fells Only Chicago Pape counts Some of His Expor ing the Early '30's in Obio and New York.

Jollet, (III.)

ROUND the railroad station of Joliet hobbles a man who is prob-"newsboy" in the world.

> When the dawn ushers in the 11th day of next February Organius Page

will celebrate his eightieth birthday. And he is laying his plans, too, for a teark for all newsboys who may reach | ply gave out. the age of fourscore in the twentieth century,

Morning, noon and night, month in and month out, Joliet's champion old newsboy stands on the depot platform with his bundle of paper: tucked neatly under his arm. Like the ancient mariner of old, weathers have no terrors for him and when the mercury sizzled in the shade at the 115 notch recently he stood at his post as steadfastly as when the thermometers froze hard in the blizzard of last winter.

Joliet commuters and the regular passengers and trainmen who ride through this city have come to look upon the weather-beaten newsboy as an immovable landmark. A bare glimpse of his tall, slim figure reassures Joliet passengers that they have reached their right station more convincingly than the brakeman's barbarous yell of "Jolly-ett." Between trains the aged "newsboy" stumps the block or so to his cozy little cottage on Jefferson street. Once at home he places his papers on a stand close by the open door, drops into a high-backed arm-chair that looks older than he dees, and unbuckles the wooden leg which has given him his nickname of "Peg-leg." Then he goes to sleep. His nap lasts until train time. Orsanius Page is proud of being the oldest newsboy in the world. But he wants everybody to realize thaat he hasn't always been a newsboy. He has lived a life full of interest, and he has in his time handled thousands of dollars where he now counts over cents.

He was born in Cattaraugus county in the western corner of New York state, February 11, 1818. When he was 10 years old his father moved the family a distance of about 100 miles peross the state line into Ohlo. was there he grew up and spent the best years of his life.

'I began to work about as soon as I could stand alone," said the old gentleman, giving an account of his experiences. "In the first quarter of this century boys, and girls, too, for that matater, were brought up to begin work as soon as they were strong enough to sit on a horse's back or scour a tin pan. I wasn't more than 5 years old when my father lifted me on the back of an ox. My hands were hardly big enough to go around the whip handle, and that's the way I learned to drive oxen to plow. When I had grown up to be a man and was 20 years old, I was given charge of a drove of hogs, and told to drive them to New York city and sell them there. It was about 500 miles, and part of the journey was pretty rough. I got across the ridge of the Alleghenies and was pushing the drove down the slopes on the Pennsylvania side, when a snowstorm came on. I had a couple of drovers with me, and by hard work we finally succeeded in getting the



ORSANIUS PAGE.

lage nearby. The snowstorm turned out to be a bilzzard, and for three weeks we were corraled there. It took r heap of corn to feed almost 800 hogs. and corn there was worth \$1,25 a bushel. I had just about run out of money when the snow began to melt. I rode 20 miles to a town where there was a bank. In I walked, and, going up to the president, I said: 'I want \$3,000 on a drove of hogs that are snowbound up in the mountains. They belong to Wolf brothers, of Eastern Ohlo.' He forked over the bills, and I rode back up the mountains and got my hogs and pushed on toward New York. I kept them going most of the time, and when my drove reached New York city they were the first hogs or fresh meat of any kind to get into New York after the blizzard. Butchers by the dozen followed me and the hogs as we pushed along toward the pens. I found the

crowd of butchers all on hand at the

sale next morning and I sold my pork- GOV. "BOB" TAYLOR. Bob was defeated two years later by FAVORS OUR IDEAS. squealing in the pens. That was the most successful trip across the mountains I ever made, though I had charge of many bigger droves. Once I rode west over the Alleghenies with \$175,000 in my pocket. It was all in bills, a goodsized lump of money even now, and a princely fortune in the early '30s."

