

Trade papers report that there are 8,000,000 bags of visible coffee in the world. This is in addition to the invisible coffee served at boarding houses.

The most bushy-headed people in the world are found among the savage tribes, where both professional piano players and foot-ball teams are unknown.

A Chicago dry goods man estimates that the women of that city spend over \$1,000,000 for big sleeves to their silk dresses'alone. The expenses of a well-dressed nation are always heavy.

It is said that a firm of American publishers has offered Sarah Bernhardt \$100,000 for her autobiography. If Sarah tells the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, the figures are low enough.

Mrs. Lulu Lare, of San Francisco, proposes to get a divorce and then come to Chicago. We do not see why it is necessary to get a divorce in order to come to Chicago, but if it is of course her action is justifiable.

The coal men, as we understand it, sincerely regret the necessity of steadily advancing prices to the consumer. As that is the only way they have of making money rapidly, however, there appears to be no alternative.

Vassar's freshman class this year numbers 220 girls and they have evolved the following class yell:

Yum! Yum! Yum!! We chew gum!! Vicissim!! We'll be a sis to 'em!! Eighteen '08 Vassar! Hah!! And yet there are those who claim that woman is not as well fitted as man for higher education.

The forthcoming reminiscences of Mary Anderson's life on the stage and her impressions through her professional career will be eagerly received, and should be read by all stage-struck young women. If a woman of "Our Mary's" genius, and one who achieved the success before the footlights that she did, can declare, as she does, that the day when she voluntarily turned her back upon it all and left the stage forever was the happiest moment she had seen, what can the boards offer other women?

The brief biography of Mr. George Tyson, late president of the American News Company, whose death was reported recently, is full of instruction and encouragement to all poor boys. He began his active career at the early age of eight by serving a newspaper route while attending school. He served with distinction in the war. He achieved success in business, and he "attributed his success in life to unflagging industry and correct business methods." No memorial could say more in fewer words. Their meaning should be carefully considered, not only by the poor boys who have their way to make in this world, but by the boys who are not poor and who wish to avoid the mistakes that lead to failure. Any boy who will cultivate the habit of unflagging industry and follow correct business methods may feel secure of his future.

The intelligent objection to prize fights is not merely on account of the brutality of such exhibitions. The respectable public is disgusted with the spectacle of barroom brawlers and bullies, with not sufficient capacity to earn a decent living in any legitimate employment, pocketing enormous sums as the profits of a few minutes' degrading "sport." The student or mechanic who has spent years of hard work attempting to fit himself for useful employment is unable, as a rule, to earn in a lifetime the fortune which one of these ruffians receive as his share of a single exhibition. True, people have a right to squander their money on these creatures if they desire to, but the moral effect is bad. The rising generation will not so easily believe that honest labor is the royal road to success when it has before it conspicuous evidences that ignorance and brutality win the quickest and largest returns.

That traditional "bull in a china shop" could hardly do more damage in a little while than a whole herd of cattle in a furniture store, as was witnessed in Louisville the other day. The cattle were being driven along the street, when six or seven made a dash into the store, following the lead of a big bull. The proprietor pushed a lady customer out of the back door, and got behind the door himself, shouting to the clerk to drive the cattle out. The clerk picked up a bedslat and approached the bull, but when the animal gave a snort and put down his head the clerk thought that he had business upstairs. The bull started to follow him, but was diverted by seeing another bull in a large plate glass mirror. He charged the mirror, and when the glass shattered around him he plunged about the store, reducing the furniture to fragments, an occupation in which the rest of the cattle heartily joined. What else would have happened no one knows, for at that moment the drovers came in and presently the cattle were peacefully pursuing their way up the street.

The French have had a hard time in soldering Anassanario, but the results indicate that they have got there, and they may be expected now to find out what they have gained

and thus to establish their supremacy in Madagascar beyond the probability of dispute. The French have had colonies on the island for two centuries or more, and have had pretty constant quarrels with the natives. Finally, they tried the experiment of a protectorate, acquiesced in by the other powers, under which the Hovas were to maintain their own government, but the French resident was to represent them in all their external relations. This partnership did not work, and when the Malagasy government undertook to grant independent concessions to foreigners the French asserted their sole right to all such privileges, with sundry other demands that led to war. The coast towns have been long in the hands of the French, but the Hovas retired to their capital, far in the interior, and it has cost much time and money and many lives to get at them. If the success now reported prove complete we may expect to see Madagascar made in effect, though probably not in name, a French colonial dependency.

