Topics of the Times

The best laundered people are the Americans.

Grease will cause the rubber in an automobile tire to crumble.

The tight-fitting British uniform is alleged to be the cause of much heart disease among soldiers.

Thousands of square miles of mulberry trees are planted in Italy. Trees live from fifty to seventy years.

Up to date 318 statues of William I of Germany have been erected in German towns, at a total cost of about $5,000,000.

Galileo's first telescope was made from part of a lead water pipe, in each end of which he cemented common spectacle glasses.

Miniature arrow heads cut out of jasper and carnelian are found to this day by Arabs in the desert sands and strung in necklaces for charms.

There are about 200 deaths yearly in England due to weather. One hundred and forty of these are due to cold and the rest to sunstroke and lightning.

Australia and New Zealand have ninety and one-half million sheep, which is just one and a half times as many as the whole of the United States possesses.

The streets of Bombay are excellent, as are generally the main roads throughout India. They are thoroughly macadamized or metaled and made smooth by heavy rollers.

An engineer on a Kansas railway has made a request to be allowed to run faster than sixty-five miles an hour, because a jack rabbit has been making fun of him on his run.

Before a recruit can be said to have joined the British army his name must be entered sixty-two times and that of his superior officer twenty-nine times in the documents required by the war office.

There is only one statue in Great Britain with an umbrella. This is to be seen at Reading and represents Mr. G. Palmer, of biscuit fame, standing bareheaded with a silk hat and umbrella in hand.

A man in Cincinnati applied to the courts for an injunction to restrain the tongues of the gossips of the neighborhood. He learned from judicial sources that there are some things beyond the control of the highest human power.

The drums used by the Scots Guards in South Africa have just been sold, and in some cases they fetched between $300 and $350 apiece, a price which is nearly eight times as much as they originally cost. The proceeds of these sales go to the band fund.

Bishop Coleman, of Delaware, has been telling an audience that crime in the United States has increased enormously since 1850. In that year there was one criminal in every 3,442 of population. In 1890, forty years later, the proportion had increased to one in every 715.

Israel Zangwill says: "There are three reasons why men of genius have long hair. One is that they forget it is growing. The second is that they like it. The third is that it comes cheaper. They wear it long for the same reason that they wear their hats long. Owing to this peculiarity of genius you may get quite a reputation for lack of 25 cents."

The fisheries of Northern Norway have come to a standstill, owing to a tremendous influx of seals along the coast and in the fjords. The seals, which come from the White Sea, have been fought without avail. The large fishing population has petitioned the government for help to exterminate the plague, which is partly eating and partly hunting all fish away.

The largest pair of shoes ever manufactured for actual wear have recently been forwarded to their destination by a firm of shoemakers at Rockland, Mass. The size is labeled "17," and they are nearly sixteen inches long. Four common shoe boxes were required for packing them—two for each shoe. The buyer is Harvey Murray, a negro working in a sawmill at Tirrell, Ark.

A carpet industry was started a few years ago in a poor district in Donegal, and commencing with a dozen women workers, it has grown to such an extent that it now finds employment for several hundred people. The carpets are hand made, after the Turkish and Persian fashion, in mosaics of small woolen squares, the designs and colorings being most artistic and effective.

A CHINESE RECOMMENDATION.

Laundry Ticket Used by Beggar as Letter from Consulate.

"Do you know I think Chinese characters are the most deceitful things I ever saw," said the matron from Grand boulevard to her North Side friend at the meeting of the Women's Club last week.

"I can't read them, so they never deceived me," replied the friend who was not interested in etymology.

"Well, I can't either—not any more, but I had the strangest experience with them, and my husband is talking about it yet," the woman from the boulevard continued.

"One day last week a hungry-looking man came to our house. I would have thought he was a tramp, only he was so polite, and said he was worn out from work. Why, the very first thing he said was, 'Madame, I am looking for work.'

"I thought of the advice given in the circulars which come with the Charity Bureau's annual request for subscriptions, and I asked, very severely, 'Have you any recommendations?'

"'Yes, madame,' replied the man. 'I have one I value very highly. It is from the Chinese Consul.'

"With that he fished in his pocket and pulled out a yellow paper, all covered with Chinese characters. It nearly took my breath away, but I wasn't going to appear surprised, and murmuring, 'Wait a moment, please,' I took it back to the dining-room and compared it with the bottom of a plate. Several of the characters were the same—at least I thought so—and the crockery man had told me those on the plate meant 'excellent quality,' so naturally I supposed the letter of recommendation told that my caller had an 'excellent quality.' He didn't look it, but I couldn't doubt the word of the Chinese Consul.

