

The total number of business failures in the United States during the past three months is 4,512, by coincidence exactly 700 more than in the like quarter last year, an increase of almost onefifth. The only preceding quarter in which the total number of failures was as large as 4,000 was in 1885, immewhen the total was 4,050. In no like duarter before or since has the number of failures been as large as in the past three months, although in the first 3,969-compared with which the increase during the past quarter is about one-ninth.

After a year of extreme depression, following the panic of 1893, and par- American people in the school of practi-

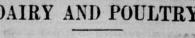
Kinley law, which they denounced as inefficient. Even in its closing months, reason of the expectation of reduced tariff rates, the McKinley law produced more revenue than has the Gorman law. Its receipts in the last nineteen months of its operation were forty miltion dollars greater than those of the first nineteen months of the Gorman law, while as for its first nineteen months, the McKinley exceeded the Gorman law by eighty million dollars in its receipts. Here is a statement which shows, in three lines, the comparatve revenue producing qualities of the two laws, whether in the beginning or closing periods of the McKinley act: McKinley law receipts first

19 months..... 521,819,675 Gorman law receipts first

19 months...... 481,423,509 In every particular, the new law has been a failure, whether in customs receipts or internal revenue receipts.

McKinley the Protectionist.

"The year 1890 found him at the head of the Ways and Means Committee and leader of the house. In that position it fell to his lot to frame and secure the enactment of the McKinley law. (Ap-Mately following the panic of 1884, plause.) That measure has made his name familiar in all the world and has made him exceedingly unpopular in almost all the world outside of the United States. (Great Applause.) But quarter of 1894 there were nearly four it has correspondingly endeared him thousand business failures reported- to his countrymen. Time has vindicated his labor. The last three years have been years of trial. They have been years of Democratic rule; they have been years of education for the



when importations had fallen off by INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

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supply to residents of the state desir-

ard, under the above conditions.

Pennsylvania Experiment Station.

farmers of the United States.

is no exception to the general rule.

The wild artichoke being indigenous

to most localities (wherever the soil

is suitable) in North and South Amer-

ica. It is merely a bad weed-a dan-

farmers who have seen it growing un-

ers do not understand that there is a

wild artichoke and the "tame" arti-

or potatoes, and on land that will pro-

duce 50 bushels per acre of Indian

.corn, 500 bushels per acre of artichokes

can be easily grown. The writer fre-

quently does this and has grown over

wild and "tame" rye.

been created for them.

Artichokes for Hogs.

RESULT OF CROSSING ENGLISH AND EAST INDIAN CATTLE.

Our illustration shows a cross be- parent breeds, so far as use in India

ween some English cattle (presum- is concerned. They will stand the pe-

ably shorthorns), and some Indian cultarities of feed and climate better

breeds. The United States consul in than the imported cattle, and have

Then when your pasture "plays out" in the fall, or about September 15 to October 1, you will have fine food in your lots for your hogs, where they will root at intervals whenever the ground is not frozen too hard until the received as much real benefit from one raiser (Mr. Booher) of the writer's acquaintance, and who has made 480 acres of \$100 land from raising for the pork market, says he would not be without a big annual patch of the tame artichoke, and that he has had no hog diseases in his herds since he has allowed them

artichoke (tame sorts) is a wonderful soil enricher, fully as good as red clover.

