Files of the Journal, March 31, 1875. A company of soldiers stationed on the Loup, seventy-five miles north of Kearney, have been ordered to the Black Hills. A company from Omaha will

supply the vacancy. Dead beets pass through Columbus nearly every day, clinging to the cars wherever they can find a place to hide themselves. This we regard as a very dangerous occupation, and it is stange to us that men who will risk death in such shape would shrink from committing intentional suicide.

If the nice weather continues through the present week all the seed wheat on the high lands will be put in the ground. The older farmers in Platte county, we understand, practice fall plowing as a preparation for spring sowing, and by this process the ground in the spring is ready for sowing, harrowing and rolling, and this accomplished, the work of seed-

Thursday of last week was a bright warm and pleasant day. About five o'clock p. m. suddenly an infant zephyr arose in the west striking the northern part of the city, extending, as we thought, no further than the bluffs about three miles from town, scattering all light substances hither and thither We learn from a gentleman living nine or ten miles north of town that the wind was very severe at that point.

Route No. 1.

Louis Loseke was sowing barley Mon

John Rupp marketed his corn Tues-

W. T. Ernst planted potatoes las R. C. Boyd was doing some work on

Adolph Muller's new house. J. A. Panyer of Creston will work for Herman Abern this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Devlin were guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Scofield Sunday.

Earl and Will Ernst went to Gardner

Route No. 3.

D. A. Becher was a Columbus visitor Saturday.

Miss Julia Bonk left last Saturday for Sterling, Colo., where she will visit relatives for a month.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brunken and daughter, Miss Laura, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Brunken, sr., Mon-George D. Reese has moved into the

Reese. He will continue to farm the F. B. Berends place, as usual. Measles have broken out in the neighborhood of the German school, on this

Jeldon house, recently vacated by Wm.

route; to such an extent that it was no cessary to close the school for awhile.

The town board of Shell Creek town ship, together with overseer of public highways, Chas. Brunken were viewing the roads in their district Tuesday, in order to ascertain just where the work was needed.

The marriage ceremony of Henry Kuper and Miss Lily Krause was performed at the Shell Creek Baptist church last Thursday at 1. p. m. The young couple have been spending their honeymoon at Fremont, visiting with Mr. Kuper's relatives. On their return they will go to housekeeping on the groom's farm, near the Baptist church, on which Mr. Kuper has built a nice residence for

Mrs. Wm. Lange of this route, in Shell Oreck township, died last Thursday afternoon. For the past year she has suffered from a complication of diseases, and early in December she was taken to her bed, and since then her ailment was of a dropoical nature. Kathrina Magdelina Albers was born in Germany in 1850, and was 59 years, 2 months and 15 days old at the time of her death. In 1879 she was united in marriage to Wm. Lenge and came to this county with him, where they have since resided. To this union have been born six children. four of whom have preceded their mother to the spirit land. William and Mary remain with the husband to mourn the loss of a dear loving wife and mother. She also leaves three brothers, William and Martin Albers of Columbus, and P. H. Albers of Monroe. The funeral was held Monday afternoon, a short service being held at the home at 1 o'clock and at the Shell Creek Baptist church at 2 o'clock, to which a large number of relstives and friends followed her remains. Rev. Hilanger of the Platte Center Baptist church delivered a very touching sermon, taking his text from II Peter. 1 chapter, 23-26, after which the body was lowered to its last resting place in the cometery near the church. The pall bearers were Henry Bakenhus, Fred Behlen, sr., H. P. Mohrman, Joseph Krause, Peter Lutejens and Fred Behlen, ir. Mrs. Lange was a devoted christian and a consistent member of her church, a kind and conscientious wife and mother, beloved by all who knew Her, and her demise will be sadly felt by those who were nearest and dearest to er. The flowers were many and very biogntiful.

FOR SALE.

5 room house, in first-class condition, located 8 blocks from business, corner lot, cement walks, electric lights. This property offered at a bargain. Elliott, Speice & Co.

COAL.

We have all the leading grades of selt coal. Also Penna hard coal and nthracite furnace coal. Newman & Welch.

Advertised Letters.

