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THE treasury outgo has exceeded its income since the calendar year began, and the surplus is again on the decrease.

Gov. MARTIN certifies that the Kansas prohibitory liquor law is a decided success. It is not to be denied, of course, that there is still a good deal of drinking in the state.

For the first time in his life Satan has an opportunity to settle down as an honest farmer and utilize his fighting qualities in contenting with the weather and the hard times with which the husbandmen of all climes are continually embroiled.

THAT "GOOD LARK"

As time rolls on and things come to light connected with Tuesday night's lawlessness, it appears that not only our chief of police was on a "lark," but one of the city councilmen was on a "lark" also, and that the night before in one of the saloons he knocked down a man who is a carpenter and builder, but the matter was hushed up in hope that it would soon blow over.

Again, it is openly charged that Mr. Poissal is a frequenter of the saloon and was in the company of Charley Nichols up to the time of the assault on Mr. Bach. Let the city council examine these affairs and publish the facts and met out punishment to its officers if they are deserving of it.

THE HERALD deems it due to the chief-of-police of this city that he clear himself of the charges made against him in this case and also of the charges that he is in the habit of drinking and associating with men who compose the law-breaking portion of this community.

THE RAILROAD SITUATION.

The agreement recently entered into by the representatives of the leading Western railroads is calculated to prove advantageous both to the corporations and to the people, if it shall be honestly and thoroughly observed.

charges would be for a given service. In some instances shippers have reaped a considerable benefit from this condition of things; but in a general way the effect has been detrimental to the public.

There is only one way in which railroad warfare can be avoided, and that is by the process of pooling, direct or implied. The word "pool" is an unpleasant one, but the idea which it involves when properly considered is not a dangerous one by any means.

At first a little, hacking cough, " 'Tis nothing but a cold," Thy day, " 'Twill very soon wear off."

REMEMBER.

Swift the flocking clouds are flying As the night shades sullen grow, And the day leans faintly dying In the western sunset glow.

A Wonderful Diamond. A remarkable precious stone has been discovered recently. It was a diamond of fine white color, weighing about four carats and handsomely cut, which had cracked into two equal parts, revealing in its center another diamond.

An Earl as an Engineer. Baron de Winton, of Shropshire, England, was forced to flee his native land on account of heavy obligations he had contracted in gambling and he lost over \$250,000, and his financial affairs being greatly mixed up, he came to this country to escape the disagreeable task of settling and meeting his father.

A MATHEMATICAL PRODIGY.

The Remarkable Talent of a Half Witted Negro Countryman.

Reuben Field, the mathematical prodigy of Lexington, who has attracted so much attention, was born at Warrensburg, Johnson county, about thirty years ago, and possesses only slightly better intellectual faculties than "Blind Tom."

Give him the diameter of the wheel of a locomotive, and the distance between any two points—it makes no difference how great—the time spent in traversing this distance and you have had your counting done before you have had the number of revolutions the wheel makes in covering the distance.

Umbrella vs. Cane. The gold headed cane which loving children present to dear papa, to remind him that he is growing old and that his tottering footsteps are fetching him to the grave; or which poorly paid employees present to the superintendent as a bit of taffy; or which the retiring minister receives from his dotting congregation to help him on his journey, is going out of favor as a gift, in holidays or other times.

Fooled a Jehu. "Some bright newspaper man," remarked my marine engineer friend, "ought to ship as a deck hand or coal passer on a big lake boat and write up his experiences. He'd get an idea of life unfamiliar to him, and be able to interest his readers with glimpses of a strange, rough, reckless existence, and perhaps if he had a good constitution he'd be all the better for roughing it for a few weeks. He would see some amusing things, too. I remember one night in Chicago, as we were lying near the Clark street bridge, a cab was driven rapidly on to the bridge just as it was in the act of swinging. The cabbie was half tipsy, but he had a fare and was rushing away with him for one of the depots. 'Oh, I'll get there,' he says; 'I always do, and you can't stop me.' He went on sassing the bridge tenders as he and his cab swung around with the bridge. The vessel went through, the bridge swung to place, but the bridge tenders had put up a job on the jehu. Away rattled the cab, the driver cracking his whip and yelling, 'I'll get there, but he didn't, for the bridge tenders turned him the wrong way. They swung the bridge clear around.—Buffalo News.

Wanted It Done Fashionably. "Inasmuch as the animal you stole was only a colt," remarked the leader of the ruffians, "we have decided to give you forty-nine lashes with a horsewhip instead of hanging you. But we shall lay them on well." "I have only one favor to ask, gentlemen," said the prisoner, pale but unflinching. "What is it?" "Gentlemen," he replied, "I have not always been a criminal and an outcast. I have moved in good society and I know the customs that prevail among our best people. I will take it as a favor, gentlemen, if you will lay the lashes on, as far as possible, in regular checks or diagonals. Perpendicular stripes are not worn this season.—Chicago Tribune.

The Billboards' Decline.

Theatrical managers have lately been discussing the question of the most profitable manner of advertising their shows. A few years ago the billboard was the only recognized method of communication between the manager and his patrons.

Later another plan was adopted and with similar results. Season tickets, admitting the holder to four performances a month and not more than one were issued, and on each performance the door keeper was obliged to punch out one of the dates, as in a railroad ticket. The result was that the holders of these passes held off until they had accumulated a dozen or so of admissions to their credit, and then swooped down upon the theatre in their might and owned the house.

The Major's Whisky Shot.

Some interesting things are remembered by Sherman's Atlanta campaign veterans in connection with Lieut. Bundy, commanding a battery of artillery, now known as Maj. Bundy, and one of the editorial writers on Deacon Shepard's New York Mail and Express.

Lieut. Bundy had a tooth for a good toddy, and one morning at Kennesaw Mountain had sampled some "Diamond B" commissary with some other officers, and reached his battery in excellent spirits. Soon Col. Geary rode that way, and observing the lieutenant, gruffly addressed him thus: "Lieut. Bundy, you are drunk."

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A Story of Bismarck.

The second volume of the memoirs of the Duke of Godes, which has been dedicated to a stir in the social and political world of Germany, contains another anecdote of Bismarck—the latest accession to the ranks of doctors of divinity. When secretary of the Prussian legation at Frankfurt, he was asked by a lady why he objected to the appointment of Count Thun to the position of ambassador. He replied that it was not a fit place for a man of his extraordinary talents, there being so little to do. "Then," continued the lady, "why do you retain your office?" "Oh! madam, it is another thing with me. I have always been a lazy, good-for-nothing fellow, and cared for nothing save my gun. Here I can hunt as well as on my farm and enjoy my siesta. The years have changed Bismarck and his ideas.—San Francisco Argonaut.

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