

# ...As the World Revolves...

**Wu Ting Fang on Religion.**  
The address on religion which Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister to Washington, delivered in New York the other night, will serve to illustrate the very great difficulty of proselyting in the Flowery Kingdom. For example this learned man of the far east quotes from the scriptures the injunction that if a man smite you on one cheek you should turn him the other and that imperative command, "Love your enemies," and makes an application of them that is too pertinent to be pleasant. There is no likelihood, he declares, that men will live up to such a standard, and then he adds: "At this very moment Christian missionaries are calling for bloodshed and vengeance, and Christian armies are devastating the land, sparing neither age nor sex. There is indeed a vast gulf between doctrine and perform-

**In Memory of Mr. Hobart.**  
The committee having the matter in charge has chosen a design for the monument to be erected in memory of Garret A. Hobart, late vice president of the United States. The design selected is that submitted by Philip Martiny, and shows Mr. Hobart standing on a pedestal in a listening attitude, with a gavel in his hand. It is to be of bronze and will cost \$15,000, that sum having been raised by a committee. The figure of Mr. Hobart will be nine feet high. The kind of pedestal on which the statue will stand has not yet been selected. It is also announced that a few slight changes in the design will be recommended to the sculptor by the committee. Mr. Martiny, the successful competitor, is on the art committee of the Pan-American exposition. All the models examined were submitted to a committee consisting of J. Q. A. Ward, Charles Lamb, Daniel C. French and Herbert Adams of the Art society and Mayor John Hinchliffe of Paterson and Edward T. Rell of the memorial committee. The statue will be set up in Paterson, N. J., which was Mr. Hobart's home.



Accepted Design.



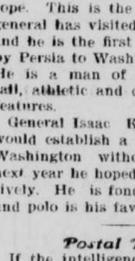
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ance." Again recurring to the same idea he says of Confucianism: "It enjoins that kindness be requited with kindness and an injury with justice. It does not sanction retaliation in a vindictive spirit, such as, I regret to say, is shown by some persons professing to be governed by the tenets of Christianity."

It does not follow, of course, from the sting of such criticism that the Chinese are what they believe themselves to be. The most intelligent of them are, in fact, the slaves of the grossest superstition and many of their practices are repellent to humanity and to common sense. But they are not savages, and in spite of the dark spots in their minds they have an intellectual keenness and stubbornness combined with that national self-righteousness which makes the problem of converting the 400,000,000 a tremendous one indeed.

**Trial of Voting Machines.**  
In the light of the successful experiments with automatic registering devices in recent elections in many towns, particularly in Massachusetts and New York, there is little room for doubt that the voting machine will ultimately supplant the paper ballot as a means of recording the popular will in national, state, county, and municipal contests. This belief is strengthened by the results of many tests of the voting machine in the recent election, all of which were successful and highly satisfactory to the electorate. The people of Buffalo are particularly elated over the results of two trials of voting machines in that city. So satisfactory have been these tests that The Buffalo Enquirer declares the people will never voluntarily dispense with the machines.

**New Envoy from Persia.**  
General Isaac Khan, the newly appointed Persian minister from Persia to the United States, was presented to the president last week. The general has been for many years one of Persia's leading diplomats. He represented that country for ten years at the court of St. Petersburg, passed three years in Egypt and one in Belgium. He enjoys the confidence of the shah in the highest degree and accompanied Mozaffer-ad-din at his recent visit to the capitals of Europe. This is the first time that the general has visited the United States, and he is the first representative sent by Persia to Washington in ten years. He is a man of imposing presence, tall, athletic and of rather handsome features.



General Isaac Khan said that he would establish a Persian legation in Washington without delay and that next year he hoped to entertain extensively. He is fond of outdoor sports and polo is his favorite pastime.

**Postal Receipts.**

If the intelligence of a nation may be judged by the amount of money it spends for postage the annual report of the postmaster general makes a showing which is flattering to the people of the United States. During the twelve months ending with June 30, 1900, the total receipts of the postoffice department were upwards of \$100,000,000, while the annual deficit of the department has been reduced in the same time to \$5,385,000. Three years ago the annual deficit was \$9,000,000, so that the present showing is a good one, particularly when the large expenditures for new and costly features in the postal service are considered.

**Victim of College Rowdies.**  
The death of Oscar Booze, the West Point cadet, as the result of a hazing he received at the military academy, has created a widespread sensation and much indignation is expressed that the war department should tolerate practices so brutal in their character as those to which this young man was subjected. It is said that the young man's throat was terribly inflamed by the poison he was forced to swallow, and he was unable to take any nourishment whatever. His stomach was so much inflamed likewise that it refused to assimilate the food injected into it, and this had to be



OSCAR BOOZE.

abandoned, so that he actually starved to death. President McKinley has ordered an investigation.

