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tural classes in the science of economica government in a strictly non-partisan spirit To endorse the motto, "In things essentia unity; in all things charity To secure purity of the elective franchise, and to induce all voters to intelligently exercits it for the enactment and execution laws which will express the most advance public sentiment upon all questions involving the interests of laborers and farmers. To develop a better state mentally, morally

socially and financially. To constantly strive to secure entire har-mony and good-will among all mankind, and brotherly love among ourselves. To suppress personal, local, sectional and national prejudices; all unhealthful rivalry, and all selfish ambition.

To assuage the sufferings of a brother and sister, bury the dead, care for the widows and educate the orphans; to exercise charity to ward offenders; to construe words and pur-purposes in their most favorable light, grant-ing honesty of purpose and good intentions to others, and to protect the principles of the Alliance unto death.

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# ALONG THE LINE.

[This department is conducted by the Secre tary of the State Alliance to whom all con est to the Alliance etc., should be addressed Write plain and only on one side of the paper Sign what you choose to your articles by send us your name always.]

Bro. John D. Anderson sends two subscriptions to the paper this found guilty of a crime and their week. We are ever yours, Bro. A.

of Clarks Aliiance, sends a list of four subscribers from that Alliance this lies wronged, and they subjected to

keeps up his reputation as a rustler by the LABORER has been looking up sending us another subscription thi

Bro. C. R. Mathews, of New Helen: writes for sample copies for his All ance and says he will raise a club Ever thine. Bro. M.

Ero. J. G. Smiley writes from Hampton under date of Aug. 7, and says attention. And all for what? To they received charter and supplies and satisfy this gang of blood suckers that their Alliance is on the forward these human blood hounds who prey

sends application for charter for their curry favor with this corrupt ring Alliance. Wm. S. Harned is secre- that dictates the politics of this counretary and they will make it a success- ty and secure a reelection. Great

county, sends us a club of eleven subscribers this week, for which, in the absence of something more substantial, he will please accept our heartiest ever for us? Let the truth fearlessly spoken be our answer. benediction. .

Chas. Ingersoll, secretary of No 462, in remitting for last quarter reports eight new members and a total membership of fifty. He sends his fence. They could not be arrested own subscription to the paper with the for trespass as they were upon public promise of a good-list soon.

wishes information in regard to an and paid the farmers for it, and it was However an appeal was taken to the Alliance store at that place. Logan county does not propose to be left in -the rear in the work of co-operation. do you mind.

Bro. L. M. Balcom, writes us for in formation in regard to organizing County Alliance in Merrick county He also says three more subordinate Alliances under way which will be organized within the next two weeks.

so busy for three or four weeks that I have paid no attention to organizing, but divided the last package of papers you sent me with several who thought they could organize a post. I will not gerater than the state of Nebrasbe able to do much in that line until get through haying, and then I will; had nothing to do with making the take the field with double energy.

L. C. FLOYD.

Bro. A. C. Black, secretary of Red rested and fined to satisfy Hathaways Willow Co Alliance, writes and tells us that the supplies we sent him have been received and distributed as a dressed. A good representation was present at the Red Willow County A liance and an interesting meeting was had. The next meeting will be held on the 10th. The prospect for a good from the state lands, under penalty of corn crop never was better. Wheat is being thrashed and sold to pay semi annual interest to the money gamblers of the east and at home. farmers of Nebraska work to pay terest and to keep up a moneyed aristocracy. Send me a few more copies of the proceedings of the National Al-

A correspondent from Howard Co reports great activity in that county in Alliance work, and predicts that enormous wave of organization sweep the entire county this fall and winter. Every Alliance in the county is receiving new members and other localities are waking up. This is as i should be. When the farmers of Ne braska fhall rise up as one man and demand relief from existing evils, relief will surely come.

Bro. John H. Brown, of Custer coun ty, says he is very busy at present, but finds time to work for the paper a little just the same as he thinks it is just what every farmer should have in his home. He sends us a list of five subscribers and asks for sample copies as he says they will help him to procure subs. We send him the sample copies and hope he will accept our thanks for the good work he has all ready done.

Bro. Jas. Slote, of Litchfield, write for information in regard to starting co-operative store at that place. He speaks in encouraging tones of the Alliance of Sherman county and says the universal feeling is with them

Will some one who knows how handle flax straw to prepare it for the machine for breaking and separating the fibre and shives, inform me through THE ALLIANCE or by letter and S. E. SPAULDING. oblige. Neligh, Neb.