Following is a list of unclaimed mai matter remaining in the post office at Columbus, Nebraska, for the period ending March 31, 1909:

Letters-Dick Brown, & D Bonner Mrs B C Carter, Julia Davis, Henry Doersch, Julius Earnet, Mrs Hattie Eacker, Miss E Germon, James T Hogan, J M Hastings, H E Jams, Bob Jacobson, Henry Mohlman, Joe Reznik, Mise May Valentine 2. F B Woodrow.

Cards Miss May Valentine, Harry White John Yuda, Miss Myrtle Young. Parties calling for any of the above will please say advertised.

CARL KRAMER, P. M.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS Sealed proposals will be received at the office of Chan. Wurdeman, architect, until 2 o'clock p. m., April 2nd, 1809, for the erection and completion of an addi-tion to the Second Ward school at Co-

lumbus, Nebraska, Bids must be accompanied by a certi fied check of five per cent of the amount bid, made payable to M. Brugger, secretary of the Board of Education.

This check will be returned when building contract is executed. Plans and specifications may be ob tained from the architect.

E. H. NAUMAN,
L. H. LEAVY,

G. A. SCOTT, Building Committee.

REAL WIT AT GOLFERS' DINNER.

Man Tells How He Touched Rockefeller and Got Away with It.

There are only two real rapid-fire hits as after-dinner speakers in town nowadays, guaranteed to make good in any company. One of them is Simeon Ford, who says he has retired, and the other is Patrick Francis Murphy, who is bald and grows old. They met at the golfers' dinner the other night and spilled epigrams so rapidly that the reporters had to quit writing to hold their sides, says the New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times-Star. Murphy, in the saddest manner possible, declared that the one distressing thing about drink was that it produced the temperance orator. The barbarians, he said, insisted on regarding golf as a retreat for fallen men. He held that golf was the purlast Sunday to get their hunting equip- suit of pale pills by purple people "There are born golfers and born duffers, and the tragedy of it is we never know which we are. It is, like marriage, a game of chance, not skill."

And then Ford got up and comphy, who is a polished orator from the sole of his feet to the crown of his head. "Personally, I wish he had a duller finish on his head." And after talking on awhile in the same tone in which he might announce his own death, he told a golf story. "It was once my privilege and pleasure," said he, "to soak John D. Rockefeller in the off hind leg, in the golden calf, with a golf ball. It was at a distance of 50 yards. He was excessively annoyed but when I told him I didn't think I could drive that far, he was mollified. I am probably the only man who ever touched John D. and got away with it."

NOT THE BARGAIN HE THOUGHT. Discovery That Seriously Interfered with Millionaire's Joy.

"You think our American millionaires buy a good many fake pictures?" M. Rochefort laughed. "It's pitiful! It's shameful! But what can they expect? It's their own fault for buying pictures as they buy lumber or steel rails—according to specifications. I'll never forget the last pictures I was asked to look at by a rich American, He was proud of them! So convinced that they were masterpieces! There were 40 in all. and they had cost him 800,000 francs. It was a bargain all right if they had been genuine, for there were great names in the lot: several old masters, a Dias, a Theo dore Rousseau, a Daubigny, and sever al Corots-tht usual millionaire assort

"Well,' he said, as I studied them "'Some of them are well done,' l admitted.

"'Ah!' he purred. "But they're not genuine." "'What! You mean you've found

counterfeit? "'My dear sir, I'm sorry, but—they are all counterfeits." -- Cleveland Moffett, in Success Magazine.

District of Columbia.

The District of Columbia comprises an area of 69,245 square miles. The government consists of two civilian commissioners appointed by the president and confirmed by the senate, and one army engineer officer, detailed by the secretary of war, the three constituting the board of commissioners for three years.

Why She Was Changed. A little girl in Knoxville, Tenn., asked the family whether they had not noticed recently that she had had a different and a very sweet expression. They said: "Perhaps so, but what would be the reason?" She replied: "Well, thoughts of Jesus, and then the new way I do my hair."-Delineator.

Deserved to Escape. A Russian political prisoner condemned to death at Kieff recently es caped from prison as he was on the point of being driven to the place of ran over half a mile before he was overtaken and recaptured. He was subsequently hanged.

Life If you sit around any particular store or office a good deal, you can bet you are unpopular at that particular store. The proprietor growls about you to his friends, and would like to get up the nerve necessary to give you both barrels.—Atchison Globe.

