

KING HAS A CLOSE CALL.

Challenger Dismasted by Squall While Edward is on Deck.

RIGGING BROKEN SHORT OFF.

Disaster Occurs Off Cowes While Yachts Are Maneuvering for Start. Lipton Will Yet Race if Allowed Time for Repairing.

Southampton, May 23.—The cup challenger, with King Edward and party on board, was dismasted yesterday by a squall off Cowes, Isle of Wight. The king, who was on deck, had a miraculous escape. The topmast, mainmast and bowsprit were broken short off. The disaster occurred while preparations were being made for the start of the Brambles buoy.

While the two Shamrocks were maneuvering for the start a squall came without the slightest warning and the bowsprit of the Shamrock II was carried away short. The extra strain thus thrown on the topmast proved too much for the spar. It whipped, broke and doubled off to leeward, carrying the whole weight of the backyard and gear over the side in a terrible tangle. Almost as the topmast fell, the great steel mainmast, weighing more than two tons and carrying spars and gear weighing an additional three or four tons, swayed for a moment and then, almost by a miracle, plunged over the side and into the water with the sound of breaking wires and tearing gear in the top. The members of the royal party were seated on deck close to the companionway.

The king was showing keen pleasure, watching the fight which Captain Sycamore was making for the advantage at the start. The yacht was racing along at a formidable angle, and the sloping deck, with a mere fringe of rail, seemed a rather perilous place for the accommodation of the visitors. As the wreckage swept the deck it was most astonishing that no one was injured. For a moment or two the situation appeared to be very grave. The king maintained his composure.

Within five seconds of the disaster Shamrock I bore around to render assistance, when it in turn was caught by the squall and its gaff and topsail collapsed, leaving it helplessly crippled.

Asks Extension of Time.

Sir Thomas Lipton made the following statement:

"My deepest regret is that the accident prevents me from toiling the mark at the appointed hour, and compels me to ask the New York Yacht club to grant me an extension of time. If they will be good enough to do that, I shall race, even if I have to build a boat between now and the date agreed upon. I still believe the Shamrock II a boat worthy to be the challenger and that when this unfortunate chapter of accidents comes to an end, she will still stand a good chance of lifting the cup. I have not a single complaint to make against my boat. For the many telegrams of sympathy received from America today I am extremely grateful. No one is more thankful than I am that the catastrophe ended without fatality, and I may perhaps say that throughout the trying moments his majesty was as brave as a lion. His first thought was to inquire if any one was injured. We had just begun to make for the starting line when a fierce breeze sprang up. King Edward, Lady Londonderry, Mrs. Jameson, Mr. Watson, Mr. Jameson, and myself were on deck, hanging on as best we might, for the challenger was almost at an angle of 45 degrees. The king started to go below. Just as he did so everything collapsed. A heavy block fell between the two ladies and a wire rope struck me on the head and momentarily stunned me. A sudden squall, an unexpected strain, and everything had given away. King Edward was half in and half out of the companion hatchway. What happened, how all the falling spars and sweeping sails did not kill or sweep some one overboard, is more than I know. When I came to, I saw the king clambering over the wreckage, trying to discover the extent of the damage and asking 'Is any one hurt?'"

King Emmanuel Has Narrow Escape.

Rome, May 23.—King Emmanuel had a narrow escape yesterday. Returning from a walk, he entered the elevator for his apartments on the second floor and an inexperienced servant set the indicator for the third story. Arriving at the second story the king was on the point of stepping out as the elevator continued to ascend, but his majesty jumped back in the nick of time and escaped being crushed.

Constitution Given Finishing Touches.

Bristol, R. I., May 23.—The Constitution was hauled into the slip at the Herreshoff works, where the last touches will be given to make her ready to be transferred later in the week to the syndicate of New York yachtsmen, who had her built. Mr. Duncan stated that he was very much pleased with the way the Constitution acted while under sail yesterday.

Files \$6,000,000 Mortgage.

St. Louis, May 23.—The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad company filed a \$6,000,000 mortgage on its property in Missouri in the office of the recorder of deeds at Clayton. It is stated in the instrument that the money is borrowed for the purpose of refunding the indebtedness of the Missouri, Kansas and Eastern railroad, which amounts to \$4,500,000, and paying for necessary improvements.

FORTY THOUSAND STILL OUT.

Number of Machinists in Strikers' Ranks Is Reduced.

