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THEY sell most who advertise most. And why not?

A TRUE advertisement is the echo of actions behind the counter.

MANY of the things we call calamities are blessings in disguise.

PEOPLE who can be spoiled by honest praise are no account to begin with.

HOW EASY it is to blame some people for doing things we scarcely notice in others.

CARDINAL GIBBONS has thrown down the gauntlet to the women voters. Now he would better dodge.

THE new \$5 silver certificate is to have a picture of an angel on it. Money flies sufficiently fast, however, without giving it additional wings.

THE idea of a Chicago man's setting forth to find the north pole seems to have aroused hostile eastern critics to the notion that Chicago means to annex it.

FARMERS in Oklahoma have just hanged a horsethief. The sturdy sons of toil could not tolerate the crime of dishonesty. Besides, the stolen horses were theirs.

SIGNAL officers have succeeded in sending messages by flashes of light a distance of 183 miles. The achievement is certainly remarkable. Still 183 miles falls far short of Mars.

WHETHER we really enjoy any lot in life depends upon the disposition we carry into it. The kind of eyes with which we see, the kind of temper with which we act, will make much of little, or little of much.

KUENE BEVERIDGE has secured an absolute divorce from Charles Cognlan. Only one witness was examined, a young woman named Carina Jaggs. As we understand it, Mr. Cognlan's troubles always have been mainly attributable to careenry jags.

SWEDEN has a sea serpent and a joint stock company organized to catch it. Said serpent was seen for a whole day, lying in the sea in front of a fishing village—and a boat from Finmark was within twenty-four feet of it. Estimated to be 180 feet long, and went through the water in true serpentine style.

A PLYMOUTH, illustrating the evil custom of talking to an invalid about his pains, says that once he requested a mother to mark a stroke upon a paper each time that she asked a sick daughter how she was. The next day, to her astonishment, she made one hundred and nine strokes. A three-months visit away from home was prescribed.

HERE is the manner in which the Cleveland Leader heads its news: "With an Ax. He Slaughters His Wife. After Committing the Murder He Cuts His Own Throat. A Hot-Tempered Man." If the felon had killed off a few of his children and assassinated a neighbor or two the Leader would have doubtless referred to him by the real harsh term of "a petulant person."

THE race horse still leads the bicycle a few seconds, but an Italian mechanic has invented a wheel which he says will carry a man a mile and a half a minute with one-twentieth of the exertion now required in cycling. A Rhode Island inventor claims to have an aluminum wheel weighing three pounds which will go at double the speed of the present machines. It is in order, apparently, to say that the bicycle is in its infancy.

IT is funny how they do it, but they do! Here is what one boy did for himself: "A boy 15 years of age, living in London, spent his Easter holiday in Blackheath, where he ate thirty oranges, a whole coconut, and a mince pie. In the evening he had several cups of tea, and later some cake and lemonade. Before the dawn of the following day he was dead, and the Coroner's Jury brought in a verdict of death from natural causes.

NEVER was impertinence more offensive than that of Eli Perkins, who takes occasion in a New York paper, that ought to have had better taste, to print stories about the late Prof. Swing and try to palm them off as witty or characteristic. Perkins ascribes to Prof. Swing a spurious scientific jargon of which the lamented preacher was constitutionally incapable and gullible. He also makes it appear that a man noted for gentleness and kindness was capable of cowardly takes at the cost of knowledge. The fellow Perkins is a

blast upon American journalism and defiles whatever he touches.

GREAT danger awaits the American shippers of apples to the English markets. Our packing is often too carelessly done, and the cheap trick of "facing" the barrels with good stock and filling in the rest with inferior stuff will not work. Uncle John Bull buys apples if they please him after dumping a few barrels on the floor to see how they size up with the brands. If he is disappointed he swaggers away and very appropriately damns the "blawsted Hamericans" for so transparent a fraud. Pack good fruit honestly or don't attempt to send it to the English market—or any other market for that matter.