When eastern Ohio became more thickly settled, Mr. Page moved into Illinois. He lived a score of years in Braidwood, and has been in Joliet for more than a dozen years. He has lived half a century with only one leg. It is some four years ago that he beably the oldest gan to carry papers. He became popular at once, and is now one of the most trusted and most efficient newsboys in the employ of George B. Mc-Clelland, the local agent of the Chicago papers. He refuses to sell anything but Chicago papers. He claims that his high-water mark was reached one exciting evening during the big strike in '94, when he sold 315 copies celebration that will set a high old and then stopped only because his sup-

### THE WAZIRIS.

A Wild and Warlike Tribe on the

British Indian Frontier. A few weeks ago a strong body of Waziris beat back a column of British troops and native auxiliaries, on the Afghan frontier of India. The Waziris are a tribe on the borders of that frontier, and are one of the wildest and most warlike tribes on the frontier. Their character has long been established for murder and robbery. They have in former years received more than one exemplary lesson for the improvement of their manners. In 1860 Sir Neville Chamberlain was sent to punish them, and passed almost right through Waziristan. It was in 1879 that they again became troublesome, and this led to General Kennedy being sent among them with a result



FUTTER KHAN, TYPICAL WAZIRI utive force. Sir William Lockhart had to be sent to Waziristan only three years ago with an expedition, and at the end he made arrangements that were expected to preserve law and order in the locality. From the previous experiences it seems likely that these natives will probably receive a severe punishment for their most recent out-

# A RATIONAL SPARROW.

Recognized Timely Ald and Remember the Helper.

The truth of the following inciden is vouched for by a correspondent of the Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal It is a rare occurrence for animals in a wild state to select man for a companion and friend, yet well authenticated instances when this has been done are a matter of record. The following instance is vouched for by my correspondent, a young woman who is a close and accurate observer: Last week my brother (a lad of 12) killed a snake which was just in the act of robbing a song-sparrow's nest. Ever since then the male sparrow has shown his gratitude to George in a truly wonderful manner. When he goes into the garden the sparrow will fly to him, sometimes alighting on his head, at other times on his shoulders, all the while pouring out a tumultuous song of praise and gratitude. It will accompany him about the garden, never leaving him until he reaches the garden gate. George, as you know, is a quiet boy, who loves animals, and this may account in a degree for the sparrow's extraordinary actions. I am perfectly convinced that the nesting birds on my place know me, and that they remember me from one nesting time to another. I have repeatedly approached my face to within a foot of sitting birds without alarming them. On one occasion I even placed my hand on a sitting cardinal, which merely fluttered from beneath it without evincing further alarm; yet no wild bird has ever evinced ward myseif any special degree of friendship. When I was a lad I remember that a certain decrepit old drake would follow me like a dog, and which appeared to enjoy himself in my society. I could not appreciate his friendship then, and greatly fear that I was, at times, rather cruel to the old fellow.

Pald For. "Mrs. Cumrox' children seem to be very fond of their school," remarked one woman. "What makes you think uncle, Hon. Largton C. Haynes, which "They are always speaking of their 'dear teacher.' "Oh, Mr. Cumrox insists on that. He says that considering how much he pays for extra tuition it's only proper."-Wash ington Star.

Down in Florida the veracious chron iclers report a mare that has developed an appetite for genuine spring chickens .- New York Sun.

ONE OF THE GREAT CHARAC-TERS OF TENNESSEE.

He Wants to Go to the Senate Two Years Hence - Sketch of Ills Career His Brother Alf and Their Political Battles.



probable successor er in East Tennessee. to the late Isham G. is one of the most popular of Tennesseans. He is south-

slider. Even when his party's candibetter than a hound dog loves pot IIquor. He drinks his whishy straight and he pulls off his bat to every lady that he meets. He can play the fiddle, he can ride a horse bareback, and he can follow the hounds until the horn blows for breakfast the next morning. He knows the difference between a thoroughbred and fetlock stock, and he worships a blue eyed baby with a devotion characteristic of the mountain man. He can talk, he can sing, he can fiddle, and he can cut the pigeon's wing. He is breezy and he is bright. By a neculiar accident Taylor was elected to the forty-sixth congress. He | uate of Lincoln's Inn, London, where was then to fame and fortune unknown. He beat Pettibone, a carpet bagger from Michigan, not by his own strength or the strength of his party, but because his brother Alf took the stump for him. In congress Taylor was a general favorite. When he spoke the galleries listened. He got more notoriety because of a speech made by General Bragg of Wisconsin one night when some pension bill that had been fath-