Washington, May 23.—President O'Connell of the International Association of Machinists estimates that the number of machinists engaged in the strike today is 40,000. He claims to be satisfied with the situation and has confidence in the result. "By next Monday morning," he said, "probably 90 per cent of the men who went out will be back at work with their demands granted. The other 10 per cent are mostly on the Pacific coast and in several Ohio towns. San Francisco is the only place where we look for a protracted strike, where the situation is complicated and the strike may last several weeks. The situation at Dayton, Alliance and Hamilton, O., and Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., is unchanged. The reports from all other directions indicate that negotiations are progressing and that agreements are in sight."

President Mulholland of the Allied Metal Trades association, comprising the semi-skilled men in machine shops, has notified the machinists' headquarters here that he is ready to order out his men whenever the latter body deems it necessary. The strike leaders, however, do not care to involve any more men in the movement than is necessary and the indications are that there will be no general augmentation of the force of the strikers by the allied men.

Kansas City advises indicate that nine firms there signed yesterday, leaving approximately 300 men still out. All of the 14 firms in Hoboken, N. J., have signed. In Buffalo 22 firms are reported as having made agreements with the strikers.

NO VOTE TAKEN ON AMENDMENT.

Senor Gomez Makes a Lengthy Speech in Opposition.

Havana, May 23.—No vote was taken at yesterday's session of the Cuban constitutional convention on the Platt amendment. Senor Gomez spoke for nearly three hours against the amendment. He argued that it would be useless to accept it as the Cuban people would always be divided on this issue and he thought the majority of them would always be opposed to it. "What assurance have we?" asked Gomez, "that this will be the final amendment the United States will impose? First came the joint resolution, then the treaty of Paris and now this Platt amendment. What will the next congress have? Let the United States government take what it wants against our will, but let us never consent to this imposition."

CUTTER GRANT ON THE ROCKS.

Ashore in a Dangerous Position in Saanich Inlet.

Victoria, B. C., May 23.—The United States revenue cutter Grant, Captain Lozier, ran ashore on a rock in Saanich Inlet yesterday. She struck well forward and tore a hole in her hull. The thrush of water filled her forward part to the main deck, and throwing her aft part up, left it dry. The crew gathered together what effects they could and went ashore in the cutter's boat, arriving in Cole bay, where they camped. Lieutenant Sadler came to this port to get assistance and returned with a wrecking outfit. The Grant was on a special mission, especially to investigate smuggling, when she stranded. She is in a bad position, but Lieutenant Sadler thinks she can be saved.

LANDLORD SHOTS COOK.

Latter Was on a Drunken Spree and Threatened Employer.

Grand Island, Neb., May 23.—F. J. Coates, proprietor of the Koehler, shot James Linden in self defense, it is claimed, while attempting to quiet an uproar in the kitchen yesterday. Linden is a cook in the employ of Mr. Coates and yesterday being payday, he and other employees had become drunk and engaged in a dish-smashing row. When the landlord remonstrated Linden flourished an ax and Coates shot him in the breast, inflicting a serious wound.

United Presbyterian Assembly.

Des Moines, May 23.—The first session of the 43d general assembly of the United Presbyterian church of America was held last evening in the First church, this city. Over 200 delegates were present. The opening sermon was preached by Retiring Moderator J. P. Sankey. The secretary and treasurer reports show the organization to be in good condition. A total of \$152,728 was expended the past year in foreign missions.

St. Louis Woodworkers Strike.

St. Louis, May 23.—Five hundred machine hands and woodworkers in local planing mills went on a strike yesterday because their employers refused to grant them a nine-hour day. The proprietors of the mills involved in the strike are unanimous in their intention not to give their men the nine-hour day asked for. The strikers are confident of success, however. No increase in wages is asked by the union.

Nebraska Boy in the List.

West Point, N. Y., May 23.—The five cadets who were dismissed from the military academy and those who were suspended have all departed for their respective homes. There was no demonstration on the part of the other cadets and all is quiet here. Among the dismissed cadets is Henry L. Bowley of Crete, Neb.

Will Sue Porter for Retained Fees.

Lincoln, May 23.—Attorney General Prout has notified ex-Secretary of State Porter that he must either cover into the state treasury the \$225 retained by him as a member of the marks and brands commission, or suit will be instituted for its recovery.

PAY PENALTY FOR FRAUDS

Punishment Meted Out to Delinquent Army Men.

BARROWS TO SERVE FIVE YEARS.

