

## A STIRRING SESSION.

### CAPT. BECK GROWS WARM UNDER THE COLLAR.

The Nebraska Congressional Delegation Called Down—Their Authority Not Recognized by the Indian Agent—Senator Thurston Talks Up Sharply—The Suspension of Leases to Lands to Settlers Recommended—A Telegram to Hoke Smith.

#### Indian Reservation Troubles.

PENDER, Neb., July 27.—Captain Beck and the congressional delegation had a stirring session yesterday morning and violence was imminent for several minutes at the Winnebago agency. He offended the entire Nebraska congressional delegation in his office and would have ordered the senators and congressmen from the room had it not been for Senator Allen. The proceedings began when Senator Allen stated that the two senators and three representatives of the congressional delegation of Nebraska had come for the purpose of informing themselves as to the condition of affairs. In reply to this Captain Beck made a short statement. He stated that the Flournoy company had systematically robbed the Indians and that it was a corrupt concern generally. Captain Beck said the members of the Flournoy company and every one of its friends and sympathizers were infamous liars and scoundrels. Just as the captain finished, John F. Meyers, the treasurer of the company, entered the office.

"You are not telling the truth and you know it," he said.

If a giant firecracker had been exploded under the captain's feet he could not have been more excited.

"Get out of here," he cried; "get out of here. This is my office. I will not have you in it. I am master here. You have been arrested by the United States marshal and ought to be in jail. I will not have you here. Get out before I have you thrown out."

An exciting scene ensued. Senator Thurston remarked: "I wish to know whether or not this convention, representing a majority of the members of the Nebraska congressional delegation, is to proceed without a repetition of such scenes as the one we have just seen enacted. We are amply able to preserve order without the interference or assistance on the part of any one. If this delegation is here without right—the right of American citizens to know how their own affairs are being conducted, I, for one, am ready to retire at once."

Captain Beck jumped to his feet and excitedly exclaimed that he did not recognize the authority of the delegation.

"Sit down," Senator Allen spoke the words. The captain sat down. The investigation proceeded without further trouble. Captain Beck submitted letters and telegrams to show that he had the approval of the interior department in everything he did.

The sentiment of the Nebraska congressional delegation, investigating the Flournoy leases of Winnebago lands came in the shape of the following telegram to Hon. Hoke Smith:

"Investigation now in progress leads us to urge you to suspend approval of leases of Winnebago lands, made by Captain Beck, and to promptly suspend further evictions until we communicate with you further. Evictions will result in tremendous loss of crops to innocent settlers."

The telegram was signed by all the delegation and will be followed by a letter detailing the entire situation.

## CARRIE LANE INCIDENT.

No Official Report of the Affair Made as Yet to Washington.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—The reported firing on the Carrie E. Lane, an American schooner, by a Spanish cruiser off the Cuban coast, has not yet been reported officially to the state department, and in the absence of any definite statement, the officials decline to express an opinion on the subject.

The important point to be established in this case is the exact location of the Lane when she was signalled to stop. The captain's statement is that this was off Cape Antonio, but he does not say whether or not he was in the three mile limit. If he was he could not claim exemption from responding to a demand to establish his identity, as was contended by Secretary Gresham in the Allinca case, for his was not a vessel following a regular route, but one cruising from port to port in the West Indies. In view of the fact that several filibustering expeditions have succeeded in landing in Cuba from the coast of Jamaica and other of the West Indian islands, officials here are not surprised that the Spanish commanders should exercise every precaution to make sure of the innocent purpose of any small sailing craft seen hovering about the Cuban coast, and it is felt that this particular commander acted within his rights if he fired a shot across the Lane's bow if she failed to stop when signalled in regular form. The small size and appearance of the schooner, it is said, was again a her, and calculated to excite suspicion as to her object.

#### Doctor Shoots Doctor.

MORRISONVILLE, Ill., July 27.—Dr. Reasoner, a leading physician, was shot in the abdomen while putting up his horse in his barn after visiting a patient, and died. Dr. Entrican, who had frequently threatened to kill Reasoner, has disappeared, but is being hunted down by a large crowd of men.

## MISS ANTHONY OVERCOME

Has an Attack of Heart Failure at Lakeside, Ohio.

LAKEVILLE, Ohio, July 27.—Susan B. Anthony had an attack of heart failure after speaking here this morning.

#### Bulgaria May Have a Rebellion.

LONDON, July 27.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily News says there are rumors there of a revolutionary uprising in Bulgaria, with hostile demonstrations at Sofia and elsewhere against Prince Ferdinand and M. Stoiloff, the Bulgarian premier.