Pettibone. Then he returned home and was nominated by the Democrats for governor. His opponent on the Republican ticket was no other than his distinguished brother Alf. It was called the war of the roses, and had the contest occurred a half century ago it would have been the most picturesque event in American politics. Alf made a great race, but was defeated. Then he went to congress and made a better OVERNOR Robert | reputation there than his brother who Taylor, recently had preceded him had made. It is his mentioned as a affibition now to be a prosperous farm-

For fifteen years it has been Bob's Harris in the senate | desire to go to the senate. Once he was of the United States | elected senator. That was in 1881. But before the result could be announced a vote that he could not spare was changed and Bob retired to one of ern to the core. the cloakrooms and spent the balance There is much of the day in tears. The successful bombast about the man, but he is as man was Jackson. He has had the honest as politicians get to be these senatorial fever ever since that day, days. During all of his life he has It was for this that he ran for governor stood up straight as a trivet for Dem- the first time. It was for this that he ocracy. He has never been a back- took the nomination for the same office last year when he really did not want date did not conform to his ideas in it. As a word painter he has no equal 1884, 1888 and 1892, he swallowed it un- in Tennessee. Had he been contempocomplainingly. He is an inimitable raneous with William B, Haskell he story teller. He loves fried chicken would have rivaled that prodigy of traditional oratory.

> We Ting Fang. Wn Ting Fang, the Chinese minister, who is soon to be transferred from the American capital to Tokyo as Chinese representative in Japan, is a gentleman of education, culture and modern ideas. He is perhaps the ablest man that has ever represented the Chinese government in the United States. He speaks English freely, and is well informed on current affairs and the polities of the world. The minister is an English barrister. He is a gradhe lived for several years. When he went to Hong Kong he practiced law in the English courts there for five years. His early education was acquired in China, where he held several high positions in the Chinese government. This is his first mission abroad although he was in this country about twenty years ago on a private errand.

and represents the very best class of ered by Taylor was up for discussion his countrymen. He has a wife and





than anything else that he ever did while in the house. Bragg gave Bob a cruel blow, and it took the Tennesscean a long time to recover from it. In the course of his remarks General Bragg said: "I regret much that my duty as a congressman requires that I oppose the passage of this act granting a pension to this poor soldier who was shot to death with chronic diarrhea in 1861 and never found it out until 1881.

As a declaimer his friend Bryan is not a marker to him. While in congress Bob got the floor as often as the speaker would allow him. When he couldn't make a speech to his fellowmembers he would go to the committee rooms and orate to the clerks. It was a passion for him in those days to repeat the celebrated speech delivered a half century ago by his famous



GOV. TAYLOR.

was perhaps the linest piece of oratory that ever fell from a southerner's lips. It was about the mountains and the valleys, the streams and the skies, the sunshine and the starlight, the grass that grew beneath the trees and the birds that nestled among the branches, Bob always delivered it beautifully and for a long time claimed it as his own. He finally confessed that he had been a

family of charming daughters. Ting Fang will be succeeded here by Lee King Ye.

# The Moon's Atmosphere.

As to the question of a lunar atcharge of the Paris observatory, M. Loewy and M. Pusieux, appear to hold a somewhat different opinion from that commonly entertained by scientists. Admitting that the determination as to whether there is a very little or none at all is not really necessary, there are evidences, they conclude, that it must be very rare-not more than one nine-hundredth of the density of our own, the reasons why this must be so being as follows, namely: That when the moon detached itself from the equatorial regions of the earth, it must have taken with it as a portion of its materials some of the material chemical elements of the earth, or at least those lighter ones that lay near the surface at the time, it being probable, however, that our planet retained the greater proportion feetly drained and ventilated, well orof the gaseous envelope. Such being the case, the weaker provision of free gases fell to the moon, and this quantity would naturally diminsh as the moon material began to solidify-the water would enter into stable combirations with the elements of the soil, and without doubt such minerals as gypsum and lime would be formed, which imprison the water within solid salts that are little affected by the play of natural forces. Reasoning similarly, Mr. Loewy and M. Pusieux declare that what is true of water is true also of the air.-New York Sun.

