

THE CZAR'S RAILWAY.

From America to Europe with Only Twenty-four Hours of Water. Dr. J. M. Crawford, late United States consul-general at St. Petersburg, is enthusiastic on the subject of the Siberian railroad and regards it as one of the greatest enterprises of the age...

GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

A Brilliant Light the Result of the Singular Combination. Quite a sensation was created a week or two ago by Professor Vivian Lewis informing the members of the Gas Institute at Edinburgh that a French scientist, M. Denayrouse, had discovered a means of increasing the illuminating power of gas something like fifteen times...

Sounds Like a Scotch Story.

A case of unusual strictness in Sabbath observance is reported from Sababurn, Me. A farmer was waited on by one of his neighbors, who asked for the loan of his team the following Sunday to take his wife and children to the cemetery...

Work for the Blind.

A new occupation for the blind is made possible by an invention of the mechanical engineer Maznev of St. Petersburg. According to the 'Nowoje Wremja,' he has fastened to the Remington typewriter an attachment enabling the blind to write upon this machine from dictation...

He Stood Higher.

Mrs. Bellefield (to her daughter)—Mr. Dukane is over head and heels in love with you, dear. Miss Bellefield—So is Mr. Gaswell, mamma. Mrs. Bellefield—But you must remember that Mr. Dukane is six feet tall, while Mr. Gaswell is only about five feet seven in height.

BUFFINGTON'S FRIEND.

He Was Almost Too Friendly on Short Acquaintance to Sail Buff. "The most genial fellow I ever met," said Dave Buffington, of the American House, Brookville, the other day, "was a man in a one-horse wagon. I never saw him before in my life that I know of, but he knew me. He caught up to me just above the iron bridge on the road that leads to the depot...

SAID SHE WAS DEAD.

Coroner Hoerber's Visitor Showed a Photograph to Prove She Was. A thin, middle-aged woman dressed in black went to the coroner's office yesterday afternoon and asked Policeman O'Rourke if she could see Coroner Hoerber, says New York Sun. "What is it you want," inquired the policeman. "Well, you see, it's this way," said the woman confidentially, as she reached for a button on O'Rourke's coat...

A False Prophet.

Six hundred worsted mill operatives in Fitchburg, Mass., have received notice of raise in wages; the Collins woolen mills near Lowell have announced an advance of 10 per cent to their hands; men in nail and plate mills at Pottstown, Pa., will have their wages largely increased on August 1; the men in the Dapaldson Iron Works at Allentown have been notified that their wages are to be raised. These announcements must rile Gov. McKinley. They don't fudge with his prophecies of woe. As a forecaster of industrial weather he is a tragic failure. He is a political rainmaker. He promises rain and cyclones and ruin and does his level best to create a disturbance in the atmosphere. But in the face of all his warnings prosperity continues to "push dem clouds away."—Buffalo Courier.

From the Four Winds.

A wholesale dry goods merchant of New York city recently gave a supper to twenty of his friends engaged in the dry goods business in the city. As one of the guests happened to speak of the state in which he was born, the host made inquiry into the nativity of the others, and it turned out that the twenty men were born in twenty different states of the union. Five were natives of New England states, four of southern states, seven of states running from New Jersey to the Mississippi, two of states beyond the Rocky mountains, one of Nebraska and one of New York. The host of the occasion was a Harlemite by birth.—New York Sun.

An Honorable Scar.

The following story is told to account for the late Sir Robert Peel's habit of wearing his hat at a rakish angle: Sir Robert while on board a steamboat in Table Bay many years ago, jumped overboard to save a drowning man, and was struck on the head by one of the paddlewheels. The blow left a wound on one side of his head, and thereafter Sir Robert would never bear the weight of anything upon the scar, which he carried to the end of his life.

It All Depended.

Mother—I am going out, Mamie, and I want you to be a good little girl while I am gone, and I'll bring you home a paper of candy. Now, aren't you going to be good? Mamie—Well I suppose so; but I can't tell how good I ought to be unless I know how big that paper of candy is going to be.—Ex.

HIS MALADY FEIGNED.

California Courts Have No Sympathy for Reporters Who Sham Insanity. A sad blow at "journalistic enterprise" has been dealt by an unfeeling judge in California. An ambitious young reporter on the Los Angeles Herald, who had wearied of ordinary assignments, conceived the idea of winning fame by getting up a sensation. So he feigned insanity, was brought before the court for examination, was pronounced a subject for the asylum, and was sent to the state institution at Highlands. After staying long enough to get material for a good "story," he wanted to get out, but in order to secure his release, was obliged to tell the whole story of his deceit. The judge who had committed him cited him to appear to answer the charge of contempt of court, and sentenced him to pay a fine of \$200 or serve 100 days in jail. The judge accepted the plea that no disrespect for him personally had been intended, but explained that contempt of court was not an offense against the person of the judge, but against the government, because it is an unlawful interference with the orderly administration of justice by the tribunals created for that purpose. In this case the reporter, by deceit, had caused the machinery of justice to be set in motion, involving considerable public expense, and when brought before the court acted in a disorderly and insolent manner to induce the court to make an improper and illegal order. The judge proceeded to express these views upon the plea that a journalistic criminal ought to be treated more leniently than one not in "the profession." "Possibly from the standpoint of a reporter, such conduct may seem right and proper. It is possible even that in some quarters an attempt to deceive a court of justice, and by deceit to procure an improper and illegal order—an order involving the expenditure of considerable public money, and resulting in the sending of a sane man to an insane asylum—may be looked upon as legitimate journalistic enterprise. I hardly think, however, that, upon sober second thought, any citizen would so regard it. One who embarks upon such an enterprise—an enterprise which involves a violation of law, an enterprise which involves the commission of a public offense—must abide the consequence."

Monks Who Drink Beer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 18.—It is understood that Mgr. Satelli is giving his attention to the question raised by the petition to himself for the suppression of the brewery conducted by the Benedictine monks at Beatty, Pa., with a view to harmonizing the differences as to placate the complainants and at the same time not deal harshly with the ecclesiastics who conduct the brewery. He is giving his attention to the petition not only from the point of view of the petitioners, but also considers the fact that the monks are native Germans, who cannot see the harm in drinking beer made after the manner pursued in the fatherland. The effort will be to settle the dispute without any formal decision.

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