## WYOMING INDIAN TROUBLES.

The Whites Determined and Propose to Settle the Red Man.

RAWLINS, Wyo., July 2.—Warren Smith passed through here direct from the Jackson's Hole country. He reports that the settlers are in good heart and that they will attack a body of Indians if they show up. They told him that the war was on and that now was the time to fight it out. Either the white settlers owned that country or the Indians, and they were willing to fight for their rights, only asking their friends on the outside to send them arms and ammunition.

When told that United States troops would be thrown in there Smith expressed the hope that it would be done quickly, for he feared that the confidence of the settlers in their own strength was not well founded. He said that there come daily reports of bands of Indians in different parts of the mountains and those it was proposed by the settlers to hunt out and capture. He thought that the settlers were fast losing sight of the idea of simply enforcing the law, and, to use his own language, "They are so much in earnest that they are wild. The popular thing in Jackson's Hole is to attach yourself to a posse and hunt the Indians."

Adjutant General Stitzer of Wyoming, who was at Market Lake to-day, was hourly expecting to hear that a conflict had occurred between the settlers and the Indians in the Jackson Hole valley. Two of his messengers dispatched to that district several days ago, have not returned, although overdue, and grave fears are now entertained that they have been ambushed by the Indians.

Indian police who have returned from the Fall river valley where the big trading powwow has been in progress for a week, say that the band of Bannock Indians under the leadership of Jim Ballard has started north toward the seat of the trouble. If these Indians reach the belligerents in the Fall river valley before the troops get there—and they undoubtedly will—the result may be disastrous, for Ballard's band is composed of the worst element of the Bannocks, always ready for a quarrel, even in time of peace.

#### Indians Refuse to Return.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Indian Agent Teter, of the Fort Hall, Idaho, Indian reservation, to-day wired Commissioner Browning that the policemen who were sent to the Indians ordering them to return to the reservation, report that the Indians positively refuse to return. The agent has asked permission to leave the reservation to accompany the United States troops to the scene of the disturbance. Authority for him to do so has been granted.

#### Pestilence Abroad in Japan.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 27.—Cholera is raging in Japan and in nearly every province in the little empire a heavy death rate from the disease is reported. The officers and passengers of the City of Peking tell tales of death in the streets of cities where the steamer called. From the outbreak of the disease until the day the steamer sailed from Yokohama 1,183 deaths had been reported. The disease was brought to Japan by the forces returning from the war in China and Korea.

#### Letter Carriers Being Watched.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—The work of the postoffice inspectors who have been "spotting" the letter carriers in the free delivery offices throughout the country, continues to bear fruit. Assistant Postmaster General Jones has sent orders to the postmasters at Indianapolis, Toledo and Syracuse, N. Y., to suspend or discharge a number of their carriers on charges of loafing and intemperance.

#### Casualties in Oklahoma.

GUTHRIE, Ok., July 27.—Three fatalities are reported from the territory to-day. George Salmon, from Ponca, was drowned in a pond on Sylvester Soldani's ranch, in the Osage country. An 8-year-old son of James Burke, near Norman, was drowned while bathing, and at Pawhuska the little daughter of Barney Plowdon was fatally scalded by falling into a kettle of boiling water.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

Internal revenue receipts for the year ending June 30, 1895, were \$143,245,977.75 a decrease of \$3,922,471 as compared with 1894.

The government declines to prohibit Mexican bull fights at the Atlanta exposition.

Consular reports from Matamoros indicate increasing trade with the United States.

The government is preparing a good display for the Cotton States exposition at Atlanta.

Senator Caffery says that creditors of the planters will suffer if the sugar bounty is not paid.

There are already several applicants for the position of register of the land office at Woodward, Ok.

Ex-Treasurer Woodruff of Arkansas has been released on bond.

The National Prohibition camp-meeting opened at Oakland park, Decatur, Ill.

The contests in the firemen's tournament at Decatur, Ill., attracted 10,000 people.

"Sound money" candidates in Kentucky declare they will vote for Senator Blackburn.

Five Arkansas convicts made a break for liberty, and one was killed and another wounded.

Officials at Rome say that war with Abyssinia has been decided upon.

The bimetalists of London are delighted over the result of the general election.

Details of the destruction of missions in China show that the officials refused to interfere with the mobs.

It is proposed to build an electric line from Lebanon, Mo., to a connection with the Missouri Pacific at Bagnell, a distance of thirty-five miles.