A VERY charming illustration of the triumphs of Christian civilization is given in this system from the London Times: "Maxim guns were used aboard our ironclads during the recent naval maneuvers. A correspondent describes their use as follows: The storm of bullets from them cut the water like rain on the advancing edge of a tropical squall. With one of these guns a gunner of very moderate skill can at 500 yards range cut down an ordinary park paling almost as well as a workman can do the business on the spot with an ax, and it is, therefore, not astonishing that most of the targets recently small as they are, quickly disappeared." The untutored savages of South Africa have no Maxim guns. It was reserved for a Christian nation to perfect this admirable weapon of murder, the acquaintance of which the savages made about the time Christian missionaries came among them to preach the gospel of peace on earth, good will to men.

WHEN a man works all week and then goes to the window and gets his salary in an envelope he is reasonably happy over the possession of the money, but there is no particular elation, as he had known all week that it was coming. When a man picks up a quarter from the sidewalk he experiences a thrill of surprised pleasure, but there is an immediate revision and a sense of quiet. Probably that coin was dropped by some poor widow who had gone out to do a day's shopping. When a man meets a friend and the friend says, "By the way, here's that five you loaned me that day at the World's Fair," the soul exults for a moment. But there comes a deep suspicion that next time he will ask for ten and then lose his memory. But when a man in the act of overhauling last winter's garments to see if they will "do" for another season carelessly slips his hand into a trousers pocket and draws out a half-dollar then is there a surging emotion of unalloyed bliss. To all intents and purposes a half-dollar had been expended, wasted, dissipated many months before. It had been omitted from all small calculations of daily expenses. Through all the summer months it had lain there in the dark closet planning this pleasant surprise for October. How large and valuable it seems as it is brought into the light! The owner wouldn't trade that half-dollar for any \$2 bill that he ever earned. He tells every one the story, and seems to take credit for much cleverness in making the discovery. Furthermore, he continues the search through all of last year's clothes, and every time his fingers touch a soft wad of lining or a crumpled play bill he catches his breath and wonders if this can be a roll of paper money, hidden there by the same good fairy that brought back to him his beaved half-dollar. That half-dollar incident puts him in such a good humor and increases his assets to such an extent that he feels justified in spending at least \$1.00 by way of celebration.

THE Students Woe. In the days of the First Empire, the Paris students formed a cabal against the dramatist Lemercier. One first night the disturbance was reported to Napoleon, who gave orders for a second representation. The students still hissed. The emperor got excited. "Hoy it again," he said, "and I will go and see it." This time all seemed well. In the third act it struck His Majesty to look out of his box, and the quiet was explained. Every head in the audience was covered with an immense night-cap drawn over the ears, and each head was nodding. Napoleon burst out laughing. The piece was not played again.

Excusable. Some years ago there was a case on trial in Bangor, Maine, in which a certain horse doctor was a witness. The doctor answered the questions addressed to him in a very low, indistinct voice, much to the annoyance of the examining counsel, whose repeated requests that he would "speak up" produced no result.

At last when the lawyer had begun to lose his temper, the Judge interposed, saying, in a soothing tone, "You must excuse the doctor. His long experience in the sick-room has undoubtedly made it second nature to him to speak low."

Death of the Czar. ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 2.—The czar died 2:15 yesterday afternoon. He was fully conscious. When he felt that his last hour was approaching he asked for extreme unction. This was administered by Father Ivan, who afterward conversed with the dying man for some time. The czar then asked that his body should be gathered round him. He spoke with them all separately, but at the greatest length with the czarina. He then gave all his blessing. Finally he bade all farewell. Little by little he grew weaker. His voice at last became hardly audible. Soon after he passed quietly away. The oath of allegiance to Nicholas II was then administered to the whole family, and at 4:30 a canon was fired to announce the fact to the world.

The entire Seventh army corps will pay military honors to the dead emperor when the body shall be embarked at Yalta. The train from Odesa to St. Petersburg will stop at every important station where the local garrison will be drawn up to render military honors to their dead commander.

The czarina is quite broken down and the doctors are again fearful that her health may not withstand the weight of her grief.