A POLITICAL CONSPIRACY

The way Justice is Dispensed to Honest Farmers by Lancaster County's Judges A Judicial Outrage. Hathaways Power.

The LABORER published an article ast week concerning the case of the nine farmers who were arrested by he Hathaway, Clark, Cobb, combination under the fictious names Ino. Doe and Richard Roe. upon the charge of trespass with intent to do nalicious injury to personal property of the value of \$2. In order to ascertain the facts more clearly and to demonstrate the enormity of the outrage which was perpetrated upon nine men who, at the dictation of the most dastardly corrupt and venal ring that ever existed, and in order to satisfy their cravings for revenge, have been names and reputations smirched, Bro. W. H. Austin, Vice-President their pride (which every honest man ought to have) humbled, their famithe taunts and scorn of every evil Bro. W. P. Filbert, of Stratton, disposed person, a representative o the case and now we unhesitatingly assert our belief that these men were the victims of treachery, intrigue and a base political conspiracy. We ask our readers to consider carefully two cases to which we shall invite your upon the community, these political Rockton Alliance, of Furnas county, tyrants and cormorants, in order to God! you exclaim! can it be true Bro. Swigart, organizer for Saunders | that these hyenas are powerful enough to reach the courts of justice and de bauch them? Is there no relief what-

These men were arrested upon th charge of willfully injuring personal property, consisting of a barbed wire lands. Let us look into the charge. Bro. S. D. Keene, of Gandy, also Last year Hathaway wished the grass removed by making an opening in the fence. The opening had never been thorughly repaired so that all that was done to gain enterance was to remove a single staple, care being taken to replace the same, and then crowd the wires to the ground. The wires were not cut, the intention being to repair the break when the hay was cut. Now to the point, When the BROMFIELD, Aug. 10.-I have been opening was being made, Skimmerhorn appeared and ordered the men in "The Name of Hathaway not to open the tence." Is Hathaway ka? Five of the nine men arrested I breach in the fence, nor with the cut

ting of the grass. and yet all were ar-

spite. While the men were under arrest Skimmerhorn, acting as Hathaways agent, went before the state commissioners to get them to issue a notice ordering the men not to cut any hay or remove any sand or gravel being prosecuted as trespassers. When this document had been procured, Greeu the new ring importation who is anxious to prove himself rotten before he is ripe, rushed into court and shook it threateningly in the faces of the prisoners. Upon being reminded that there was no validity to this document Skipperhorn, Hathaways tool, wanted Judge Stewart to issue an injunction restraining the men from cutting any more hay while under arrest, but Judge Stewart refused to go as far as this to please Hathaway, and the injunction was re fused. One thing about the state commissioners notice is suggestive showing that it was intended to apply to the farmers already foredoomed to defeat. The notice as issued included all trespassers upon public lands which would affect the brick yards which are using clay from public lands. It would not do to offend these pow erful firms and prominent politicians, so a secret meeting of the board was called, at which it was intended to except these brick making firms. The farmers tried to ascertain where this meeting would be held, but so secretly was it done that they could not learn, so could not present their case to the board, nor discover what ac-

tion the board took. In order to prove their case the state must show that the fence was damaged. Their whole case rested here, as no action for trespass on public lands would lie. Si- unbiassed witnesses swore that the fence had not been damaged one cents worth. Hathaways Skipperhorn swore that he had been an hour in repairing the fence, putting in eight wires etc., after the far- Coliseum. Attractions the most beaumers were arrested, so that they could tiful. It will be worth a lifetime to not return to work and also enclosing visit Omaha at this time. their teams and machines so that they have been unable to remove them since. Upon this Skipperhorn's unsupported testimony the men were found guilty and a fine of \$1. imposed, the judge valuing Skipperhorns services of one hour as worth fifty cents and the law allowing a fine of twice

the amount of damage done Now to the next outrage. After the states attorney had said that this was all one case and the men all entered pleas as one case, each man was fined \$1. apiece, and in assessing the costs they were charged for issuing nine arrests although they were all arrested upon the same warrant, nine mileages were assessed and \$3.00 for conveyance, making \$36.00 in all. Now the motive for this unwarrantable verdic, THESE MEN MUST BE FINED ORDER TO SAVE HATHAWAY. How so? Why if these men had not at retail. If orders are in unbroken been found guilty nine suits for malicious prosecution would have been commenced against this tyrant Hathaway. These Men must be found, Guilty in order to save Hathaway. Judge Parker the farmers counsel advised them to appeal the case, giving it as his opinion that this was bad law and would not stand the usual test of the courts. But these men are farmers and some of them are too poor to incur the expense of such a litigation, their friends kindly coming so their rescue in paying their share of the fines and expenses of the trial in Judge Stewarts court.