There is a lively row in progress among the general passenger agents of Southwestern roads, and the outlook for the restoration of rates is a blue one.

## NO MORE EVICTIONS.

THE RESERVATION TROUBLES IN THURSTON COUNTY.

Secretary Smith Asked to Take a Hand—Nebraska's Congressional Delegation States the Condition of Affairs Found There—They Recommend that Approval of Beck's Action Be Suspended for a Time at Least.

#### Winnebago Land Troubles.

PENDER, Neb., July 26.—The congressional delegation, which is investigating the troubles in Thurston county, took its first definite action yesterday. After a conference the following telegram was prepared and sent to the secretary of the interior:

PENDER, Neb., July 25.—Hon. Hoke Smith, Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.: Investigation now in progress leads us to urge you to suspend approval of leases of Winnebago lands made by Captain Beck, and to promptly suspend further evictions until we can communicate with you further. Evictions will result in tremendous loss of crops to innocent settlers.

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The letter sent by the members of the congressional delegation to the secretary of the interior, referred to in the foregoing dispatch is, in part, as follows:

Hon. Hoke Smith, Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.—Dear Sir: We have the honor to inform you that we telegraphed you today asking that no more leases made by Captain Beck, agent of the Omaha and Winnebago Indians, of Indian lands, should be approved until we can communicate with you further with reference to the matter. We also urged upon you to suspend all further evictions from these lands in the interests of justice to innocent settlers whose crops would be entirely lost to them by such evictions and who would otherwise be greatly damaged thereby. The wheat, oats and rye crops are now ripe and demand immediate harvesting, and unless this is speedily done they will be lost to the owners. The eviction, therefore, of settlers who have been suffered to cultivate these lands to this time, without any serious objections upon the part of the government, will result in great damage to them and the loss of their entire small grain crops.

The difficulties at this agency among agents and officers of the agency have been and are of such a character as to attract wide public attention and to demand some attention upon our part as representatives in congress from this state. We have therefore been sitting together, as a body, for three days, listening to the statements of the settlers, the Indians, the agent and others concerned at this place and at the Omaha and Winnebago agencies, taking the statements in the form of testimony for the purpose of informing ourselves of the truth of the matters in dispute and placing ourselves in a position to act intelligently at the approaching Fifty-fourth congress in securing such legislation as will permanently cure the evils now in existence.

In view of the character of the testimony taken by us, we feel constrained by a high sense of duty to urge upon the department the necessity for an immediate and searching investigation of the affairs of the Omaha and Winnebago Indian agency, and we respectfully request that such investigation be conducted in as public a manner as the regulations of your department will permit and with a view of reporting all evidence taken to the congress of the United States. In making the above recommendations we have not intended to reflect in any manner upon the integrity or good faith of Captain Beck as agent.

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## \*THIEVES GET \$2,000.

The Safe at the Exposition Race Track Kansas City, Robbed.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 26.—At 1:30 this afternoon a sneak thief walked into the inner office of Secretary Cunningham at the Exposition race track and took from the safe a hand sachel containing about \$2,000.

The secretary's office is in a small frame building near the horse sheds. Mr. Cunningham went over to the track shortly after 1 o'clock. He returned in fifteen minutes and discovered that the safe had been robbed while he was absent. The sachel is small and could be easily concealed under a man's coat. Horsemen, jockeys and track attendants are constantly about the office, but none of them noticed the thief.

#### Divers Taken to St. Louis.

MEXICO, Mo., July 26.—Emmett Divers, the colored man who murdered Mrs. John Cain of Callaway county, after he had assaulted her, was captured and jailed in this city. It was learned that a posse of citizens of Callaway county would be here to lynch Divers. To prevent this Sheriff Stephens quietly slipped the prisoner out of jail and took him to St. Louis for safe keeping.

#### Indians Advised to Go Home.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Commissioner of Indian Affairs Browning has forwarded a dispatch to Agent Teeter at the Fort Hall, Idaho, agency, instructing him to order the Indians now on the warpath to return to their reservation quietly and peacefully before the military detachment ordered to the scene reaches there.

#### Cotton Mills' Wages Increased.

UTICA, N. Y., July 26.—The New York mills cotton company has notified its employees in mills Nos. 2 and 4 that it will grant an increase of wages amounting to ten per cent.

## THE FINANCIAL DEBATE.

Mr. Harvey Declares That Silver Coinage Will Alone Restore the Balance.

CHICAGO, July 26.—The Hor-Harvey silver debate was continued this afternoon under about the usual conditions.