In the various steps taken by the United States toward providing a satisfactory defence of our coasts against attack by foreign war ships there has been a peculiar hesitancy in adopting the latest devices, quickly followed by an extraordinary advance beyond the results obtained abroad. Thus we long delayed the adoption of breech-loading rifles, but very soon after we decided to use them we had no superiors as gun builders. Similarly, although nickel steel armor was first manufactured in Europe, the high development that has been given to it has been due to the navy department of this country. Recently Great Britain, being convinced of the value of the wire-wound gun, has discarded the built-up system of manufacture and has constructed all the heaviest guns for her latest battleships on the wire-wound plan. The United States navy and army ordnance experts have not yet fallen into line, but when they do there is no doubt that our wire-wound guns will surpass those now building in England by as much as our Harveyized nickel steel plates surpassed the compound armor that so long was regarded as the best the British works could make. Already the extraordinary endurance and the unequalled power of the Brown segmental wire-wound gun have begun to attract attention abroad, and its construction in this country will soon set the pace for gun construction throughout the world. It has no equal.

In the invention of an electric automobile plow science has made another stride in the direction of the horseless age, and one which the farmer will be likely to regard with peculiar interest. The steam plow, which is already familiar on the vast farms of the West, has the drawbacks of great cost, cumbersome size and the difficulty of securing supplies of fuel and water for the engine. In the electric plow, which is a German invention of recent origin, many of these defects are remedied. It may be operated from a central plant in a distant town by means of wires strung on poles to the farm, or it may be more conveniently run from an ordinary steam engine and dynamo on the farmer's own premises. The plow is a huge two-wheeled affair with a motor fastened upon it connected by wires with the dynamo. In operating it a stout cable, anchored at each end, is stretched from end to end of the field, and the plow moves by working the cable over a shaft. When the end of the furrow is reached the plow is tipped over, the current reversed and the furrow in the other direction is begun. According to the October consular reports, in which the operations of this instrument in Germany are described, the novelty has been moderately successful. On heavy soil it plowed eight acres to a depth of about ten inches in ten hours. The cost was about \$1.29 an acre, much cheaper than a man and team could have possibly done the work. In view of the experiments of Germany it is not impossible that the rest of the world will yet take up the invention and thus deal another blow to the defenseless horse. If there was a single function in which the horse seemed to be secure and indispensable, it was that of plowing and performing farm duties. If he is to be driven fairly from the farm as well as from the city, where is he to find employment?

Just Like a Yankee. In the good old days of M. Blanc (writes George R. Sims), it was the custom at Monte Carlo, directly a sulfide was found, to stuff his pocket full of bank notes. This was done to prove that his losses at play were not the cause of his hurried departure from this world. The last person who received this generous treatment was an American. He was found lying in one of the quiet alleys of the beautiful grounds, with an empty bottle, labeled "Poison" by his side. The secret agents of the bold Blanc instantly stuffed his pockets full of gold and notes, preparatory to giving information to the police. No sooner had they filled him as full of lures as he could hold than the sulfide leaped to his feet, raised his hat, exclaimed, "Thank you very much!" and went off to enjoy himself with his newly acquired wealth.

Misummer Night's Dream. Tommy Ten Year—Children, children, I had an elegant dream last night. Chorus—What? What? Tommy Ten Year—I dreamed I dropped into a bucket of ice cream and had to eat my way out. Chorus (smacking)—Whew!—Boston Standard.

Platinum. Platinum can be soldered like other metals. The parts to be soldered must be made clean, and a thin electro deposit of copper made upon the surface, when it can be soldered with tin.

