

To do what seems right may involve an extra struggle sometimes, but one may be sure that in the long run it will bring the most happiness.

Our seacoast fortifications are somewhat defective, but in the event of a war with England she would not be allowed to get within shooting distance of them.

The latest plan of the rainmakers is to produce a fog and then turn it into rain by an ingenious application of dynamite. London is suggested as a field of experiment, but Londoners may object.

It is said that England has investments in the United States amounting to \$3,183,500,000. The amount might be doubly profitable if England will drop forever any further bullying tricks in the New World.

Connecticut figures its present population to be 858,429, a gain of 112,000 in five years. The growth of the older States is steady and rapid, indicating that the census of 1900 will show no falling off in the general progress of the country.

All those who love Nature, she loves in return, and will richly reward, not perhaps with the good things as they are commonly called, but with the best things of this world; not with money and titles, horses and carriages, but with bright and happy thoughts, contentment and peace of mind.

Were men so enlightened and studious of their own good as to act by the dictations of their reason and reflection, and not the opinion of others, conscience would be the steady ruler of human life, and the words truth, law, reason, equity, and religion would be but synonymous terms for that only guide which makes us pass our days in our own favor and approbation.

The Shah of Persia has just sold to the French Government, for the sum of \$10,000, the exclusive right to search for archaeological relics throughout Persia, where several great Biblical cities are buried under the sand. France will find far more glory in bringing these ancient centers of civilization to the light than in schemes of territorial conquest like that in Madagascar.

History records that once, in an Asiatic war, Portugal captured the tooth of a sacred monkey from Siam, and refused to return it until a ransom of \$3,500,000 was paid. Some of the governments of Europe have been in so many transactions of this kind under the sacred shadow of what they call international law that they think that elastic code justifies everything from petit larceny to a massacre.

The success of many an enterprise depends mainly on the insight which detects what it is which people like or dislike, what are the conveniences and helps which they prize and the inconveniences and hindrances which they wish to avoid. On the other hand, one who is blind to these things, who looks at everything from his own stand-point alone and never pauses to consider the way in which they will probably affect others, will never put his labor to the best use.

All who have been in the habit of making themselves and their griefs and troubles the uppermost consideration in their minds should learn to think more of others and less of themselves. It is one of the surest antidotes for this sort of mental disease, and when a man has learned the great lesson of effacing himself, he has gone far along the road to happiness and added much to the pleasure of others. Any one who is ever on the alert for some insult to his sensitive spirit is a plague to himself and to every one else.

The constitution of Utah contains several new features. For instance, it provides that juries shall consist of eight men instead of twelve, and that in civil cases three-fourths of the number may render a verdict. Another provision is to the effect that the State shall never go into debt exceeding \$200,000, except in case of insurrection, and another guarantees to every citizen the right to obtain employment wherever possible, and makes any interference with this right a crime. It is generally known, of course, that suffrage is given to women on equal terms with men.

Each of the three 15-inch dynamite guns commanding the entrance to the harbor of San Francisco is capable of throwing a maximum charge of 500 pounds of nitro-glycerine, and it is not probable that any armored ship afloat could pass them. One of the guns was recently charged with 100 pounds of nitro-glycerine and trained on a bluff of spongy red rock two miles away, the result being a hole in the rock 30 feet in diameter and 6 feet deep. The accuracy of the fire is said to be such that a ship entering the Golden Gate would be hit three times before she could advance 100 yards.

It is interesting to find that the South is raising more grain and not simply talking about it as the right thing to do. Its harvest of grain in 1894 was 611,000,000 bushels, valued at \$302,000,000, or more than the value of the entire cotton crop. The Southern grain crop this year exceeds that of last year by 50,000,000 bushels. Increasing prosperity in the South is one of the signs of the times, and the fact that it is learning to diversify crops, or, in other words, to use all its agri-

cultural advantages instead of one, contributes a great deal to its rapid advancement.