Infantry Captain to Lose His Epauletes for Diverting Public Funds—Lieutenant Boyer Escapes With Somewhat Lighter Punishment.

Manila, May 23.—The correspondent of the Associated Press is informed that the following approved sentences will soon be promulgated: Captain Frederick J. Barrows, Thirtieth volunteer infantry, late depot quartermaster of the department of southern Luzon, who was charged with embezzlement and selling government property, to be dishonorably discharged and to undergo five years' imprisonment.

Lieutenant Frederick Boyer, Thirtieth infantry, former depot commissary at Calamba, on similar charges, to be dishonorably discharged and to undergo a year's imprisonment.

Both Barrows and Boyer will eventually be removed to Leavenworth prison, Kansas.

Army Officer Shot in Drunken Quarrel.

Manila, May 23.—It is alleged that as the outcome of a drunken quarrel in the officers' quarters at Camp Stotsenburg Tuesday afternoon, Lieutenant James F. Howell of the Sixth artillery shot Second Lieutenant Charles B. Lloyd of the same regiment, the bullet grazing the left side of Lloyd's head and inflicting a slight wound.

GUEST OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

President Presented With a Beautiful Silk American Flag.

San Francisco, May 23.—President McKinley was a guest of the Knights Templar at the Mechanics' pavilion yesterday afternoon. The president arrived at the pavilion about 3 o'clock having come direct from the Scott residence. The president was met at the pavilion by a procession of 5,000 Sir Knights from this city and other cities of the state in full regalia, and escorted inside the building, where 12,000 persons had already assembled. The appearance of the president on the platform caused a demonstration that shook the large building. The feature of the program was the presentation of a beautiful silk American flag to President McKinley. The flag is mounted on a Manzanilla staff, at the head of which is a spear head of gold. Following this the "Star Spangled Banner" was sung by the audience and there was a patriotic demonstration, which will be long remembered by all who witnessed it. This closed the exercises for the afternoon and the president returned to the Scott residence.

Mrs. McKinley has passed another comfortable day. Secretary Cortelyou said to the Associated Press that she continues to improve and is now doing nicely. When asked if he could state definitely when the president would leave for Washington, Secretary Cortelyou replied: "I can only say that the presidential party proposes to depart on Saturday if Mrs. McKinley's condition will permit. There is a possibility, however, that a start may not be made until Monday. All depends on the state of Mrs. McKinley's health."

JUDGE BETWEEN TWO FIRES.

Peden Prefers to Brave Wrath of People Rather Than That of Court.

Kansas City, May 23.—S. C. Peden, one of the two St. Clair county judges recently sent to jail for refusing to order a tax levy to pay certain bonds on a railroad in that county that was never built, is said to be willing to obey the federal court's mandate. Mob law has previously been threatened in St. Clair county at the slightest suggestion of paying for the bonds and if Judge Peden should agree to the levy it is believed by federal officials here that the citizens of that county would deal severely with him. Judge Peden sent his resignation to Governor Dockery yesterday and says if it is not accepted he will obey the order of the federal court and sign an order for the tax levy.

Row Over Passenger Rates.

Chicago, May 23.—A serious clash is pending between east and westbound lines centering in Chicago. The battle which will be over passenger matters, will be fought out here today and tomorrow, when a general conference will be held. It is asserted that western passenger associations have recently been disturbing and upsetting rates made by the eastern associations and that in the future territorial divisions must be strictly observed.

Baseball Scores Yesterday.

National League—New York, 2; Pittsburgh, 1. Philadelphia, 3; Chicago, 1. Boston, 3; Cincinnati, 4. St. Louis, 4; Brooklyn, 5. Second game—St. Louis, 4; Brooklyn, 5. American League—Cleveland, 6; Washington, 5; Detroit, 5; Boston, 9. Chicago, 5; Philadelphia, 9. Western League—Omaha, 8; Kansas City, 9. Minneapolis, 13; Denver, 3. Des Moines, 1; St. Joseph, 10. St. Paul, 3; Colorado Springs, 1.

T. S. Parvin Seriously Ill.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., May 23.—The family and friends of Theodore Sutton Parvin, grand secretary of the Iowa lodge, founder of the Masonic library and one of the pioneer lawmakers and educators of Iowa, are alarmed at his condition, which has taken a turn for the worse within the last few days. It is now thought that he can live but a short time. He is 94 years old.

INDIANS VISIT WASHINGTON.

