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CURRENT COMMENT.

IN Paris, an electric lamp fed with a portable accumulator has been selected and rendered obligatory for use in seeking leaks in gas pipes. It is probable that many disastrous explosions will thus be avoided.

THE only organized church among the Zulus of South Africa has adopted as one of its rules: "No member of this church shall be permitted to drink the white man's grog, or native beer, or touch it with his lips."

A FRENCHMAN, crazy with wine, crawled under a building in Santa Cruz, Cal. He remained there two full days. When he came out, all covered with dirt, he gave twenty dollars to a young lady, requesting that her brother shoot him.

IN the public schools of Greece the four Gospels of the New Testament are used as a reader by the children of the most advanced classes of the primary department, and the new Minister of Education proposes to extend their use into the higher schools.

THE number of sheep in the United States is 51,000,000. That is about a sheep apiece for us, but we were obliged to import during the pasf year over 78,000,000 pounds of wool in order to supply the demand for home use and what little of manufactured stuffs we are able to sell to outsiders.

BEAUTIFUL fans are made entirely of the plumage of tropical birds in their natural colors. A web of feather cloth is formed by gluing the plumage, each tiny feather separately, upon silk fabric. This gives the texture the precise appearance of a living bird. The tops are tipped with ostrich feathers.

A MAN who has traveled much says that life in the Northwest in winter may be made as comfortable as in any of the cities of the East. He finds that the places where one suffered most in the winter are in latitudes like that of South Carolina, where no reasonable preparations are made for winter.

MRS. MCELROY, President Arthur's sister, who presided over the latter's household in such a charming and winning manner last winter, will again be mistress of the White House this year, reaching Washington from her home in Albany in time for the reception of Presidential callers on New Year's Day.

THERE is in New Grenada a curious vegetable product known under the name of the ink-plant. Its juice can be used in writing without any previous preparation. The letters traced with it are of a reddish color first, but turn a deep black in a few hours. This juice also spoils steel pens less than common ink.

FIFTY thousand woodchucks have been killed in New Hampshire during the present year, on which the State pays a bounty of ten cents each, making a total for woodchuck killing of $5,000. Reckoning each woodchuck to weigh five pounds, the total weight of the fifty thousand will aggregate one hundred and twelve tons.

CREMATORIUMS are not the innovations many people seem to suppose. Cremation societies have been in existence in London for twenty years. The corpse of Lady Dilke was burned in a crematory in Dresden, Germany, on October 10, 1874, and her husband, Sir Charles Dilke, is President of one of the English cremation societies.

HOUSE rents in Arabia are nearly as low as in a deserted Pennsylvania oil town. A French traveler mentions his taking a comfortable dwelling at Bereydah, consisting of two large rooms on the ground floor and three smaller ones, besides a spacious courtyard surrounded by high walls, for all of which he paid thirty-six cents per month.

C. P. HUNTINGTON is the only railway manager in the world who controls a railway reaching across a continent. His road extends from Hampshire Roads to Memphis, and from New Orleans to San Francisco, making practically a complete transcontinental line. He also owns a steamship line from New York to Norfolk and New Orleans.

THE largest organ in the world has just been completed by Walk, of Ludwigsburg, and placed in the cathedral church at Riga. This instrument measures thirty-six feet in width, thirty-two feet from back to front, and is sixty-five feet high. It contains six thousand eight hundred and twenty-six pipes, distributed among one hundred and twenty-four sounding pipes.

"GROG BOATS" are sent among the British fishermen off the coasts of York and Cleveland by enterprising Hollanders. These boats are fitted out like English barrooms, with all the modern improvements, including barmaids, so that the sailors and fishermen can go on long sprees without the trouble of going ashore. These grog boats are a nuisance. They are demoralizing the toilers of the sea.

A ROMAN CATHOLIC Priest, formerly stationed at Havre, France, by name M. l'Abbe Le Mesle, was married the other day in London to a Miss Loisel, daughter of a wealthy banker at Paris. The wedding ceremony was performed by special license by the Rev. P. Ahier, incumbent of the French Angelican [illegible] the intention of the [illegible] with Pere Hyacinthe [illegible] Catholic reform in [illegible]

THE WORLD AT LARGE.

A Summary of the Daily News.

CONGRESSIONAL.

THE Senate met on December 1 at noon and was promptly called to order. A committee was appointed to wait on the President and inform him that the Senate was ready to receive his message. The credentials of Senator Sheffield to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Anthony, of Rhode Island, were presented. Several bills and resolutions were presented when the message was received, after which Senator Aldrich announced the death of Senator Anthony, and the Senate adjourned... The House was promptly called to order at noon, and a committee appointed to notify the Senate and the President that the body was ready for business. The message was received, after the reading of which the House adjourned.