Mr. Hor opened the discussion by saying that the 42½ grain silver dollars coined between the years 1853 and 1873 were all coined at the Philadelphia mint and from foreign silver coins which had accumulated in the treasury under an act of congress which made them receivable but did not permit them to be paid out again. That was why silver was coined at less than its bullion value. After 1853 the government did not coin a dollar of silver for private ownership.

Mr. Harvey in reply denied the statement and declared that Mr. Hor could not prove it. He presented a mint statement showing that over \$400,000 in silver dollars had been coined at the mint at Carson City, Nev., in 1870.

Mr. Harvey then resumed the discussion of the question of primary and credit money. He said that as soon as there was an over-issue of credit money, it caused distrust of the government's ability to pay. This caused a run on the treasury for the redemption of credit money and the only remedy was to either increase the amount of the primary money, or decrease the amount of credit money. The amount of gold in the United States was estimated at from \$400,000,000 to \$500,000,000, and of credit money at about \$1,000,000,000. This was too much credit money, and accounted for the country's financial derangement. The remedy was to increase the primary money by remonetizing silver. Every moment's delay would endanger the safety of the republic.

## CARLISLE TALKS.

Says He Does Not Want the Democratic Nomination for President.

RICHMOND, Va., July 26.—A representative of the State had an interview with Secretary Carlisle yesterday. The interviewer said to Mr. Carlisle that many Democrats regard him as a strong man for president, and as the only legitimate successor to Mr. Cleveland.

"Well," responded the secretary, "notwithstanding the fact that the presidency is the greatest honor that can be bestowed, I do not want the office. I have seen too much of the hard work attaching to it. The responsibility is not only tremendous, but the work multiplies and becomes more exacting every year. A man must have an iron constitution to stand it. I am sincere when I say I do not want the nomination and election. I will certainly do nothing to warding the nomination."

Mr. Carlisle then went on to say that not since the government was founded has any administration had such trying times as this administration has had to contend with.

"How about the third term talk?"

"Many people are expressing a desire to see Mr. Cleveland nominated again next year."

"As close as I am to the president," said Mr. Carlisle, "he has never referred to that subject in my presence. I know no more about it than you do. But as Mr. Cleveland did not seek the nomination of 1892, it seems needless to say that he will not be a willing candidate next year. I know he did not want to run the last time."

## RUMORS OF A BATTLE.

Twenty White Men Said to Have Been Killed by Bannock Indians.

BOISE CITY, Idaho, July 26.—A mail driver at Market Lake reports that a courier arrived at Rexburg, Idaho, from Jackson's Hole with a report that a fight occurred Tuesday evening and twenty white men were killed. If true it is strange that the courier has not yet reached Market Lake, as the driver says that he was bound for that point to telegraph for help. There is no way of verifying the rumor. Market Lake is the nearest railway station to where the Indians are located.

A courier came into Market Lake last night and related that the Indians had given the white people three days to desist from their efforts to suppress the killing of game or leave the country.

## DID NOT BITE THE DUST.

The Desperate Battle With Outlaws Wyatt and Doolin Said to Be a Fake.

GUTHRIE, Ok., July 26.—The story telegraphed from Hennessey, Ok., about a bloody battle between deputy marshals and the Wyatt and Doolin gang of outlaws, in which Wyatt was killed, Doolin wounded and captured, together with six other outlaws, is mostly a fake.

A posse of farmers, whose horses have been stolen, overtook three men near Sheridan with stolen animals in their possession, and killed one and captured the other two. Neither of the captured men is Bill Doolin, and though the dead man bears a slight resemblance to Zip Wyatt, officers who know the outlaw well declare that it is not he.

#### An Appeal to Colorado Democrats.

DENVER, Col., July 26.—As a result of the recent Democratic state convention an address has been issued by a committee appointed for the purpose of appealing to Democrats to get together and reorganize. The address asserts that a vast majority of the advocates of bimetalism are Democrats, and that the restoration of silver can come only through the agency of the Democratic party.

#### Brazil Makes a Protest.

RIO JANEIRO, July 26.—There is growing excitement in this city over the occupation of the island of Trinidad by the English. The government has dispatched two notes to the British legation of emphatic protest, quoting the order of the British admiralty of 1762 by virtue of which Trinidad was evacuated by the English and restored to Portugal.

#### No Silver Convention for Oregon.

PORTLAND, Oregon, July 26.—The Democratic state central committee will not call a convention to take action on the silver question.