The other case is that of the verdict in the suit of Mr. Peter Wise against the B. & M. R. R., for killing his horse, and is best told in the language of the Daily Call which it terms custimary verdict.

On the Ninth of July a teamster MARMERS UNION INS. Co., of Grand Isl hauling brick from the vitrified pressat Eighth and L, became stalled with only pay one per cent for your insurance.

WHITE & RODGERS. his team on the track and before he could unhitch them a switch engine ounded the curve striking the team breaking the legs of one of the horses so that the railroad men killed it. It did not matter to the public that the man's loss was his loss of a means of gaining a livelihood and the carcass of the dead horse by the track represented half of his capital in business, courts and a suit to compel the company for the animal killed was instituted. It was evident that the company was liable for its wretched cross-

ings or that it was liable for running its locomotives around the sharp curvs there at a speed that could not be controled in time to avoid accidents. Yesterday in justice court a verdict street, says a Johnstown letter to was given. Did the man who lost his the Philadelphia Inquirer. On goproperty win? Oh, no; it was the company that won the suit. The court held that it was more the unfortunate circumstances surrounding the plaintiff than the negligence of the

corporation that caused the accident. And so it goes. The corporation with its millions wins its case and the man with his means of a livlihood destroyod goes to the wall. It is another kick downward. So long as the Call exists to print the news it will not fail to protest against a corporation that destroys a poor man's means of a livlihood and then has not the common decency to pay for the destruction it creates. And the Call is of the opinion that a court rendering a verdict of that kind loses sight f Justice and equity.

In view of these cases both of which are authentic we ask the farmers o Lancaster county if they wish to retain the present incumbent in the of fice of county judge? Will you by your votes weld the chain that already binds you, and render, you not only powerless in the conventions, but makes you the slaves of every corpo ration, every monopoly and effectually closes every avenue of redress against you. Whatever you do Farmers and Workingmen, vote against this ring rule. - Nebraska Laborer.

Coal For The Alliance.

August and September is the best time to figure on the winter's coal supply. We quote the following prices: Pittsburg, Kansas, good article soft coal, \$1.65 per ton. Mulberry, \$1.75 per ton. In lots of 12 tons or over f. o. b, at mines. Orders should be sent to the state agent right away stating number of cars wanted and time of received at your station.

Omaha Fair.

Omaha Fair and Exposition Sept. : facturers meet during this time at the

Official Notice to Alliances.

All Subordinate or County Alliances wanting coal the coming season from the state agency should send in the number of cars wanted, the grade of coal used, and be sure to state what railroad they are tributary to. This matter must be attended to at once and reports sent in promptly to the secretary of the State Alliance.

Job Printing For Alliances. We are prepared to do any and all kinds of printing for Alliances. Letter and note heads, envelopes, cards, by-laws, circulars, handbills etc. Send in your orders and we will do the work at prices as reasonable as it can be done.

State Agent's Notice. It is very desirable and will save some expense, and be better in every way, if the Alliances will bulk their orders so one shipment will do for many parties. It is found that little or nothing can be saved on groceries packages can be had at jobbers' rates. Price lists are of little account only in a general way. The price on sugar changed three cents in one week not Many other things the ALLEN ROOT. State Agent.

THERE is perhaps no impediment to the accomplishment of the objects of associated labor greater than the apathy of the very people who should be the most active. Too many wait for some one else to do their work for them. Stir up labormen!

One difference between the labor press and the party organs is that the former feel at liberty to say what they honestly think on all subjects, without waiting for anyone's permission, while the party hack must wait, open-mouthed, till some party boss deacons off the tune.

T and Neb. I. N. White and A. Rodgers are Special Agents for Greeley and Wheeler ed brick works, owing to the bad counties. We invite you to investigate the merits of this company and see where the difference comes in. In the first place, you

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# SUMMERS. MORRISON

COMMISSION MERCHANTS, 174 S. WATER, ST., CHICAGO. REFERENCE:-Metropolitan Nation Bank, Chicago.