**From a Great Newspaper.**  
Winamac, Ind., special to the Chicago Tribune: People here are surprised that the story of the Pittsburgh hens that are fed on asbestos siftings and lay fireproof eggs was considered worth telegraphing to the daily papers. Winfield Scott Purcell, a farmer, living near the Pink Marsh, returned in 1887 from a visit to the Hawaiian Islands, bringing with him a pair of fowls that had been hatched in a cleft in the center of the volcano Mauna Loa. This farm is now overrun with chickens that refuse to roost anywhere except on a redhot stove, and will eat nothing but brimstone. The chickens are valueless for food, but are regarded by strangers as great curiosities. Mr. Purcell says they are never troubled by insect pests of any kind.

**New Form of Automobile.**  
An American inventor, named Maxham, has recently patented an automobile horse which is designed to be hitched on in front of any vehicle in place of the usual animal. The automobile horse is so arranged that it is driven in exactly the ordinary way. Reins are provided for steering and stopping the machine. A pull on either rein turns the apparatus in the corresponding direction, and a steady pull with both reins together slow down the motor and applies the brake. A secondary pair of reins are provided, a pull on which brings the automobile to a stop at once. In France a somewhat similar invention has been put on the market, with the difference that the French machine is constructed in the shape of a horse. The American inventor thinks that his machine will be popular with people who already have vehicles which they do not feel like throwing away entirely. By hitching on one of his mechanical horses they may still use their old carriages or wagons and at the same time do away with the expense and other disadvantages of keeping horses.

**The Hidden Force Intervened.**  
William Richardson, General Wheeler's successor in congress, was once sentenced to be hanged as a Confederate spy. He had been taken a prisoner of war, escaped, and was retaken in company of a notorious spy. He was sentenced to be hanged with the spy, but an unexpected attack by General Forest resulted in his rescue.

# The Weekly Panorama.

**A Barred Actress.**  
Minnie Ashley, actress and singer of the Daly company in New York, has caused a stir among the fashionable residents of Great Neck, L. I., by endeavoring to purchase a home in that aristocratic community. They are up in arms against what they choose to regard as an intrusion upon their exclusiveness, and a committee of citizens has undertaken to frustrate her purchase. When the committee called upon her to seek to dissuade her she burst into tears and exclaimed: "Why, I'm going to retire from the stage next year. I'm going to marry William Astor Chandler." She is reported to have revealed the secret only after her pride had been stung to the quick by the action of a committee of the property owners who waited on G. Smith Stanton, a real estate agent with whom Miss Ashley was negotiating for the purchase of the Northam estate on the



MINNIE ASHLEY.

Shore road, Great Neck. Friends of William Astor Chandler, millionaire, explorer and politician, received the news of Miss Ashley's declaration with expressions of surprise. It was not known that Mr. Chandler contemplated becoming a benedict. He had busied himself with politics and was credited with a rather unromantic turn of mind, and he had been quoted as advising young men not to marry, although this he denied.

**Minor Parties.**  
The delegates to the national convention of the American Federation of Labor have put themselves on record as opposed to the policy of allowing the organization to be drawn into politics as an adjunct to the Social Labor party. When one of the radical members of the convention introduced resolutions pledging the federations to go into the next national campaign as a body, with a platform demanding only that the initiative and referendum be made part of the policy of the national government, he was met with a storm of protests and his resolution was defeated.

**Ambassador to Italy.**  
The name of George Von L. Meyer of Massachusetts, to be ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the United States to Italy was sent to the senate last week by President McKinley. Mr. Meyer is eminently fitted for his new post. He is quite wealthy, a graduate of Harvard with the class of '79; a traveler and cultured gentleman, and an adept in two or three modern languages. He has been a member of the legislature, speaker of the Massachusetts house of representatives and Republican committeeman for his state. His wealth consists of large interest in industrial enterprises and real estate. At 42 he possesses gravity and experience denied to many public men who are older than he. Senator Lodge of Massachusetts was Mr. Meyer's backer.



Geo. V. L. Meyer.

**Marks' Ninetieth Birthday.**  
The venerable Professor W. D. Marks has just celebrated his ninetyeth birthday. He is the senior minister of the West London synagogue of British Hebrews, usually known as the Reform synagogue. From its foundation in 1841 in Burton street Professor Marks has been minister of the congregation, and he is the oldest Hebrew minister in the United Kingdom. Up to a few years ago he was Goldschmid professor of Hebrew literature in University college.



General Mercier.

A celebrated military expert and leading French statesman, who created a sensation in the French chamber of deputies by demanding that France prepare for a war of invasion against England.