Ruin. "I am about to commit suicide." writes a friend. "Can't see any other way out of it. You see, I was man ried about a year ago, and 20 unmar ried friends sent nice wedding pres ents. Well, they are all going to get married this month."

MODERN SOCIETY: IS IT IDEAL?

Indictment Drawn Up Against It, By the Late Henry George.

Let the duke . . . wander for a while through the streets tenanted by working people, and note the struted forms, the pinched features . . . And if he go to that good charity (but, alas, how futile is charity without justice!) where little children are kept while their mothers are at work, and children are fed who would otherwise go hungry, he may see infants whose limbs are shrunken from want of neurishment. Perhaps they may tell him, as they told me, of that little girl, barefooted, ragged, and hungry, who, when they gave her bread. raised her eyes and clasped her hands. and thanked our Father in Heaven for His bounty to her. They who told me that never dreamed I think, of its terrible meaning. But I ask the duke, . . . did that little child, thankful for that poor dole, get what our Father provided for her? Is He so niggard? If not what is it, who is it, that stands between such children and our Father's bounty? If it be an institution, is it not our duty to God and to our neighbor to rest not till we destroy it? If it be a man, were it not better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and he were cast into the depths of the sea .-Henry George.

CHINESE FIRST GREW ORANGES From That Country They Were Intro-

duced into Europe.

At a time when tiny orange trees are to be seen as table decorations and oranges innumerable are for sale it is not inappropriate to trace the introduction of the fruit into Europe According to a Paris contemporary after its introduction into Europe from China a Carthaginian conceived the idea of grafting the yellow mandarine orange upon the grenadier with the result that we have the blood orange. Jean de Castro introduced the orange from the West Indies to Portugal, and the first attempt to cultivate it was made by the Constable de Bourbon, but after his revolt Francis I continued the experiments. At the time Louis XIV visited Toulon the Chevalier Paul, in compliment to the king, placed some preserved or anges on trees in the orangery Ladies in the retinue, it is added were under the impression that these oranges grew sugared.

Growing Up Together. "The size of the pages varies with the age and size of the New York hotels," the woman remarked. " That is, so it seems to me. The Knickerbocker, which, while it is fairly tall is also fairly young, has pages about

10 years of age, who look to be 8tiny kinds in uniform and buttons whose baby faces must rake in the coin by way of tips, all right enough I came near giving one of them a quarter myself, he was so cute and little. The Hotel Astor has boys size or so larger, being an older hotel and perhaps a trifle more massive. Th Waldorf-Astoria, older and larger still has boys even larger to match, while the St. Regis has full-grown men However, in the downtown hotels which are not particularly high, but can boast of an age considerably in advance of the young Knickerbockers that have grown so fine and tall, old

men are pages."

Koumiss. The national drink of the Tartars is koumiss, the fame and manufacture of which has spread to every land Many are the stories told of its won derful powers. The Tartars declare that very little if any of other sustenance is necessary, and they can perform the most laborious tasks upor a diet of koumiss alone. They claim for it all the virtues and none of the evils of other beverages. Any Tartar can ride 132 miles in seventeen hours in all weathers on a quart of koumiss Here's a tip for the army and navy victims of Roosevelt's military tests Take along koumiss.

Put New Blood Into Your Business. The up-to-date professional adviser or business doctor, when called to examine a shrinking, declining bus iness, often finds the patient barely alive: the circulation being so sluggish that he can hardly find the pulse In a desperate case like this he says to the proprietor: "You must put new blood into this business. There is no life in it. There is no energy, no push, no enterprise here. When s patient gets as low as this one, there are only two things to do, let him die, or infuse new blood into his veins and try to resuscitate him."-Success

The New England Spirit.

Magazine.

In every crisis that has come to this country the "New England spirit" has risen to the top. It may have been dormant for a time, but when ever the necessity arose it manifested itself. In the great internecine struggle it predominated; in more recent times it has asserted itself. The pil grim blood and the pilgrim spirit have overcome all difficulties. Without them the west would be a wilderness The pioneers of the western states were actuated by the spirit that set tled New England.—Denver Republi

Not the Right One, "The tall girl over there is a que one; she is sul generis." "She ain't ne such thing; she's Suey Jones."