Mention The Alliance.

A Canine Hero.

A large crowd of people attracted my attention recently on Main ing closer I noticed that a number of men and women were surrounding a dog, on which each and every one of the crowd was anxious to lavish with attentions and endearing terms more appropriately bestowed upon a favorite child than upon an animal.

"Come here, Romeo, my noble old og!" said one woman. "Give me a kiss; there is a dear.

'Ah, Romeo," said another, "it was a pity Johnstown had not more such noble creatures as you are and there would not be so many dead people here now.

The dog a beautiful water spaniel whose fur was clipped so as to give him the appearance of a miniature lion, stood as quiet and dignified among the people as if he understood each word addressed to him, taking the evidence of appreciation as matters of course which he had every right to expect. Soon I understood hat it all meant.

Romeo belongs to Mrs. C. F. Kress of Washington street, Johnstown. The day the flood-gates of the South Fork reservoir broke loose that lady went to the house of her sister, Mrs. A. C. Kress, on Main street, taking the dog with her. While there the awful disasterous waters came sweeping down upon from Conemaugh, so that all the people in the house were compelled to get upon the roof. There were seven in the party and Romeo made a good

But soon the terrible waves and floating debris raised horrible havoc with the building. Suddenly a big wave dashed upon the roof. Mrs. C. F. Kress was knocked off her place of refuge and rapidly floated along with the wild stream. No human being attempted to jump after her or make any effort for her rescue, because the surging flood had already dragged shipment. Need not be paid for until her beyond all human reach. But Romeo, the lady's dog forgetful of his own danger, had apparently

been expecting what was coming. The waters had no more than closed above the sinking lady when the dog jumped after her, and when her dress again appeared above the surface he immediately grasped it between his teeth. It was a heavy burden, but the animal seemed to make a double effort. Holding the dress in his mouth he gently but firmly pushed her forward through the waters toward a frame house, which was still defying the waves. Romeo's noble efforts proved successful, and in a few moments Mrs. Kress was able to lay hold of one of the spars on the frame house and drag herself into comparative safety. But alas! It was only temporary safety. Even before the woman had realized her escape the devastating waves came mountain high, rushing against the frame house. This time the building could not withstand. With a terrific crash the wooden sills seemed to be bursting apart, and once more the woman and her dog

were at the mercy of the flood. The noble brute, however, was not to be daunted. Again he clung to his mistress very closely, not as if he were to rescue her from a watery grave, but as if his whole life depended upon her safety. Constantly swimming by her side while she was borne upon the current he contrived to keep her head above water so as to prevent her drowning. For over half an hour the dog battled with the waves for her preservation. His noble. iaithful endurance was at last rewarded. He succeeded in directing his valued burden toward Alma Hall and here Mrs. Kress was pulled out

of the water. As she reached the roof unconsciouceness overcame her, and during all that time Romeo, who seemed to think the woman dead, barked and howled in the most frantic manner. Only her returning breath pacified him and then he quietly and contentedly lay down at her feet.

This was the story gleaned frog the people surrounding the dog, and when I called to see Mrs. Kress at her sister's home she verified every particular of the above.

#### A Man of Exepedients. From the Boston Courier

Of all the the dispositions with which mortal may be born, there is no other that on the whole is so likely to assist him to make his way through life satisfactorily as that of being born a man of expedients. Whatever gifts of wealth one may chance to inherit, he is sure sooner or later to come to grief unless he inherits also the art of managing them. It is by no means enough to geta fortune, it is necessary to use one's wits to preserve it. But fortune is after all, only one of the innumerable elements of which life is compounded, and as it becomes every year necessary to have a larger fortune to hold one's own among the wealthy of the land, so does it become every year of less importance whether one does have a fortune, since there is constantly a larger proportion of people who do not have the enormous amount which goes to make up the modern fortune, and the majority will assert itself, even to the extent of breaking away from the denomination of wealth.

In every department of life, in the greatest affairs with which he is called upon to have to do as well as in the most minute, there is room for the display of this faculty of being prepared for the emergency. To be a man of expedients it is necessary to have much mental dexterity, nuch power of adaptability and wide fertility of resource. Indirectly there is needed a large imagination. He is able to put himself in different relations to any given problem, and if the first does not furnish him a solution of any difficulty that may perplex him, he is capable of looking the whole matter over from a new standpoint, and thereby selecting some hitherto unsuspected means of escape from the entanglement which annoys him.