His Idea of Economy.

She Father says we shall have to we'll be married in the day time and save the gas.-Yonkers Statesman,

You can always pick the winners at the races when your pocketbook is

WHY GUATEMALA HAS DICTATOR.

en. Barrios Likes the American Way of With This Country British Influence le Against Him.



EINA Barrios is now cccupying in Guatemala the presidency, or. rather, the dictatorship, since late events have compelled him to assame the uncontrolled direction of the country's af-

fairs. He is a nephew of Gen. Rufino Barrios, who was killed in 1885 at the battle of Chalcuapa by the Salvadoreans and other Central Americans opposed to his scheme of restoring the ancient confederacy under Guatemalan influence and moral direction. Gen. Jose Maria Reina Burrios was only 13 years old when he marched in 1866, with the small troop of patriotic volunteers led by his ancle, Rufino Barrios, in his first but unsuccessful assault upon the government of President Carna. The young volunteer participated in the several attempts to free his country from tyrannical government and won his military grades on many battlefields.

He was married in New York ten years ago to Miss Algerie Benton of New Orleans. He was elected president of the republic on March 15, 1892, and his term will expire next March. On May 31 last he met with the most serious, if not the first, opposition of the



GEN, JOSE MARIA REINA BARRIOS.

national assembly. This happened about a government bill proposing to make in the United States a loan of \$15,000,000, destined to flaish the northern railroad of Guatemala and to promote other enterprises. It was impossible to get a quorum for several sittings and finally the president was compelled to dissolve the assembly and assume himself all the powers which the constitution gave him.

President Reina Barrios is popular duction of American ideas, inventions and products in his country. All the British influences are at work against

# What Becomes of Them?

Of the 119,000,000 old copper cents which were sent out from the mint only the 900,000 have ever been accounted for and only now and then is a stray one of the remaining 119,000,-000 seen in circulation. Of the 4,500,000 bronze 2-cent pleces sent out only 1,500,000 ever found their way back. leaving 3,000,000 to be accounted for, and there are an equal number of nickel 3-cent pieces somewhere in the country, though it is very rarely that one is seen. Of the 800,000 half-cents not one has ever been returned to the mint. A few of this denomination may be found in the hands of coin collectors, but the whereabouts of the rest mosphere the eminent astronomers in is a mystery. It is estimated that the daily supply of needles for the entire world amounts to 3,000,000 of varying shapes and sizes, while the United States alone calls for a yearly supply of 300,000,000. Of pins, it is said that some of the large department stores often order 100 cases at a time. Each case contains 108 dozen papers, and each paper holds 360 pins, so a little use of the multiplication table will show what an immense thing even the one order means. The yearly output of pins from the largest factory in the United States, it is claimed, would if placed end to end reach three times around the world.

What a Model Bakery Should He. What should be the essential condiions of a model bakery? First, the building should be above ground, perganized, absolutely clean, and the expense of labor should be of no consideration. The men should be systematically inspected with regard to their personal cleanliness, having, in the first place, been selectedd for employment on the ground of their good general health and temperance. The hours of labor should be limited and convenience for washing purposes should be provided. The buildings should be dust-proof in order to make dust contamination impossible; the ovens should be fired at the back of. and not in, the bake-house itself. Water used should be of the very best and guaranteed quality, and, in order that only a proper gropostion should economize at our wedding. He-Well, ent of flour, it should be measured by meter. These are roughly the essenrials to a typical bake-house.

Boys of Flint, Mich., got \$400 from the county treasurer during June on bountles on sparrow heads.