Circumstantial Evidence "Is it true than an employe of the street-cleaning department was seen intoxicated on the street?" "No; the rumor started from the fact that some people said they saw him fall off the waterwagon."

Not in the Natural Order. "It would be rather an odd solution of that case, wouldn't it?" "What solution of what case?" "If the Thaw case should turn out

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WATCH FOR THE MAN WITH THE ROPE

Arizona Hank will give a free exhibition of roping on the street Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Prices 25c, 35c, 50c

COUNTRY OF FOUR RELIGIONS. China Seemingly Should Be Land of Great Piety.

Of the late Chinese emperor it may be said, as it has been of his subjects, that he was born a Confucian, lived Taoist, and died a Buddhist. China indeed has four state-established religions, and in each the emperor exercises sacerdotal functions. Twice a year the emperor, as "Son of Heaven," worships before the tablet of Shang Ti or Supreme Heaven in accordance with the ancient imperial monotheism. l'wice a year he burns incense before the tablets of his ancestors in accordance with Confacianism. Twice a year he sacrifices to the gods of Taoism and twice a year to the image of Buddha. The ancient and primitive religion of China is monotheistic. but this first worship was regarded as too sublime for the people, so that it became reserved for the emperor alone as the Son of Heaven and as priest of the nation. The people on their part worshiped their ancestors and it was the ancestral religion which Confucius identified himself with and reformed. The old superstitions rejected by Confucius were absorbed by Taoism, which is polytheistic and the religion of the populace. Then Buddhism came into China about 65 A. D., and, like the other three religions, became state-supported and state-endowed.

BOTH CHEAP AND CONVENIENT. Wonderful Living Light That Is Found Only in Brazil.

A living light, called the pyrophore makes illumination cheap and convenient in Brazil. The pyrophore is a monster firefly an inch and a half long. With one it is possible to read fine print, and three will light a room.

The Brazilian peasant, when he traverses by night the perilous forest paths of his country, fastens to each shoe a pyrophore. Thus illuminated, he has no difficulty in avoiding poisonous snakes, pitfalls and wild beasts. The Brazilian coquette fastens in her hair or her corsage a pyrophore

incased in white tulle. The effect is as of a great luminous pearl or opal. When a pyrophore's light goes out, it is not necessary to fill him up with oil, to drop a coin in him or to throw him away; but a moment's ducking in cold water suffices. Thereafter his three little lanterns-one on the breast and two on the back-emit again as bright a radiance as ever.

The pyrophore, as all nature students know, is called vulgarly cuengo but scientifically the name os coleopter serricorn stermose elaterides.

Electricity as a Carrier. Does an electric current when passing through a metal conductor cause any transportation of particles? It is well known that it does so in the liquid conductors known as electrolytes; in fact, such a common operation as electroplating depends entirely upon this action. To test the matter a recent experimenter passed an electric current continuously for a whole vear through a conductor composed partly of copper and partly of aluminum, the sections being pressed firmly together. At the end of the year they were taken apart and examined but not the slightest trace of either

metal was found in the other.

Boys as Glass Breakers. "It's about time," declared the indignant citizen, "that something was done with boys who smash the glass around the street lights. Again and again I have seen them throwing rocks at it for ten or fifteen minutes until one was successful in smashing it When they play ball, it seems to be for the purpose of hitting and breaking the glass of a lamp either on the curb or at the steps of an apartment house. If a house is vacant, you will notice that the basement windows are broken half the time. It is all done by boys, who apparently take great delight in the sound of a good, hard

smash."

Captain Stood Sentry Duty. Captain Herbert Winslow, U. S. N. who is executive officer at the Charlestown navy yard, is a great stickler for the honor of the service. The other night he did sentry duty for half an hour when he found an unguarded post. Captain Winslow discovered that an entrance gate had been deserted by the marine. He immediately assumed the man's place and had some minutes' wait before he secured a messenger to telephone for a marine relief. Until the post was manned by a new marine guard Captain Winslow stuck it out in the his own household he is to be the Journal. cold and drissle.

WITH PEOPLE OF LONG LIFE. Men of 70 Not Regarded as Old-Simple Life and Longevity.

