

#### The Legion of Honor.

The conferring by the French govattention to this order, a membership chimney. Several men had essayed the in which is greatly prized in France.

Officials of the administration at Washington say Mr. Peck cannot retain the decoration unless authorized by a special act of congress, as provided for by the constitution.

The order of the Legion of Honor was instituted in May, 1802, by Napoleon as consul. In class it is an order "of distinction and reward for civil and military services." Under the first empire the distinctions conferred invested the persons decorated with the rank of legionary, officer, commander grand officer of grand cross. Napoleon's ostensible intention in creating



FERD W. PECK.

the order was through its medium to protect republican principles and the laws of equality, and to abolish difcial grade being considered eligible.

missionaries whose fate was a matter the property of Gov. Roosevelt. of doubt, is one of the men who became interested in the Chinese blind. He assisted in devising a system of raised dots by which a blind person can learn to read in three months.

Gains Distinction. Prof. Albert Michelson, head of the department of physics in the Univer-



Sought Cheap Fame. Telegraphic dispatches in the newsernment of the decoration of the Le- papers tell of the feat of Letty Clifford gion of Honor on Ferdinand W. Peck, South Brewer, Me., who proved her commissioner general for the United "bravery" by scaling a flimsy iron lad-States to the Paris exposition, draws der leading to the top of a 126-foot

> feat but had given up and descended after making but half the ascent. For the sake of demonstrating her nerve and winning the \$5, together with the plaudits of the gaping multitude,

coats jeopardized man and the second her life and accom-- - manar plished nothing of Letty Clifford. any real merit. By

this fool in petti-

her daring she filled no empty stomach and clothed no naked feet. The world is full of heroines who would scream at sight of a mouse and who would grow dizzy at the top of a step ladder, but whose willing hands are the support of widowed mothers or orphaned children. Our admiration should not be wasted on bridge-jumpers, on lunatics who ride bicycles night and day to the last heart beat, or on steeplejacks in skirts. Such foolhardy feats should be frowned on rather than applauded.

Aivasovsky, the Russian marine painter, some of whose pictures were shown at the World's Fair, died retown of Ferdosia, on the Black sea. or more of his works, and in the Pitti palace at Florence his portrait is placed between those of Leonardo da

Vinci and Michael Angelo.

It would appear that Thomas B. Reed as a practicing attorney is doing | Turner County, S. D., is said to own better financially than as speaker of one of the largest orchards in the counferences of rank in society, every so- the national house of representatives. try. It consists of 150 acres on which Announcement is made that he is are planted 8,000 trees, besides 1,000 about to purchase a large tract of land currant bushes, 1,000 gooseberry bush-The Rev. W. H. Murray, one of the at Oyster bay, Long Island, adjoining es, and 500 grapevines.

Preacher to Gruck Farmer.

## The Weekly Panorama.

#### Huntington Mausoleum.

Nearly twelve years ago in New York, Mr. Huntington began to build the tomb in which his body will repose. No building in the world can compare with this tomb in strength, massiveness and durability. Each tier of the steps in the fifty feet of solid rock from the roadway to the door of the mausoleum is hewn from a single forty-ton stone. Its foundation is sixteen feet underground. The mausoleum is forty-two feet long, twentyeight feet wide and twenty-four feet high. The gates are of bronze and the interior is of Italian marble. There are sixteen catacombs. In the struc-



ture there is not a stone weighing less than eighteen tons. Over the door in 'Huntington."

Among the officers volunteering for active service in the far east is Prince Jaime de Bourbon, only son and heir cently at the age of 82. His native of the Spanish pretender, Don Carlos. He is a cornist in the Grodneo Dragave him a public funeral. Nearly goon guards, stationed at Warsaw, and every gallery in Europe possesses one will go with his regiment to Port Arthur. He has a commercial interest in the far east, being part owner of a large steamship named the Lillia, trading between Odessa and Russian China.

Mrs. Laura A, Alderman of Harley,

#### Reverence the Old.

Bow low the head, boy; do reverence Rev. Dr. J. A. Thayer, one of the to the old man. Once like you, the best-known and most able clergymen vicissitudes of life have silvered the in western Pennsylvania, and who had hair and changed the round merry face held the pulpit of the hig Church of to the worn visage before you. Gnce Disciples in New Castle for nineteen that heart beat with aspirations coyears, has resigned his charge and is equal to any that you have felt; aspiranow conducting a truck farm near tions crushed by disappointment, as sity of Chicago, New Castle. Dr. Thayer felt his health yours are perhaps destined to be. Once has just been going from him preaching and lectur- that form stalked proudly through the counting of the ballots. He was the ing and editing the church paper, and gay scenes of pleasure, the beau ideal

