

News in Brief

The pure food bill was introduced by Senator Hepburn.

Senator Lodge introduced a maximum and minimum tariff bill.

The National Ginners report indicates a total crop of 9,623,000 bales of cotton, with 8,486,000 bales ginned up to December 1.

The general electric company has filed with the secretary of State at Albany, N. Y., a certificate of increase of capital stock from \$48,325,500 to \$60,000,000.

The Kalmakom of Yenidjo reports that he has found in Lake Yenidje the bodies of forty-four Greeks and Bulgarians who were killed during the recent fighting.

A telegram has been received in London from Saigon, French Indo-China, saying that an explosion had taken place on board the British steamer Carlisle in the harbor of Saigon.

Henry Lund, Norwegian consul at San Francisco, received a message from his government authorizing him to send to Roald Amundsen, the Arctic explorer, whatever funds he might require.

The supreme court of California, in the case of the Western Union Telegraph company against the county of San Joaquin, affirmed the decision declaring the company's franchise assessable.

Representative McNary of Massachusetts has introduced a bill providing for the transfer of the frigate Constitution to Castle Island, Boston harbor, for use as a naval museum.

The foreign relations committee of the senate met to consider the treaty between the United States and Cuba for the adjustment of title to the ownership of the Isle of Pines.

Two granddaughters of Commodore Charles Stewart, who commanded the Constitution, sent a telegram to the secretary of the navy protesting against using the old frigate for a target.

The correspondents of the London Times at Sofia, Bulgaria, reports that the Bulgarian chief, Tcherneyeff, and seven members of his band were found drowned in Lake Dolran, in Macedonia.

Bostonians are still true to the baked beans. Last year they spent on their favorite diet \$6,538,272. According to wholesale dealers, 68,732 barrels were consumed in the period and the demand is increasing.

Representative Bourke Cockran of New York has introduced a joint resolution providing for an amendment of the constitution which will make it possible for members of the house to be elected for four years.

Thieves entered the Church of St. Lawrence, in the village of Cassinella, Torino, Italy, and tried, with the aid of chisels, to remove from a wall a beautiful relief representing the twelve apostles, the work of Michael Angelo.

A bill prohibiting the use of the money of insurance companies in federal elections was introduced by Senator Culberson. The offense is made a felony, and punishment is fixed at from two to twenty years' imprisonment.

Almost simultaneously, Martin and George Hicks, brothers and members of a well known family of Joliet, Ill., met sudden death. One succumbed to a hemorrhage and the other died from shock over the news of his brother's death.

The French senate after a long debate, adopted the bill for the separation of church and state by a vote of 181 against 102. The vote was announced amid enthusiastic scenes and cries of "Long live the republic!" and "Long live liberty!"

The conference of the Farmers' Union of America at Texarkana, Ark., decided by a large majority to form a large organization. Discussion of the advisability of establishing a national newspaper organ took up much time, but was not settled.

C. Hanley, who has received a great deal of public notice through connections with farmers' cooperative schemes, was indicted by the federal grand jury at St. Paul, Minn., on a charge of using the mails in furtherance of a scheme to defraud.

The bureau of insular affairs of the war department has been advised that the Philippine commission has decided that for five years more the Spanish language shall be the official language of the courts of justice in the Philippines, by the end of which time the commission hopes to be able to have the English language adopted in its stead.

The third International Congress of American Republics will meet in Rio de Janeiro, January 21, 1906.

Developments brought to light the fact that two additional lives were lost in the explosion in mine No. 1 at Diamondville, Wyo., making the total twenty-one.

Senator Bulkeley has introduced a bill granting a pension of \$100 a month to the widow of the late Senator Hawley.

Samuel P. Cohen, manager of the new Montauk theater in Brooklyn, died following an operation for cancer in the throat.

The president sent to the senate the following nominations: Associate justice of the supreme court of the Philippines, James F. Tracy, New York; Indian inspector, Frank C. Churchill of New Hampshire; secretary of New Mexico, James M. Reynolds of New Mexico.

The military secretary of the army has been advised of the death at Geneva, Switzerland, of Brigadier General Morris C. Foote, U. S. A., retired. Very Rev. John B. Morris, vicar general of the diocese of Nashville, Tenn., has been appointed domestic prelate to the pope, with the title of monsignor.

All Around Athletes.

