

metropolis, and keep his lungs and liver astir by rides and drives in Central park and talks after dinner with the best men and women on the continent. Princeton solitude should have no charms for such born leaders as Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cleveland."

One cannot help wondering whether the gift John V. Farwell, the Chicago merchant, presented to his 1,200 employees at Christmas was as acceptable as a percentage of their salary would have been. Mr. Farwell gave the men a copy of his recent book, "Cornerstones of Character," in which the physical, mental and spiritual life of a young man is discussed and the writer's own experiences given. Mr. Farwell is a Chicago pioneer, and the book is reminiscent of the early days of the Y. M. C. A. in that city."

DISGUISED ADVERTISING.

During the congressional railroad rate debate last year the efforts of railroad press bureaus to smuggle editorial matter or distorted and misleading news matter into the country papers were shrewd and tireless. The most watchful of editors was occasionally caught in some new trap. In a few cases the matter which the railroads desired to have printed was sent to a local pass holder to handle, and the editor had to withstand a personal local influence if he kept his columns clean. That attempt to rape the Nebraska press was as a whole an utter failure, as has apparently been the later effort of eastern press bureaus to induce the editors to run as news the campaign articles of an organization formed to oppose municipal ownership. The need of watchfulness is not past, however. Several editors particularly in southeastern Nebraska may be surprised when they come to read to the end an article on the patent insides of this week's issue of their papers headed, "For Square Deal," and beginning with an eulogy of Governor Sheldon. Within the article they find a covert attack upon the direct primary, which Governor Sheldon favors, a stab at those members of the legislature who have tried to devise ways and means to abate the lobby nuisance, and a patent attempt to shield such members as may incline to serve the purposes of the opponents of

the very "square deal" idea which baits the beginning of the article. The editorial columns of most of these papers indicate that their editors would not knowingly allow such matter to go to their subscribers in the guise of an impartial report of legislative proceedings. They have evidently been imposed upon by fresh efforts of would-be seducers of the press. Eternal watchfulness is the price of unpoisoned publicity.

SPOKANE'S STRONG CASE.

If the transcontinental railroads are to haul anything at all except time freight to the Pacific coast, they must meet the competition of ocean vessels that circumnavigate South America with freight from the Atlantic coast. That is the theory upon which the railroads have been shipping freight through Spokane and some hundreds of miles beyond to Pacific coast ports at less than they charge for the same freight if it stopped at Spokane, saving the extra hundreds of miles of hauling. Freight hauled at these low rates might not make a profit, it is urged, but it helps to keep the line employed and to pay fixed charges such as interest and cost of maintenance. Now if it should appear that the roads are making excessive profits while charging the coast cities the competitive rate and looking to the helpless interior cities for their profits, the reduction of rates that should follow would logically be made in behalf of cities like Spokane that have contributed these excessive profits. So far as the Spokane hearing has gone, the representations of that city seem to have fairly floored the representatives of the coast cities and of the railroads with that proposition. The theory of water competition, which was at one time upheld by the commission, is not questioned at all. It is merely shown that the roads are now making enough profits to put the interior upon the basis established for coast towns in view of water competition. The attorneys of the coast cities had to take a lightning leap. They suddenly decided that there are other reasons than water competition why the coast cities should be favored in freight rates, and they ask that the hearing be delayed a few months, presumably to give them time to find out what these reasons are.

And she, kissing back, could not know That my kiss was given to her sister, Folded close under deepening snow.

Who is the author of Casablanca? Felicia Hemans.

In what colleges are the professors eligible to Carnegie pensions? How many professors have received pensions?

Amherst, Beloit, Carleton college, Case School of Science, Clark University, Clarkson School of Technology, Colorado college, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, George Washington University, Hamilton, Harvard, Hobart, Johns Hopkins, Knox College, Iowa College, Lawrence University, Lehigh, Leland Stanford Jr., University, Marietta College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Middlebury College, Mount Holyoke College, New York University, Oberlin, Brooklyn Polytechnic, Princeton, Radcliffe, Ripon College, Smith College, Stevens Institute of Technology, Trinity College, Tufts College, Tulane University, Union College, University of Pennsylvania, University of Rochester, University of Vermont, Vassar, Wabash College, Washington University, at St. Louis; Washington and Jefferson College, Wellesley, Wells College, Western Reserve University, Williams College, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Western University of Pennsylvania and Yale. In Canada the accepted schools are Dalhousie University, at Halifax, and McGill University, at Montreal. Eighty-eight professors have been retired on pensions derived from this fund.

Is Ireland the original home of the potato?

By no means. The potato is indigenous to the plateaus adjoining the mountainous range known as the Andes, in Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, and Colombia, also the mountains of Costa Rica, Mexico, and the United States as far north as western Colorado. According to Humboldt (the German naturalist), when America was discovered, it was cultivated by the natives in the temperate zone from Chile to New Granada, but not in tropical Mexico.

It was first found by the Spaniards, under cultivation by the natives in the neighborhood of Quito, and probably carried to Spain early in the sixteenth century. It was introduced into Virginia by the Spanish explorers, and into Great Britain by Sir John Hawkins in 1563 (Garten Zeitung, 1805—page 346). According to Sir Joseph Banks, the potatoes brought by Hawkins were of the sweet variety. The credit is generally assigned to Sir Walter Raleigh, as herewith given. In 1585 or 1586, potatoes were brought from North Carolina and Virginia to Ireland by Sir Walter Raleigh, and cultivated on his estate near Cork. Although cultivated in Italy and Spain for some years previous to that time, the earliest representation of the plant is to be found in Gerard's Herbal, published in 1597, and in the first addition of Catalogus by the same author, published in 1596, also in the second edition, which was dedicated to Sir Walter Raleigh in 1599. In the Herbal we find the first description accompanied by a wood cut (page 781) called the "Potatoes of Virginia." As seen from the above, potatoes have been cultivated in England more than 300 years, though not generally for more than a century, which is also true as to our own country.

