14, 1905.
The Panama Canal emergency appropriation bill was reported by the committee on appropriations, and the House passed it by a vote of 241 yeas to 159 nays. The bill provides for the issuance of bonds for the construction of the canal, and for the payment of interest on the same.

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HUNTER MAKES FATAL ERROR

Michigan Man Convicted of Killing
Thomas Willie, Mich. dispatch: Mattie Penman has been found guilty of killing Thomas Willie in violation of the state law making it a crime to accidentally kill a man in the woods through carelessness while hunting.

SMALLPOX CASES ARE REPORTED

Weather Favors Spread of Disease in Southern Illinois.
Springfield, Ill. dispatch: The state board of health is becoming exercised over reports of smallpox. Several cases have appeared in Jersey, Oregon and Macoupin counties in the southern district and now come reports of the appearance of the disease at Galesburg and Springfield Valley.

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AGONY OF BORN HANDS.

Cracked and Peeled—Water and Heat Caused Intense Pain—Could Do No Housework—Grateful to Cuticura.
"My hands cracked and peeled, and were so sore it was impossible for me to do my housework. If I put them in water they would swell and burst; and if I tried to cook, the heat caused intense pain. I consulted two doctors, but their prescriptions were utterly useless. I was in great distress, and I was very grateful. (Signed) Mrs. Minnie Drew, 18 Dana St., Roxbury, Mass."

Boycott on English Goods.
The boycott on British goods in Bengal has, since the division of the Province, taken a more serious form and assaults on Europeans are frequent, particularly in Calcutta. The students have been warned that if they do not observe the boycott, they will be barred from government employment.

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TUMORS CONQUERED

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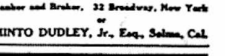
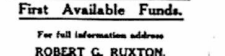
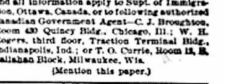
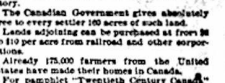
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Barrington Local Happenings Told in Short Paragraphs

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Merry Christmas to all.
Hot-house and Parlor for sale at F. W. Stitt's.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kampert made a trip to Chicago Wednesday.

Max Lines will return from Indiana to spend the holidays at home.

Robert Bennett has been appointed janitor of the new school house.

The U. O. E. lodge did work in the several degrees Thursday evening.

Miss Jennie Fletcher and Nancy Jenks visited Chicago Saturday.

Miss Eva Robertson and Miss Alta Powers visited in Chicago Saturday.

Prof. Elmer Harnden and Prof. B. A. Reinhardt are coming home for the holidays.

Christmas exercises were held in all the lower grades of the public schools this afternoon.

Prof. McQuinn of the Mohler Barber College, Chicago, was the guest of Charles Thies Sunday, and enjoyed skating at Lake Zurich.

WANTED—A girl for general house work. \$3.00 per week. Miss E. O. WILMARTH, Barrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Haelele of Reynolds, Ill., visited at the home of his brother, Rev. A. Haelele, on Wednesday.

Walter Plagge and Miss Minnie, and E. H. Plagge attended the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trinke at Downers Grove Saturday.

The schools will be closed until January 2, thus giving the pupils time to recuperate from the strenuous week coming.

Silas Robertson has returned from his trip to Arkansas, and expresses himself as much pleased with that section.

Mrs. Geo. Spinner and family left Tuesday for Dixon, Ill., to spend the holidays. Mr. Spinner will leave Saturday to join his family.

FOR SALE—Gold watch pin, diamond setting; a bargain, good as new at Abbott's drug store. A beautiful present for a lady.

H. H. Hawley this week sold his residence in Barrington to Lige Prouty, the consideration being \$1,300.

Arnett Lines, who has been attending the University of Chicago, completed his first quarter's work yesterday and is now home for a vacation until Jan. 2nd, 1906.

Wm. Dawson resumed his old position at the C. & N. W. roundhouse Monday evening. He has held the position continuously for over 26 years.

The Christmas exercises of the Methodist Sunday school will be held on Saturday evening. All the members and friends of the Sunday school are most cordially invited.

