

My nerves gave way, I could not

To one of my particular friends I

"My God!" he said, "why do you g

I took his advice and sent a mes-

was nothing to me. 1 was at a mer

my living in any way that I could.

I felt an intense braving for some-

already weakened by morphine.

thing that satisfied this appetite.

Once the Governor of a State.

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turn.

sleep

body.

for the drug.

Yes, I slept.

curial height.

capable of before.

time I was governor.

had possession of it.

others seeking offices.

vanished.

or an idea.

mmmmmmmm WEEK ago ex-Governor Franklin that position in my native state-at

J. Moses of South Carolina, was | the age of thirty. sentenced in a Boston police I had fought my way up to that pocourt to four months in the house of sition, to speaker of the house of rep-

correction at Deer Island. Back of this is a life story, strange

dramatic, pathetic, which teaches a powerful moral, says Hearst's Sunday I had become a republican as a matter Chicago Anterican. of principle.

The downfall of Franklin J. Moses from the social and political influence of Chief Executive of a state to a state. tramp convicted of passing a worthless check is directly traced to the epium habit.

The only son of wealthy and influential parents, Moses had every possible advantage. His father was Chief Justice of the state of South Carolina, his mother a distinguished southern beauty.

Tall, handsome, of distingue presence, gifted with exceptional talents, prestige and wealth, Franklin J. Moses made a dashing soldier and later an able statesman. That was thirty years ago.

Today he is the ruin of his former self, bowed down, haggard and pitiful. His picture is in the rogues' gallary. He has neither friends nor money.

Nothing seems left to him except the gift of eloquence, and he has used South Carolina to settle after the war. that with telling effect in his own behalf when arraiged in police court senger to the apothecary that evening from time to time to answer for his various misdoings.

In his youth Franklin J. Moses was antly that night before going to bed. the petted darling of South Carolina's as I poised a bit of the white stud proudest and most exclusive social set, (on the point of a penknife before tak-All the men admired him. The women ing the dose adored him. At the banquet his speech was the conspicuous toast of the evening. No ball or social gathering at Charleston was considered a complete success unless he was there.

In his cell in the house of correction at Deeer Island, Boston, Franklin J. Moses dictated the history of his life. Too nervous to write, he restlessly paced back and forth as he sorrowfully tol dof glorious prospects blighted. golden opportunities thrown away, and the final subjugation of those atributes which mark the statesman by the characteristics of the tramp and the criminal.

BY FRANKLIN J. MOSES.

Were it not to warn others of a fate like mine, nothing would induce me to draw aside the curtain and reveal to the public the tragedy of my wasted life.

I am but fifty-eight years old today -just the age of most of the men who are now ruling the world in business, in affairs of state, in the professions and literature. But look at me!

My hair is white, my skin is brown and seasoned, my cheeks are hollowed. my frame is shrunken, and my hands are palsied like a man of eighty.

Worse than all, my reputation as man among men is gone.

essays were due to the same cause and that that poet of all poets, Homer, had owed his gift of the muse to what he termed the "sleep drug." After eight years came the turning noint. My happiness changed to a settled gloom

Instead of being lifted up into the resentatives of the state and to other sky and soaring like a spirit through offices against the biteres opposition. I the heavens I fell for days into deep had been in he confederae army, but abysses.

I was like Dante accompanying Vir-That was equivalent to being called gil through hades, with all the fiends of hell clutching at me. a traitor by the aristocracy of the

A night became an age of misery, 1 lived a hundred years in a month. At the outset of my administration 1 I became conscious that some one was subjected to a social ostracism. It besides my normal self was guiding was extended to my family and me in my waking and waiking hours. friends. My Masonic brothers would He seened to be a demon of crime, not speak to me outside of the lodge forcing me to do things I would once have killed a man for accusing me of I held my head high and tried to He led me on extensive travels, I know ignore the taunts and humiliations not where. that were heaped upon me at every