Alm. W. Anker Simmons, of Henley-on-Thames town council, has just accomplished a remarkable feat near the famous reach of the Thames at Henley. He walked, ran, cycled, rowed and then swam 200 yards all under eight minutes. As Mr. Simmons is 48 years of age, the feat is all the more noteworthy.

Of Course He's Married.

There is a certain fine looking man in Atchison who does not amount to anything. He dresses well, looks well, has a fine head of hair, good health, and every thing else desirable, except ability. We often wonder that he isn't president, but he has a hard time holding a \$12 a week job.—Atchison Globe.

Light Dumb-Bells Best.

If you use dumb-bells, as the custom of many is in these days of strength and figures, don't have them at all heavy; and the same applies to the Indian clubs. It is not weight but exercise of the muscles you want—light, regular exercise—not to over do it one time and neglect it then for a week.

Snakes Easy to Ship.

Of all the creatures to be seen at zoological gardens, snakes are probably the most easy to ship from one country to another. Snakes take very little room, and throughout a long voyage give not the least trouble. They do not require to be fed, nor do they require looking after in any other way.

A Lost Art.

Somehow men and women do not find time to practice the art of walking. They are always resorting to vehicles of some sort other than "shoemakers' nags" and thus depriving themselves of a most delightful and health-giving exercise.—Good Health.

Suicide Among Jews.

For fifteen years no suicide of a Jew was recorded in the seven great districts that comprise the most populous part of central London. But of late there have been several cases.

Tennessee Praise.

Dayton, Tenn., Dec. 11th (Special)—Among many prominent residents to praise Dodd's Kidney Pills is Mr. N. R. Roberts of this place. He tells of what they have done for him, and his words will go deep into the hearts of all who are suffering in the same way. He says:

"I was a martyr to Kidney Trouble, but Dodd's Kidney Pills completely cured me. I shall always keep them on hand in case there should be any return of the old trouble, but I am thankful to say they did their work so well there has not been the slightest sign of my old complaint coming back. The pain in my back used to be terrible. If I got down I had a hard job to get straight again. But my back is like a new one now and I can stoop as much as I please. I don't believe there ever was any medicine half so good as Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Short, But to the Point.

Elizabeth R—, when a small girl, was a child of many and lengthy prayers. Each night she prayed and prayed for everything under the sun. One evening as she and her small brother, Tom, were getting ready for bed, Elizabeth said out loud her usual long petition. The little boy listened much impressed, until she had finished, when he knelt down and prayed: "Oh God, give me things, too!"

Women in the Armies.

Women, disguised as men, have often served as soldiers. The following inscription is on a tombstone in the English town of Brighton: "In memory of Phoebe Hassel; born 1713, died 1821, aged 108 years. She served for many years as a private soldier in many parts of Europe, and at the battle of Fontenoy, fighting bravely, she received a bayonet wound in the left arm."

Bonanza Kings.

The bonanza kings were: James C. Flood, A. S. O'Brien, John W. Mackay, and James G. Fair, four men of Irish parentage, who acquired vast fortunes from the gold and silver mines on the Pacific coast. They had various imitators and successors, who shared the name, but these four men were the "only original" bonanza kings.

No Lack of Attention.

It was seven-year-old Tom's first visit to the circus. He annoyed his mother by persistent questions as to what was coming next. Finally she said: "Keep your eyes open and you will see for yourself." Huh! said the indignant Tom. "I've been here half an hour and I haven't winked once yet."

Battle of Bennington.

The battle of Bennington was fought about four miles from Bennington, Vt., on a hill that rises from the Wallomocois, just within the New York state line. Here, Aug. 16, 1777, Gen. Stark defeated the entrenched forces of Lieut. Col. Col Baum of the Brunswick Rangers.

Rats Terrify Hospital Inmates.

At Aton, England, recently, it was officially stated that the nurses at the public hospital were afraid to enter some of the rooms on account of the rats and that "the rodents terrified the patients at night by sitting on their beds." The matter was referred to a committee "with power to act."

Annual "Mop" Fair.

Dating from medieval times, the annual Stratford-on-Avon "Mop" fair took place recently and eight oxen and twelve pigs were roasted at open fires in the streets in the presence of a record gathering from all parts of the Midlands.

From the Rear Platform.

An Irish street car conductor called out to the passengers standing in the aisle: "Will this is front place to move up, so that this behind can take the places of them in front, and leave room for them who are nither in front or behind!"



FRANK P. LEWIS, Esq., M. A.