It is time for some enterprising newspaper correspondence to interview Prince Bismarck on the crisis and find out whether the tobacco clouds rise peacefully from his historic pipe or in spasmodic puffs. The old Chancellor never did love England, yet he may not approve of the grandson's rude shock to his grandmother.

In view of the fact that the commerce of the great lakes in forty years has increased tenfold, a bill has been introduced in Congress to investigate the feasibility of maintaining a uniform lake level by a system of dams. The level has been falling for several years, and the estimate of the decline ranges from three to ten feet. This may not be permanent, but the deforestation of the region has something to do with it. The government has been spending millions for deepening lake channels and harbors, and many vessels have been contracted for on the promise of a channel of not less than twenty-one feet. A dam system would probably not be costly, and it is to decide this point that army engineers will be called in.

EASY WHEN YOU KNOW HOW. The Proper Way to Blow Into a Slot Machine.

The two men stood in front of the penny-in-the-slot weighing machine, looking red in the face, as though from some immense muscular exertion.

"Now, let me see if I read the directions right," said one, taking another look at the paragraph in a newspaper. "Yes, we tried it right. This is what it says:

"All that is necessary if you wish to be weighed on a penny-in-the-slot machine, and haven't got a penny, is to apply your lips to the slot and blow hard. The air cannot escape, and the pressure will set the machine in operation at once."

"Well, I'll be blowed if I can do it," said he. "You try it once. Maybe your lungs are stronger than mine."

As the other man stepped on the platform to take a try at it, several passers-by, attracted by the odd sight, stopped to see the operation. Soon a party was gathered around the machine.

In vain did the man puff and blow till he almost burst the buttons from his waistcoat.

"I give it up," said he, casting a sheepish look at the crowd that gave him the laugh.

Just then a bootblack, with grimy face but bright eyes, wiggled through the crowd.

"Aw, dat's dead easy," said he. "Just let me show de mug how ter do it," and then he climbed on the platform, put his lips to the slot and blew. Not so very hard, either, but a click was heard, the pointer flew around and told the wondering crowd that the "kid" weighed ninety-four pounds.

"It's a cinch," was the contemptuous remark of the urchin. "Try it again." Another man tried it, and again was the proverb verified about the battle not always being to the strong.

The crowd wondered. "How do you do it, kid?" said one. "Humph, dat's tellin'," he replied. "I win more money at dat game dan I kin lose shooting de cubes."

"Give you a quarter to tell."

"It's a go, boss. Now, watch me," and the urchin climbed on the machine again.

"Gf me a cent," said he.

"What for?" asked the man.

"What fur? Why, to stick in me mug; den I puts me mouf on de slot and pokes in de cent wid me tongue, see? Dat's what fur. It's dead easy when you on. Savvy?"

The crowd savvied.—New York Tribune.

Chicago in Literature. Chicago has done little in the line of higher literature—with one ever memorable exception. For nearly a generation it had in David Swing a preacher whose sermons were literature, and who, week after week, contributed his high thoughts grandly expressed, and whose writings deserve permanence.

But there has been no Oliver Wendell Holmes among the doctors of Chicago; no William Cullen Bryant on the press; no Richard Grant White among the office-holders; no Steadman on Chicago; not even a William Allen Butler at the bar.

But Professor Swin had little time and less taste for literary work outside of his weekly sermonizing. Eugene Field alone devoted his best powers of thought and expression to verse, and if America had a Westminster Abbey with a poet's corner he would be one of the few Chicago men to there find rest.

A Montana Editor's Appeal. Don't get mad if your visitor's name does not appear in the personal column. Perhaps you did not tell the editor; he's no mind reader. Don't get mad if your neighbor's doings are referred to more frequently than your own. Your neighbor uses his mouth. Your modesty may be keeping you in obscurity. That's no dream. A country newspaper can't spend all his time on the street—and make three meals a day. If you know an item of news, hold us up and give it out of your system. Sixteen to one, if we get it second-hand there will be a blunder in it.—Ann Condon Recorder.