I know now that it was the depray. ing influence of the drug that made me defraud and forge, though at the time I thought it was that imaginary companion that urged me to it.

confided my sufferings of mind and Fortunately for me, I was taken into the hands of the law in 1884 and sentenced in New York to a term on on this way? Take some morphine and Blackwell's island. sleep. That friend, who thought he

Then 1 fell into the hands of the was giving me the best of brotherly Massachusetts officers and was neudvice, was Major J. B. Dennis, fortenced to three years in the Charlesmerly of Norwich, Conn., who went to town penitentiary-from 1885 to 1885. That was my salvation, if that word can be applied to such a wreck as i ALS.

That prison term freed me from the "Now I will sleep." I cried exultgrip of the drug.

But, oh! what torture!

My nights weer sleepless. Before me passed visions of faces-all the degraded types I had met in the oplum lens, distorted and rendered infinitely The next day I was the happiest nore hieous by my feverish mind. man in the world. Social ostracism All the endless multitudes of New York's lower world flowed past me, jeering and hooting at me as if I I made the most brilliant speeches. were in a pillory.

could write with a fluency and bril-At last I came back to sanity. liancy I had never thought myself I walked forth from the prison in

my right mind. I kept on using morphine all the But, alas! I had spent all the sum

of happiness that nature had allotted When I vacated my office I had to me-spent it in dreams in dark. nothing further to hope for in politics hideous dens. in my native state, as the democrats

The glow of sunlight, the laughter of children gave me no joy or thrill of So I went to New York City to earn Hfe.

My hair was write at middle life It would have been a trying time my hand and foot were unsteady. . for any man. But my nerves were Yet I had enough moral stamina eft not to touch the drug again, nor to become a drunkard, as so many do

thing stronger. Opium was the only under the circumstances. If health and the joy of life was Under its stimulus all my troubles gone I had one thing left-hope.

I tried to re-establish myself as I had been struggling to make a living my writing political speeches man.

I went to the little summer resort for councilmen and aldermen and for town of Wintrop, just out of Boston, What had been laborious and dis. and started a weekly paper, the Wintasteful work now became easy and trop Sun.

There was a bare living in it. But pleasant. I never halted for a word a ilving was all I wanted, and to be of some use in the community.

But to keep up the standard I had First I announced my full history

The Alfalfa King of Nebraska.

D. WATSON, the alfalfa king of , went to such authorities as Prof. Hen-

Nebraska, has matured plans ry of Wisconsin, Prof. Curtis of Iowa, by which he proposes to give Prof. Gottrell of Kansas and Prof. the world an object lesson in practical Roberts of Cornell for information. philanthropy. From his 6,000-acre farm Did you ever hear of a god lawyer in the Platte valley he is carving 109 who did not look up authorities. I farms, on which he will place as many took their advice and achieved sucfarmers as desire to participate in his cess from the start."

When the first 100 farms are in opbeneficent project. These farms will vary in size from eration Mr. Watson will double the forty to 160 acres. Each will be scope of the enterprise. Eventually he the state. This extension is now being equipped with a substantial house and expects to fill the entire Platte valbarn and supplied with all the necessary live stock. Watson will furnish farmers and make the region famous. He is buying up land daily and ratecapital and brains, his beneficiaries the

MAN IS REMARKABLE.

inbo

"Alfalfa" Watson is one of the re- colony is bound to succeed. markable men of Nebraska, After making a fortune in Boston, where he published an agricultural paper,he embarked in land speculation, and thro' Asked by the Alfalfa king to put a the rascality of a partner lost every price on his place, he replied:

"You can have it for \$4,260, and not "At the age of 45 I found myself a cent less. It won't raise anything, without a dollar, but my credit was and isn't worth half that money, but good and I had confidence in Nebras-I can afford to keep it and if you want ka," he said. "I borrowed \$150,000. bought land here in the Platte valley it that is the price you will pay." Watson paid him his figure and sold and put it into alfalfa. In the inover \$2,500 worth of alfalfa from the tervening seven years I have paid 5 tract last fall. Every detail of opper cent annually on the money 1 eration in the Watson colony is to be borrowed, built the largest barn in the world and have a standing offer on scientific lines. Rotation of crops of \$100,000 for my equity. I have made will be strictly enforced and, contrary to present practice, alfalfa sod will all the money I need and intend to lose no time in giving the world this be broken at regular intervals and the ground planted to corn. object lesson. Extensive farming has Last summer he raised thirty-eight paid me well, but I am confident the bushels of corn to the acre on alfalfa intensive system will be much more sod, while his neighbors did not husk

profitable. Every man 1 put in pessession of a farm will be working for himself and me at the same time." To insure the success of his plan. Mr. Watson will select his men carefully and with a view to their agricultural accomplishments. Those able such noted agricultural scientists as to direct labor successfully will be Prof. Curtis, director of the Iowa Ex-

given 169 acres, others will be put in periment Station at Amez, Ia.; Prof. Henry, dean of the Wisconsin Agricharge of eighty acres and the larger cultural college: Prof. Cottrell, agriculnumber on forty acres. By this means turist of the Kansas Experiment Sta-Wat on will be able to deturmine which tion at Manhattan, Kan., and F. D. is the best sized farm. The entire op-Coburn of Topeka, secretary of the eration will be carried on under his Kansas Board of Agriculture, who was personal supervision.

GIVES LABOR A CHANCE.

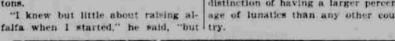
tons.

editor of Mr. Watson's agricultural journal. The men who are to be placed in charge of the first 100 farms he explained. "While I expect to make have already been selected in Illinois,

> Prof. Henry of Wisconsin recently toms. The Watson enterprise will have his close attention.

> > age of lunatics than any other coun-

ducer. Last year he harvested 7,000 Switzerland enjoys the unenviable



spent a week at Mr. Watson's ranch and expressed astonishment at his success in raising alfalfa on the uplands more than 200 feet above the Platte

BOUGHT OUT A NEIGHBOR.

ame disgusted and moved back east.

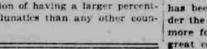
a bushel. He intends not only to

maintain fertility, but to convert the

Platte valley into a veritable garden.

The enterprise will have the person

al supervision and encouragement of



KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

Is a beautiful, high prairie, until it approaches the Niobrara River, when it becomes broken and hilly. The prairie land is rich in every possibility. is well watered and in an elegant climate.

It is on the branch line of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Mo. Valley R. R. which leaves the main line at Norfolk and ends at Verdigre. The Fremont, Elkhorn & Mo. Valley R. R. has recently determined on an extension into or through Boyd county, which this year is the banner for corn yield in surveyed and located, and will be ley thereabouts with prosperous small pushed as soon as spring will permit. It will open up markets and R. R. facilities to a splendid section of the ing alfalfa profitably, where others state heretofore isolated and difficult have failed. By using his methods the of access.

Land, improved, sells at \$20 to \$30 per acre, and some even higher than Two years ago the owner of a half , that; unimproved land from \$10 to \$20 section adjoining Watson's ranch be- per acre.

Average yield of corn this year (1901) was 20 bushels per acre. Price at Creighton was 3 0to 35 cents per bu. Twenty per cent will be marketed and the balance fed in the county.

Some wheat was grown, but an estimate of the total yield cannot be gotten.

Hay for local feeding purposes was raised, but not marketed.

No alfalfa was grown in the county, or no significant amount.

Creighton is the largest town in the county, and has 1,000 population. All lines of business are well represented. as well as all religious denominations. Good schools are well supported. The town is backed up by an excellent country around it.

Niobrara, the county seat, is situated on the mouth of the river, where it empties into the Missouri River.

SUCCESSFUL SPECIALISTS.