Originator of the Tin Foil Smoker Package. The man who has made Lewis' Single Binder Straight 5c Cigar famous among smokers throughout the West.

Clothes Washed by Electricity. Clothes washing by electricity, without soap, is the idea of a Hungarian. The stream of electrified water is claimed to remove all spots and dirt, and the 300 garments held by the machine are washed in less than 15 minutes.

Ask Your Druggist for Allen's Foot-Ease. "I tried ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE recently and have just bought another supply. It has cured my corns, and the hot, burning and itching sensation in my feet which was almost unbearable, and will not be without it now."—Mrs. W. J. Walker, Camden, N. J. Sold by all Druggists, 25c.

Had Some Excuse.

"Is this man a maniac?" asked Mr. Fordham, at North London Police court on Saturday. "I don't know," was the reply of an applicant for a summons, "but I understand he is married."—London Telegraph.

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES. Itching, Bleeding, Protruding Piles. Druggists are authorized to refund money. PAIN-EXPELLER fails to cure in 5 to 10 days. 50c.

Ennui.

A cold had kept the boy in the house—he was fretful and was and weary. "What shall I bring you," his mother asked, "from the great big stores, my dear?" He looked at the scattered toys around—once held dear and wanted. "Oh, bring me something," he petulant, cried, "that I never knew I wanted."—Kate M. Cleary in The Sunday Magazine.

Barefoot—Boots.

A New Mexico paper announces the marriage of Miss S. M. Boots to E. Barefoot. He now has Boots, but she has become Barefoot. Thus it is seen that in entering into a marriage contract the woman is invariably the loser. But there is no denying that the match was one of an affinity of souls.—Los Angeles Times.

Two Masters to be Served.

"Can a man serve two masters?" inquired a visiting pastor of a deacon of Trinity church. "He has to, sometimes," confessed the deacon. "I think not," said the pastor. "You have never had boy twins at your house, have you?" inquired the deacon softly, and the pastor retired in discomfiture.—Boston Herald.

Why Japs Are Good Sailors.

A Japanese marine officer has explained why Japan has such good sailors. Most of her coast vessels are small, but there are a great many of them and almost any man taken from a fishing village has had enough experience to enable him to become an efficient sailor in a short time.

Water a Real Food.

Water is contained in all solid foods, animal and vegetable. It forms the greater part of all liquid foods. It is found in all the secretions of the body, as the bile and gastric juice. From these, and many other facts, scientists say, we must conclude water to be a real food.

Death to His Hopes.

A Kansas man called upon a young woman the other night. Of the Swedish man at the door he asked if the lady was at home. On being informed that she was, he inquired, "Is she engaged?" and nearly fainted on receiving the reply: "Yes, but ay tank he no in town tonight."

Petty annoyances make good plumb lines to determine the depth of your religion.

A BRAIN WORKER.

Must Have the Kind of Food That Nourishes Brain.

"I am a literary man whose nervous energy is a great part of my stock in trade, and ordinarily I have little patience with breakfast foods and the extravagant claims made of them. But I cannot withhold my acknowledgment of the debt that I owe to Grape-Nuts food."

"I discovered long ago that the very bulkiness of the ordinary diet was not calculated to give one a clear head, the power of sustained, accurate thinking. I always felt heavy and sluggish in mind as well as body after eating the ordinary meal, which diverted the blood from the brain to the digestive apparatus."

"I tried foods easy of digestion, but found them usually deficient in nutriment. I experimented with many breakfast foods and they, too, proved unsatisfactory, till I reached Grape-Nuts. And then the problem was solved."

"Grape-Nuts agreed with me perfectly from the beginning, satisfying my hunger and supplying the nutriment that so many other prepared foods lack."

"I had not been using it very long before I found that I was turning out an unusual quantity and quality of work. Continued use has demonstrated to my entire satisfaction that Grape-Nuts food contains all the elements needed by the brain and nervous system of the hard working public writer." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in plain

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

BARTLEY BOND CASE IN SUPREME COURT

LINCOLN—The supreme court affirmed the decision of the Douglas county district court in the case of the state against the bondsmen of ex-State Treasurer J. S. Bartley. F. N. Prout, representing the state, was attorney general and filed a bill of exceptions which the supreme court has quashed and refused to consider. This is the fifth trial of the case in the supreme court, the decisions being alternately in favor of the state and the defendants and invariably remanding the case for a new trial.