In business this faculty is the most valuable that can be m. med, perhaps By it a man is enabled to be alway ready for whatever may come. never loses an opportunity, since his temperament allows him to devise the means of improving any circumstance as soon as he is aware of its existence. His plans are always ready because they are born of the need to which they should apply and there is nothing to do but put them into practice. The slow and plodding man looks on with impatient wonder at the swiftness with which his rival conceives and executes his schemes. He can not understand this fertility of resource, this seemingly inexhaustible store house of means for all possible ends. Helaboriously elaborates or often enough is unable to find a way in which adequately to meet experiences if they chance to be life; and the man of expedients, who is never at a loss, seems to him little less than a wizard, endowed with powers that are certainly unchristian and probably unholy. There is something positively dishonest, to the thinking of the dull man, in this extraordinary cleverness, this to him superbuman command of circum-

#### Fighting a Mad Dog.

stances. He views it with suspicious

anger and looks upon its results as

unblessed. And meanwhile the other

does not in the least trouble himself

as to what the dull man does or does

not think, but goes on his serene way

to conquer the earth and to enjoy the

fullness thereof.

Philadelphia Press.

On a pleasant Saturday in the early part of August, 1873, in a small grove near the pretty little town of B-, in Pennsylvania, several thousand people from miles around had gathered at a Sunday school picnic. A mad dog, reported to be wandering at large in the vicinity, had caused considerable excitement several days before. Suddenly from a clump of bushes a large black dog, with bloodshot eyes and foam dripping from his jaws. darted toward a group of children. The animal was unnoticed by all save a young man who stood near natural gas. Will the earth settle weapon of any kind, he sprang at the brute, which was now in the midst of the merrymakers, snapping and snarling. With a heavy stick he explodeand make an upheaval? Many sent the animal reeling. But in a moment it sprang upon him, bear-

ng him to the ground. Anticipating his move he managed to grasp the dog by the throat. Over and over they rolled. The childred stood gazing at the struggle | in 1840, timid folks feared a collapse for a few seconds and then ran screaming from the spot. A few of the bolder ones gathered around the | running into the wells as the oil ran combatants. To use a weapon was to endanger the man's life, so the pectators could give no aid. That ooth were weakening was plainly evident, and from all appearances the except to a limited extent. What man's flesh had been torn by the poisonous fangs of the dog. At last, to say, but there may be danger in with a mighty effort, the animal was porne to the ground and tightening his vice-like grip on the dog's throat, the hero bore down with all the strength he could summon and in a | could there be an explosion winhout few moments the dog ceased to combustion? How could there be struggle. With his fingers almost imbedded in the dead animal's flesh air settle in a deep boring when the

the young man sank unconscious. For weeks he lay with brain fever, fighting the terrible battle over and over. Although his clothes were almost torn from him and he was covered with foam, he did not receive a single bite from the rabid animal.

death in its most horrible form when | that line. St. Paul says that faith I attacked the brute, but one life for many rang in my ears all though the conflict," was his answer to many

# The Cat and the Fox.

Texas Siltings

The cat and the fox were taking a social stroll together in the forest one day discussing the traffic in domestic furs, the probability of a financial panic as predicted by George Francis Train, a possible social surprising etc., when the fox said: "Let whatever may happen I am all right. I've got 1,000 joxy tery concealed in the region of the tricks ready for an emergency.

The cat pulled out a whisker, meditatively picking her teeth with it; then, after a pause, she remarked: critical investigation, that the watch Well, they would get me sure, for I have only one trick to rely upon for safety should they get after me."

"Sorry for you," said the fox; "I would really like to teach you one or two of mine, but everyone for himself now, you know;"

Just at that moment a pack of hounds, who believed in a division of property, came up on a full cry. The cost is certainly not in the case .cat made use of her single trick and Pittsburg Dispatch. ran up a tree quicker than a lightning calculator could run up a column of figures; but the fox, hesitating which of his 1,000 tricks he would employ, was overtaken and a divis- great zeal and usefulness in his work, ion made of his efforts immediately. denies that school girls and boys Moral: Take a trick when you can.