Peter's Thumb Mark. Portuguese fishermen say that the black spot on each side of a haddock's head is an imprint of Peter's thumb and fingers. According to the tradition the haddock was the fish from which he took the piece of tribute money miraculously found in its mouth.

When a young man dies, you hear of at least five girls he intended to marry, and who were grossly shocked by his death.

THE FRIEND OF BALLINGTON

He Has Many of Them in the American Army Yet.

A TEXAS BANK ROBBER SWINGS OFF

A Violent Mob Avenge the Death of the Cashier of the Looted Bank by Hanging The Murderer.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The English brigadiers at the Salvation army headquarters are still firm in their support of Gen. William Booth in his removal of the former commander, Ballington Booth, from his position, but the rank and file of the army, officered by Americans, are still largely in favor of their much beloved commander and his wife.

At the headquarters of the army the situation yesterday was not materially changed from that of Tuesday. The only important change was the resignation of Maj. Peter Glen and his wife. Major Glen has been in charge of the field department and was one of the most powerful officers in the work. The couple yesterday sent a letter to Commissioner Eva Booth, giving as their reason for resigning the belief that Commander and Mrs. Ballington Booth had been dismissed without just cause. Major Glen said yesterday that Ballington Booth had in no way advised his resignation and that his action in withdrawing was entirely of his own accord.

"Ballington Booth will not lead an American army," was the answer Major Glen made yesterday to questions about Mr. Booth's intentions. "He has received a number of invitations to conduct evangelical meetings and very probably will engage in some such work."

Major Glen also said that the published reports that large sums of money had been promised to Mr. and Mrs. Ballington to carry on any work they might desire, was in a measure true.

Officers of the army have little fear that Ballington Booth will not turn over the funds of the army in this country, which are all deposited in his name in various banks. He has already signed checks for the current expenses of the organization. Another account has been started in the name of Eva Booth, to which all available funds are added, but many of the contributions still come in the form of checks "to the order of Ballington Booth," which must be deposited in the accounts in his name.

Col. W. M. Eadie, one of the leaders of the Salvation army in this country, announces positively that all danger of a secession by the supporters of the former commander, Ballington Booth, are now past. All the brigadiers of the army who, during the controversy between the two factions, had been wavering, are now ready to support general William Booth of London, against Mr. and Mrs. Ballington Booth.

Hung the Robber.

WICHITA FALLS, TEX., Feb. 27.—The two men who murdered Cashier Dorsey of the City National bank here Tuesday and then looted the bank were captured yesterday morning. Last night they were taken from the jail by a mob and lynched to a telegraph pole.

At 2:30 yesterday morning robbers, Foster Crawford and "The Kid," alias Younger Lewis, were captured by posse of rangers under command of Capt. W. J. McDonald in a thicket, sixteen miles from Wichita Falls. When called upon to surrender they replied: "We will surrender under condition that you guarantee us protection against any mob violence."

Captain McDonald replied: "We will bore a hole through you if you don't surrender but will endeavor to the best of our ability to protect you."

About 4 o'clock the rangers reached Wichita Falls with the prisoners. When the city was reached, it was found to be in a state of uproar. Many threats were made, the mob crying "We will lynch them; give them a taste of Tyler; that's what they deserve."

But they finally reached the jail and landed their prisoners in safety. Shortly afterwards a crowd of well-armed men gathered together and repaired to the jail, where they remained discussing the situation and swearing dire vengeance on the prisoners.

When daylight came the entire population of Wichita Falls had assembled in the vicinity of the jail, each man bringing a weapon. The lynching soon followed.

Murderer of Maud Strawn Out.

STOUCX CITY, Ia., Feb. 27.—Judge Add of the district court, has signed a writ of habeas corpus, in the case of the state vs. Bull, who is charged with the murder of Maud Strawn, at Sheldon, Ia., whereby Bull is released on his own bond.