In Norfolk, England, there are in every village individuals of more than 80 years of age and not infrequently one or two over 90, and those of 70 and upward are regarded as not even old. Many farm laborers of 70 are quite hale and hearty, working from early morning up to five and six o'clock in the evening, and some are so vigorous as to earn a full man's wages.

And the women in the country, writes a correspondent, are more tenacious of life perhaps than are the men. In one village personally known to me, containing about 300 people, within the past six months have died three women of more than 90 years of age, the oldest of these being no less than 96. In another Norfolk village with inhabitants to the number of 400 there live a man of 95, a woman of 90, a woman of 89, a woman of 87, and several of both sexes over 80. In yet another village there is a blacksmith aged 96 and the widow of a country medical practitioner whose years mount up to 92.

This longevity of the Norfolk peasant, comments the Lancet, has a very interesting nathological side to it. The chief enemy of the farm laborer of the eastern counties from the standpoint of health is rheumatism. Not many reach even middle age without having been the victims of rheumatism, and a large number are crippled in their old age by this disease. But in spite of this the average of longevity seems to be very high, although as well as rheumatism he has to contend with the lack of adequate housing accommodation and want of proper sanitary arrangements. That to eat sparingly of plain wholesome food, to be much in the open air and to work sufficiently to occupy the mind and to exercise the body will enable a man to defy more or less the evils of environment would seem to be shown by the toughness of the Norfolk laborer.

AT SUMMIT OF GREAT VOLCANO. Crater of Mount Etna Well Worth Visit of Traveler.

We were taught to spell it Aetna, but the "a" has been dropped by geographers. The Arabians who discovered it gave it the name of "Gibello," signifying a mountain. The natives stuck a "monte" before it, hence "Monte Gibello," a mount-mountain. An abbreriation is "Mongibello." A pyramic rock forms the summit of the great volcano, of which the crater is over nine miles in circumference and 750 feet deep. Many strangers visit the mountain, but few ever reach its frozen top, so much do the difficulties and dangers increase after passing the first region of snow. Not many years ago an English tourist who reached the crater was rash enough to descend it by means of ropes attached to his waist. He was drawn up suffocated, after having given the signal to his guides. These were unable to restore him to life.

MUST PLEDGE GOOD BEHAVIOR Terms on Which Strangers May Enter

British House of Commons. One of the most important alterations which members of the British house of commons will notice when they reassemble will be a strangers' bureau. Its construction, which is now in progress, is the sequel to the scenes created by the suffragettes in the house during last session. In the last month of the autumn session as the result of their conduct no stranger was seen within the house of com-

A committee was appointed to draw up new rules for admission of strangers. The members recommended the passing of an act making it a criminal offense for strangers to brawl within the chamber, and they also recommended that strangers should be made responsible for their own good behavior and should sign a paper accepting that responsibility. That being done the committee saw no recson why women, as well as men, should not be admitted to the strangers' gallery.

It is in preparation for the change that the new bureau is being made. As heretofore, tickets for the gallery will be balloted for by members in ad-

LEAD THE IDEAL SIMPLE LIFE Finns Devote Summer Months to En-

joyment and Pursuit of Health.

In Finland everybody lives the simple life in summer time. They camp out on islands, in the forests and always somewhere near the water, for everybody swims and bathes. Almost all classes sleep and eat al fresco at this time of year, and the town councils of the towns in this progressive and altogether delightful little country provide public fireplaces and public bathing sheds in all places where the working classes go in search of fresh

But the simple life is by no means dull with the frisky Finns. They combine it with a surprising amount of gayety. They eat, drink and are merry in their picturesque little log cabins outside the cities.

When they are tired of bathing and splashing they dance, they sing, they tics, they all become like children and are the happiest merriest, most good natured, most easily pleased and most healthy holiday makers in the world. We might take many leaves from the Finns' book.-Ladies' Pictorial.

Fools.

What do you suppose fools were made for? That you might tread upon them, and starve them, and get the better of them in every possible way? By no means. They were made that wise people might take care of them. That is the true and plain fact concerning the relations of every strong and wise man to the world about him. He has his strength given him, not that he may crush the weak, but that he may support and guide them. In guide and support of his children; out

or am nousehold he is still to be the father, that is, the guide and support of the weak and the poor; not morely of the meritoriously weak and the inpunishably poor; of the men who ought to have known better; of the poor who ought to be ashamed of themselves.—John Ruskin.