## FOR YOUNG FOLKS.

INTERESTING SKETCHES FOR OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Five Days at School—He Smelled Them—His Idea of a Christian—Had a Circus at Home—He Changed His Mind.



N Monday black, at four o'clock, The key is turned in school-room lock, And I've given old Time a terrible knock.

For the head of the Week is broken.

At four of a Tuesday afternoon, The hour that cometh none too soon, I strap my books to a merry tune, For the neck of the Week is broken.

As the four glad strokes on Wednesday ring, My cap in the air I gayly fling, And homeward run as I loudly sing, "The grip of the Week is broken."

Ah, welcome the sound of the Thursday's four, And the joyous thought of "but one day more" That opens and shuts the school-room door."

For the back of the Week is broken.

But sweeter than story in prose or rhyme The musical notes of the Friday chime, For the Week lies dead in the arms of Time, And the school-boy's chains are broken.

He Smelled Them.

A certain missionary spoke in a prayer meeting one evening at a village where a convention of Spiritualists was being held. Of course, the missionary made some pointed remarks about "consulting wizards that peep and mutter in the dark." Next morning as he was passing the village hotel he was accosted by an individual, who seemed to be suffering from redness of eyes through tarrying long at the wine cup, and the following conversation ensued:

"Good morning, sir. You're a minister, ain't you?"

"No, sir; I am a missionary."

"Well, anyway, you are a preacher. Now, sir, why is it that you fellows talk so much against Spiritualism? Why, man, if you only knew the comfort it gives us to know that we can converse with our departed friends and know that they are happy—here the Spiritualist became excited and his eyes rolled as he cried out, "I can see their bright spirits hovering around me now. Look, sir! look! don't you see them?"

"No, my friend," said the missionary, "I do not see them, but I can smell them, and mighty bad spirits they are, too."

#### His Idea of a Christian.

A few years since, I was holding revival services in a town in North Carolina. At one service, by request of the pastor of the church whom I was assisting, I requested the members to remain after the congregation was dismissed. When the outsiders were gone, we began to get confessions from one and another of past sins, with promises of repentance and amendment of life. At length, one brother arose and said:

"I have been a member of this church since I was 14 years of age (he was then 45). Of course, I have not always lived right, but I have never done anything worthy of being turned out of the church. I have been drunk several times, had a good many fights, and been swearing—the fact is, I am under the influence of liquor all the time. But I try to be a gentleman about it. I want you all to pray for me that I may hold out faithful, die happy and get home to heaven."—James R. Jones, Greensboro, North Carolina.

#### The Hygiene of Laughter.

The truth in the proverb "Laugh and grow fat" is well explained by the National Stockman and Farmer:

It has been aptly said that there is not the remotest corner of the inlet of the minute blood vessels of the human body that does not feel some wavelet from the convulsions occasioned by good hearty laughter. The life principle of the central man is shaken to its innermost depths, sending new tides of life and strength to the surface, thus materially tending to insure good health to the persons who indulge therein. The blood moves rapidly, and conveys a different impression to all the organs of the body, as it visits them on that particular mystic journey when the man is laughing, from what it does at other times. For this reason every good, hearty laugh in which a person indulges tends to lengthen his life, conveying as it does new and distinct stimulus to the vital forces.

#### Had a Circus at Home.

The pug dog in a Lewiston household swallowed a spool of twist the other day and the boy of the house discovered him pawing at the end which hung from his mouth. The boy forthwith had the "racket" of his life. He unwound fifty yards of No. 8 from the pug and left the spool inside, and the astonishment of the dog was as great as the sport of the boy. The head of the family said that he himself dropped a stitch in his side and that he will have that dog licensed just for the sake of the memory of the affair. He can't look the dog in the face without laughing.

#### Summer Breakfasts.

Some excellent little hints for making the summer breakfasts more healthful and enjoyable were recently outlined by a contemporary. Easy, comfortable, appetizing breakfast dishes will help. It is best to plan the breakfast exactly over night, and always arrange it so that the preparation in the morning will not be too burdensome. Some breakfasts in summer are always advisable, but a pretty, tasteful table is never more grateful than on a very warm morning. Fruit and flowers are the best adornments. A single rose, broken at the window, perhaps, and put in a glass, will give a touch of true

grace and refinement that has its effect even if not immediately appreciated. Fresh strawberries, currants, cherries, or whatever is in season, give relish as well as beauty. Fruit is "gold in the morning," and to many persons never quite so good as at breakfast.