The Elgin Daily News issued a holiday edition Saturday which contained five sections of eight pages each and a cover in colors. It was perfect both as to patronage of advertisers and the quantity and quality of reading matter furnished. It was neatly printed.

Mr. Kelley, who has been pastor of the Baptist church for a year past, leaves with his mother for Albuquerque, New Mexico, next Tuesday. He goes for a much needed rest and will be gone for three months. While there he will be in charge of a New Mexico church.

Charles Witte has returned to his position on the C. & N. W. railway, taking care of the signal lamps between Crystal Lake and Barrington; the position vacated by Robert Bennett, who has been appointed janitor of the new school building.

We are informed that William Sandman has sold to Clark McIntosh the farm formerly known as the Hiecox farm of 146 acres, between Honey and Grassy Lakes. The consideration is said to be \$10,000, cash on delivery of deed.

There will be no paper issued next week owing to the holidays. In order to give our efficient correspondents a vacation, and give our office force time to catch up with the rush of job work. We desire to extend to each and every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"A Girl's Secret" will be told in public on New Year's night, Jan. 1st. The guilty ones will be the members

of the Girls' Cadet Band. The penalty for enjoying this interesting tale has been placed at but 25 cents, with 10 cents additional if you want a seat in the bald headed row. Get a seat at once, before the best ones are all gone. It will be worth ten times the price.

A number of ladies drove out to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kirschner and spent a pleasant afternoon on Friday, Dec. 21st, the occasion being the 50th birthday of Mrs. Hetty Hawley, mother of Mrs. Kirschner, who makes her home with them. Cards were indulged in, and refreshments were served.

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The Ladies Aid Society of St. Peter's church sent a large box of Christmas donations to the Bensenville orphans.

The usual Xmas exercises will be held at St. Peter's church on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, and services will be held Christmas morning at the usual hour.

Alma Krueger returned to her home near Gusham, Ill., Thursday, after an extended visit among her relatives and friends here.

Enil Frank and Wm. Tonn-attended the stock show in Chicago Monday.

The Knickerbocker Ice Company are making great preparations for harvesting the ice. They will be able to accommodate about 150 men, who will be well taken care of by Mrs. Schaefer.

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It Will Not Be Many Years Before

Civil War Veterans Will

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Public Ownership's Trial Ground.

A political movement similar to one now under considerable headway in this country has made rapid progress in Australia, and if the hopes of the Labor party there are not dashed by reverse the commonwealth is likely to give the world the first example, in modern times at least, of a state run on a public or government or "collective" ownership plan. An account of the progress and purposes of the Labor party in Australia presented in the Nineteenth Century by J. W. Kirwan, a member of the federal house of representatives, is interesting and pertinent at this time. Mr. Kirwan says that in the commonwealth the trades unions have become "cooperative bodies." Candidates for parliament are first selected by ballots of members of the unions and are required to sign a pledge "to carry out the principles embodied in the Federal Labor platform." The Labor party's present programme is declared in a platform adopted last July by a conference of labor organizations as follows:

1. The maintenance of a white Australia.

2. The nationalization of monopolies.

3. If necessary, an amendment to the constitution to provide for the same.

4. A referendum of commonwealth electors on the tariff question when the report of the tariff commission has been completed.

5. A progressive tax on unimproved land values.

6. The restriction of public borrowing.

7. Navigation laws to provide for the protection of Australian shipping against foreign competition.

8. The registration of all vessels engaged in the coastal trade.

9. The effect of mowing of vessels.

10. The proper supply of life saving and other equipment.

11. The regulation of hours and conditions of work.

12. Proper loading gear and inspection of same.

13. Compulsory insurance of crews by shipowners against accident or death.

14. A commonwealth arbitration act to provide for preference to Australians and the exclusion of the East.

15. A commonwealth bank of deposit and issue and a commonwealth currency.

16. The management of each by free from political influence.

17. Uniform industrial legislation.

18. An amendment of the constitution to provide for the same.

19. Civil equality of men and women.

"A white Australia" means the exclusion of Asiatics.