Homage to Brawn. The triumphs of the echoiar the pul-lie regards as individual; the provess of the athlete is popularly held to es-tablish the name and fame of his collegs. Of course, this is unread for the reputation of a university as pend upon the liberal education she gives to those within her gates. But

A Monster Loaf.

the undergraduate is concerned.

it is quite true that, despite the excel-

lent reasons why it should not do so.

the public continues to pay homage to

Bakers in Germany are fond of making odd experiments, the following being reported from Duisburg, in Westphalia. At a children's party recently held in that town there was exhibited, and afterwards cut up and distributed among the youngsters present, a bread twist which for size at least has surely rarely been equaled. Weighing no less than 180 pounds, it had a breadth of six feet and a length of ten feet, and was thus found sufficient to supply a many as 500 boys and girls.

When Tower Loomed It was while Charlemange Tower was ambassador to Russia that a New York city newspaper "spread itself" upon a fete held at St. Petersburg. A green copy-reader produced this re-

"As pleasing to the eye as was all this decoration there was additional pleasure in the sight, as one stood at the head of the Prospekt Nevska, of Charlemagne Tower, bruliantly illuminated, looming grand and imposing against the winter sky."-Success Magazine.

Separating Listeners.

"One thing must be stated clearly in the contract," said the woman who was having a party telephone line put in her apartment, "the other party must be some one who does not live in this house. I am willing to share the line with a stranger, but not with neighbors who know me well enough to take an interest in my affairs."

"You may be perfectly easy in your mind on that point, madam," said the agent. "We never put two subscribers in the same house on the same line. The company learned long ago that such a plan does not work well. You are not the only person who objects. In fact, everybody objects, and the company never makes such an arrangement of lines. We expect to put you on a wire with a subscriber in the next block."

Observing the Amenities. It is beautiful to see the graces and

amenities preserved in spite of difficulties. The prisoners in the county jail in Milwaukee have "presented resolutions to Ben Johnson, the retiring jail er." thanking him for his treatment of them "during his regime." The maker of the "address of presentation" is un der indictment for murder, "a boy who beat a grocery collector to death in a wagon during a storm," but a tender heart and sympathetic disposition "We wish to thank you for the little acts that made us forget for an instant that we were in jail," the regretful guests say to the parting host Little courtesies like these light up the dungeon cell and foretell, perhaps the roseate day when even the peni tentiary shall be co-operative.

Ready Repairer for Automobiles. There are various roadside expedients possible when a nut has been lost and no duplicate at hand. Usually as good a plan as any is to wind the threads of the bolt tightly with soft iron wire, such as stovepipe wire, of which a coil should always be carried

in the tool locker. The winding should start at the end of the bolt and follow the threads up to the part it is desired to retain. The wire is then wound back in a second layer over the first and the ends twisted together. If there is a hole is the bolt for a cotter pin one should be inserted and the ends of the wire twisted around it, so that the improvised nut cannot screw itself of from the bolt.-Scientific American.

A Colorado Woman. That women should display enterprise in Colorado is not to be won dered at, since they have been for man years fully qualified voters there. A good specimen of the ad vanced woman in the Centennial state is Mrs. Nellie Upham, who is the vice president of a mining company, and who personally supervises the running of fifty gold and silver mines, bossing three hundred workmen. Mrs Upham had studied mining and min erals for a long time, and some five years ago she drifted into her pres ent business. It is stated that she manages affairs with great ability.-

King Leopold's Art Treasures. King Leopold of Belgium, it is said intends to bequeath all his art treas ures to the nation, to be divided for this reason, rumor has it, that a French art expert has for some time past been busy making a catalogue of the collections and valuing them.

Leslie's Weekly.

To the Grave and Beyond. Kim Yunwka, a Chinaman, was recently made the subject of a strange jail sentence. After being condemned for life by a Chinese court he escaped and when captured he was tried by another court and a further term of punishment was given him.

One Worthy Remembrance. The brightest spot in a long and intimate experience with the telephone is that once some one called up the wrong number and got us by mistake and didn't blame us for it.-Ohio State ENTIRE BARTH NOW EXPLORED

Travels Have Made It Easier for the Spread of the Word.