The writer cuts the tubers to two

acre of artichokes as from five of corn, at a very conservative estimate-some enough tubers in the ground to serve as seed for the next crop. It is a hog's | the audience." nature to root. In fact, his hogship is never happier than when he is rooting. An artichoke patch can truly be called a hog's drug store. A hog's ob- plained. ject in rooting being to obtain roots. which his appetite craves, and which serve the same purpose for him as a blood cleaner or spring medicine does for the human being. Ayer, of sarsa-parilta fame, can fully explain this. After a hog has eaten artichokes to his heart's content, the rooting notion will have been put entirely out of his head and he will not root up his spring or summer pasture. A wealthy hog

to root in his artichoke patch to their heart's content. He claimed that a sow will never eat her pigs if she has been previously given a good feed of artichokes. The

eyes per piece and plants precisely same as potatoes, and cultivates precisely same as corn. They grow about eight feet high and grow so dense him indignantly. that weeds have a hard time in an artichoke patch. The artichoke stands

MAN STREET

falling behind the work of the Mc- DAIRY AND POULTRY, their spring and summer pasture, AT THE AMATEUR REHEARSAL. The Star Rode a Wheel in a Pink Silk

> "I think you were to enter on the right instead of the left," said the manager, according to the San Francisco following May, when they will have Examiner. "Yes, that would be a great deal better."

> "But the left side of my hair is at a very conservative estimate—some much prettier than the right," said the say ten acres. The hogs will also leave star, decidedly. "I can always do it better. The left has got to be toward

"But you will have to face Sir Thomas anyway, and he is over here by the side-board," the manager ex-

"Well, we'll turn the stage around," said the star, cheerfully.

"I'm afraid that will confuse the others," said the manager, apologetically. "You see, there are only a few more rehearsals, and they have all practiced this way."

"They can easily get accustomed to it," said the star. "In an amateur play looks do make such a difference. I've been in loads of them. Of course you are used to professionals, and that is quite different, I suppose they have to be fussy about exits and cues and things like that."

'Yes, we consider them quite essential," murmured the manager.

"With amateurs it's all clothes and looks," went on the star. "Now, tell me, would you wear pink Dresden silk or white moire in the second scene? I can't make up my mind."

"But, considering it is a garden scene and you come in on a wheel-

"I won't wear a bicycle rig," broke in the star. "They don't suit my style at all. I'll do anything but that."

"I suppose the bicycle might be left out altogether," said the manager, with a perplexed frown. The star turned on

"Leave it out after I've broken half the furniture in the drawing room and ruined the carpet and torn three dresses learning that entrance!" she exclaimed. "Indeed, I won't. The audience can suppose I've been receiving at a tea and came home on my wheel-or anything else it chooses. I don't care."

The manager gave up the point and reflected it was a good thing that stars were usually dependent on salaries.

"I wish before the next rehersal you could manage to learn a little more of your part," he said, deferentially. Then we can tell better how it will

"Oh, I'll know it all right when the time comes," said the star. "I never can make up my mind to learn it till the last minute. Why, last time I acted I left out two of my most important speeches at the dress rehearsal and mixed the others all up and the manager had perfect fits, but in the play the next night I didn't have to be prompted once. That's just the way I am. I can't help it."

"But it would greatly help the others if you have the speeches more exactly, so they could have their cues. All of them are not so experienced as you.

"Well, I'll learn the ends of the speeches anyway, so that they can tell what comes next," said the star, graciously.

"I know a lovely skirt dance," she added, after a moment's reflection. "It might be a good idea to run it in in the garden scene."

"Do you think it would be exactly as they run out, or in other words, the suitable?" suggested the manager. "You see you are there to stop a duel between your brother and the man you are in

> "Oh, I can always get it in some way. I managed it even in 'Romeo and Juliet," said the star, easily. "I can say something about being downhearted and dancing to cheer up my spirits. while they are loading the pistols and talking with their seconds. It would look prettier in the garden scene than anywhere."

### WISDOM.

I want to help you grow as beautiful as God meant you to be when he thought of you first .- George MacDon-

Blessed is the hand that prepares a pleasure for a child, for there is no saying when and where it may bloom forth.-Jerrold.

A life of real virtue, of nobleness, of true greatness, is not an accident. It comes, if it comes at all, from lofty aspirations, from incorruptible motives, long cherished and held sacred as life itself.-John Learned.