The opinion was prepared by Commissioner Duffe, concurred in by the court, Chief Justice Holcomb not sitting.

The syllabus of the case is as follows: A bill of exceptions will be quashed where it is not certified and identified in such manner that this court may know that it is the identical bill allowed by the trial court and the whole thereof.

The statute provides that a bill of exceptions, where the original bill is used, shall be attached to the transcript of the record. Where this court is presented with what purports to be a bill of exceptions, contained in two separate and detached volumes, neither of which are attached to the transcript and but one volume of which is certified by the clerk of the district court and the contents of this volume show that there was other important and material evidence upon which the decision of the case must depend and there is nothing in the certificates or in the record itself by which this court can with any certainty determine whether the volume not certified or otherwise identified contains the omitted evidence, the bill will be quashed.

BOOM FOR LIVE STOCK SHOW.

Business Men Indicate Desire to Take Hold of the Project.

OMAHA—Fifty business men of Omaha and South Omaha, including the board of governors of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, the executive committee of the Commercial club and live stock commission men, met at the Commercial club rooms and discussed a live stock show for Omaha next winter.

The consensus of opinion was that Omaha can and ought to have a successful live stock show next fall or winter. It was determined to hold another meeting soon to which the public will be invited, and at which the question will be finally decided. A committee was appointed to make a study of conditions necessary to a successful live stock show and to report at this meeting. It is probable that members of the committee will visit the live stock show which is to be given in Chicago, December 16 to 23.

LIFTING MORTGAGES ON SCHOOL LANDS

LINCOLN—State Treasurer Mortenson said that during the past year holders of school land contracts have been paying the principal at the rate of \$1,500 a day, on the average. He regards this fact as an indication that the people living on such lands are anxious to own their own homes, although the low rate of interest prevailing and the ease with which money is secured plays a part. The interest on these contracts is 6 per cent. under terms of the statutes.

TREASURY PAYMENTS HEAVY.

Mortenson Hands Out Two Million of State Funds in Past Six Months.

LINCOLN—The semi-annual report of State Treasurer Mortenson to Governor Mickey shows that during the six months from June 1 to November 29 the treasury paid out \$2,008,810.55 of public moneys belonging to various funds, while the receipts during that period totaled \$1,725,179.78. The difference between the outgo and the income is accounted for largely by the fact that the permanent school fund cash has been diminished over \$100,000 in that time, together with the extraordinarily heavy temporary school appropriations for June.

Falls and Breaks His Neck.

NEBRASKA CITY — Fritz Radde, aged 65 years, who has been a resident of this city for the past twenty years or more, fell into a cellar way on the north of H. L. Hobien's store and broke his neck, dying instantly.

Killed by Switch Engine.

OXFORD—While working in the Burlington yards, Joseph Eckman was run over by a switch engine and sustained injuries from which he died.

Railroad Surveyors in Field.

NORFOLK—Eastern Field Peas and Rock counties are aroused about the prospects for a new railroad. It is supposed to be an independent company building to the northwest. It will run in a northwesterly direction, from Chambers, in Holt county, crossing the Northwestern at Newport, thence to Carns and Springview. A corps of surveyors is in the field between Newport and Carns, and many regard the road as a certainty. The immense hay business of these counties will furnish a large traffic.

Temporary Fund Reaches \$263,000.

The temporary school fund for December apportionment amounts to \$263,000, in addition to which there is \$29,900 due to Hitchcock county from the last apportionment, making the total close to \$292,900 for the entire fund. Treasurer Mortenson will certify to the state superintendent the amount of the temporary fund available for the December apportionment and the latter official will, within twenty days, as provided in the statutes, distribute the money among the school districts of the state.

NEBRASKA BRIEFS

Fred Ruh, of Beatrice, a boy 14 years of age, has been declared incorrigible and sentenced to the reform school. The boy's parents are both dead.

John Mangerson, a well known farmer of Garfield township, Cuming county, while repairing a windmill on his farm fell from a height of twenty feet, breaking his left leg.

George Mason, living near Charleston, York county, met with an accident that nearly deprived him of his eye sight. While shucking corn a part of a dry blade corn struck him in the eye.

The state, through the farm department of the Soldier's Home at Grand Island, is the loser by nearly \$1,000 by hog cholera, 150 of the porkers of the home farm, or half of the herd, having succumbed to the disease.