Bull was given a preliminary hearing at Sheldon some days ago and was bound over to the grand jury and his bail fixed at \$4,000. Bull has been in jail at Frimghar.

Abandon the Parade.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—An evening paper says the proposed "blue and grey" parade, which was to take place in this city on July 4 next, in which the union and confederate veterans were to take part, and which has been so widely discussed by the press and otherwise in all parts of the country, will not be held. There has been a difference of opinion regarding the advisability of such a parade since it was first proposed.

Defeat Prohibition.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 28.—In the house of representatives yesterday the resolution to re-submit to the people of the state the question of making prohibition a part of the constitution was defeated. It was probably the death-blow to a constitutional prohibition in this state, which for ten years has had no politics except the contests for and against prohibition. The matter came up yesterday on a report of the committee on constitutional amendments, recommending that the resolution pass and naming June 8 as the date for the special election. It was unexpected by the prohibitionists, who had thought arrangements had been made to let the matter go over another day. The demonstration all voted against re-submission. The result was: For re-submission 52, against, 41; absent or not voting 6.

The same resolution has been favorably reported in the senate, but will be killed without a fight. In the house there was no fight, it being understood that when it came up it should go directly to a vote and there was no scene of any kind. The prohibitionists declare their leaders are responsible for defeat by reason of allowing the matter to come up at this time. They say they will certainly defeat a proposition to legalize the manufacture of liquors, which is being pushed, and claim they can certainly do it.

The Strike Continues.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 28.—One of the largest labor strikes ever inaugurated in this city is now on in earnest. Five thousand members of the united garment workers' organization remained away from their work yesterday. This general strike is the result of a smaller strike begun last week against Schloss Bros. & Co., and continued this week against Strouse Bros.

The demand of the strikers is for recognition of their organization in all the manufacturing establishments to the exclusion of Knights of Labor or non-union workers.

The clothing manufacturers claim to be but little affected by the strike. They say the work of the spring trade is all done, and that a month's rest for the present workers would not materially injure business.

The strikers spent the larger part of the day in organizing. They appointed a "settling" committee, consisting of ten members, one from each union, and will remain ready to receive overtures from the manufacturers. It is claimed by the strikers that overtures have already been received from four firms. Both sides are firm and claim to be confident of success. Directly and indirectly 20,000 persons are affected by the strike.

Bobby Will Retaliate.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Robert J. Fitzsimmons, the champion heavyweight pugilist of America, arrived in this city yesterday afternoon. He was accompanied by his wife and young son, Martin Julian, and Trainer Jack Everhardt. The party reached the Pennsylvania railroad station, Jersey City, at 1 o'clock, and came to this city. The champion looks well and has not a mark on his face to show that he had recently battled with Maher. In regard to Corbett, he said:

"I will not pay any attention to him until he whips some of the good men I have met. Corbett kept me dancing for a couple of years when I wanted to get on a match with him, and now I will give him a dose of his own medicine."

Fitzsimmons will appear at Madison Square garden Saturday night, but he was unable to tell what would be his plans after that. He stated that Maher's eyes were all right, and that Maher repeatedly fouled him, and that he was easier for him that he was in the first fight.

Omaha Has a Fire.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 28.—The H. F. Cady planing mill and the plant of the Santa Clara Manufacturing company were last night destroyed by fire, both being a total loss estimated at \$50,000. The watchman discovered the fire at 7:15 coming through the roof at the west end of the planing mill, near the river, and turned in an alarm. There was a steady wind from the north, which fanned the flames into fury, eating through the building, stored with lumber and machinery, until the whole structure was ablaze. The wind carried the fire across to the Santa Clara planing mill by a narrow shed, and it was soon apparent that neither plant could be saved. Two engines were quickly attached and four hose companies were on the scene, but all efforts to save either building were seen to be futile.