Elsewhere in this paper is the advertisement of Drs. Fellows & Fellows. The firm is composed of father and two sons. They are honorable men. They have climbed a little higher the ladder of medical wisdom than other specialists who claim as much in their advertisements. The professional business of these doctors has grown along with the general advancement of the city of Des Moines. For twenty years and more they have been before the public as specialists. But they have been students as well. They follow the thought of the best medical experts as it appears in the reputable medical journals and take special instructions as it is to be had in the most noted hospitals and medical schools in this country and Europe. The advertiseriver, while others failed on the bot- | ment explains fully the kind of cases they are giving their attention to.

PUBLISH A MEDICAL WORK.

So extensive has the business of this firm become and so highly successful distinction of having a larger percent- has been their career that acting under the inspiration of the motive to do more for the world, they prepared at great cost of time and money a private medical work, and this they will send to all who write for it. The sending of such a work through the malis is permissible on account of the educational effect and the valuable instruction to be had from its careful reading. The purpose of the work in COUNTY seat war of unparallel- that it is in the extreme eastern part, not to excite the world, but to warn A ed bitterness has just come to Every time that an election could be it-not to reveal mysteries to the cuan end in Knox county, Nebras- held within the law, however, the conka, the outcome being the same as in testing towns have put their claims rious, but to lay bare those facts ng the physical bein of men. Drs. Fellows & Fellows are in every way responsible

"Labor creates everything, and it is my intention to give labor a chance," some money I do not intend to hog Indiana and Ohio. things. I have some pet ideas and believe they are not chimerical. Suc cess in farming operations is largely a matter of exercising intelligence. I know men who would swing a scythe in preference to running a mower, even if the mower was handy."

Watson is as breezy as the state he has made famous as an alfalfa pro-

Opium and morphine, the twin curses of my life, were not content with undermining my health.

They attacked my mind and my moral nature. They broke that down. They led me to do things that in my right senses I abhor as I do murder. They are not merely drugs to me

They are two grinning, pursuing, and avenging sprites, besetting me at every turn.

It is years since I have tasted either of them. But the work of destruction they began all the destructive forces of nature, disease and of anproaching age have helped to carry

The beginning of my downfall was not when I lost my political position of governor of the state of South Caroline

Political reverses come to all men in public life.

My real ruin dated from the tim that the most brilliant part of my career began. In 1873 I had been elected Gocernor

set for wit and brilliancy I had to use more and more opium. It became my meat and drink.

I got large prices for my work.

I ate it. I drank it in the form of laudanum I smoked it in the vilest dens of

New York's Chinatown. It brought me into contact with the lowest and many were considerate and helped me.

vilest of churacters. Yet I was oblivious of it all. I was living in an enchanted world.

Splendid visions were spread befor my eyes and moved past me in one

vast panorama-spectacles with all the gorgeous coloring of Abbey's "Quest of

the Grail," scenes as ethereal and heavenly as the wall paintings of Puvis de Chavannes,

In my waking, or rather rational, hours, when I was comparatively free from the drug. I justified my course

o myself by thinking that I was merely doing what great men and geniuses

for centuries past had done. I reflected that Coleridge had writ-

ten that most marvellous, fantastic -the youngest man who ever held plem, "The Rhyme of the Acient Mar- your friend.

Prosperous Missouri Farmer.

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Mo., is said to have under cul- (7,539 head of cattle had been sold for farmer a very popular man. tivation larger tracts of land \$172,520 and \$,249 head of hogs for than any other farmer in the United \$111,846. The total clearance for the States: moreover he claims to feed year 1909 amounted to \$100,000. The exmore stock than any other of the great cattle kings of the west. sum of \$91,851.13.