Protest Against Opening of Kiowa Lands to Settlement.

Washington, May 23.—Several Kiowa Indians, Lone Wolf, Deles K, White Buffalo and Ko-Koy-Tandle, called on Acting Secretary of the Interior Ryan yesterday and protested against the opening of the Kiowa lands to settlement. They represented that the so-called Jerome treaty of agreement of 1892 with the Kiowa, Comanche and Arapahoe tribes was without effect; that it provided for the sale of 2,000,000 acres of their lands at a price greatly below their real value and for the allotment of other lands in quantities too small for the support of the allottees in view of the quality of the lands. They filed a formal protest, alleging that the Kiowa, Comanche and Arapahoe tribes are unanimously opposed to the treaty; that the signatures to it were "procured by fraud, misrepresentation and falsehood and that three-fourths of the adult male members of the tribe have never signed it."

The Indians asked for the withholding of the presidential proclamation opening the lands until congress again has time to consider it, contending that the proclamation can be deferred until Feb. 6 next. Mr. Ryan told former Representative Springer of Illinois, representing the Indians, to advise them to go home and announce that the department could take no action in the matter. The department claims that the delegation bears no authority from their tribe.

COATES NAMED FOR GOVERNOR.

Iowa Prohibitionists Nominate a Full State Ticket.

Des Moines, May 23.—The prohibition state convention yesterday named the following ticket: For governor, A. U. Coates, Dallas county; lieutenant governor, A. B. Wray, Union county; supreme judge, J. A. Harvey, Dallas county; railway commissioner, Wesley Suddoth, Polk county; superintendent of public instruction, Miss Ella Moffit, Marshall county.

There was no contest except on the head of the ticket, Coates receiving 261 votes, A. B. Wray 121 and S. O. Pillsbury 82. John A. Earle of Waterloo and W. L. Ferris of Cherokee were placed in nomination, but declined. A warm contest occurred over the introduction of a resolution endorsing Mrs. Carrie Nation of Kansas, but it was finally adopted. In the platform the well known principles are reaffirmed: Equal suffrage is favored and the repeal of the state milk liquor law demanded. Other resolutions ask for the prohibition of alleged license of drunkenness and prostitution in the Philippines, and that the custom of using wine and champagne in launching vessels be stopped. The "Indiana plan" of campaign was adopted and the headquarters are to be kept open the year round and \$2,000 raised for a campaign fund.

NAVY ARMAMENT COMBINE.

Report That Driggs-Seabury and the American Companies Plan It.

New York, May 23.—The information has leaked out that an American ordinance and navy armament syndicate is forming, which will consist of the Driggs-Seabury Gun and Ammunition company of Derby, Conn., and the American Ordnance company, controlled by Charles R. Flint. This proposed new company, it is stated, will not be identified with the Cramp-Vickers-Bethlehem company, and it is the intention of its management to operate the company in direct competition with the long projected Anglo-American gun and ship building combination.

Hilton Discharged as Bankrupt.

New York, May 23.—Judge Brown, in the United States district court, yesterday granted a discharge to Albert B. Hilton, senior partner of the firm of Hilton, Hughes & Co., who filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court in January, 1899, with liabilities of more than \$2,000,000.

Iowa Claimant for Rice Millions.

Des Moines, May 23.—Mrs. Maria Shuler of Des Moines will go to New York next month to prove herself the sister of Millionaire William Rice, who was recently murdered by his valet, Jones. Mrs. Shuler is a washerwoman. She has been in the business here 25 years and is 75 years of age.

Ohio Party in Denver.

Denver, May 23.—The Ohio special hearing Governor Nash party arrived here early this morning. The Ohio party will remain in Denver until tonight, visiting various places in this city and calling on Governor Orman in a body.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Milt Caver, a negro, was hanged by citizens at Griffith, Miss., Wednesday for attempting a criminal assault upon a 10-year-old girl.

The appointment of Charles E. Styles of Atchison as assistant general passenger agent of the Missouri Pacific, to take effect June 1, is announced.

Two children of Julius Poes, aged 2 and 5, were burned to death at their home in Lida, Minn. They entered the barn with some matches and the building was ablaze a few minutes later.

The actual consolidation of the Memphis and Frisco railroads is to be effected as soon as the connecting link between the two lines from Afton to Miami, I. T., is finished. This will be by July 1.