## BREAKING MONTE CARLO.

Figures Showing the Financial Ratibos to Be Difficult of Capture.

Those who have a passion for gambling and bace found it unprefitable, a class nearly as numerous as those who gamble at all, might well consider the Doing Business and Wants to Trade recent announcement that a dividend of \$4,000,000 for last year has been declared by the stock company cunning the gaming tables at Monte Carlo. That amount, says the St. Louis Globe Democrat, is the interest on \$100,000,-000, and represents an extraordinary profit There are about 400,000 visitors a year at Monte Carlo, and as, in addition to the dividend named, they pay the expenses of the gambling resort, with its thousand attaches, they will not be disposed to deny that gambling is a highly expensive amusement. Though there is a tradition that somebody occasionally breaks the bank a? Monte Carlo, its dividends are never seriously affected. As the games in Monte Carlo appear to be what is called square, even those familiar witz them are at a loss to account for the enormous profits. The chances in the play seem to be almost evenly balanced, yet the millions gravitate rapidly to the side of the bank.

If the mere betting on red and black which is prevalent at Monte Carlo is so profitable to the bank many other forms of gambling are far worse. It is needless to name them. The visitors to Monte Carlo could make at least \$5,000,000 a year by not going there.

## WRITER OF ADJECTIVES. Ptolemy Was the Greatest User of the Qualifying Words.

The greatest writer of adjectives that the world has ever known was Claudius Ptolemy, the renowned Egyptian astronomer and astrologer, who flourished in the second century. The present revival of the latter science has recalled the use of adjectives by famous wizards of the Nile. Here is a passage from one of the books which has come down to us through the centuries having lately been reprinted: When Jupiter alone has domonion of the mind, and is gloriously situated, he renders it generous, gracious, pious, reverent, joyous, lofty, liberal, just, magnanimous, noble, self-acting, compassionate, fond of learning, beneficent, benevolent, and calculated for government; and if posited ingloriously, he will endow the mind with qualities apparently similar to these, but not of such virtue and luster; as, instead of generosity, he will then cause profusion; instead of plety, bigotry; for modesty, timidity; for nobleness, arrogance; for courteousness, folly; for elegance, vulptuousness; for magnanimity, carelessness, and for liberality. indifference. Conciliated with Mars. and being in glory, Jupiter will make men rough, warlike, skillful in military affairs, dicytatorial, refractory, impetdaring, free in speech able in action, fond of disputation, contentious, imperious, genercus, ambitious, irascible, judicious and fortunate; but, if thus connected, and not placed in glory, he makes men mischievous, reckless, cruel, pitiless, seamong his countrymen, notwithstand- ditious, quarreisome, perverse, caluming the fact that the favors the intro- nious, arrogant, avaricious, rapacious inconsistent, vain and empty, unsteady, precipitate, faithless, injudicious, inconsiderate, senseless, and officious, inculpaters, prodigals, triflers altogether without conduct and giving way to every impulse. When conciliated with Venus, and in glorious position, Jupiter will render the mind pure



joyous, delighting in elegance in the

PTOLEMY

arts and sciences, and in poetry and music; valuable in friendship, sincere. beneficent, compassionate, inoffensive religious, fond of sports and exercises, prudent, amiable and affectionate, gracious, noble, brilliant, candid. liberal, discreet, temperate, modest pious, just, fond of glory, and in all respects honorable and worthy.

Advertisements of Ancient Pompeti. An "advertisement pillar" has been brought to light in the excavations of Pompeli. It was covered with advertisement bills one over another. The different layers could be separated from each other, and the contents were diciphered as theatrical programs and programs of the arena, proclamations for the forthcoming senatorial elections, notices of tribunal gatherings, festivities, etc.

# Great Musician's Father.

The father of Sir Arthur Sullivan was bandmaster of the Royal Military college at Sandhurst, and as a boy was made to learn every instrument in the band except the bassoon and the hautboy. It is to the severe training this father gave to the present composer that the latter attributes his magnificent powers or orchestration.-Exchange.