Not only to the God that is above us. but to the God that is in us, let us direct our prayer; and to that God let our importunity be such that, like the man of the parable crying for bread at midnight, it cannot, will not, be denied .-John Chadwick.

Much of life is only fragments-un finished things, broken sentences, interrupted efforts, pictures left uncompleted, sculptures only half hewn, letters only partly written, songs only begun and choked in tears. But not one of these fragments is lost if it has love's blessed life in it.-J. R. Miller.

In our keen look at the strong outward practicalities of life, do not let us forget its inmost secret of power; that all noble thoughts, all noble possibilities of life, spring out of this Love, or touch their finest meaning in it; that there is no factor like it in the makeup of the world .- Brooke Her-

To be religious is not to be a seer of visions and a dreamer of dreams. It is not to be a dweller on the Mount of Transfiguration. It is not to be rapt in sweet and serene meditation. It is to be yourself, and being yourself, to take the nature which God has given you and use it in his service by using it for your fellow men.-Lyman Abbot.

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and in addition grow a piece of cane,

cultivating it as when growing for su-

gar, and feed this in the fall to fatten-

ing hogs.

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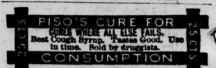
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cularly after a year in which there cal experience. As a result the Amerias a moderate boom in leading comoccial and industrial lines and a genwould have been natural to expect a year with conditions looking to improvement, the outcome of which could, tourse, hardly help lowering the

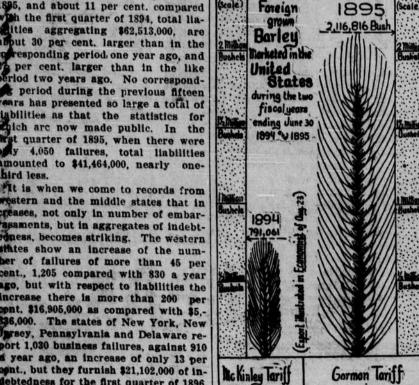
mercial death rate. e most unfavorable feature of the fort concerning the quarter's failes is the relatively heavy increase of liabilities compared with gain in numof embarrassments. Thus, while the increase in the latter is 18 per cent, compared with the first quarter of 1895, and about 11 per cent. compared h the first quarter of 1894, total liawith the first quarter states aggregating \$62,513,000, are ut 30 per cent. larger than in the esponding period one year ago, and per cent. larger than in the like riod two years ago. No correspondperiod during the previous fifteen mars has presented so large a total of liabilities as that the statistics for pich are now made public. In the st quarter of 1895, when there were y 4,050 failures, total liabilities

third less. It is when we come to records from estern and the middle states that in eases, not only in number of embarsments, but in aggregates of indebtness, becomes striking. The western tates show an increase of the numher of failures of more than 45 per cent., 1,205 compared with 830 a year ago, but with respect to liabilities the increase there is more than 200 per ont, \$16,905,000 as compared with \$5,-36,000. The states of New York, New rsey, Pennsylvania and Delaware reort 1,030 business failures, against 910 a year ago, an increase of only 13 per t., but they furnish \$21,102,000 of indebtedness for the first quarter of 1896. gainst \$17,445,000 in the like quarter 'ast year, an increase of 24 per

In New York City alone the total umber of business failures by quarters jumped from 165 last year to 258 this year, about 50 per cent., but the total littles increased from \$4,924,000 to 8,298,000, nearly 70 per cent.

crats have lost heart-and no calcuation upon seeing the repts under the Gorman law equal the public.—Col. John McAnerney, president of the Seventh National bank, in the New York Times, Sept. 20, 1892. falling short of its promises and Indeed, colonel.

can people know a great deal more about the tariff now than they did in 1892. (Applause.) Every business man has found out that; no matter what kind of business he may be engaged in, the tariff has a close, direct relation to him, and the wage-worker has learned that his prosperity depends on the maintenance of a protective tariff policy, As a result, in every section, in every state, in every country, in every municipality, in every mill and mine and furnace and



idol. (Great Applause and Cheers.)