The Lithuanian National alliance of America, in session in Wilkesbarre, Pa., Wednesday ousted the 12 socialist members from the convention. The president of the convention, Rev. A. Milmos of Chicago, was severely criticised by the socialists.

EIGHT DROWNED IN FLOOD.

Millions of Dollars' Worth of Property Swept Away.

HUNDREDS RENDERED HOMELESS

Doe, French Broad and Other Swollen Streams in Tennessee and Virginia Claim Victims and Destroy Property—New River Out of Its Banks.

Knoxville, Tenn., May 23.—Millions of dollars damage has been done and at least eight lives lost in upper Tennessee by the floods which began their work of destruction when a dam across the Doe river at Elizabethton gave way yesterday. Little mountain streams emptying into the Doe and Watauga rivers swelled those streams beyond all proportions hitherto known, submerging Elizabethton, a town of 2,000 people, located at the junction, and drowning Mrs. Gregg, Mrs. Filley and a negro named Sou-chong. All property in the path of the raging flood was destroyed and people rendered homeless in a twinkling. The Watauga poured its volumes into the Holston, spanned by many bridges, which were swept away with little or no warning. The Chuckey river in Green county and the French Broad in Jefferson are also out of bounds, and growing crops have been swept away all along their course.

On the Chuckey river three children of Joseph Hill were drowned. At Leeper's mills two Bolivar brothers fell from a boat into the river, one being drowned. The Holston river is rapidly rising. At Morristown 12 houses floated past and one corpse went past on driftwood. One hundred feet of railroad ties bound together by rails passed Morristown also.

The French Broad has reached with-in four feet of its famous flood of 1867, and is rising 12 inches an hour. At Knoxville the Tennessee river is nearing the 30-foot mark. The warning has been heeded and houses are being vacated along the river bank.

In Virginia, Henry Musie, a farmer of Washington county, was drowned while crossing a branch of Beaver creek, and Milton Boyd, a 10-year-old boy, was drowned near Wallace.

New River Out of Its Banks.

Hinton, W. Va., May 23.—The New river is higher than in 20 years and much damage is already reported. An unknown man was seen at dusk to pass down the river on a saw log and went over the rapids below. The man was certainly drowned. As he passed the city a signal was given by him and he also fired three shots from a revolver, but he was so far out in the water that it was impossible to reach him. Seven houses have already been swept away, and if the river continues to rise nearly all the houses in Avis, a suburb of this city, will be swept away.

INJURED IN A WRECK.

Express Train Crashes Into a Local at West Wyanet, Ills.

Princeton, Ills., May 23.—Four persons were severely injured and many others bruised and shaken up in a wreck of the Minneapolis express on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific at West Wyanet yesterday. The express crashed into the rear end of a local passenger train as the latter was pulling out of the station. The sleeping car on the rear end of the local was smashed and the day coach of the same train telescoped by the engine of the express.

Children Killed by Bear.

Job, Wyo., May 23.—The three children of E. P. Porterfield, a mountaineer residing about 12 miles southeast of this place, while gathering flowers in the woods near their home, were killed and partially devoured by a bear. The remains were found by a searching party which had been out since Sunday evening. The children were Mary, aged 3; Willie, aged 5, and Henry, aged 7. The parents are almost crazed with grief, the bereavement leaving them childless.

Injured by Boiler Explosion.

Lisbon, O., May 23.—While a number of miners were standing near the engine at the Slope mine here, preparatory to entering the mine for the day's work, the boiler exploded with frightful results. A number of the men were burned and scalded. Those most seriously injured are: Jeff Davis, aged 18, cannot recover; William Rigam, Hily Lamborn and Henry Lamborn. Others received slight injuries.

Missouri Bankers Meet.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 23.—The Missouri Bankers' association opened its 11th annual convention here yesterday with an attendance the largest in the history of the association. More than 400 bankers are present. President Harrison devoted his address mainly to showing the prosperous condition of bankers of the state. Bank Commissioner Sam B. Cook spoke in favor of repealing hurtful laws.

Suspect Commits Suicide.

Cambridge, Mass., May 23.—Fred C. Foster of Cambridgeport, who was under suspicion of the police in connection with the explosion which wrecked the Cambridgeport National bank here, committed suicide by shooting in the presence of a police officer who had called on Foster to make inquiries in connection with the case.

Scalped by Revolving Shaft.

Dubuque, May 23.—Francis Ring, aged 12 years, and employed in a button factory here, fell against a revolving shaft and her hair catching, she was scalped.