Mr. Rankin is a practical farmer,being of Scotch and German blood. Six feet two in height, and weighing 180 ids, he is almost a giant. His ard is short and heavily tinged with 2.280; cattle, 1,328; net proceeds from gray. He wears gold rimmed glasses, avy coat without a vest and a shirt with roll collar. Once \$4.39; corn bought, \$95,720 bushels. , he is now owner of a palame and thousands of acres of

modating, daring and energetic, which se who have never visited ranch the metho de necemary to qualities have won for him the wealth on the vast amount of work em a great problem, Mr. he has an interest in several bankin concerns, but to these latter he gives 22,000 acres; 700 teams and 220 are required to operate the daily his time riding over the ranches to see busy season that proper cars is being given the the crops are under cultivation hand in pulling a steer from the mo as an overseer, who is to make a monthly report and again be will an the same to his employer. The for the fattened lover. The for the fatte of the past rear's work over

to everybody in the town, so that I might not be accused of sailing unde false colors.

The prim and Puritanical part of the townspeople pointed the finger of scorn at me-not b yopen gesture, but by tilted head and averted eves. But

For ten years I led an honorable, if not a respected, life in Winthropthe town I now look at from my pris-

on home, separated only by the swiriing eddles of Shirley Gut, but to me a channel as impassible as the Styx until death ferries me over.

What was the cause of my final downfall?

All that I had done in the past! When business reverses came and I lost my paper, the heart went out of

But still I have hope-hope for the sake of living honorably at the end of life-and finally of dying honorably.

Better to lose your argument than

gave \$50,000 to the United Presbyterian college located there and which is now a leading educational institution in the west. Tarklo has received many benents from his hand in the way of pub-R DAVID RANKIN of Tarkio, all the ranches show that a total of lic sifts, which have made the wealth;

Louisville Courier Journal: The fact that Prof. Pearson of the Northwestpenses, including interest, reached the ern university, an institution conducted under church auspices, has questioned some of the miracles of the bi-The most profitable ranch is the one ble, has recently created a commo looked after by Foreman George Ross, whose yearly report contains the fol- tion in certain orthodox circles. "If," says Rev. F. A. Hardin at a meeting lowing statements: Number of acres, of ministers in Chicago, "I had the power and ability I would skin that cattle, \$44,598.90; hogs, 1,232; cash for the same, \$17,954.19; expense per sore, man, sait his hide and tack it up on the barn door before the ordinary preacher could sharpen his jackknife. Mr. Rankin is a close observer and What a pity that Brother Hardin has soon picks out the good qualities of not this power. Perhaps, if he had, his men. He is pleasant and accomthis whole question of the miracles might be conclusively and permanently ettled to everybody's satisfaction.

"Did you sister say how she liked the amateur minstreis last night?" little attention, and spends most of asked De Jones of his best girl's small prother. "Oh, she thought your part was good, all right enough," replied the youngster. "Did she really?" quer-led the delighted De Jones. "What did ding a shed she say?" "I beard her tell mamma." "that you fied the young be peful. In religion the large ranch even

old fable of the three giants-each to the vote of th one killed the other two. The three ty.

Nebraska County Seat War.

combatants on this occasion were Nin- It takes a three-fourths majority to brara, Creighton and Bloomfield, After change the county seat, however, and twenty years of interurban strife and on each occasion the Creighton symexpense to taxpayers of \$20,000 no one pathizers have voted for Creighton and the other townspeople, with equal paof the towns has been able to win. As decided by the supreme court of triotism, have thrown in a ballot for Nebraska, the county seat shall be their favored locality. So there has henceforth located in the geographical never resulted an important majority center of the county, a spot which falls, for any one town. Niobrara began to feel sure that it could hold on forever. on the sheep ranch of William Wishendoff. The location is three miles The town went to extreme lengts to from a railroad, and aside from the secure a railroad and has at length a definite prospect. farm house there are only a few sheds and buildings in which the county rec-The disappointed rivals finally

brought about the downfall of Niobraords may be kept. The new town will be called Center. ra, however, by entering into a combine. They had seen the prey slip Already Robert Lynn, a newspaper man, has opened an office in what was through their own fingers and they formerly a meathouse. Se hopes to preferred that all three should stand secure the county printing and will empty-handed together. So the towns publish a weekly paper. Farmer Wishdrew up a petition to the supreme endoff has sold many of his sheep and court pointing out the unsuitability of Niobrara, its inaccessibility from other has turned the pen space into town points of the county, its lack of a