The three children of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ross of Chadron, succumbed to scarlet fever within two days. Two died within an hour of each other. They were the entire family of Mr. and Mrs. Ross. Mr. Ross is a locomotive engineer on the Northwestern.

Adjutant General Culver has issued an order selecting three expert riflemen from the national guard of the state, fifteen sharpshooters and twenty-two marksmen. The order is a result of the competitions of the past summer when at the various shoots held over the state, the men made tests of their ability.

The employees of the Burlington at Plattsmouth will commence on a nine-hour working schedule. This order which affects over 700 men, will be in force during the entire winter season. The company is still employing many new men at that point, and the foremen report that there is a demand for an additional number.

Burglars attempted to rob Kuns' general merchandise store at McCool Junction, and entered the rear of the store. Mr. Harvey Kuns, one of the owners of the store, returning quite late from the country noticed a light, went to the front of the store to make an investigation and discovered four men who immediately left.

The man found dead alongside the railroad tracks in Dodge county has been identified from papers found on his person as James White, a former resident of Philadelphia. His relatives were notified by wire. He had been a blacksmith by trade and, judging from the papers on his person, had been earning good wages. The cause of his death is still unknown.

Attorney General Brown said that the decision in the Tucker jury law case has not affected the special statute governing Lancaster, Douglas and Gage counties. There has been some speculation as to the effect of the invalidation of the new general act because of the fact that the special statute is not complete in itself, but refers to the measure governing the state at large.

Governor Mickey has signified his willingness to commute the sentence of Spencer Nyna, a colored convict sent to the penitentiary on a charge of assault. He was sent up for a year and since then has showed the result of a bad case of consumption. Relatives from Tennessee have promised to come for him and when they appear, the warden has been instructed to let the man have his freedom.

Kansas City Dispatch: Z. A. Mackay of St. Joseph and Miss Nellie Mooney of Minden, Neb., came to Kansas City, after having eloped and being married at St. Joseph. Miss Mooney left her home in Minden Thursday, ostensibly to visit relatives. She went to Hastings instead, where Mr. Mackay met her and took her to St. Joseph. Mrs. Mackay says she eloped because she wanted to escape the fuss of a big wedding later on.

Governor Mickey said that he would soon issue a statement of the position he takes in regard to an extra session of the legislature at this time. Governor Mickey had not directly intimated that he is opposed to an extra session, but those who have conversed with him think his attitude to be against calling the members of the legislature together now to perform any task that was called to their attention while they were in session.

Last Week was the thirty-first anniversary of the railroad to West Point.

Trains commenced running on December 3, 1875. In the issue of the West Point Republican, for that date coal was quoted at \$20 per ton. In another portion of the same paper it is stated as a notable fact that eleven loads of wheat were marketed in West Point the day before. At this time five Winnebago Indians were being tried in Decatur for the murder of Oscar Gunnson, who was killed by Indians on Plum Creek, a few miles north of West Point.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Tillman, well known citizens of south of West Point, celebrated their golden wedding last week. They are aged, respectively, 81 and 79, and located in Nebraska thirty-eight years ago. Sheriff Hollister of Merrick county passed through Fremont with the five men who were arrested at Lincoln for complicity in the Chapman bank robbery. One of the bunch, John Burk, was recognized as a man who has been in that city off and on for some time and who last year served a thirty-day term in the county jail as a vagrant and suspicious character.

Ben Herr, who lives some five miles northeast of Table Rock, sold over 700 bushels of apples from his orchard this fall. Apples have not been a plentiful crop this year in southeastern Nebraska and this is the best yield yet reported.

Following is the mortgage report for Gage county for the month of November: Number of farm mortgages filed, 6; amount \$10,500; number of farm mortgages released, 22; amount, \$32,226. Number of city mortgages filed, 25; amount, \$34,789; number of city mortgages released, 29; amount, \$79,792.

PEONAGE SYSTEM IN ECUADOR.

Laborers in That Country Are Practically Slaves.

Of labor conditions in South America, Frank Wiborg, author of "A Commercial Traveler in South America," says: "The large planters of Ecuador complain that they lose a part of their crop every year through inability to get sufficient laborers to harvest it. As in most tropical countries, the question of labor is most serious, for among the lower classes the necessities of life are so few and so easily obtained that there is little or no incentive for steady application. In Ecuador the attempted solution of this is the introduction of the same vicious system which our government found in force in the Philippines and has since been trying so desperately to root out—namely, peonage or debt service.