IN the Senate on the 2d Mr. Sheffield, the new Senator from Rhode Island was sworn in. A resolution offered by Mr. Vest, directing an investigation into the leases in the Indian Territory for grazing or other purposes, called out an animated debate. The matter finally went over one day... In the House Mr. Follet, as a question of privilege, introduced a preamble and resolutions directing an inquiry into the conduct of United States Marshal Wright, of the Southern District of Ohio, for employing and arming deputy Marshals in Cincinnati at the October elections, many of whom were "notorious criminals and men known to have vicious and brutal habits," etc. A lively debate followed and the resolution was adopted without division. The Inter-State Commerce bill was then taken up and Mr. Reagan offered his substitute known as the Reagan bill, and addressed the House until adjournment.

IN the Senate on the 3d Mr. McPherson introduced a bill to suspend the coinage of silver dollars. Mr. Vest's resolution calling for an investigation into the leased land in the Indian Territory was taken up, discussed and agreed to. Bills were introduced, and the Senate adjourned... In the House the Senate amendments to the House bill forfeiting unearned land grants of the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad were non-concurred in. The bill making a temporary appropriation for the naval service was passed. The Inter-State Commerce bill was then discussed until adjournment.

IN the Senate on the 4th Mr Hill introduced a resolution declaring it inexpedient to discontinue the coinage of silver dollars and gave notice that he would call it up at an early day. The Senate soon went into executive session and then adjourned... In the House Mr. Morrison introduced a bill to apply any surplus in the Treasury, above a certain amount, to the redemption of outstanding bonds. Other bills were introduced, when the House took up the Inter-State Commerce bill, and the Reagan substitute was supported by a number of members. Adjourned until Monday.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

THE official vote of Texas came tardily but heavy. The vote was, Cleveland, 223,-298; Blaine, 88,553; St. John, 3,511; Butler, 3,321; Belva Lockwood, 2. Cleveland over Blaine, 134,855.

GOV. CLEVELAND said he intended to resign the Gubernatorial office January 6, 1885. As yet no member of his future Cabinet has been determined upon.

FRANCES D. MOULTON, of Beecher-Tilton notoriety, died at his home in New York December 5th, of paralysis of the heart. He had not been well for some time.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A LARGE number of nominations were made to various offices to be confirmed by the Senate on December 3d.

THE annual report of the Chief of the Revenue Marine Service showed that the relief work performed excelled that of any other year. They assisted 246 merchant vessels shipwrecked or distressed, valued with cargoes at $7,000,000, and saved many whose lives were imperiled.

A SERIOUS plague lately took hold of the swine near Wheeling, W. Va., and made serious inroads among the herds. The losses amounted to thousands of dollars in a few days, and should the present remedies fail the losses will be incalculable. The attention of the County Court was directed to the matter by the County Health Board, which urged the importance of immediate action. The disease was a contagious enteric fever analogous to typhoid fever in man, and is known as hog cholera. Quarantine will prevail against it if strictly maintained, and the Board of Health was instructed to inaugurate perfect isolation, while the Court enacted a severe hog law. The disease made its appearance on the farm of J. W. Nicholls, in the district, and rapidly spread in every direction.

THE House Committee on Rivers and Harbors will endeavor to have a bill providing appropriations for the improvement of rivers and harbors, ready to report to the House, January 15. The committee has decided to make, as far as practicable, an appropriation of twenty-five per cent. of the estimates made by the corps of army engineers, and to limit, if possible, the aggregate to $80,000,000.

ORRIN A. CARPENTER, once charged with the murder of Zora Burns at Lincoln, Ill., a year ago, but subsequently tried and acquitted, was shot at recently in Lincoln by William H. Burns, the father of the murdered girl. The bullet missed its mark.

MRS. JOHN HAGERTY, aged sixty years, was run over and instantly killed a few days ago in the Wabash yards at Jacksonville, Ill. Thomas Brunk, the yardmaster, at the risk of his life pushed from the track a daughter of the deceased woman and saved her life.

A SUIT brought by the Public-Debt Syndicate against the Egyptian Government to prevent the latter from diverting certain taxes from the sinking fund to the general Treasury was lately decided against the Government.

AN explosion of fire damp occurred in the Monongahela and Peter's Creek Coal Company's mine, near Coal Bluff, Pa., a few mornings ago, and fatally injured two miners named James Sharpless and Michael Boyle. The day force, which numbered about a dozen men had just gone to work, and Sharpless and Boyle were pushing, when the gas ignited from their naked lamps, and an explosion followed, which terribly burned and rendered insensible both men. Fortunately the other miners were in a different part of the mine at the time. Sharpless and Boyle were rescued soon after and everything possible done to alleviate their sufferings.

THE general managers of the Missouri River lines at a meeting at Chicago decided to order the restoration of passenger rates to Missouri River points. The new rates are $10.50 to the river points and the arrangement is that these rates are to run two years. General satisfaction was expressed at the termination of the war.