Center will drain other towns in the railroad, its location, etc., and the suneighborhood in building itself up. preme court took a radical action. Even now as a quiet peaceful ranch The supreme judicial body drew diagonal lines across the county and it is the focal point of a dozen or stuck a pin in the intersection. more buildings, which are being moved The thither from Running Water, Verdi- county seat shall be there," the court gris and other adjacent points. Mersaid, with no regard to whether the chants in the outlying towns desire to geographical center feil on mountain, live at the county seat, and a number plain or forest. It proves, however, that a railroad runs on three miles have put their little stores on wheels preparatory to moving over the level away, and that the change may eventually be a popular one.

prairie. The Knox county officials have taken Sunday dinner with Mr. Wishendoff and for the present have arranged to transact official business in the barn.

firm owns over thirty large shops, and On April 1, the date announced by employs nearly 1,000 assistants. find out whether every customer is pothe supreme court, the county clerk will deposit the records in a box stall, litely served, a number of women cusadapted for the purpose, which was tomers are employed to call at the formerly occupied by the farmer's thorvarious shops. They are told to give as much trouble as possible, and some oughbred horse. The county judge will call court to order in a haymow, and times to leave without making a purthe county jail for the present will be thing in the shop. contained in a sturdy corncrib. Permanent buildings will be erected as

the county officials experience need and find themselves in funds.

The loss of the county seat comes as bitter deprivation to Niobrara, which has held it since the county was laid out. The town has suffered a disadvantage, however, in having no ralload facilities and in being located in the extreme northern part of the coun-Ly.

Creighton, the second contestant, was but little better situated, being in the e southern part, and

Branch Office in Friend.

Friend, Neb .- (Special.)-A branch office of the Kharas Infirmary of Omaha has recently been established here by Prof. Kharas, the superintendent of the haras institutions. It is a permanent institution in Friend, and patients from all over Saline and Fillmore counties are coming here for treatment. Several prominent citizens of this place made special inducements to the Kharas company to locate the office here, as it is the means of bringing quite a good deal of outside money to this town. Prof. W. A. Campbell, a graduate of the Kharas School of Magnetic Osteopathy, has been placed in charge as resident manager.

A glass stopper for preventing mould in syrups and other substances has been invented by a German pharmacist. It contains a chamber with a perforated bottom, into which is stuffed cotton saturated with chloroform, and the vapor from the chloroform prevents any fungous growth in the bottle.

Hamlin's Wisard Oil is good for many painful ailments; its use will surprise and delight you. 50c and \$1.00 at druggists.

An air cooling system on a vast scale is to be tried at the St. Louis exposition. Great fans will bring a current of cold air from a height of see feet above the earth and pour it over the grounds on hot days.

Soreness, stiffness of joints and muscles cured at once with Hamiln's Wisard Oil. Ask your druggist about it.

Sometimes a man finds that the pull he expected to get catches him in the

Dr. Max Nordeau will be the central figure at the next Zionist congrass at Basel. He will introduce a cussion on "The Physical, Intellestual and Economic Improvement of the Hebrews."

Bearle-Mamma's hands are so soft; they are velvet. Billy-Well, when she saught us in the pantry this morn fommy can tell you that her has were felt.

The old man may have a greater before him than the youth.

chase, after looking at nearly every-Malwatchin, on the borders of Russia, is the only city in the world peopled by men only. The Chinese wo-

Professional shoppers are employed

by a large London firm of drapers to

test the ability of shop assistants. This

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men are not only forbidden to live in this territory, but even to pass the great wall of Kalkan and enter into fongolia. All the Chinese of this border city are exclusively traders.

Bishop C. C. McCabe has sailed for South America, to be gone six months during which time he will visit the Methodist missions in Brasil, uador and other South American