After a Robbery. COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Nov. 13.—Notwithstanding the utmost efforts of the police, county officials and Wells-Fargo secret service, together with the bloodhounds, up to a late hour last night not even a shadow of a clue had been secured of the two robbers who so successfully held up Night Express Agent Krout, of the Wells-Fargo company, last night at the Santa Fe depot, and relieved him of \$20,000 in currency and only by pure accident missed securing another package containing \$35,000 more. Beyond the fact that both men wore crude gunnysack masks, and were of small stature, Agent Krout was apparently too scared to remember anything, and it is doubtful if he could even identify their voices.

Captain Dodge of the Wells-Fargo secret service, with two detectives, arrived here early this morning from Cripple Creek, but reports seeing no disturbance. There are fully a dozen men at work on the trail, various directions scouring the country, but up to the present time their endeavors have not been rewarded with anything tangible.

The express company is searching for some one who was evidently acquainted with the fact that a large sum of money was to have been in transit last night, believing that the hold-up was a pre-arranged plot. The hold-up and circumstances connected with it were so favorable to the robbers that it might have been accomplished by either novices or experts with equal success. The county will offer no reward, the general opinion being that the express company was deficient in its duty in not providing sufficient protection when such large sums are being transferred.

Agent Krout has been with the company several years and has always borne an excellent reputation.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 12.—It is now believed the express robbers who so boldly secured \$20,000 last night from the Wells, Fargo & Co., station at Colorado Springs are A. J. Gray, alias Sam Wells, and J. T. Stuart, alias Barr two noted crooks who broke jail in Colorado Springs last month. R. S. Montgomery, another crook, was in jail at the time and because he was not taken into the confidence of the jail breakers he sought the express company in Denver and offered to reveal the hiding place of these men, whom he then started were planning to rob the company. The officials here declined to listen to him then and now they are eagerly seeking for Montgomery, who has disappeared.

Threatened Pullman's Life. CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—William B. Graham, one of George M. Pullman's employees in the Pullman building, was arrested because it was feared the lives of Mr. Pullman and J. B. Griffin, one of Mr. Pullman's superintendents, were in danger. Graham had made threats to shoot both Mr. Pullman and Griffin and there was a decided sensation in the palatial office structure at Michigan avenue and Adams street when the fact became known and that Mr. Pullman's private policeman, as well as city detectives, were searching high and low for Graham, who has been employed about the building as an assistant janitor and occupied a room on the sixth floor of the building.

About 5 o'clock he was found in his room and after a chase through the building was secured. He at first denied having made the threats and talked in a rambling manner. Finally he declared that Mr. Pullman and Griffin were his deadly enemies and that he had been warned to get them out of the way. One of them was to have been removed by the 17th and the other by the 27th of this month. Graham was examined by the city physician and sent to the detention hospital for the insane, where he will remain until his sanity is decided on.

A Terrible Fire. CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 13.—As the result of a fire at North Noble and Cornell streets at 3:30 yesterday morning, one man lost his life, two persons were probably fatally and one slightly injured. The dead: John Varalski. The injured: Martin Varalski, badly burned, taken to county hospital; will die. John Varalski, Jr., badly burned and partially asphyxiated by smoke; will probably die. Mrs. John Varalski, slightly burned; The family was asleep when the fire broke out. Policeman Alcock made a brave attempt to rescue them and succeeded in getting the wife and two children out alive. The body of John Varalski was found burned to a crisp. Martin Varalski, aged twenty-four, was insensible when found and John, aged eight, could not much longer have borne the smoke. The second floor was occupied by Mrs. Anna Kukus, who got out just in time to escape being burned to death.

Another Earthquake. ATHENS, Nov. 13.—A severe earthquake has been experienced in Katuna. The inhabitants are panic stricken.

Lost in Flames. DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 13.—The residence of ex-Senator Thomas W. Palmer, president of the world's fair commission, was destroyed by fire this morning, together with most of its contents. The loss on the building is \$30,000, with \$15,000 insurance. No estimate of the loss on the contents can yet be made. The fire was caused by the crossing of an electric wire with that of the telephone connected with the house.

A DIABOLICAL MURDER.

A Mother and Child Killed Supposedly for Money.