SECRETARY MCCULLOCH'S recent pronouncement in favor of tariff reform, particularly his recommendation for a reduction, or the abolition of the duty upon foreign raw material, was lately the theme of wide discussion in public circles at Washington. Republicans denounced the views as rank treason to their party, while Democratic revenue reformers were jubilant that Mr. McCulloch practically endorsed the principles underlying the Morrison bill, and vindicated the action of those who supported it.

A HORRIBLE murder was committed a few nights ago at Van Buren, Ark. Joseph S. Houck, a township Constable, was endeavoring to arrest a desperado named John Williams, and was searching for him at the house of another negro when Williams stepped up behind him with a double barrelled shot gun and blew the whole top of his head off. Houck died instantly, the head being nearly severed from the body. After doing the shooting Williams mounted Houck's horse and escaped to the woods. He was subsequently captured by an armed posse.

A TRAGEDY occurred at [illegible] Tex., recently, which resulted in the death of L. V. Simpson and Mr. Calhoun Lawrence, both well-known citizens. The difficulty grew out of the settlement of a small debt. Simpson fired first, and fatally wounded Lawrence in the abdomen. Lawrence fired three shots, each taking effect, the last one penetrating Simpson's heart. Lawrence expired some hours after the shooting.

FOURTEEN boys lately escaped from the House of Refuge at Louisville, Ky., by means of a rope made of sheets and blankets.

A FEARFUL explosion of dynamite and gunpowder occurred recently at the house of Stephen Young, in Stafford, N. Y. Eight persons were injured, four fatally. Mr. Young was having a well dug. His nephew, George R. Young, of Lowell, was showing how dynamite charges should be used when one exploded. Concussion also exploded the remainder of the cartridges and two kegs of powder. The injured were Stephen Young, George Young, a man named Barry and one named Foss, a daughter of Young, Miss Sadie Greenfield, of Rochester, and two whose names were not ascertained. Young's daughter and Barry died. Some others were seriously injured. The house and contents were burned to the ground.

A SUIT for criminal negligence was lately entered against the James Coal Mining Company, at Uniontown, Pa., in whose works fourteen persons were killed by a recent explosion.

ROBINSON KEMP and Edmond Jefferson, two prominent characters of Fort Smith, Ark., were placed on trial in the United States Court a few days ago, charged with murdering a man several years ago. The case was an interesting one, and more than twenty witnesses were in attendance, and there was much excitement.

THE Toledo, O., Produce Exchange lately sent an address to the railway managers of the country urging that freight charges are too high, and that in view of the decreased values of Western products there should be a revision and readjustment of rates. There seemed to be great interest over the matter at Toledo.

A FEW mornings ago a fire in the stables of the Hills' Spring Passenger Railway Company at Baltimore, Md., completely destroyed the large building, together with many of the company's cars and fifty horses. The flames started in the hay loft and spread so rapidly that only fifteen of the horses could be taken out and only one car was removed. There were sixty-eight horses in the stable when the fire was discovered; seventeen were rescued, although badly scorched. The fire started over the front entrance, and after the halters were cut the horses refused to be led from the burning building. Ten cars were burned. Loss, $2000; insurance, $10,000.

PERSONS passing along the Des Moines River, near Des Moines, Ia., recently, found the foot and leg of a child protruding from the bank at the mouth of a ravine, where it had been buried by some unknown person. The bank had been washed away, exposing the limb.

A YOUTH on the farm of James Watkins, near Liberty, Va., was recently standing under a tree, talking to some negroes. The sky was slightly overcast. A vivid flash of lightning, followed instantly by a clap of thunder, startled the party. The youth fell dead. His clothing was torn to shreds, but the skin on his body was broken in only one small place.

JOHN BINDER, a very desperate Montana cowboy, who fatally shot Hans Roche some time ago and made his escape, was recently captured at Lagrange, Ore., by officers. Soon after the capture Binder made his escape again after a desperate struggle and fled to Baker City, intending to take a train for the East there. The Deputy Sheriff and a posse of men surrounded the desperado and compelled him to surrender. Binder was brought to Portland and heavily shackled. Although only twenty-three years old he is very desperate, and has been concerned in several murders.

ROS PETERSON, said to be the leader of a gang of burglars at Decatur, Ill., was arrested and jailed a few days ago. He was charged with being one of the gang who went through a leading dry goods store not long ago, when several hundred dollars' worth of goods were hauled away on a hand car. The goods were subsequently found in the timber, where they were hidden.

A MOVEMENT was recently on foot in New York to restrain the eminent tragedian, John McCullough, in an insane asylum. His wife was thought to be the mover in the cause. Mr. McCullough's mind has not gained its accustomed vigor and he will probably become a raving maniac.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

THE last session of the great Plenary Council at Baltimore came to a close with great pomp and ceremony a few days ago.

THE long expected completion of the great Washington monument obelisk took place at Washington, D. C., on the afternoon of December 6th. The ceremonies were very short and simple from the fact that February 22d has been reserved for the full celebration.

AN Imperial decree requiring the poisoning of the French invaders was recently posted in Tonquin.