Give a short sketch of John Philip Sousa.

Who's Who gives this: Musician, born Washington, November 6, 1856; studied music, teacher at fifteen, conductor at seventeen; was one of first violins of Jacques Offenbach's orchestra when the latter was in the United States; band leader, U. S. marine corps 1880 to 1892; since 1892 director Sousa's band; has composed and published many marches, orchestral suites, "Te Deums," songs, waltzes and the light operas El Capitan, Bride Elect, The Charlatan, and Chris, or the Wonderful Lamp. Married. Author, The Fifth String, Pipetown Sandy, Address, Astor Court Building, New York.

Please give the church affiliations of all the presidents.

- Presidents. Politics. Religion. Washington, Federalist.....Episcopalian J. Adams, Federalist.....Congregationalist Jefferson, Republican.....Non-Sectarian Madison Republican.....Episcopalian Monroe, Republican.....Episcopalian J. Q. Adams Rep.....Congregationalist Jackson, Democrat.....Presbyterian Van Buren, Democrat.....Reformed Dutch Harrison, Whig.....Episcopalian Tyler, Democrat.....Episcopalian Polk, Democrat.....Presbyterian Taylor, Whig.....Episcopalian Fillmore, Whig.....Episcopalian Pierce, Democrat.....Episcopalian Buchanan, Democrat.....Presbyterian Lincoln, Republican.....Methodist Johnson, Republican.....Methodist Grant, Republican.....Methodist Hayes, Republican.....Methodist Garfield, Republican.....Methodist Arthur, Republican.....Episcopalian Cleveland, Democrat.....Presbyterian R. Harrison, Republican.....Presbyterian Cleveland, Democrat.....Presbyterian McKinley, Republican.....Methodist Roosevelt, Republican.....Reformed Dutch

QUESTION BOX

Can you please give me some information about the Indian schools of Nebraska or tell me where I can obtain such information?

There are three. A training school at Genoa, superintendent, William H. Winslow, Genoa, Neb.; agency school at Winnebago, superintendent, C. P. Mathewson; agency school at Santee agency, Neb., superintendent, H. C. Baird.

What is the debt of the United States? Is Great Britain's greater? About \$900,000,000. Great Britain's debt is a little over four times as great.

In what states did the democrats make gains in the election of 1904 over the election of 1900?

The full table of gains and elections of democrats and republicans in all the states in 1904 compared with 1900 is as follows:

Table with columns: State, Republican Gain, Democrat Loss, Republican Loss, Democrat Gain. Lists states from Ala. to Wash. with corresponding numerical data.

Table with columns: State, 12,298, 2,145, 14,298, 5,972, 312,249, 30,792, 1,291,491. Lists W. Va., Wis., Wyo., and Totals.

And still fluttered down the snow. Came Chanticleer's muffled crow. The stiff rails were softened to swan's down.

From sheds new-roofed with Carrara What presidents of the United States were Free Masons?

President George Washington, Thos. Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Jas. A. Garfield, Wm. McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt were initiated into Freemasonry.

Please give the date of the approaching German elections. January 25.

How many lynchings were there last year in the United States? About sixty-eight.

Will you print Lowell's poem, The First Snowfall?

The snow had begun in the gloaming, And busily all the night Had been heaping field and highway With a silence deep and white.

Every pine and fir and hemlock Wore ermine too dear for an earl, And the poorest twig on the elm tree Was ridged inch deep with pearl.

I stood and watched by the window The noiseless work of the sky, And the sudden flurries of snow-birds, Like brown leaves whirling by.

I thought of a mound in sweet Auburn, Where a little headstone stood; How the flakes were folding it gently, As did the robins the babes in the wood.

Up spoke our own little Mabel, Saying, "Father, who makes it snow?" And I told of the good All-father Who cares for us here below.

Again I looked at the snow-fall, And thought of the leaden sky That arched o'er our first great sorrow, When that mound was heaped so high.

I remembered the gradual patience that fell from that cloudlike snow, Flake by flake, healing and hiding The scar of our deep-plunged woe.

And again to the child I whispered, "The snow that husheth all, Darling, the merciful Father Alone can make it fall."

Then with eyes that saw not, I kissed her;

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A Lincoln business man says: "So far I have resisted the temptation to buy futures in grain, although the resistance has been accomplished after an effort. For several seasons I have been buying and cribbing corn during the winter season and putting it on the market in the spring. Almost every year, after getting the corn cribbed, insurance paid and commissions and interest taken care of, I have found that the corn has cost me from two to four cents more than I could then buy May corn for on the Chicago market. Yet I have continued buying the real article and putting it away in cribs."

A loyal son of Washington state who is visiting in Lincoln was taunted the other day with Oregon's lead over Washington in the matter of progressive legislation. "That's true enough," he admitted, "but you must remember that Oregon has practically only one railroad to contend with while Washington has three or four." Fifty-five below zero at Medicine Hat; Would you like to hang out in a country like that? Well, you may if you like but for me I will stay And stand up for Nebraska forever. Hooray!

ANOTHER.

She called me "Jack!" But instantly She blushed as red as red could be, And bit her lip as if to show She meant not to have spoken so; All which I was not slow to see.

What were my feelings? Well, I'm free To say I felt no great degree Of heart-expanding bliss, although She called me "Jack."

It seemed to be a mystery Until I thought of John Supplee. Was he her "Jack" I'd like to know? You see, my given name is "Joe" That's why she blushed when, thoughtlessly, She called me "Jack." —T. A. Daly in The Catholic Standard and Times.

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