THE MURDERER COMMITS SUICIDE

Insurance Policies and Money the Incentives to the Inhuman Act.

LAREDO, Tex., Nov. 14.—A diabolical murder of a mother and child, it is supposed for the purpose of robbery, was revealed yesterday, followed by the self-destruction of the fiend when he realized that his crimes had been discovered and lynching awaited him in all probability. It is believed the murdered woman was Mrs. Caroline Menn of Dallas, Tex. Her child was a girl of about ten years. The murderer is supposed to be William or Sam Kuntz of Kansas City. Kuntz stated while here that he had been a master mechanic for a railroad, and letters were found in his trunk addressed to William Kuntz, 157 Grand avenue, Kansas City.

Last Monday evening a tall, fine-looking man, accompanied by a woman and pretty girl, registered at the Hotel Hamilton as C. Schuler and family. At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon Schuler, who was really Kuntz hired a buggy and took the woman and girl to the depot, despite the inclement weather. At 5 o'clock he returned the vehicle and ate supper at the hotel without exciting any suspicion, retiring afterwards. During the night a sheep herder discovered two bodies lying in the brush in Chacon bottom, just beyond a small reservoir, two and a half miles from the central part of the city. He noticed trails where the bodies had been dragged through the thorns by the murderer and the prints of the buggy wheels were noticed on the ground. Without touching the bodies he came to the city and notified the recorder. Officers proceeded at once to the scene of the crime and returned the bodies to the city. They were identified as those of the woman and child who had gone riding with Kuntz.

SEQUEL CAME QUICKLY. The news of the murder was all over the city early yesterday morning, and the sequel came at 6 o'clock. The proprietor of the hotel kicked at Kuntz's door and asked him where his family was. Kuntz replied that he had taken it last evening to Aztec, where they had taken the limited train for Mexico.

"I think you are mistaken," said the proprietor, "your family is not in Mexico." Kuntz shut the door, and drawing a revolver, shot himself through the heart. On his person was found a cigar case containing over \$1,500 in bank bills. On the cigar case was stamped the name "Sam Kuntz." It is believed that his brother lives in Fort Worth and he was at once notified of the tragedy.

The body of the suicide and his victims were taken to Fowler's morgue, which was surrounded by a large crowd of enraged citizens, who would have made up a lynching party if the murdered had not cheated them.

An insurance policy for \$3,000 in his own favor, a deed of trust, executed by Catherine Menn on property in East St. Louis, a photograph of Kuntz and pictures of a handsome young woman and a child of six were found in Kuntz's trunk, besides the letters addressed to William Kuntz, Kansas City.

KNOWN IN KANSAS CITY. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 13.—William Kuntz, who is believed to be the murderer, was employed at the Heima brewery of this city as chief engineer last February. He was a tall, fine looking man, dark eyed and had dark hair. He was smooth-faced. He had a wife and little girl that answered well the description of the woman and girl murdered in Laredo. He was about twenty-five years of age and well liked. Among his personal friends here were Dave Roberts, chief engineer at Fowler's, and Henry Bernave, city boiler inspector. He came to Kansas City from St. Louis where he was chief engineer of the Green Tree brewery of that place. He left here last July for Ft. Worth, where he had accepted the position of chief engineer of the Ft. Worth brewery.

Running Full Capacity. FT. WORTH, Tex., Nov. 14.—The Ft. Worth packing house, which has been virtually shut down for several months, resumed operations under the new Chicago management and is running to its full capacity of 2,000 hogs and 5,000 cattle per day. The resumption of slaughtering by this concern will give employment to about 200 people at present, which number will be increased in the near future.

In the New Court. TALEQUAH, I. T., Nov. 14.—The largest crowd that ever assembled in this city is here, the occasion being the Cherokee legislature and the convening of the first United States court that was ever held in Talequah. Judge William M. Springer presides.

A Show of Paintings. WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The artists of Germany are to have a show of paintings and sculptures at the same time that Berlin makes her exposition of industrial objects to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the foundation of the Royal Academy of Arts. It will be a national exhibition, and as American artists are to be asked to participate, United States Consul General DeKay, is endeavoring to facilitate the exhibition of their work.