Alexander III, was born March 10 1844. His coronation took place at Moscow, May 27, 1883. He married in 1880, Mary Feodorovna (formerly Mary Sophia Frederica Dagmar), daughter of Christian IV, king of Denmark and sister of the Princess of Wales and the king of Greece. The principal concern of the czar was to put down nihilism; to develop the military power of Russia; to organize her Asiatic and Caucasian provinces, and to keep a steady eye upon Constantinople.

From the beginning of his reign periodical attempts upon his life were made by nihilists. Twice officers in his own army tried to shoot him. In 1885 he and his family narrowly escaped death in a railroad accident near Borki. The train was thrown from the track and many passengers were killed, but the imperial party was hardly injured. Last spring a plot was formed in Finland to blow up the castle which the czar was expected to occupy during the fall maneuvers around Suomenlinna. The czar was deeply religious. He was under the influence of such bigots as Pobodonozev, procurator of the holy synod, and his group, was prosecuted the Jews, Catholics and German Lutherans in Russia without cessation or mercy. The czar left five children—the Crown Prince Nicholas, twenty-seven years old; the Grand Duke George, now ill in the south of Russia; the Grand Duchesses Xenia and Olga, and the Grand Duke Michael, a boy in his teens.

News of the Wreck. SIDNEY, N. S. W., Nov. 2.—Further particulars of the wreck of the steamer Wairapa on Barrier island Sunday night have been received here. The vessel struck on the rocks at midnight. The sea was very rough and the night very dark. All the passengers were in bed. As soon as the ship struck the lifebelts were served out to the passengers, among whom, although fully aware of their danger, there was no panic. An attempt was made to launch the lifeboats, but the sea was so heavy that several of the boats were capsized and many passengers were drowned. Some succeeded in getting ashore by means of lines sent to the main land and attached to the rafts.

Sea broke over the ship sweeping a great many passengers from the bridge upon which they had crowded. Other passengers and some of the crew took refuge in the rigging. At daylight two men swam ashore with line and the survivors were landed.

Two passengers were drowned by losing their hold upon the line. The survivors were very scantily clothed and remained upon the rocks thirty hours, subsisting upon oranges that had been washed from the wreck, which was rapidly going to pieces. The unfortunates were finally discovered by Maori boats and with the aid of assistance obtained from Port Fitzroy they were rescued and made comfortable.

One account says the Captain McIntosh, with twenty-three of his crew and 111 passengers were drowned, while another says eighty-one passengers and forty of the crew were saved and landed at Auckland, and that twenty of the crew and fifty-eight passengers were drowned.

There is no doubt that many more passengers would have been drowned had it not been for the gallantry of two seamen who swam ashore with a line, by means of which a stout rope, which was used later on in the rescue, was hauled ashore in the scantiest clothing. Some of them remained on the rocks for thirty hours, subsisting on oranges, which were washed ashore from the wreck.

When the disaster became known to the Maoris on land, these natives launched their small boats and succeeded in rescuing a number of people. Assistance was finally obtained from Port Fitzroy and the survivors of the Wairapa were taken to Auckland.

Shot Through the Heart. JOLIET, Ill., Nov. 2.—Gallus Mueller committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart. For twenty-five years he has been chief clerk at the Northern Illinois state prison in this city, and he introduced into the prison the Bertillon system of measurements of convicts. He had full charge of the business office of the prison and an examination is being made of the accounts. So far everything is found straight.

In a Critical Condition. VIENNA, Nov. 1.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Neu Freie Presse says in a dispatch published in the evening editions: "Dr. Zacharin and Professor Leyden have had violent quarrels, each accusing the other of giving the czar improper treatment. When Prof. Leyden's opinions were accepted Zacharin declared that he would return at once to Moscow. General Tcherewin forbade his leaving Livadia, threatening to detain him by force if necessary. Professor Wywodzoff, a specialist in embalming has been summoned to Livadia."

Today dispatches from St. Petersburg say that the czar has grown worse steadily, that his heart is weaker than at any previous time, and that he is hardly able to recognize his relatives. This bulletin was issued from Livadia at 7 o'clock Wednesday night; "The emperor took very little nourishment Wednesday. The inflammation of one lobe of the left lung continues. The emperor's breathing is impeded, his pulse is weak and the general weakness is greatly increasing. The czar's cough has grown worse rapidly and the discharge is said to contain small particles of the lung."