The world is now explored. The last man is located. With the opening of Tibet, there is no longer a hermit nation. The church knows her task, and is confronted by an open world.

A world-wide commerce is developing world-wide facilities for missionary undertakings. Livingstone was six months reaching the Zamberi from Cape Town. You can now make the journey by rail in four days. Railroads and steamboats are opening up the an institution of learning should de Dark Continent from four sides. China is operating 3,700 miles of railways. and has 1,600 miles under construction. The missionaries, long the advance agents of commerce, are now reinforced by commerce at many brawn rather than brain, in so far as points. An English and German company, engaged in developing the phosphate beds of the Pacific Islands, is co-operating heartily with the American board, affording the missionaries such facilities for transportation as to enable us to do away with the missionary vessel.—The Morning Star.

NAVAJOS A POLYGAMOUS TRIBE.

Plural Marriages There Are Not Interfered with by Uncle Sam.

It is commonly supposed that Uncle Sam strictly forbids polygamy within satisfactory afternoon collation to as his dominions. This is a mistake. Polygamy has been practised from time immemorial by the Navajos, and they have no intention of giving up the practice. Nothing has ever been done by the government or by the Indian agents to discourage it. Not many of the braves have more than two wives, although some have been

known to maintain a harem of 12. Two wives are almost as common as one. Being only human, sometimes they "scrap." Then the husband separates them, building for each a separate hogan, located whenever possible on opposite sides of a butte or small mesa. Each is strictly forbidden to leave her side of the separating landmark. It is feared, however, that this prohibition is not always obeyed and there are doubtless many bairpulling scraps that no one but the jackrabbits and papooses witness.

Poetic Justice.

A certain couple in a New England village, each the parent of six children, recently had meted out to them a kind of poetic justice in which they

failed to see the poetry. The woman a widow n she had no home, and was therefore unable to care for her children, induced the local authorities to admit them to an orphan asylum. The man, a widower, pleading he had no housekeeper, and therefore no one to care for his children, induced the authori ties to admit his six also. Thereupon being freed from all incumbrances,

these two married. All went well for a few months, when the authorities, learning of the situation, promptly dispatched the 12 children back to their parents, and the woman, no longer able to represent herself as homeless or the man as without a housekeeper, they were forced to receive them.

Great Man Condemns Suicide.

"Napoleon's Writings and Sayings" is the title of a little book which has just been published in Paris. On the subject of suicide, Napoleon wrote at St. Helena, "Has a man the right to take his own life? Certainly, as soon as his death would be an injury to no one and his life a burden. When is life a burden? When it offers only tribulations, but as these may vanish at any moment there seems to be no moment in one's life when he has the right of self-destruction. There are not many men who have not felt at some time the impulse to end all through death, but a few days later there comes a change and the cause for self-inflicted death is gone, and the man who succumbs to the impulse on Monday, could he undo his work, would be sorry for it when the week-

Are Women Less Honest Than Men? "Are women less honest than men?" This palpitating question has become one of the great subjects of discussion in Paris, thanks to a symposium in La

end came."

There is not one dares openly, affirm that woman is dishonest. Anatole France, the master of contemporary French literature, questions whether man is so virtuous that he should desire to weigh himself in the balance against woman. And he speaks of masculine arrogance and ferocity and brutality. And so woman-according to the judgment of Paris—is not more dishonest than man. Whence sprang that legend that she was?

· Improving. "How is your son James getting on at college, Mr. Boggs?" asked the par-

"Fine." said Boggs. "He's getting more businesslike every day." "I am glad to hear that," said the clergyman. "How does the lad show

"Well," said Boggs, "when he first went up and wanted money, he used to write asking for it. Now he draws on me at sight."-Lippincott's.

Horse Sense. Customer-Why, I thought you Ostler-Sure, yer honor, and that's the name he's had for the last 20

vears, and he sticks to it like a re-

spectable baste, the same as yourself!

-Punch. Tree Tenacious of Life. The "life tree" grows in Jamaica. It gets its name from the fact that if the leaves are broken from the plant, they will nevertheless continue to

except fire. All Right

grow. Nothing will destroy their life

"That girl's all right," said the blonde girl in the dressing room, after she had looked everywhere for her overshoes. "The one who has just left; she's gone off with both the night overshoes and left me the left ones."