"To gain a hold on the laborer the planter offers him a small loan which he, with characteristic improvidence, eagerly accepts, with the understanding that he is to enter the service of the planter and pay back the debt little by little. Until it is paid he can not enter the employ of any one else. It is to the advantage of the planter to keep the debt unpaid and it seldom happens that a debt once contracted in this way is ever canceled. Moreover, the debt always grows, for fines are constantly checked against the laborer's account—if he misses a day or breaks a tool—until it actually results that the longer he works the more deeply he is in debt.

"Then the various members of his family are drawn into the employ of the planter for the ostensible purpose of helping to lift the debt and gradually they, too, become bound body and soul. The peons are not slaves; they are vigorously asserted on all sides. But they might almost as well be slaves, for even if their bodies are not purchasable their debts are, and through their debts their services, and a planter desiring the service of a certain peon can get it by paying the peon's present employer the amount of his indebtedness. This transfer of debt and service is a common practice."

CONGESTION IN GREAT CITIES.

Conditions Inevitably Must Force People Back to the Land.

A statistician who has thought long and deeply on the subject has reached the conclusion that by the beginning of the twenty-first century the population of New York will have a population of 15,000,000. This estimate is based upon the ratio of increase in the last half century. The present population of the metropolis is 4,000,000, a great part of which is not due to natural increase, but to immigration. New York is congested to a most uncomfortable degree with only 4,000,000 inhabitants. With 15,000,000 the congestion would be intolerable unless there were great expansion of the city's limits. Long before the beginning of the next century it is probable that the massing of immense numbers of persons in cities will be abandoned for economic and sanitary reasons. Perhaps man will have become wise enough by that time to revert to the normal condition of life which prevailed before the rush to the cities began in the nineteenth century.—Baltimore Sun.

Pennsylvania's Wealth.

Of all the coal of every kind that was mined in the United States last year, Pennsylvania produced almost half, or over 48 per cent. Of coke it produced 63 per cent, of pig iron more than 46 per cent, of steel over 56 per cent, of structural iron and steel more than 87 per cent. Putting all the steel, iron, coal and coke into a huge mountain, Pennsylvania's share would exceed 56 per cent, while all the rest of the United States furnished but 44 per cent.

These are the impressive dimensions of this state's material wealth. In the value of railroad property Pennsylvania is also far ahead of any other commonwealth. There are so many things in the way of natural resources in which it leads that there can be no doubt that for solid wealth the Keystone state is the real backbone of the Union.—Philadelphia Press.

A Condemned Valley.

Sick little valley, mired out for sadness. Bent thorns which rarely above your crown floods rise. Brimming full your streams are, brimming full with holding. Little joyous commerce with the sun and skies.

Sadly in the night-time the moon, besieged by shadows. Over your bare lowlands holds her pallid court. Scarce an evening flower lighting for her pleasure. Scarce a silvery ripple dancing for her sport.

In your barrenness finding, in your sadness seeing. Soothing strangely tender, strangely near my heart.

Yet, O little valley, little bog-filled valley, I who linger near you sigh and sigh to part.

Turning with reluctance, often I look backwards. Seeing, feeling, counting what hath been before. Finding in your barrenness, seeing in your sadness. That which, having left you, find I never more.

—E. L. in the London Outlook.

No Novice.

The modern suffrage leader turned to her meek little husband with a suspicious frown.

"Henry," she snapped, "I believe you deceived me. I believe you have been married before."

"What in the world put that in your head?" gasped the frightened husband.

"Why, you went through my pocket with such rapidity. No one but a man who had been married before would know where to find his wife's pocket the first night they were married."

First to See Mikado's Face. Admiral Lord Charles Beresford claims the distinction of being the first European who was allowed by invitation to see on the face of the Mikado of Japan. This was in 1863.

Just What He Meant. "That widow'll make a fool of him if he doesn't watch out." "No, I have it on very good authority that she intends to marry him." "That's what I meant."

AILING WOMEN.

Keep the Kidneys Well and the Kidneys Will Keep You Well.

Sick, suffering, languid women are learning the true cause of bad backs and how to cure them. Mrs. W. G. Davis of Groesbeck, Texas, says: "Back-aches hurt me so I could hardly stand. Spells of dizziness and sick headaches were frequent and the action of the kidneys was irregular. Soon after I began taking Dodd's Kidney Pills I passed several gravel stones.