#### STANDARD OIL COMPANY UP.

Attorney-General Smyth Pursues Octor

pus to Its Metropolitan Lair. NEW YORK, Sept. 1.-Attorney General C. J. Smyth of Nebraska, who is in the east for the purpose of taking testimony regarding the operations of the Standard Oil company of Indiana, opened the hearing in New York. Mr. Smyth was appointed by the supreme court of Nebraska as one of the two referees to find out all he could concerning the operations of the Standard Oil company, the information to be used in an inquiry as to whether the company, which does a large business in Nebraska, is or is not a trust, the state having a stringent law against

trusts. Mr. Smyth was anxious to examine John D. Rockefeller, H. M. Flagler and W. H. Tilford, all connected with the Standard Oil company, but was informed that the gentlemen were not in the city. Meanwhile Mr. Smyth began proceedings by calling as a witness George Rice, who at one time was in the oil business at Marietta, O., and has been fighting the Standard Oil company for a number of years, claiming they forced him out of bus-Mr. Rice, in his testimony, iness. gave figures purporting to be the cost of piping and refining the crude oil and the cost of carrying it to Nebraska and claimed that it could be sold at a profit for 41/2 cents a gallon in Nebraska by the carload. He said the present price of oil was  $5\frac{1}{2}$  cents for export and 81/2 cents for wholesale dealers in the United States.

E. J. Eddy of Chicago, who was present at the hearing for the Standard Oil company, asked Mr. Rice if it was not true that the Standard Oil trust had been dissolved in 1892. Mr. severe letters is the single word Rice's reply was that the dissolution was a farce.

Senator John M. Thurston of Nebraska was also present as a representative of the Standard Oil company.

#### Has Faith in Dawson.

KEARNEY, Neb., Sept. 1 .- Dr. E. E. Beckett, of Dawson City, is visiting his mother and sister in this city. He left for the Klondike three years ago and has been placer mining in the gold fields. He will stay in Kearney several weeks. When he first went to Alaska it took him several months to make the trip by way of White Pass and Skaguay. When he returned a railroad put him through the same territory in three days. He says Dawson is all right and there is plenty of work with good pay and still better prices for subsistence. When talking of Cape Nome he said there would be famine and death there this winter and advised people to steer clear of that city.

#### Christie Yields to Stabs.

LINCOLN, Sept. 1.-Christie, by his attorneys has dismissed, without prejudice, his case in the supreme court against George W. Stubbs.

The case was brought by Christle to contest the election of Mr. Stubbs as judge of the Seventh judicial district of Nebraska last fall. Christie granted a recount in the counties

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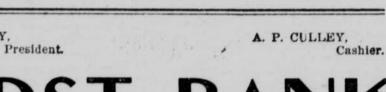
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'Grand Prix'' at the Paris exposition for his exhibition and application of his new invention, the interferometer. President Harper has received word of the distinction Prof. Michelson.

which his inventive professor has gained abroad. The Interferometer is a new kind of spectroscope which Prof. Michelson has recently constructed.

Prof. Michelson has made a new application of his interferometer whereby the diameter of stars can be measured with a very high degree of accuracy. The interferometer, which Prof. Michelson has been engaged in perfecting since 1880, is an instrument by means of which it is possible to use the wave length of light as a standard of length, and thus obtain accurate measurements of infinitesimally tical density. So sensitive is the init is more powerful than the largest telescope.

Pulls the Purse Strings. Here is the latest photograph of the Hon. W. W. Gibbs of Philadelphia, who has been nominated by Senator Hanna to be treasurer of the republi-



TREASURER GIBBS. can national committee. Mr. Gibbs is president and director of many large

heretofore known.



#### . DR. A. J. THAYER.

let go one day, finding he couldn't keep up. He bought a piece of wild small distances and differences of op- land, entered upon the studies of the state agricultural college, dug furrows terferometer that it is capable of in the earth, planted seed in the measuring distances as small as the springtime and all that kind of primione five-millionth part of an inch. tive thing, reaped his own little har-For measuring the diameters of stars vest and just went from shop to shop -and sold out. Everything he raised was a little bit better than that raised

by his neighbors, and besides he's got back his health and is happy. From a few acres of wild land his investment is now a model farm; so much so that the department of agriculture has appointed him as state lecturer to the farmers' institutes for next season. He will begin this work in December.

Count Von Waldersee, who is going to China to clear up what is left of the celestial empire, is old enough to think a good deal of his personal comfort interest. Since that time the agency of an asbestos preparation, light, firepaign in comfort.

#### A Simple Fly Exterminator.

People in the country who are annoyed by flies should remember that clusters of red clover, if hung in the room and left to dry and shed its faint fragrant perfume through the air, will drive away more flies than sticky saucers of molasses and other flytraps and flypaper can ever collect.

It would appear that long before the corporations. He is the fourth Phila- late Henry George wrote "Progress and delphian to hold this important fost. Poverty" ex.Senator Boutwell was a single-tax advocate. As long ago as The German biologist, Hacckel, in- 1871 Wendell Phillips delivered an ad- hardy, and straight as an arrow. tends going to Java to study certain dress before the labor party of Massafossil remains, the discovery of which chusetts in which he quoted Mr. Bouthas greatly interested him. The fossil well as saying that "fifty years hence bones are sold to approach more close- the idea that a man could own land but little money, but there are several tried next on a charge of catt's signalty to the "missing link" than anything and leave it to his children will be re- unpublished manuscripts which will ing. garded as ridiculous."

of grace; now the hand of time that wherein he alleged the irregularity withers the flowers of yesterday has existed, and Judge Samuel Tuttle of warped that figure and destroyed the Lincoln was appointed referee. The noble carriage. Once at your age, he completion of the recount in the counpossessed the thousand thoughts that ties in question fails to establish Chrispass through your brain, now wishing tie's claim to the office, wherefore the to accomplish deeds equal to a nook in fame; anon imagining life a dream that the sooner he awoke from the better. But he has lived the dream very near through. The time to awaken is very near at hand; yet his eye ever kindles at old deeds of daring, and the hand takes a firmer grasp of the staff. Bow low the head, boy, as you would in your old age, be reverenced.