DETECTIVE'S KILL A ROBBER.

A Shooting Match in Chicago Results Fatally to a Desperado.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 15.—A man who was supposed to be Clarence White, one of the gang of porch-climbers who last spring robbed the residence of Norman B. Keam on Lake Shore drive of thousands of dollars worth of diamonds, was killed last night by a detective belonging to the Berry agency. At midnight the identity of the dead man was uncertain. The Berry men have been trying to find White ever since the Lake Shore robbery occurred, and early yesterday evening five of them were standing on the corner of Winthrop Place and Polk street. There are many contradicting stories as to what happened, but that two men drove by and that there was much shooting is a certainty. As near as can be learned two men came by in a buggy.

When they were opposite the Berry detectives they opened fire, and some say the occupants of the buggy fired three shots before the detectives could draw their revolvers. As soon as they did, however, there was a fusillade of shots. The excitement on the streets was intense. Pedestrians ran in all directions and sought shelter in convenient doorways. The men drove west on Polk street. A police officer sent a patrol wagon in pursuit. At Ogden avenue the man who was supposed to be Clarence White fell from the buggy and lay dead on the car tracks while the other man drove on. The patrol wagon stopped to pick up the dead man the buggy went a little further when the remaining occupant deserted it and disappeared. At midnight he had not been found.

The Berry people believe that they killed Clarence White, but the police are equally certain that the man is not Clarence White, but probably a man named Frank White.

Left Their Crutches Behind.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 15.—The fact that Schlatter has announced his work to an end today has resulted in turning the attention of the public generally toward him to such a degree that the whole city is discussing the matter earnestly and to the neglect of all other topics. The trains Wednesday brought in a thousand more people from Kansas and Nebraska and more distant points.

J. B. Handy of Ellsworth, Kas., created a sensation by appearing on crutches before Schlatter and then walking away without them. He was photographed and exhibited for a time as a sample of the work done by the healer. The hotel clerks report that they have seen guests come apparently afflicted and later have seen them go away happy and well. One man who limped into the Oxford yesterday on crutches, walked across the corridor without support.

These are but illustrations of the stories that fly about. The crowds grow greater and it is usual sight to see people standing at down town street corners in the early morning waiting for the first cable cars to start out that they may get over the river as early as possible.

A Crazy Sailor.

SANDETTY, O., Nov. 15.—The tug Connelly has just arrived at this port with the scow Aunt Ruth in tow, having aboard four men who comprise the crew, in such a wounded condition that all may die.

During the night while off this port a Norwegian sailor known only as "Pet" became crazy and attacked another sailor with a revolver. A scuffle ensued and the entire crew went to the assistance of the sailor, but in so doing Adam Konna, captain of the boat, was shot, as was also Joe Konna, his nephew, and his son Adam Konna, Jr.

Luring the meek one sailor escaped to Marblehead life saving station by means of a small boat and notified the Sandusky police. The crazy sailor was found walking up and down the vessel with a revolver in his hand. He fired at the police without effect, when a bullet from an officer laid him out. The three sailors who were shot and cut were in the cabin of the scow, wetting in blood.

The three sailors were removed to the Marine hospital, and their assailant to the police station. The crazy sailor was shot twice, once in the neck by the officer, and in the side by one of the crew. He was also badly cut all over the body.

Indiana Kill.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 15.—The department of the Colorado received two messages yesterday from ex-Agent Day at the Ute agency headquarters. He attributes the murders of the two Ute Indians to members of the tribe. The bodies were found in Chicken creek, seven miles from the town of Mancos. He has sent Indian police down Mancos canyon to look for the bodies of the murdered Indians. Runners have been sent for the son of the Indians supposed to be guilty of the crime. He has wired for four Winchester with which he thinks he will be able to master the situation. The cavalry at Ft. Logan are awaiting orders and will be ready to move at any moment.

A Big Amount

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 15.—A certificate was filed with the secretary of state yesterday morning of the reorganization of the New York, Lake Erie & Western Railroad company, under the name of the Erie Railroad company. The capital is \$1,400,000 divided into 140,000 shares of \$100 each. The company paid an organization tax on its capital of \$182,500, which is the largest amount ever paid in by one corporation at one time.