#### Had the Geese in His Drum.

The following good story is told in connection with the Forty-eighth Georgia regiment. As the regiment was on the march to Gettysburg some of the soldiers stepped out of the ranks and confiscated a couple of geese, and one of the drummers unheeded his drum and put the captured birds in it. Shortly afterward the colonel came along, and noticing the drummer failed to give his usual drum whacks, rode up and said:

"Why don't you beat that drum?"

"Colonel," said the startled man, "I want to speak to you."

"Well, what have you to say?"

The drummer whispered:

"Colonel, I've got a couple of geese in here."

The colonel straightened up and said: "Well, if you are sick you needn't play," and then rode on.

#### Why Didn't It Explode?

A man, near Philadelphia, recently put fifteen pounds of powder in the oven for safe-keeping. The stove was in a small house to which the men repair at noon to warm and eat their dinners. The next day a boy built a fire, as usual, and soon after eight men ate dinner there, lingering in and around the place until 1 o'clock. In the afternoon somebody thought of the powder, and went to look for it. The hoops had fallen off the keg, and the keg itself had fallen apart so that the powder spread over the oven. Some of it was in a tin pail, which was unsecured, and a piece of fuse had the tarried out of it. Why it was not set on fire is the mystery that is now the chief topic of conversation down that way.

#### He Kept in the Middle.

In a day when sham misogynists are as plentiful as blackberries in summer it is refreshing to read of a man whose misogyny was real and consistent. He was a rich old bachelor of Vienna, and his dislike of women was so strong that he always purchased three seats at a theater and sat in the middle one to avoid the possibility of sitting next to a woman. When he died it was found that he had continued his prejudice to the grave, and had ordered the purchase of three graves, in the middle one of which he desired to be buried.—Philadelphia Press.

#### New Thing in Backs.

The back of the ordinary piano is not a thing of beauty. In fact, to use a pleasing paradox, it never looks so well as when turned to the wall. A novelty in wood craft and engraving, however, in the shape of a piano, alike in the matter of shape on both sides, promises to be an improvement. Instead of a keyboard at the back are several compartments which may be used as a repository of music.

#### Rode a Bicycle Handcuffed.

Cookey Clancy, a well-known character at Lambertville, N. J., wrote on his way to jail at Flemington, knocked down Constable Strove with his handcuffed hands and started to run. Then he seized a bicycle and rode as fast as he could, depending more on his feet than his hands. Several men on bicycles gave chase, and he was overtaken at the first bad hill.

#### Found Mother in Florida.

A family of ten sturdy children, all under three and one-half years of age, is attracting a good deal of attention in Wauchoha, Fla. The mother of the children, Mrs. William Webb, first bore twins, then triplets, and on April 1 last she gave birth to quadruplets, four girls and one boy, all of whom are said to be thriving remarkably well.

#### Eating in Australia.

Max O'Rell says that the Australians eat seven times a day: tea and bread and butter at 7, breakfast at half-past 8, lunch at 11, dinner at half-past 1, tea at 3, supper at 6, and a nightcap at 10. Tea is the standard drink, and there are few hours in the day when the teapot is not brought into requisition.

#### Barometer for Everybody.

Here's a barometer. Drop two lumps of sugar (cut loaf) carefully into a cup of coffee; if the air bubbles remain in the center of the cup it will be fine; if they rise rapidly and go to the sides, it will rain all day; if they gather in the center and then go in a cluster to one side, look out for showers.

#### Doctor's Curious Idea.

Dr. Johannes de Rupescissa, one of the leading physicians of the sixteenth century, had a number of ideas not now generally accepted by members of his profession. He thought, among other things, that the gall of a black dog would drive away devils.

#### New Kind of Bait.

Through the invention of a new kind of bait and tackle much havoc is wrought among the porpoise off Brazil. The fishermen say that the porpoise, which readily takes the bait, makes a tremendous leap after swallowing it and then sinks to the bottom.

#### Conclusive Proof.

Mother—I sent you my photograph. Don't you think it is a good likeness? Married Daughter—Well, I should say it is. It is so like mine that when my husband saw it he turned as pale as a ghost.

#### A Wonderful Boy Preacher.

Jones—Have you heard that 11-year-old boy preacher?

Smith—Certainly. I heard him twelve years ago.

#### Changed His Mind.

I didn't like to take my bath. Until one summer morning bright I made believe I was a whale. And now I think it's out of sight.

#### A Lost Tune.

I've heard a German band play, tunc, I've heard 'most every other thing; But one tune I have never heard, Is that which boiling kettles sing.