THE Cuban agitator, Bonachea, with a band, arms and munitions was captured at Kingston, Jamaica, a few days ago.

GREAT excitement exists in Duluth, Minn., and other places in regard to gold and silver on the north shore of Lake Superior, between Duluth and Pigeon River. Excitement is at fever heat and intensifying. In the past few months explorers have been traveling all over the region exploring for precious metals and over 32,000 acres of Government land have been bought. The greatest interest is in the extreme northern portion of Lake County, adjoining the Canadian border. The largest and most promising deposits have been found there. The way the gold was discovered, it was said, was that G. Stevens, of Michigan, and George Ash, of Duluth, went to township 64, range 7, section 34, and found considerable pyrites of gold and copper. This led them to suspect the presence of gold and silver, and after further search they came to rock which they felt certain contained gold. Samples were brought back and sent to an assayer of East Tawas, Mich. The first specimen assayed $735 to the ton, and the second the extraordinary figures of $2,940. No day passes without new entries of land in that region. The country is rough, rocky and broken up by innumerable small lakes, and extends through several townships. The new discoveries are on a line with Rabbit Mountain, from which large quantities of silver ore have been taken. Sufficient is known to show that gold exists and in probably paying quantities. The samples taken to Ann Arbor, Mich., assayed from $1,468 to $150,642 a ton, and others sent to St. Paul assayed from $40 to $600 a ton. A Couer d'Alene excitement is predicted by many.

CAPTAIN BARTLEET, Chief of the Hydrographic Office, Navy Department, has just completed a large chart of the Arctic regions, intended for exhibition at the New Orleans Exposition. It was made under the supervision of Lieutenant Greely, and shows at a glance all the explorations made by the Greely expedition. The chart shows the most recent discoveries, including those of the Polaris expedition and Lady Franklin Bay expedition under Lieutenant Greely.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

A DESTRUCTIVE fire visited Schuyler the other night. It began in Hughes' livery stable and twenty-four horses were burned. Thence it spread to the business street and burned a quarter or the block except the First National Bank, which, being built of brick, was saved. The loss was about $25,000, and insurance only $10,000.

THE Union Pacific lately issued a circular giving notice of a reduction of five cents per one hundred pounds from the present rates upon all kinds of grain from all stations on the Union Pacific system in Nebraska to St. Louis, Chicago and Toledo.

THE Sheriff of Cuming County recently arrested two brothers named George and August Studenborg at Omaha. These men were indicted at the last term of the Cuming County District Court for obtaining money under false pretenses.

BY the decree of the United States Court in the Burlington & Missouri land tax cases, the treasury of Antelope County will be strengthened with $43,155.18.

TYLER CUMMINGS lately left Omaha under circumstances that caused many creditors to mourn.

AT Osceola on Thanksgiving night a tough character named Smith, who had been committed to jail for threatening his wife, was released on bail. He immediately got drunk. Soon after dark he went to his house with a rifle and opening the door and seeing his wife by the stove, shot her in the left breast, inflicting a mortal wound. The brute immediately ran down to the river and hid in the weeds, intending, as he said, when he heard that his wife was dead to kill himself. He was found soon after and taken toward the jail by the Sheriff. On the way a mob attempted to take him from the officer but he was lodged in jail. The crowd gathered around the jail and began making attempts to break down the door, when Smith, knowing what was meant by the noise, cut his throat with a knife which he had taken to his cell. His wound, however, was not fatal.

A FRAIL woman, Nettie Howard, was lately fatally burned at Omaha, and it was reported at the time by the accidental upsetting of a lamp. Before the girl died she regained consciousness and accused a man named Thompson and a woman called "Dutch Liz" of saturating her clothing with oil and setting her on fire. The motive for the deed was revenge.

AT North Platte the other night, D. W. Lozier, the night clerk at the Railroad Hotel, was found in the dining room tied and gagged, and the house had been robbed of about $200. One Hart was arrested and identified by Lozier as the man who robbed him. At the hearing Hart proved an alibi and was discharged, and a warrant issued for Lozier's arrest. Just before it was served Lozier went to his room in the hotel, drew a revolver and fired a ball into his left breast. He died in two hours.

THE Grand Island papers pay their respects to a quack doctor who skipped as soon as he heard of the gathering storm. His shingle conveyed the intelligence that he was ready to cure all the ills that flesh is heir to. He inveigled a cancer victim, and induced him to give a note and mortgage for $150 on the promise of a complete cure. He sold the note and departed on the proceeds.

IN excavating for a cellar at Omaha, the other day, Fred Wiesman found at the bottom of an old cistern a box containing twenty-nine gold pieces. His joy, however, was of short duration, for close by was found the moulds and utensils necessary for the coining of counterfeit coins. The money and tools bore evidence of having been there considerable length of time, and it is thought may have lain there for months and possibly a year, or even more.

A NEW town named Pender, about half way between Bancroft and Emerson, is being laid out.