"I had him sweep the cellar and gave him plenty to eat, and then, as he was a friend of the government official, I paid him a little more than it was worth, about $2. He forgot to take his recommendation, and I ran nearly half a block after him to return it, but he was gone. I was congratulating myself on the fine souvenir I had when my husband came home.

"I showed it to him and told about the Chinese Consul, and he haw-hawed just like a horrid man. When I asked him what was the matter, he just laughed again. After the theater that evening he took me down on Clark street past the Chinese restaurants, and there on the sidewalks were any number of 'recommendations,' where they had been washed from the Chinese bulletin boards by the rain. My husband said they were nothing but Chinese advertisements. But the one the man had was nothing but a Chinese laundry ticket.

"A few nights later that same man tried to beg a dime from us as we were coming from the opera. There hadn't been any rain for a few days, so I guess he was out of consular recommendations. But don't talk Chinese to me—at least when my husband is around."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

THE HUSBAND IN A STORE.

He Seemed Ridiculous, but Had His Own Turn to Laugh.

A man rushed into one of the department stores here in town one morning last week and stated in rather a confidential tone to the saleswoman whose counter is at the entrance of the store that he wanted "a blouse for his wife." "You'll find them on the second floor," she answered, between numerous giggles. Then the would-be shopper made for the elevator, whether he doubted the young lady's word as to where he might find the coveted blouse or whether it was the enthusiasm of his first present cannot be determined. At any rate everybody in the car knew he wanted a blouse for his wife, and was at last directed straight to the counter where blouses of all kinds were on exhibition.

"I want a blouse for my wife," he shouted to the girl in charge of that counter; "it must be pretty, and it'l got to be silk, and let it cost $20 or $30 I want a good one."

"What color do you prefer?" asked the astounded clerk.

"Color? Why, any color."

"What size, then?" she shrieked back. "Is the lady large or small?"

"Now, that's where you get me," the anxious husband answered. "Some times I call her fat, and she gets mad about it, and when I say she's thin she's furious. Just give me an expensive silk one, and that will do,' and at this juncture the shopper realized that all the clerks were on, and that he was making himself ridiculous Being a man of resources, he determined to get even.

"Young lady," he shouted, "you remember I told you it was for a lady so just give me any old color and size anything that takes your eye. It really won't matter, for no matter what it may be it is sure to be exchanged."

Then it was his turn to laugh, and he did.—Washington Post.

His Complaint.

I am a baby, 11 months old, and nearly worn out already. Please let me alone.

I am not a prodigy, except to the extent that, not having anything to say I don't talk. Two big persons claim to be my parents—why can't they let it go at that? I have never denied the charge. I haven't much data to go by but I don't think I am either a magician, a learned pig, or a virtuoso. I don't hanker for applause; so, it will be an appreciated favor if you won't put me through any parlor tricks.

If I have my wealthy old Uncle Ezra's nose, congratulate Uncle Ezra; but don't blame me. I may be a kleptomaniac, for all I know; but I can't help it.

Don't rattle rattles at me—they rattle me. Don't goo-goo and ootsie-kootsie at me. I can't understand it any better than I can the English language.

The pain I have is not in my stomach, but in my neck. I don't want to be entertained or mystified or medicated or applauded. And, if you don't want me to grow up to be a hypochondriac, a stamp-collector, an awful example, a ping-pong enthusiast, or a misanthrope, you just lemme be!—Smart Set.

Bank at Monte Carlo.

The banks' advantage at Monte Carlo over the player is less than 2 per cent, and it wins about $6,250,000 per annum.

METEOR WINS SUNDAY RACE

American Built Yacht Again Shows Her Speed—Officers Will Give Reception

Kiel, Prussia June 29.—The emperor's yacht, Meteor, crossed the line first in Saturday's race for cruising schooners class "A" and kept the lead all the way, over the thirty mile course, beating the Hamburg in a ten-knot breeze, by 1½ minutes. The empress' yacht Iduna, was again twenty minutes behind.

Emperor William had as his guest on board the Meteor during the race, United States Ambassador Tower, Prince Henry of Prussia, Prince Adelbert, the emperor's son Count TieleWenckler, Count Redfern, and United States Naval Attache T. M. Potts. The emperor was quite a different man aboard the yacht, than when aboard the battleship, talking about yachting and sporting matters the whole time. When lunch time came his majesty helped each member of the party himself from the large cold dishes provided and Prince Albert photographed the group.