WHAT CAUSED THE QUARREL. The quarrel between the czar's doctors is reported to be due to Zacharin's brutal frankness in telling the czar of his condition. Leyden reproached Zacharin with discouraging the patient. Zacharin replied angrily, with a fling as to foreign interference, and an open rupture was the result.

BERLIN, Oct. 31.—The Lokal Anzeiger publishes a dispatch from Livadia expressing the opinion of Dr. Zacharin that the spitting of blood which has entered the lungs and produced inflammation. The only hope is in the absorption of the blood coagulation. The blood spitting had decreased Wednesday morning, and the patient was altogether better than could have been hoped.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 1.—The death of the czar is hourly expected by the king and the members of his court.

The Bride of Death. NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—That sorrow and joy frequently march arm in arm to the same altar was never more sadly illustrated than in the death of Miss Ida B. Prentice, whose funeral took place yesterday from her widowed mother's rooms in this city. Miss Prentice was to have been married to Robert Reade, of Columbus, Ga. Instead, the young woman was buried in her wedding dress, and the friends who had been invited to participate in the wedding festivities were present at her funeral, while those who had been selected as ushers served as pall bearers instead.

Mr. Reade first met Miss Prentice a year ago at a summer resort on the Jersey coast, and later they became affianced lovers. The ceremony was to have been performed in the Presbyterian Church in West Fifty-Ninth street, immediately after which the couple were to take a trip to the groom's home in the South. Miss Prentice was taken suddenly ill early last week. She became rapidly worse, and when a doctor was sent for he pronounced the case one of heart disease. Mr. Reade was at once notified of the precarious condition of his sweetheart and left at once for New York, but when he reached here he was confronted with the sad news of his affianced death.

Charged With Horsewhipping his Mother. ALBANY, Mich., Nov. 1.—William Wilson, a farmer of Franklin township and his wife, were arrested charged with horsewhipping Wilson's mother, who is 90 years of age. They gave bail, and their trial is set for Nov. 8. The offense was committed two weeks ago, but the old woman refused to make complaint, although the marks on her back are easily distinguishable yet. Neighbors made a great fuss over the incident and threatened to tar and feather Wilson. A grandson finally made complaint. Neighbors say the old lady, who lived with the couple, was neglected and badly treated for a long time. Wilson acknowledged the assault, it is claimed, and says he would do it again because his mother called his wife vile names.

Ex-Premier Mercier Dead. MONTREAL, Que., Nov. 1.—Ex-Premier Mercier died at 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

Honore Mercier was born at St. Athanase, Quebec, Oct. 15, 1840. He studied law and was admitted to the bar of Lower Canada in 1867. He was editor of Le Courrier de St. Hyacinthe from 1862 till 1864, and also in 1876, and also in 1896, and after sitting in the Dominion Parliament of Rouville from 1872 till 1874, was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Quebec as Solicitor General in the Joly government in May 1878, and held this portfolio till the resignation of the government in October of the same year. He was re-elected in 1881 by acclamation and again in December, 1886 and, on the resignation of the Tullon Administration, formed an administration and became Attorney General in January, 1887. During his term of office he became involved in the scandal caused by the Quebec harbor improvements, and was impeached for malfeasance in office. He was acquitted however though several of his intimate associates were found guilty and heavily punished. Since that time he has remained out of politics.

Should Have Been Impeached. SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 1.—The police commissioner exonerated Chief of Police Rogers of the charge of receiving bribe money from gamblers. The trial exposed the fact that ex-Mayor Harry White resigned to avoid publication of the charges that he was interested in a gambling den and that he had received protection money from gamblers. White confessed on the stand that he permitted the law to be violated and declared he should have been impeached.

A Victory for Japan. WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—Secretary Gresham received the following cablegram from Minister Denby at Peking: "Chinese forces have been defeated at Chinkien Cheng. Have retreated to Moukden. Japanese have taken one fort at Port Arthur."