IT is now proposed to build a toll bridge across the South Loup on the Plum Creek road.

THE District Clerk at Wahoo is obliged to work night and day to keep up with his work.

IT is estimated that Sarpy County farmers have lost $64,000 worth of hogs during the past four months by cholera.

M. HALEY, of Benton's Bend, has threshed out 411 bushels of oats from seven and a half acres' yield, an average of fifty-five bushels per acre.

A NEW brass band has been organized at Arapahoe. It is called the "Cyclone Band," and the chances are that that section of country will be blown up—in a band.

THE West Point *Republican* complains of a scarcity of married men in that town, while bachelors are abundant.

THE fourth son, weighing nine pounds, recently came to the home of H. H. Clason and family of Precept.

AT Valparaiso, the other night, Mr. Patterson, of Raymond, was on a freight train with two carloads of hogs. The train backed down to the depot so that the caboose in which he was riding stood on the bridge. It was quite dark, and as Mr. Patterson attempted to step from the train he fell to the ground, some eight or ten feet below, and was picked up in an unconscious condition.

THE sanity of the woman Nettie Howard, at Omaha, is gradually coming to be considered in the light of an attempted assassination. She is the woman who gave away Sandy Forbes, the McClellan boys and others as a gang of burglars, and it is charged that their gang tried to get her out of the way by taking her life. A neighbor named Nellie Fuller gave a startling story of the crime, upon being assured of protection from violence. Several arrests have been made.

AFTER an investigation lasting over two weeks the Grand Jury at Omaha brought indictments against N. K. Griggs, Colonel Ashby, H. W. Parker, F. M. Barnes and L. E. Wheeler. They are charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States Government in the sale of the lands belonging to the Otoe tribe of Indians. The defendants promptly appeared and gave bond for their appearance.

W. S. Timmons, formerly Sheriff of Lincoln County, Neb., was lately arrested at Omaha for forgery. Soon after being arrested he attempted to kill himself with a knife. Although badly hurt his wounds were not fatal. Timmons stated that he married a wealthy lady in Illinois, and lived happily with her for twenty years, but gambling and [illegible] caused his downfall, when his wife [illegible] divorced, and he became an outcast.

BURGLARS are numerous at Blair.

A MAN named [illegible] and his wife have been jailed at [illegible] for corrupting young children. The Republican says: "Our jail never held [illegible] so well mated in cool, nefarious [illegible], if half the evidence is true."

A SCAFFOLD in the Swedish Lutheran Church at Holdrege fell recently, seriously injuring three [illegible], it was feared, fatally. The names of the men were G. Wm. Stover, Ben [illegible] and M. C. Barr. Stover was in a critical condition.

OMAHA will be represented at New Orleans by photographs of the high school building and other prominent place and structure in the city.

ONLY twenty-three applicants presented for the civil service examination at Omaha, instead of the one hundred expected.

CENTRAL CITY is making a strong pull to secure the proposed Methodist College, which the North Nebraska Conference propose to establish. Bids have been received from several rival towns. The minimum bonus is $20,000.

A SWEDE girl employed in a hotel at Louisville, came near being burned to death recently. The accident was the result of overturning a coal oil [illegible].

A TREE peddler named Hollister, recently deserted his wife at Columbus and left for parts unknown. The wife had furnished him not only with his wedding clothes but with $2,700 to start into business.

THE disease among [illegible] continues to [illegible] in the vicinity of [illegible].

PITH AND POINT.

—The revised Chicago grammar teaches: Positive, corn; comparative, corner; superlative, busted.—*Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette.*

—George: Yes, a "complete letter writer" is a handy volume to have, but make sure that your girl hasn't the same book.—*Philadelphia Call.*

—A mind-reader gave a dance to a batch of dudes the other day, and threw up the engagement in disgust because he hadn't sufficient material to work on.—*Chicago Tribune.*

"I never argy agin a success," said Artemus Ward: "when I see a rattlesnake's hed sticking out of a hole I bear off to the left and say I to myself that hole belongs to that rattlesnake."

—"The New York market is extensively supplied with foreign eggs." We thought our fathers cast off the foreign yolk for good more than a hundred years ago.—*Boston Transcript.*

—A solemn old scientist printed the fact that by bathing the feet in tepid water a man could double his circulation, and now all the editors are having tanks fitted to their office stoves.

—A thrilling adventure is thus described by a boy poet:

"A chubby little sister
Was scrubbing at a tub;
A chubby little brother
Came up to help her rub;
The chubby little brother
He fell in, with a cry.
The chubby little sister
She hung him up to dry."

—A gentleman whom it would be flattery to call homely remarks to a child at a house where he is visiting: "Well, my fine boy, what do you think about me, eh?" The child gags himself with his fingers and remains silent. "Come, now," says the visitor, kindly, "why won't you tell me what you think of me?" "'Cause I don't want to be whipped."