Robert Planquette, author of that tuneful opera "The Chimes of Normandy," is to have unique honor bestowed upon him. The new chime of bells is about to be rung at the village church in Corneville, and the leading bell bears this inscription: "I have caused Normandy to be sung all over the world." The French title of the opera, it will be remembered, is "Les Cloches de Corneville."

#### Illness of R. G. Dun.

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R. G. Dun, the financial statistician and commercial intelligencer, is ill at his summer home, near Narragansett Pier. Mr. Dun is

ship in the firm, and in 1859 he pur-R. G. Dun. chased the entire

while campaigning. Therefore, he is has attained world-wide renown, and taking with him a portable house built its growth and importance were largely due to the individual effort and genius proof and weatherproof, containing for organization pertaining to its prinseven rooms and a bathroom. With this cipal owner. Mr. Dun was born at section of civilization at command the Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1826 and began German veteran will be able to cam- life as an errand boy in a country store with a salary of \$2 a week.

> The eminent German oculist, Richard Liebreich, who has lived in London since the Franco-Prussian war, recently celebrated his seventieth birthday. He is the author of several scientific works, among them one in which he claims that the peculiarities in many of the pictures by famous painters are due to defects in the vision of the painters.

Leon R. Bostwick, the man who war, is still living at San Saba, Tex.

been probated in England. He leaves ered, Hongland and Wickham will be bring high prices.

dismissal of the case.

#### Jury Fixes the Blame.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Sept. 1 .- A coroner's jury has returned a verdict holding the Union Pacific Railroad company responsible for the death of Augusta Hauska, who was run down and killed by Union Pacific train No. 102.

The train was in charge of Conductor Ira Mallory and Engineer Joseph Sorenson. The verdict says: "Said train was running through the corporate limits of Schuyler at a rate of speed prohibited by city ordinance, therefore we find that said railroad company is responsible for the death of Augusta Hauska, owing to its negligence as above indicated."

#### Stranger Declared Insane.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Sept. 1 .- A stranger first giving his name as John Dwyer and later as Andrew Mahoney was adjudged insane. He appeared at St. Mary's hospital and after receiving a meal and a bath and being given clean clothes went to kicking the plastering off the walls and was taken into custody by Sheriff Byrnes. Dr. Baker found a dozen scars on his head and thinks his insanity may be due to injury.

D Sub-Contractor Leaves Suddenly. LONG PINE, Neb., Sept. 1 .-- Andrew Anderson, a sub-contractor for a star mail route south of here, has left the country without settling with his creditors, or his bondsmen. His departure, which took place Sunday was not known until yesterday when he failed to call at the postoffice for the mail sacks. He is said to have written to his landlord to send his effects to Omaha.

#### Church Dedicated.

STOCKHAM, Neb., Aug. 29 .- The new Presbyterian church here was dedicated Sunday, the services being conducted by Rev. R. M. Logg, D. D., of Lincoln, assisted by Rev. H. M. Giltner and Rev. W. K. Williams of the Methodist Episcopal church. The church is a neat structure, 34x48 feet costing, exclusive of the material of the old church, about \$1,709, and seats 300. The church is all paid for.

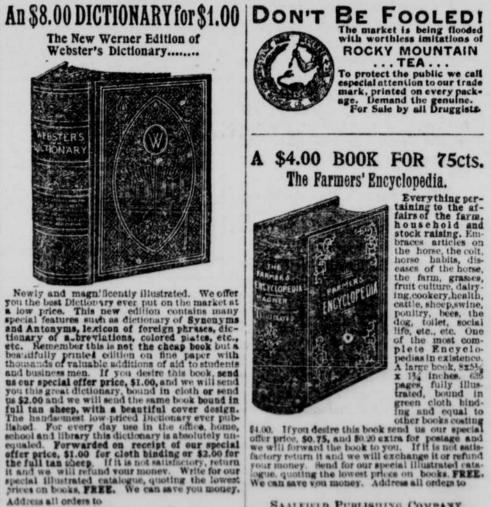
#### Found Guilty of Safe tracking.

BROKEN LOW, Nob., Sept. 1 .-When district court convened, Haley and Redding, the men who broke captured Sonta Ana in the Mexican open Mrs. J. B. Tierney's safe at Analey on the 25th of July, were put on Though SI years old, he is healthy and trial. After the jury was out three hours it brought in a verdict of guilty Of the two hundred and seventy-five The will of Stephen Crane has just | dollars stolen most of it was recov-

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