Ah, There! there will be a feeling of security for every honest industry in this great re-



forge and workshop - everywhere throughout all this broad land where capital is invested or labor is employed, William McKinley is the ideal American statesman, the typical American leader and the veritable American

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Ceylon says that these crosses are more useful qualities than the native an improvement over either of the Nellore cattle. ing it a tested thermometer as a standdrought much better than the potato, and there is no insect that infests them to the writer's knowledge, of sever The station has also prepared a bulletin containing full and explicit direcalyears in growing three kinds of them. tions for the use of the Babcock test The "tame" or domesticated artichoke which it will mail free to all who may should be replanted every three years E. Hayward. -ground needs a rotation of crop They are very easily and entirely exterminated if the young tops are plowed under when about one foot Ritherto the growing of this valuhigh. Artichokes are valuable, not able tuberous rooted perennial has alone as a hog food, but for any kind been almost wholly neglected, and of stock and poultry, and also for greatly misunderstood. During the horses. Poultry just about live in an past few years the "tame" or domesartichoke patch in warm weather, ticated sorts of the artichoke have been where they hide from hawks in the imported from Europe, and are gradshade, and scratch out the young ually making their way to an extentubers. The tubers are highly prized sive cultivation in the United States, for milch cows as valuable milk pro-Canada and Mexico. It is in place in ducers. The writer feeds the tubers to this connection to mention that there his horses every spring. Horses preis a deep-seated, long-standing prejufer them to any other food after they dice against the artichoke among the have become accustomed to them. They completely take the place of oil But there is "wild" rye and "tame" cake and condition powders, making rye, "wild" onions and "tame" onions. horses shed nicely and clearing them "Wild" barley and "tame" barley. of worms. The writer has tried sev "Wild" lettuce and "tame" lettuce, eral varieties but has finally settled etc. Almost every grain and vegetable on the White Jerusalem, Red Jerusacultivated and used as food by man has lem and Mammoth White French as its namesake in a noxious and oftenthe most valuable sort to grow in the times dangerous weed. The artichoke

central west Illinois. B rred Plymouth Rocks. For ten years I have been raising poultry. During that time I have kept the White and Brown Leghorns, White gerous pest, which produces few and and Barred Plymouth Rocks. Of all the small tubers and spreads its long breeds, I prefer the Plymouth Rocks. fibrous roots out a long distance and My poultry house is an ordinary frame deep down into the soil, making its building, but comfortable. I feed soft extermination a difficult task. Many food in the mornings and whole grains in the evening. I do not confine myself derstand it fully. But the same farmto one grain but try to give a variety. As to the market, I can sell all the difference-a vast difference in the breeding fowls I want to dispose of in the home market. I have never failed to get eggs in winter, though in the choke. In fact they are as different very severest weather they of course as is wild and "tame" lettuce, or is fall off some. One year I lost almost an entire flock from cholera. I was During the past few years the tame away from home when they took it er domesticated sorts of artichoke have and in five days nearly all of them died. been imported from Europe and are to I lost but two chicks after I got home a great extent becoming known and and could attend to them. I find lice cultivated on this continent, as a cheap, the greatest enemy of young chicks .healthy stock food. The "tame" ar-W. H. Reid in Farmers' Review. tichoke can be as easily grown as corn

Milk in New York.-The milk supply

of New York increases at a fair pace. The daily consumption by the city is in the neighborhood of 100,000 gallons. The consumption of cream is about 3,500 gallons per day, and of condensed milk in excess of 12,000 gallons for the same time.

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years that an enormous demand has is not covered with dirt. A little at-As a pork producer they cannot be tention in setting it even with the excelled. A good plan is to plant all ground will de much good. Also see your lots to artichokes about May 1, that it is so set that the water will appeared in 1652. as soon as your stock is put on | not wash the mud over it.