—Admiral Duncan's address to the officers of his fleet, when they came on board his ship for his final instructions previous to the memorable engagement with Admiral de Winter, was couched in the following laconic and humorous manner: "Gentlemen of my fleet, you see a very severe Winter fast approaching, and I have only to advise you to keep a good fire."

—"Hello, Smith, what's up?" cried Brown to his friend, who, fresh from a wrestle with a stove pipe which had resisted all efforts to put it in place, stood at the window with soot on his hands and wrath on his brow. "Nothing's up," snarled Smith, "it's all down and wants putting up." "I see," said Brown, "these are not piping times of peace, they are times of piecing pipe."—*Current.*

—"Look heah, Ransom," said an old negro to a young fellow, "I doan' min' yer 'sociating wid my daughter, but I druther yer wouldn' come roun' my house no mo'. Time 'fore de las' what yer was heah, I missed er water bucket, an' de las' time de bridle was gone, an' now, ez I has a use for de saddle, I druther yer wouldn't come heah. I doan' say dat yer ain't honest, fur de Lawd knows I b'lebes yer is, but such cuis things happens while yer is in de neighborhood, so jes' ter please yer ole man, what ain't enjoyin' very good health, please doan' come roun' dis house no mo'."—*Arkansaw Traveler.*

ALL FOR LOVE.

How An Indian Won His Bride by Swimming Across the Missouri With His Left Hand Tied Behind Him.

An Indian named Tsi-ung-che-ung, one of the nomadics who have been roaming about the city and vicinity for some time, performed a truly wonderful feat yesterday in the presence of a few admirers of his tribe who gathered to witness his exhibition of daring and strength. The hero of the tale is a strong, square-built, good-looking Indian, and his feat was to swim the Missouri with his left hand tied behind him, his reward for this being the hand and heart in marriage of a bewitching (?) daughter of one of his fellow-scalpers. The wonder of the feat was not only in swimming the treacherous stream with one arm fastened behind him him, but in going in water almost as cold as ice, with his buckskin trousers on to catch the sand and threaten to pull him to the bottom. At ten o'clock yesterday morning the daring fellow was in readiness, and his admirers, together with the girl of his choice, were on the bank, just above the bridge, to see him start. It was a thrilling and pathetic scene. The young gallant gazed up and down the treacherous stream, while the girl ki-yied and sang in a weird, mournful manner—a seemingly plaintive love chant. It was a novel and certainly interesting scene. Everything was in readiness. The young Indian, with a graceful wave of the right hand, and amid the encouraging shouts of the other reds, shook the hand of the fair prize for which he was risking his life, chopped off a little aboriginal music, in a sort of a good-by hello-if-I-don't-see-you-again air and plunged into the river. A yell then went up from the crowd of spectators which caused the capillary attachment of the reportorial cranium to start headward at the rate of a mile a minute. The swimmer boldly dove from the bank, and was lost to view for a number of seconds, when he came to the surface several yards above the point from which he started, having made a long diagonal dive up and across the stream. He struck out boldly, paddling himself along with one hand. When he reached the middle of the stream he raised his arm and went straight down, disappearing beneath the muddy surface. As the waters closed over him the man who had been watching every movement with interest manifested great nervous excitement, and just as she was about to jump into the frail canoe which was half launched, her lover appeared with a careless toss of the head, and his raven locks floated upon the surging waters. As he neared the opposite shore the admiring braves, led by the girl, began waving their hands and singing a song of joy, and when he reached the bank and stood facing his admirers, loud were the exclamations of gladness sent up from the point where he started. It was indeed a wonderful feat—swimming the stream with one arm completely disabled and wearing heavy buckskin pantaloons and shirt, with no boat or body guard to accompany him. But he accomplished it with apparent ease, and for his reward received what to him was more than all else combined. The reporter was told the wedding would take place at the camping grounds of the Indians, twenty miles north, next Tuesday. Among those who witnessed the feat were several strange Indians, who had been invited from afar to participate in the festivities of the wedding.—*Dispatch (N. T.) Tribune.*

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

—Hungarians are said to be greater readers of newspapers than Americans.

—Of the Anglican Bishops six are widowers, five are married for the second time and one is living with his third wife.

—W. H. H. Murray, who now runs a restaurant in Montreal, says that he is coming out all right, and that the world will hear of him again.—*Chicago Inter Ocean.*

—Miss M. E. Braddon, the most prolific of English story-writers, in private life is Mrs. Maxwell, and owns up to have reached the mature age of fifty.—*N. Y. Sun.*

—A clean and perfect copy of John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," 1679, has been added to the British Museum library. Only three other copies are known, and but two of these are perfect.

—Carlotta, ex-Empress of Mexico, spends only a few thousands a year for her mad-house, and the accumulated interest of her immense fortune has become enormous. Her heirs will be her brothers.

—Hon. Flamen Ball, of Cincinnati, retiring from active law practice a few days ago, took down the old gilt sign of "Chase & Ball," hung up more than half a century ago by himself and Salmon P. Chase.