A copy of Minister Denby's dispatch was sent Tuesday afternoon to the Japanese legation. The legation has received additional information that some other forts are expected to fall into the hands of the victorious Japanese tomorrow. Minister Kurino has also received a report that upon the landing of the Japanese troops at Taku-Len-Wai Saturday last, the Chinese war vessels at Port Arthur immediately took flight and did not stop until they had arrived at Wei-hai-Wei, another strong point, which like Port Arthur guards the entrance to the Gulf of Pechili. The report states that this sudden departure of the Chinese vessels was made without the firing of a gun and at a time when the Japanese army, under Marshal Oyama, was still a number of miles distant. Minister Kurino is careful to characterize this information "as a report only" and will not dignify it as coming from an official source. He thinks it not improbable, however, that it is well founded.

The Japanese minister is gratified at the receipt of the Denby dispatch, which seems to foreshadow the early capitulation of Port Arthur. The capture of this place, for a military and strategic standpoint, he says, can hardly be overestimated. The capture of Port Arthur is a part of the Japanese movement upon Peking, and when effected will make the march to the Chinese capital a matter more easy of accomplishment.

A Frightful Wreck. WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Oct. 31.—A frightful coal train wreck, in which three unknown men were killed, and Lewis E. Trump of Williamsport was badly injured, occurred about three-quarters of a mile east of Vidnet, a station near Peale, on the line of the Beech Creek railroad at an early hour this morning.

A coal train was moving past Vidnet when one of the brakemen's wheels slipped and the result was a bad wreck, fifteen cars being piled up in a confused mass. The first dead man found had his head entirely severed from his body. The other two who were killed were not discovered by the trainmen until they had the tracks about cleared, and then they were found under a coal car. There was nothing about either of the dead men by which they could be identified, but it is supposed that they were either tramps or burglars, as in their clothes were found a lot of burglars' tools, seven masks, three revolvers and a number of cartridges. Lewis Trump, the Williamsport man, who was on the same train and was badly injured, had his skull fractured and was otherwise hurt. The physicians thought he would die at the scene of the wreck, but he grew better on reaching the hospital at Phillipsburg, but it is not yet known if he will pull through.

Instantly Killed. NEVADA CITY, Cal., Oct. 31.—Arthur Meyer, one of the proprietors of the North B. omnibus stage line, was shot and instantly killed by a robber while on the down trip yesterday afternoon. The murder occurred three miles above this city and within a quarter of a mile of where a highway man murdered Banker Cummings in 1879. Meyer was driving and the only passenger was C. H. Bovee of Sierra County, who was on the box with him. Mr. Meyer stopped the four-horse team at first sight of the robber, who commanded him to dismount. He refused, when the robber fired twice with a pistol. The second shot passed through Meyer's body. Meyer fell dead, his boot on the reins preventing the horses from running off. Bovee jumped from the stage at the first shot and ran into the forest, three bullets being sent after him. The robber is not known to have stolen anything.

A Woman in Men's Clothes. CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—The peculiar actions of a person about sixty years old attracted the attention of a police officer in the Lake Shore depot. Upon close examination the officer found that the odd character was a woman in disguise as a man. Taken to the police station the woman confessed that her name was May F. Alford of St. Joseph, Mo. She stated that she came to Chicago simply to get away from every body she knew at her former home. Two years ago she secured a divorce from her husband. The police are not inclined to believe that the woman is insane and intend detaining her until the St. Joseph authorities can be communicated with.

Wheel Works Burned. DAVENPORT, Ia., Oct. 31.—The Bettendorf wheel works were almost totally destroyed by fire last night. Loss, \$40,000; insurance, \$18,000. The establishment was owned and operated by the Eagle Iron works of this city. A boy was killed by a horsecart passing over his neck.

Killed Him Instantly. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 31.—S. A. Cameron, a prominent cotton dealer, and E. F. Allison, a wealthy lumber merchant, got into difficulties over a business transaction yesterday and blows followed words. Town Marshal J. W. Thompson undertook to put a stop to a fight, when a pistol of one of the combatants went off and pierced his heart, killing him instantly. Several more shots followed, Cameron and Allison being fatally wounded.

STATE NEWS ITEMS.