# A Horse's Nervous Fears.

A Brooklyn horse lately suffered an injury to one of his feet, and for some time traveled on three legs. Finally the wound was perfectly average age of those who fail is alto put that hoof on the ground. 'A veterinary surgeon was called in ates 36 out of 100 fail, as against who made an examination and then pronounced it simply a case of nervouseness. "Strap up the other hind foot and you'll see,"he said. This was done, and the injured foot was thus forced into use. It did not take a block's travel to show the horse that his nervous fears were groundless, and when the strap was tion, multiplication and subtraction. removed he trotted off squarely on Few fail on these, but may do on tour feet.

In Pittsburg druggists are not permitted to sell soda water and other beverages on Sunday; but the ordinance does not interdict the selling of "Rough on Rats," arsenic, strichnine, and other things not quite so popular as soda water and milk shake.

#### Tell the Truth

National Stockman. Between now and the first day of June, 1890, the eleventh census of the United States will be taken. Those in charge of taking the census are making every endeavor to get at the exact status of affairs in every facility for ascertaining the exact number of horses in the country and the true value of them will be given to those who have this work in charge. The number will not be so hard to get at, but the value of the horses will be a matter of uncertainty unless owners everywhere give honorable and definite figures as nearly as possible. Fictitious values, either "long or short," should be avoided at all out of the ordinary course of | in all cases. An honest estimate of value should be placed on every animal, and as all owners are supposed to be consulted in this matter the reliability of those reports rests orincipally in their hands. The United States, according to the census of 1880, stands second on the list of nations, both in numbers and values of horses, and it is certain that no backward step has been taken within the past ten years. No matter what the ratio of increase may or may not be let us have a "fair count," and the satisfaction of knowing that the figures are reliable will outweigh any disappointment which sanguine horsemen may possibly have to withstand. There is little doubt but what the result will be highly satisfactory, as the increase both in numbers and values of horses has been greater within the last decade than it ever was in the same length of time in the history of our country.

#### Natural Gas Alarmists.

A scientist and astronomer, referring recently to the Johnstown disaster, says: "The news from central Pennsylvania is awful, but this may be only a very little thing compared to what may yet occur. Near, and west of the Alleghanies, a great opening within the earth's crust must be made somewhere by the escape of and fill the empty places, or will air pass in, and thereby make it possible for the immense reservoirs of gas, stored away no one knows how far, to people believe that there is gas enough under western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio to blow the country from Lake Erie to the Monongabela

into promiscous fragments. "When oil was struck at Oil Creek and a sinking of the oil field, but that danger was obviated by water out. The dreaded vacum never came, as water took the place of the removed oil. It is not so in this case. Water is not filling up the gas wells, the outcome may be it is impossible this direction." Before, however, sharing the fears of the writer in question it would be well to have the following questions answered: How combustion without air? How could pressure of the gas is so much greater than the air itself?

# A Mysterious Watch.

Mr. I. E. Isaacs, of No. 419 Smithfield street, Pittsburg, is the posses-"Yes, I fully realize I was courting sor of a watch which is a novelty in without works is dead, but here is a watch that hasn't any works that who showered their blessings upon any one can see, save the hands, and they point the time accurately; and as a time keeper it certainly isn't dead. In appearance it is a metallic frame with a glass center, in which are two hands which appear to have no connection with anything except the glass.

On opening the border, however, very complete but minute machinery is seen at the base of the stem, but still no connection can be traced between the works and the hands.

Some people have suggested that the chain forms a circuit from a batsmall of the wearer's back, and that the watch is operated by electricity. One man gave it as his opinion, after was the device of the devil.

The curiosity is called the "Mysterious Watch" and its value consists mainly in its rarity, being, it is said. the only one in the United States. which fact, like the rarity of an old volume or picture that cannot be duplicated, make value. It was brought from Paris and cost \$50, and the

# Civil Service Examinations.

Chief Clerk Webster, a man of have a better chance in these examinations than men and women of more mature years. That the competitors are not school children is shown by the average age of candidates, which is about 30 years. It is noteworthy, however, that the ways greater than that of those who succeed. Of common school graduonly 17 of 100 of high school graduates. Among candidates who claim academic or collegiate education the percentage of failure is nearly 30, and the business college graduates do but 2 or 3 per cent. better.

Not many of the problems are dfficult. A majority are in simple addisuch questions as-"Express in figures the following numbers: One hundred and nineteen billion, one hundred and twenty-one million. eleven thousand and forty-one one hundred thousandths;" and also on such as this-"Express in words the following numbers: 5,844,571.-431.03."-Washington Letter.