# NEW BRAND LAW HIS PLAN.

**Senator-Elect Van Boskirk Intends to Discourage Cattle Stealing.**  
LINCOLN, Dec. 17.—The extremely rapid growth of the cattle industry in Nebraska has prompted the proposal of several very important measures for the consideration of the next legislature. From the great cattle plains come appeals for more effective legislation and with a view to remedying the inefficiency of existing laws a bill has been prepared, under the direction of the officers of the Northwestern Cattle-men's association, which is designed to increase and extend the protection provided for cattle owners and ranchmen. The measure contemplates an amendment to the Brand Marks Commission act reducing the membership of that commission to one man, and revision for the inspection of cattle at the markets, inspection of hides and the publication of an official brand book.

Senator-elect J. R. Van Boskirk of Alliance will probably introduce the proposed bill in the legislature. He has been secretary of the Northwestern Cattle-men's association for several years, and it is said that his bill will reflect the wishes of the other officers and members of the organization. The principal object of the bill will be to give cattle owners absolute protection against thieves. "If we succeed in enacting the proposed law a man who steals a cow cannot escape detection unless he destroys the hide and eats the animals," said Mr. Van Boskirk. "Provision will be made for registering all brands and for the publication of an official brand book, and a man will have to prove ownership before he can lawfully dispose of any cattle. If he takes a quarter of a cow to market, he will have to exhibit the hide as an evidence that it is his property. The official brand book will enable the purchaser to compare the registered brand with the brand on the hide and determine whether they are the same in design.

**Fancy Price for Live Stock.**  
OMAHA, Dec. 17.—The prize cattle that were on exhibition at the South Omaha stock yards were sold at the highest price paid in recent years on that market. The 3-year-olds which carried off first prize were owned and fed by John Shannon of Hoskins, and the Omaha Packing company brought them at \$7.50 per 100. It will be remembered that the same company also bought the highest priced cattle last year and paid \$7.25 for them. Mr. A. W. Clark's load of yearlings, which were awarded first premium in that class, were also sold at a good figure. There were heifers in the bunch and the fifteen head sold at \$6 to the Omaha Packing company, which is the highest price ever paid for a mixed bunch of yearlings on the South Omaha market.

**New Railroad for Nebraska.**  
OMAHA, Dec. 17.—Mr. A. O. Perry of Atkinson, well known as a railroad promoter, is in town in the interest of his new enterprise—a railroad running from Callaway, in Custer county, to Gandy, in Logan county, a distance of thirty-five miles. About three years ago Mr. Perry conceived the idea of running a railroad from his home in Atkinson to the new town site of Perry on the northern bank of the Niobrara river, in Boyd county. He promoted the enterprise to the point where it was ready for the ties and rails and then his Chicago contractor fell down on him and brought everything to a standstill.

**Gentleman Pleads Not Guilty.**  
COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 17.—Nicholas Gentleman, who did the shooting at Platte Center a week ago, was arraigned in justice court, and upon the reading of the complaint he entered a plea of not guilty, waived the preliminary examination and was bound over to the district court without bail. The witnesses for the state were each required to enter into a recognizance in the sum of \$200 for their appearance.

**Is Young in Crime.**  
FALLS CITY, Neb., Dec. 17.—James Mahan plead guilty in the district court to the charge of grand larceny. The prisoner, who is a mere boy, was employed on the government rirap work at Rulo and stole a sum of money from a fellow employe. He broke down when arraigned and Judge Stull was inclined to be lenient and gave him the minimum sentence, one year in the penitentiary.

**Farmer's Fall Proves Fatal.**  
SPENCER, Neb., Dec. 17.—At a lonely spot, four miles northeast of here, on the road to his home, the body of Anton Holechek has been found, and it is thought that he was killed by a fall from his wagon. He has occasionally taken liquor to excess while in town, and two years ago a friend of his, one Turachek by name, was killed in a similar manner as the two were driving home in an intoxicated condition.

**Tries to Beat the Fast Mail.**  
FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 17.—Patrick Tulley, a farmer residing eight miles from North Bend, was seriously injured by train No. 101 while he was attempting to cross the Union Pacific track two miles west of North Bend. Tulley was driving a wagon. He saw the train coming and attempted to cross ahead of it.

**Jail Delivery at Beaver City.**  
BEAVER CITY, Neb., Dec. 17.—Charles Griffin and Arch Bisbee, two prisoners of the county jail, sawed their way to liberty last night. A hole (7x13 inches) was cut in the steel cell through which they squeezed themselves. Four other prisoners refused to take advantage of the opportunity and remained in their cells, although they later refused to divulge any of the details. The escape of the two was thus hidden from the officials.

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