Though the Hamburg was a close second during the whole of the race, she lost a minute by club topsail going to the board.

The officers of the Kersarge will give a reception on Monday afternoon to which the emperor and empress with Prince and Princess Henry and all the notabilities at Kiel have accepted invitations. A reception will be given aboard the Kearsarge probably next week Tuesday, for the crews of the German fleet. The German sailors will be able to see the inside of the ship and will be entertained by the crew.

There has been nothing whatever to complain of regarding the behavior of the American sailors who have been ashore. They are welcomed along the water front, and the shops and restaurants are engaging interpreters for their convenience. Signs are displayed everywhere "Americans are welcome to Kiel." The American tars cause considerable wonderment to the Germans by driving around in carriages and cabs; at least half of Kiel's limited supply of these vehicles is thus nightly employed.

May Lose Their Positions

Washington, June 29.—Assistant Secretary Armstrong of the treasury department has returned to the city from a brief business trip to New York, during which he looked into the cases of Samuel W. Thompson and Walter R. Eaton, employes of the custom house, who advertised as members of the board of directors of a mining company whose business has been under investigation by an official of the postoffice department. Mr. Armstrong has requested a written report from the officials respecting their connections with the company in its advertisements of the position held by them under the government and says he expects to be ready for Collector Stranahan tomorrow.

Mr. Armstrong tonight made it very plain that Messrs. Thompson and Eaton will be required to give up their connection with the company if they expect to remain in the customs service, and that if their positions were misrepresented with their consent and approval, they will be liable to removal from office.

Treasury officials express decided objections to persons employed in the customs service engaging at the same time in some other business and intend to break up this practice as far as possible.

To Stamp Out Lawlessness

Lexington, Ky., June 9.—The annual session of the Kentucky Sons of the Revolution at the residence of Major H. B. McClellon in this city closed with the adoption of the following:

"We of the Kentucky society of the Sons of the Revolution, descendents of those who staked their all, to win for themselves and for us freedom from tyranny and right to make laws guaranteeing liberty without license, personal security and the rights of property; reverencing the memory of our ancesters, cherishing the institutions they founded and the laws they established, realizing that those institutions can only be preserved by strict obedience to and faithful execution of those laws by all the citizens and officers of the state, do hereby:

"Resolve, That we do most sincerely deplore the condition of lawlessness that has brought reprcach on the state we love.

Plan An Electric Railway

Spearfish, S. D, June. 29.—The promoters of the Black Hills & Spearfish Valley Electric Railway company have been interviewing farmers and others along the right of way. The distance is a little over thirteen miles and right of way has been secured nearly the entire distance. The company has obtained franchises from the city councils of Spearfish and Dead wood and also from the county commissioners along the county highways.

TREE PLANTING IN NEBRASKA

GOVERNMENT WORK ON THE FOREST RESERVE.

Washington, June 30.—One hundred acres of land in the sand hill of the Dismal river forest reserve, Nebraska, were planted this spring by the bureau of forestry. On 80 acres 1,000,000 pine seedlings were set out the other 20 acres were sowed with seed. The work will continue this summer. The nursery will be enlarged so as to cover 20 acres, which will hold 2,000,0000 seedlings. The bureau intends to increase the size of the nursery gradually so as to make it grow enough seedling trees every years to furnish sufficient stock for the planting. It is intended ultimately turn the whole of the Niobrara and Dismal river reserves, which are now barren sand hills, into forest by planting. The Dismal river reserve includes 86,000 acres, the Niobrara reserve 126,000. A survey of the boundaries of the Niobrara reserve will be made this summer by E. J. S. Moore, of the bureau of forestry.

The Bartlett tract lies in the Vermejo valley, southwest of Trinidad, Colo., on one of the spurs of the Rocky mountains, and borders on Colorado in one place. It was formerly part of an old Mexican land grant. Mr. Bartlett acquired it after the timber rights on nearly all the land had been sold. Lumbering of bull pine, the chief tree is now going on, but most of the timber rights will expire next year and the owner wants the land to become covered again with a good growth of forest. It will be necessary, in order to accomplish this, to keep out fires and o improve the natural reproduction of the trees. In cases it will be necessary to plant.

Lineman's Narrow Escape

Hastings, Neb., June 30.—Percy Morris, a lineman for the Nebraska Telephone company was badly hurt Monday afternoon and had a close call to death. He was working on top of the pole on Hastings avenue when the large three inch cable broke from its fastenings and nearly three hundred feet of it fell to the pavement.