—The *King Pao* is the name of the official Chinese paper. It was started in the year 911 as a semi-occasional journal. Then for some centuries it was a weekly, and at the beginning of the present century it became a daily. It publishes three editions, and has six editors, with a circulation of 14,000.

—Martin Farquhar Tupper, who derived nothing from the sale of 800,000 copies of his "Proverbial Philosophy" in America, is now suffering from poverty in London. If all those who have ridiculed the old poet would contribute something for his relief, he would be enabled to spend his last days in comfort.—*Current.*

—"Hail Columbia" was written by Joseph Hopkinson in the summer of 1798, and it was first called the "President's March." It was always sung when Washington came into the theater, and one of the objects of its writing was the cultivation of a patriotic spirit among the people of the new republic.—*N. Y. Graphic.*

—Dr. William Wells Brown, a famous abolitionist, like William Lloyd Garrison in spirit, though unlike him in color, died at Chelsea, Mass., a few days ago. Dr. Brown was born a slave, in Kentucky, in 1816, and at the age of twenty-six years fled to Lake Erie. Many a fugitive was smuggled by him to Canadian shores, his best record being sixty-five in one year.—*Boston Journal.*

HUMOROUS.

—No person wants straw spelt backwards on the end of his nose.

—Frank Chanfrau, the actor, left a hundred and sixty thousand dollars to his wife.—*N. Y. Sun.*

—Cultured young ladies refer to a dead level as a deceased horizontal surface.—*Washington Hatchet.*

—"We are all in the same boat," said Amy to Mildred. "Yes," assented the high school girl, "we have all embarked in one marine vehicle."—*Oil City Derrick.*

—A little town up in New York has a skating rink they call "Niagara." It is supposed that they call it that because the people go there to see the "falls."—*Washington Hatchet.*

—"Harrying is all right," remarked Fogg, who had attended several weddings lately, "but it is the giving in marriage which I object to. It is too all-fired expensive, don't you know."—*Boston Transcript.*

—After her grandmother had given her a good scolding, a little mischief was overheard to say to herself: "Somebody's cross in this room; taint me, and taint dolly, and taint kitty. I wonder who it is?"—*Harper's Bazar.*

—Ouida says "A girl's love must never be begged, but conquered." That's all very well; but how to subdue the thick-soled parent of the period is what's bothering our young men just now.—*San Francisco Post.*

—Chase makes it a point never to pay his butcher's bill. "Why," he says, "if I paid for a beefsteak, for instance, it would be mine, and I should be loath to eat it. A man does not care to dine off his own flesh and blood."—*Chicago Tribune.*

—Biddy, just married: "Sure an phat for, Pat, did ye buy an old rusty stove like that?" Pat: "Arra, me dear, it will cook all right; and sure, me swate, I got it to match our walnut set. It's æsthetic I am, me darlint."—*Philadelphia Call.*

—"Can't you see through me, Uncle John?" asked Archibald, junior, who was regarded as the smart boy of the town. "No, Archie, and I must say it's a foolish question." "Why, uncle, I thought perhaps you could. I have a pane in my chest."—*Golden Days.*

—"I attended a bull-fight once. It was in Mexico and I thoroughly enjoyed it." "I am surprised you should enjoy a brutal affair like that. Don't you think it brutal for a lot of Mexicans to wantonly kill a bull?" "But in this case the bull killed a lot of Mexicans."—*Current.*

—When a lady living in Chelsea sent to London for a doctor she apologized for asking him to come such a distance. "Don't speak of it," answered the M. D. "I happened to have another patient in the neighborhood, and can thus kill two birds with one stone."—*Binghamton Tribune.*

—Seen at a village examining scholar: "Where is the North Pole?" "I don't know, sir." "Don't know! Are you not ashamed to say you don't know where the North Pole is?" "Why, sir, if Sir John Franklin, Dr. Kane, and Captains Nares and Markham couldn't find it how should I know where it is?"

Making Pleasant.

Smith had brought Dumley home unexpectedly to dinner.

"I trust you will overlook any deficiencies in our dinner today, Mr. Dumley," said Mrs. Smith, as they seated themselves at the table, "but you will understand, of course, being a family man yourself, that under certain circumstances it is not always possible to—to—"

"Don't say another word, I beg of you, my dear madam," interrupted Dumley, with politic effusiveness. "Of course, I understand, and I protested earnestly with Mr. Smith, when he pressed the invitation, and told him under the circumstances I would much prefer to dine at his club; but he wouldn't take no for an answer. Besides," he added, "I have heard about the world too long not to be able occasionally to put up with a poor dinner."—*Detroit Post.*

THE PHRENOLOGIST.

The Man Who Diagnoses the Human Man's Heads.

One of the experiences of life is not given every one to enjoy is a phrenologist hand in his gudgeons. Being a thing whereof ladies are more apt to appreciate now a vanity than to help him along the world, phrenology is always an credulous devotees. It flourishes most on rural soil, though when well watered it grows fairly in metropolitan atmospheres.