REVISION IS UPPERMOST.

Presbyterians Mention the Subject in Their Remarks.

Philadelphia, May 23.—That creed revision is the leading issue of the Presbyterian general assembly was strongly evidenced during yesterday's sessions, when almost every speaker took occasion to mention the subject during the course of his address. Shortly before adjournment Rev. Richard Holmes of Pittsburg started the commissioners by launching into a discussion of the question, but when he stopped long enough to announce that he was simply leading up to a point in connection with his appeal for assistance for the removing of the mortgage on the New York Presbyterian building no objection was made.

The committee on church policy presented a report containing numerous decisions on overtures submitted by various presbyteries. In a stirring address Robert E. Speer of New York, secretary of the board of foreign missions, defended the missionaries against the "malignant and venomous criticism" which he said they had suffered since the Boxer uprising in China.

Several foreign missionaries made brief addresses while the report of the committee on foreign missions was under discussion.

DEVOTES DAY TO MISSIONS.

Episcopalian Missionary Tells of Losses From Boxer Uprising.

Des Moines, May 23.—The principal feature of yesterday's session of the Episcopal diocesan convention for the state of Iowa was the missionary meeting, at which Bishop Morrison, Rev. Joseph Rushton of Chicago and Miss Lillie Crimmer of Shanghai were the leading speakers. Miss Crimmer told of the work in China and the loss of church property in the Boxer outbreak.

Bremon Casady of Des Moines, treasurer for the diocese, reported that he had on hand \$102,069 in the various funds of the church, of which \$58,659 was in the fund for indigent and infirm clergymen. W. C. Harbach, treasurer of the board of missions, reported that collections during the year were \$7,160 and expenditures \$6,007.

MYSTIC SHRINERS GATHER.

Assemble in Ceremonial Session at Dubuque.

Dubuque, May 23.—Lashly temple, Mystic Shriners, assembled here in a ceremonial session. Illustrious Potentate Cleveland and his official divan arrived on a special train at noon. Forty candidates were initiated last night, among them Speaker Henderson and Attorney General Mullen.

Comptroller Dawes at Lincoln.

Lincoln, May 23.—Comptroller of the Currency Charles G. Dawes, who, with Mrs. Dawes, arrived in Lincoln from the east yesterday, was given an informal reception at the Union Commercial club rooms, where he met the leading business men, with whom he was associated during his residence in Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. Dawes will make an extended stay here. Mr. Dawes would not discuss his senatorial candidacy in Illinois further than to say that he was in the fight for Senator Mason's seat and he hoped to win.

Doesn't Travel For Fun.

Far from being the great autocrat, the arbiter of things of magnitude, the president of a railway system, be it great or small, is a dealer in trifles, with a consideration for everything. Every accident, large or small; every occurrence by which the road is to lose a dollar or to make a dollar, comes to the notice of the president. The successful head of a railroad is the one who considers the details. He is the man who makes the profits, and he is the man who has to face the music at the directors' meeting.

When you see the bright, smooth running traveling palaces of the railway president trailing along behind the long string of passenger coaches, you can be safe in the opinion that the occupant has not the softest snap on earth. You can also rest assured that if he is a success in his sphere he is not traveling for fun.—Omaha World-Herald.

A Question in History.

Some strangers, apparently hailing from the far west, were looking at the statue of Robert Fulton, the inventor of the steamboat, on the day of the "Steamboat, eh? Well, it only goes to show how a fellow can be mistaken. Now, out in Puntkin Ridge we always thought St. Jones' fixed up the first steamboat ever run, in the year 1876. The whole country was out to see the Nancy Ann pass the Ridge, and everybody made himself famous by building the first boat ever known to run."—Washington Times.

Too Businesslike.

Stella—Why on earth did Miss Peckis reject Mr. Boomer? He's making lots of money in the advertising business. Bella—Yes, and he proposed to her by mail in this fashion: "I can place in a few good papers of guaranteed circulation at a minimum cost the following notice (pure reading, top column): 'Engaged—Miss Birdie Peckis to Mr. Howlett Boomer.' If this proposition meets your approval, kindly sign and return by first mail."—Philadelphia Press.

Heaven Twice Found.

Now she suffers him to print a kiss upon her brow. "This is heaven!" he says. "Two years pass now. His baby has just ceased crying. "This is heaven!" says he. Here we see how a man's ideals change with the lapse of time.—Detroit Journal.