When the cable fell it caught young Morrice, slapped him hard against the pole, stripped his belt and fastenings from his body, and cut a deep gash in his leg. Had it not been for the timely assistance of another lineman, he would undoubtedly have fallen to the ground. At the time the cable fell a boy was riding by on a bicycle, and the cable knocked him off the wheel and piled him in a heap. The spectators were so much concerned for the injured lineman that the boy was entirely overlooked and he rode off before anyone could approach him.

Ammon Gets Sentence.

New York, June 30.—Robert A. Ammon, attorney for William F. Miller of the Franklin syndicate, was yesterday sentenced to an indeterminate term in states prison of not less than four nor more than four and a half years. The maximum penalty for this offence is five years Ammon was convicted of having received stolen money from Miller.

The specific charge on which Ammon was convicted was that he received $30,500 of the money obtained by the Franklin "520" per cent syndicate. Miller is now serving a ten years' sentence and was the chief witness at the trial. District Attorney Jerome, it is understood, will take steps to secure a pardon for Miller as he is said to be dying of consumption. Ammon's attorney moved for a new trial, giving seven reasons for such a motion. He also moved for an arrest of judgements. Both motions were denied by Judge Newburger. The sheriff's commitment on motion of the defendant's council was withheld until tomorrow to allow an application to a supreme court justice for a certificate of reasonable doubt. Later Mr. House, Ammon's attorney, applied to Justice Truax of the supreme court for a certificate of reasonable doubt. Justice Truax granted an order returnable July 1. District Attorney Jerome is preparing a petition to be sent to the governor asking clemency in the case of Miller. The petition will be asked on the ground that Miller has rendered valuable services to the state in testifying against Ammon and also that he is very ill.

Sir Frederick Pollock Coming

Sir Frederick Pollock the famous English lawyer and law writer of London, has cabled his acceptance of an invitation to read a paper before the annual meeting of the American Bar association, which will be held at Hot Springs, Va., August 26 to 28

Shaw Will Take a Rest.

Washington, June 30.—Secretary Shaw will leave Washington tonight for New York and tomorrow he will go to Middletown, Conn., to attend the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Wesley by the Wesleyan university in that city. It is understood the university will confer on the secretary the degree of L. L. D., it is not likely that the secretary will return to Washington until after July 4.

COREY IS APPOINTED

TO ASSUME MANAGEMENT TO GIANT STELL COMBINE

SCHWAB IS IN ILL HEALTH

SO SAYS OFFICIAL CIRCULAR RELATING TO CHANGE.

President of Carnegie Company To Take Charge of the United States Steel As the Assistant to President Schwab.

New York, July 1.—Reports prevalent for months past that Charles M. Schwab would retire from the presidency of the United States Steel corporation culminated today in the appointment as an assistant to the president of W. E. Corey, president of the Carnegie Steel company. The formal announcement was made by Richerd Trimble, secretary of the finance committee in the following form: "In consequence of the continued ill-health of the president, he has requested the appointment of an assistant to perform the active duties of the presidency; and at today's meeting of the finance committee Mr. W. E. Corey, president of the Carnegie Steel company was appointed to such position.

Announcement of Mr. Corey's appointment occasioned no surprise in financial circles, where it had been a matter of common knowledge that at least one important change was pending in the personnell of the steel corporation affairs.

The finance committee of the steel corporation is dominated, according to popular belief, by Mr. Morgan and his friends. One of its leading members is H. C. Frick who was induced by Mr. Morgan to accept a place on the committee. The strongest pressure was brought to bear upon Mr. Frick in March last to accept the presidency of the corporation but Frick resolutely declined. None of the officials of the steel corporation would discuss Mr Corey's appointment or the causes that led to it.

Suffering With Lockjaw

Lincoln, July 1.—Henry F. Peters of 2803 Holdredge street, is suffering from an attack of tetanus or jockjaw. The physicians pronounce the attack a mild one, but his condition is so serious that he may not recover. About ten days ago Mr. Peters was larieting a calf near his home when the rope became twisted about his hand and in the endeavor to control the animal, a hole was burned to the bone of the forefinger. He paid no attention to the hurt further than to apply the usual home remedies until the finger began to swell, when he visited a physician who dressed the wound. The injury began to be very troublesome last Friday, when a physician advised him and that he was in a serious condi- and that he had better take a long sweat bath to remove all traces of the poison which seemed to be taking hold of his system. He still thought there was little danger and put this off. On reaching home that evening he was seized with muscular contractions and spasms of the throat and chest resembling the symptoms of lockjaw and help was speedily summoned. It was necessary to place him under the influence of antti-spasmodics to relieve the intense suffering. Monday he rested a little easier though he was by no means out of danger. The case is termed a mild one and there is a possible chance of his recovery Mr. Peters is a well known real estate man. He was a candidate for a member of the school board little over a year ago.