The Blair Pilot fights the republican ticket to spite Oil Inspector Hilton.

Several families have left Tokamah to avoid the contagion of scarlet fever.

Successful revival meetings are being held at Plymouth to counteract the evil influence of too much politics.

More deaths from typhoid fever have occurred in Nebraska this fall than ever before during the same period.

Charles Zedley, living near Sand Creek, was kicked in the face by a horse and may lose the sight of one eye.

Several literary societies have been organized in Hitchcock county to furnish instruction to the young and entertainment to the old.

The Chadron Journal celebrated its tenth birthday last week. It was started before the town had a dozen inhabitants and did very much to make the city what it is today.

The store of M. J. Conboy of Rogers was robbed. While he was at supper the money drawer was broken open and \$15 taken. The store was entered through the window.

The snort of an engine frightened a horse driven by Mrs. Ed Potter of Kagan and the beast didn't stop running till the buggy was upset and the occupants temporarily crippled. No one dangerously hurt.

It is rumored that N. L. Brush a former jeweler of Cresta and brother-in-law of Messrs. McOmber & Pauley, is about to receive a handsome fortune which has been bequeathed him by an eastern aunt recently deceased.

Some sneak thief stole a shawl and lap robe from the buggy of Thomas Edwards, at Broken Bow last Sunday night, while he and his wife were attending church. The articles were highly prized by Mrs. Edwards, as the shawl came from Scotland and the lap robe from England.

A good deal of excitement was caused at Bellevue by a warrant being sworn out before Justice Beltz by Thomas Burke and Dan Lawrence against Mrs. Sarah Patrick for attempted poisoning. Mrs. Patrick pleaded not guilty and gave bonds to appear for preliminary trial on November 9.

Sunday night during the heavy snow storm, thieves broke into a car which was standing on the sidetrack at Valley and stole about forty bushels of potatoes, which were carried away in wagons. A Union Pacific detective was in the city trying to find some trace of the thieves, but no clew was obtained.

The preliminary hearing of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Harris of Geneva charged with shooting with intent to kill, was had before Justice J. D. Hamilton. They were both bound over to the next term of the district court under \$1,000. This is the case resulting from the shooting of Dr. G. W. Gorman by Harris some time ago.

It is reported, says the Shelton Clipper, that W. L. Greene of Kearney has become so wildly insane from liquor that he is now confined in one of the state insane asylums. Mr. Greene took the Keeley cure, some time ago, but he had returned to drinking and his present condition is no doubt the result, and all will regret this misfortune.

The large farm residence of A. Blauser, three miles northwest of Diller burned to the ground at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning. The fire is supposed to have been started by mice chewing matches which had fallen into the woodbox, where the blaze was first discovered. The occupants of the house were entirely suffocated by the smoke and narrowly escaped with their lives. Only a small portion of the household goods was saved. Loss about \$3,500; insured for \$1,500.

At 6 o'clock in the morning the house on a farm three miles southeast of Scotia owned by Tom May, whose home is in Indiana, was entirely consumed by fire. This house, a very handsome one, has long been a landmark in this part of the country. It was rented to John Carleton, who a few days ago went to Holt county on business. The house was insured in the Phoenix for \$1,200, but the furniture was not insured, nor the contents, of which nothing was saved.

R. Walther of Liberty was made the victim of misplaced confidence. A fellow giving the name of D. B. Rogers and introducing himself as the representative of the Glidden Felt Manufacturing company of DeKalb, Ill., sold him a bill of goods and afterwards asked his customer to indorse a small check for him, drawn out on the company. This Mr. Walther did. Several days later the bank here was advised that Rogers was not a representative of the above firm and that the draft had been protested. Mr. Walther is now very anxious to locate his man.

Mayor F. H. Trowbridge and wife of Neligh were given a golden wedding banquet at the opera house. Two hundred guests were present. Many toasts were presented and all paid homage to Uncle Frank and Mrs. Trowbridge. Twenty-five dollars in gold represented only part of the presents given. The mayor is not yet seventy, while his wife is only sixty-five years old. They are the parents of a large, and much respected family, including great-grandchildren.