Great Wealth of Utah.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Judge E. F. Colborn of Salt Lake City addressed the members of the Chicago Mineral and Mining exchange yesterday and gave interesting facts and figures concerning the growth and development of Utah. The people of the United States he said, were not aware of the vast productiveness of Utah. In eighteen years the state has produced \$100,000,000 in gold and silver, although its total area is only 86,000 square miles.

Nobodies Follow a Failure.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—The failure of the Kopperi banks has probably caused the suicide of a depositor, besides the supposed self-destruction of Alexander Kopperi, the father, who has not been heard from since his bank went to the wall, so his relatives claim. Isaac Bernman lost all his savings, \$200, in the Canal street bank, after losing \$500 in bank failure at Fargo, N. D., and was almost crazed with grief.

Nebraska Notes

Table with columns for 1896 and 1897, and rows for months from January to December.

Cholera is making deadly ravages in Shell Creek precinct, Colfax county.

The farmers of Custer county are already busy preparing their corn ground.

Ansley, way out in Custer county, is having something of a building boom.

Rudolph Kune of Grand Island was fined \$25 for robbing a merchant's cash register.

Greeley county will vote on a proposition to refund its indebtedness by issuing \$30,000 in bonds.

The sugar companies are making contracts with the farmers for this year's acreage of beets.

Albert Musfeld and William Hazard of Stanton county will stop a year in the penitentiary. They stole hogs.

Wayne county has employed an expert to examine the books of county officers that have served in years gone by.

The Lutheran church at North Platte will have its new \$300 bell in time to call the flock to church on Easter morning.

Kearney proposes to reduce her running expenses to the lowest possible level consistent with efficient public service.

Four drug stores in Boyd county were closed the other day because the men in charge were not registered pharmacists.

The German Lutheran Orphan's home of Fremont has received a legacy of \$600, bequeathed to it by Mrs. Caroline Eiholz of West Point.

Joseph Layton, a farmer living near Fairmont, has been arrested on the charge of stealing chickens, stolen fowls being found in his possession.

The Wayne Herald is now of age, having passed its twenty-first birthday last week. The Herald is one of the best and brightest country papers in the state.

J. S. Moffit has discontinued the publication of the Monitor at Chappell, and taken the outfit to Julesburg, where the material will be added to the New Era office.

Mrs. Ida F. Cook, deputy supreme orator of the Royal Neighbors of America, has organized a camp of Royal Neighbors in Amherst with forty charter members.

W. N. Skinner, late of the Bonesteel News, has purchased the Springfield Herald and will run a republican paper. This move leaves Keya Paha county without a pop organ.

In a poker game at Scribner the other night a local player "stayed in" when he should be thought have "dropped out" and lost more money than he has made since Cleveland was elected.

G. W. Gibson of Wood River was thrown from a mule and broke his nose. The mule was kind enough to wait by the roadside till his master recovered consciousness and was able to travel again.

While Rev. Phillips was preaching the funeral sermon of Charles Zook at Crab Orchard word was brought him that his child was dead. He bravely continued the service. It was a trying ordeal and the minister had the sympathy of the entire assemblage.

Samuel Wiley of Stanton county is in a precarious condition. His team ran away when he was returning home with a load of lumber, and he was thrown to the ground, where he lay until morning, most of the time unconscious. The doctor thinks he will recover.

A most beautiful and dazzling mirage phenomenon, which lasted for more than an hour was seen from Long Pine for many miles in every direction. Ainsworth, situated 145 feet above and ten miles west, just over and beyond a high range of table land, loomed up in the heavens, painting on the sky a scene most beautiful to view. With naked eyes public business and residence buildings were plainly identified, the more observant asserting that by the aid of telescope and field glasses they could see people on the streets. Looking northward to the Niobrara, precipitous cliffs, bluffs and canyons stood up prominently, while the panoramic view of South Dakota was the most wonderful and picturesque ever seen here. Half canopied canyons, water bodies and fantastic formations spread out magnificently in the distance. The Niobrara river, twenty miles away, looked to be but a mile or two from town, and Bassett, Newport and Stuart, ten, twenty and thirty miles, respectively, were in plain view.