Picture Man Arrested

Fremont, Neb., July 1.—Arthur Muller of St. Paul, Minn., a young farmer who has been taking pictures of families at their homes and selling them, was arrested during the noon hour yesterday on the charge of assault and battery on Mrs. Mary Nelson, wife of Andrew Nelson living at the corner of First and Platte, and for using insulting and abusive language to her. The offense took place this morning at Mrs. Nelson's home.

A short time ago Muller took a picture of the Nelson family in front of their abode, and this morning he went to deliver some of the views. Mrs. Nelson had understood him to say that she would not need to take any pictures unless she wanted to, and when Muller called today she told him that she would not buy any. He held the screen door open and commanded her to look at the views.

A Disappointed Office Seeker.

Columbus, Neb., July 1.—E. W. Mann of Monroe, was fined $27 in the county court Monday for the destruction of personal property belonging to the village of Monroe. It is said that Mann was disappointed this spring in not being made overseer of streets for the village. The evidence showed that while tiling was in process of being put down for gutters, he took a pickaxe and zealously went to work breaking up the tiling.

Nebraska Notes

Good fishing is reported in the vicinity of Ewing.

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A hail storm near Edgar did considerable damage Sunday.

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Thomas B. Walker has been appointed postmaster at Atkinson.

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Mrs. Harriet Wilkins of York died after an illness of six months.

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Miss Isabelle Shelp, aged 76 years died yesterday at her home in Harvard.

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The postal department has discontinued the postoffice at Weber, Wayne county.

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After being married just two months Mrs. Myrtle Germanie Hall died yesterday at Verdon.

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State Treasurer Peter Mortenson was in Ord and told the people that he thinks Ord will get the new Normal school.

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The young daughter of John Huttemier at Beatrice died of blood poisoning caused by an abscess on the left leg.

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Farmers in Holt county insist that the bridge over the Elkhorn river is not sufficient and have petitioned for another one.

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The electric railroad from Butte to Napier is said to be an assured fact and work is expected to commence in the near future.

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One thousand tons of steal rails have been contracted for to build the double track of the Union Pacific west of Grand Island.

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A four year scholarship at Wesleyan university has been awarded Glen Crammer, an Albion boy, who just graduated from the High school.

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The Rushville Recorder urges the farmers in that vicinity to raise hogs and alfalfa and claims that it will be a money making consideration.

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As things are in a prosperous condition in valley county it has been decided to hold a fair at Ord October 29-30 and November 1.

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The falling of a platform on which a ladder was standing precipitated Wilson Lumpeck, a Beatrice painter, a distance of fifteen foot, seriously injuring him.

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Fire yesterday at Superior partially destroyed the Superior hotel. The loss to the building will be $1,500 and to the goods will be $500, all fully insured.

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Silas Bates, a pioneer of Nebraska, died yesterday at his home at Davenport. The funeral will be held today he leaves one son and two daughters.

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Beatrice now has a police patrol formed from the members of the volunteer fire department. It is composed of fifteen men and will keep order at fires.

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Edward and Garrett Clancy of West Point left yesterday for the Phillipine Islands. They passed the civil service examination and will take clerkships in Manila.

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A trainload of feeding cattle bound for Montana was ditched near Blair yesterday on the Northwestern. Eive cars were smashed, but only one steer was badly hurt.

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Miss Anna Stock of Pierce has filed a petition for divorce from her husband, alleging non-support and cruelty. She says he has whipped her three times since their marriage five months ago.

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Yesterday at Lincoln the thirty-sixth annual convention of the Nebraska Sunday School association met at University Place. Governor Mickey delivered an address on "Christian Citizenship."

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Governor Mickey yesterday visited Murderer William Rhea in the penitentiary at the latters request.

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An order has been issued for a meeting Thursday of the state military board. The board consists of Brigadier General Barry, Colonel J. A. Erhardt, judge advocate, and Adjutant General Culver.

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An embryo young P. T. Barnum, who is trying to get up a great show of his own, ran against a snag he had'nt looked for. When everything else was in he found that none of his girl friends would do the hoochee cooche dance.