As the curious business is generally managed the phrenologist—"world renowned" according to the circulars—has his hair behind a screen in a large room, generously furnished with plaster of paris heads mapped off in sections, and pictures which indicate the brain uses. Either penetrates the youth who thinks a man who has never before set eyes on him knows more about his head than he does himself.

When he sits down his face is grave and anxious to ghastliness. Then he gets up he has a stunned expression. The knowledge imparted to him has compelled him. He has more head than he thought he had, and he thought he had a good deal. His brain swells to be thinking the kind of fellow he is, and how unconscious he has been of his own greatness hitherto.

He pays his dollar, or two, or three or five in a dazed way, and with an expressive feeling that he never got so much for so little money before. Perhaps he has had a chart made out. In that case he lounds dwells on it all the way home, and on the way he will surprise everybody who thought they knew him and didn't—for—it knows that although he doubts his own knowledge of himself and the conduct of his own father and mother and all the neighbors, he never doubts phrenology nor the perfect veracity of the apostle who has just patronized. It will doubt that the earth does move, doubt that the stars are fixed, doubt truth, and all the virtues, but he never doubts that the man who filled his chart can read heads as clearly as he can read the signs on lamp posts. In years to come he will look over that chart—it will become a habit to look over it and think about it, and he will still believe in it. To be sure he has cicled a different road from that which the chart said he was adapted to. Even so he has not attained the measure of greatness which phrenology assured him he should; but he does not attribute his failure to a lack of faith in his favorite science. He invents instances, not phrenology, he is blame for his falling short of his chart. In his innocent soul he blames the day he believed in that awful map that represented him as he would have been if he hadn't been handicapped by fate.

A curious glitter comes into his eye whenever he speaks of the science of phrenology. The subject fires his blood and puts him in good humor with himself, though it gives him a poor opinion of the rest of mankind. He can't help but see that everybody—yes, everybody, except the man who examined his head—is utterly oblivious to his greatness. In spite of all his philosophy this embitters him somewhat towards an appreciative world. He finds a kind of sort of comfort in showing connection into phrenological channels. It gives him an opportunity to assert his unshakable belief in "the neglected sciences." Perhaps he does a little of diagnosing character that was himself. It lifts him above the commonplace in his own mind. Any way he sticks to his chart in a doubtless thing to be upset or destroyed even by the conflicting evidence of a long and badly-spent life. He may lose confidence in his fellow men, surrender his most cherished friendships, submit to unfair ruling in his love affairs, outgrow his religion and set aside some of his well-believed holidays; but he does faithful to phrenology.

As each victim makes his exit from the head-delineator's clutches it is a little while to take a look at the face of the renowned world enlightener. It is usually composed and unmistakable. If there are disparities between the chart and the heads, there is no record of them in the professor's visage. Everything like an expression has been discharged therefrom.—*San Jose (Cal.) Herald.*

SEAL-SKIN GARMENTS.

The Latest Styles in Mantles, Jackets and Sacques.

Short mantles of seal-skin are among the new garments this winter. Some of these are in the shapes just noted for long garments, but are cut as short as a visite or a mantilla, falling usually longer in front than behind, where they merely cover the tournure. The short Gretry and Galatea are graceful and warm-looking when trimmed with a mink border with pendent tails, or with black marten, or the handsome three-quarter plucked beaver bands. There are also untrimmed seal visites that are very youthful and dressy-looking, while others have passementerie ornaments on them, and clasps of carved wood or stained ivory representing two antique heads; still others are edged with fringe made of seal-skin balls tied in measure of silk cords.

Seal-skin jackets are shown in small sizes, smoothly fitted as Jersey waists are, and are known as Jersey jackets. These are for quite young ladies, are worn without any trimming, and cost as low as $75 or as much as $125. The popular seal sacque, which is always useful for long drives, for the country, and for general wear, is now made less clumsy in shape by being fitted more closely in the back and sides; the fronts remain loose and straight, and have a coat collar that may be turned up about the throat, or else turned down to form lapels. They measure from forty-seven to forty-one inches in length, and when well fitted are very handsome either plain, or widely bordered, as many of them are, with black marten, natural "coon, beaver, or sable-tail trimmings. Hudson Bay sable borders with tails in rows, and the narrow heading that is needed to complete them, are very effective on these sacques. In selecting seal garments the purchaser should make sure that in every part the pile of the fleece is made to turn upward, as it will then naturally drop downward and disclose its rich depths; when brushing or stroking this fur, the movement should also be upward. The reader is also again warned against allowing seal-skin to be dampened. If this happens, fur must not be dried by artificial heat, but by being hung in doors, or else in a cold room.—*Bazar.*

—Lord Derby, father of the Earl, when a young man, was one of the best speakers in Parliament, and was known as the "Prince of Debate," and seemed on occasions to be incapable of error. On one he said: "When I [illegible] my throat and [illegible] those of a man [illegible] hanged."