A lady of Madison was convinced by the absence of her husband at the usual hour for returning home that he had gone to a masquerade ball, so she crawled into one of her sleeves and went as a spectator. The party unmasked before midnight, but her husband wasn't of the number. Ten minutes later she found him at home sound asleep, and didn't do a thing but lecture him two hours and a quarter for retiring without first making an effort to discover her whereabouts.

Of Interest to Farmers.

Instead of using medicine as cathartics give the animals linseed meal regularly, which is not harmful, but, on the contrary, is a nutritious food, which is beneficial in many respects, especially to cattle and horses.

Whenever there is a bounteous fruit crop vegetables are not cared for as they should be. It is always best to have a little variety laid by for winter use, for before another crop is harvested they will be hugely appreciated.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Sold by Druggists, Etc.

Sunlight is a capital sanitary agent, and promotes health and cheerfulness. Therefore light should be admitted in large quantities into sick rooms, except in extraordinary cases. The light, however, should be softened and subdued not glaring.

WALTER BAKER & CO., LIMITED, DORCHESTER, MASS., the well known manufacturers of Breakfast Cocoa and other Cocoa and Chocolate preparations, have an extraordinary collection of medals and diplomas awarded at the great international and other exhibitions in Europe and America. The house has had uninterrupted property for nearly a century and a quarter, and is now not only the oldest but the largest establishment of the kind on this continent. The high degree of perfection which the company has attained in its manufactured products is the result of long experience combined with an intelligent use of the new forces which are constantly being introduced to increase the power and improve the quality of production, and cheapen the cost to the consumer.

The full strength and the exquisite natural flavor of the raw material are preserved unimpaired in all of Walter Baker & Co.'s preparations, so that their products may truly be said to form the standard for purity and excellence.

In view of the many imitations of the name, labels and wrappers on their goods consumers should ask for and be sure that they get the genuine article made at DORCHESTER, MASS.

An easy and effective mode of ventilation can be arranged with a piece of wood cut a little smaller than the width of the window frame and about six inches high. Insert this at the bottom of the frame and shut the window down on the wood. A steady ventilation process will go on from the center of the windows.

I shall recommend Piso's Cure for Consumption far and wide.—Mrs. Mulligan, Hamstead, Kent, England, Nov. 8, 1886.

Drooping sleeves will take less goods, but they are not nearly as stylish as the ones full from the shoulder.

Whiskers that are prematurely gray or faded should be colored to prevent the look of age, and Buckingham's Dye excels all others in coloring brown or black.

Women will cling to the white stock collar all summer. It is too becoming to be discarded.

"Brown's BRONCHIAL TROCHES" are a simple yet most effectual remedy for Coughs, Hoarseness and Bronchial Troubles. Avoid imitations.

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Scrofula

Infests the blood of humanity. It appears in varied forms, but is forced to yield to Hood's Sarsaparilla, which purifies and vitalizes the blood and cures all such diseases. Read this: "In September, 1894, I made a mistake and injured my ankle. Very soon afterwards,

A Sore

two inches across formed and in walking so favor it I sprained my ankle. The sore became worse; I could not put my boot on and I thought I should have to give up at every step. I could not get any relief and had to stop work. I read of a cure of a similar case by Hood's Sarsaparilla and concluded to try it. Before I had taken all of two bottles the sore had healed and the swelling had gone down. My

Foot

is now well and I have been greatly benefited otherwise. I have increased in weight and am in better health. I cannot say enough in praise of Hood's Sarsaparilla." Mrs. H. BLAKE, No. Berwick, Me. This and other similar cures prove that

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