Nebraska Notes

The new school house at Johnson is nearing completion.

Deuel is the banner republican county of western Nebraska.

The telephone line is completed so that Wilsonville can say hello to Beaver City.

The young son of W. P. Hasty of Adams fell from a wagon and broke his arm.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to blow open the safe in the bank at Miller.

A saloonkeeper at Brayton is under arrest for selling grog without legal authority.

Herman Lallman of Dodge county lost eighty full-grown hogs from cholera—all he had.

The young son of Charles Landers of Genoa fell from a turning pole and fractured his arm.

Several sick people of Kearney claim to have received benefit at the hands of the Denver healer.

Township organization carried in Burt county. It isn't very expensive under the new law.

Cortland is enjoying a religious revival that promises to reclaim any number of lost sheep.

George Dunn of Nebraska City has purchased the Syracuse Journal and taken editorial control.

Hon. R. H. Henry bought eight car loads of cattle in Wyoming to feed on his ranch near Bellwood.

Tom Kelley of Merina narrowly escaped death by getting a leg caught in a threshing machine belt wheel.

Four of the Crum family, living about four miles southwest of Wilsonville, are down with typhoid fever.

Jules Sandoz of Rushville was thrown from a horse and landed on his nose. What is left of it will heal in time.

James C. Dahlman will resign his office as mayor of Chadron and give his undivided attention to inspecting oil.

Now that the smoke of battle has cleared away it is discovered that Humphrey has one more paper than it needs.

John Oliver, a respected resident of Custer county, died recently of typhoid fever. He leaves a wife and six children.

A band of free Methodist exhorters have undertaken to banish iniquity from Lincoln. It is a worthy undertaking.

It costs the boys of Springfield about seven dollars a piece for the fun they had Halloween night. They did much mischief.

The Shelton Clipper will publish a dead-head list as an awful warning to those who "support" a paper without paying for it.

Coyotes are becoming very troublesome in Dodge county, and farmers have decided to organize a hunt and kill off a few dozen.

John Lewis of Madison attempted to drive a balky horse, and in the scurrying received a broken thigh. The horse is as balky as ever.

In cutting down a tree by lamplight Samuel Hancock of Butler county struck a glancing blow and almost severed his foot at the instep.

Peter Leef of Deuel county had eight children, but diphtheria carried off two, and the remaining six are down with the dread disease.

An Alma man raised over 1,400 bushels of onions on less than three acres of land. At 10 cents per bushel they brought him nearly \$500.

The Weeping Water Republican has more advertising than any paper in the same sized town in the south Platte county. It deserves to prosper.

J. H. Chapman of the Brokenbow Republican has adopted the cash in advance system, to take effect and be in force from and after this week.

Dr. H. J. Arnold of Columbus was called to southern California by news that his father was accidentally shot in the leg and that fears were entertained of serious results.

Emily Stewart edits a temperance column in the Axtell Republican that ought to make every drinker of anything stronger than weak lemonade ashamed to look in the glass.

While W. F. Shepard of Keith county was away from home his house took fire and burned to the ground. Nothing was saved, and his wife and children barely escaped with their lives.

The city council of Plattsmouth at its last session dispensed with the services of the street commissioner, and hereafter the city marshal will supervise all street work, in addition to his other duties.

Mr. T. D. Thatcher of Sharon township, who has been quite ill for more than a year, and on several occasions his life despaired of, says the Gibbon Beacon, visited the so-called "healer" in Denver about the middle of last month and felt greatly benefited in health. He is able to work and says he has not felt so well for years.

E. J. Rogers has sold the Schuyler Herald to Mrs. H. C. Reinecke, the former owner, and she in turn has leased it to her brother, H. E. Phelps.

Jacob Bowman of Seward had his wife taken before the cad in the charge of beating him over the head with a stove poker and other kitchen furniture. On examining the head which was submitted in evidence, the woman was discharged with an injunction from his honor that "brothers should dwell together in unity."