THE NORTHWEST.

he Rough Experience of a Man Who Tried to Grow up With the West,

Shylock Money Leaders-High Prices for Everything-the Fine Art of Fleecing.

St. Paul Correspondence Cleveland Leader. "Ho for the golden glorious northwest

Free homes for everybody! The poor man's parelise! Health, wealth and hap-Two years ago every city in the country

was flooded with circulars of the above tenor, issued in behalf of the Northern Pacific country. Every newspaper in that region was full of laudation of its advantages to settlers. A gigantic boom was the result. Every train coming into St. Paul was jammed to its capacity by home seekers, for une-seekers and health-seekers. Shipload after shipload of Scandina vians were deposited at stations along the line of the Northern Pacific railroad, under the Villard administration, until it seemed as if the whole region was to be

settled up at once. The boom has busted. All the present fall there has been a growing exodus, until now scarcely a train goes eastward without bearing from one hundred to three hundred disheartened men who regret their venture, and are seeking a more congenial field of labor.

I recently talked with a settler from northern Dakota who had bought a small claim there two years ago. "Do I like the country?" said he, in answer to my inquiry, -"Does a man like to be robbed? I've farmed there two years, and besides my work I am just \$600 behind. I went for my health, had heard of the wonder ful 'ozone' that braced a man up, the en-tire absence of malaria. Well, I didn't get malaria, but I got the catarrh so badly that my head roars like a drum; the sharp air braced me up, sure enough, but joints are so full of rheumatism that I move about like a skeleton on

"It's a money-making country for some people," continued the farmer, "but the way it's done wouldn't pass muster in all sections. An honest man is called a 'chump' out there. He always gets his pockets turned inside out some way or other. I'll just tell you how they worked it on me. The town I was ticketed for had fully 2,000 inhabitants in it, with achools, churcnes, mill and factories in full blast. That is what the local paper said that they gave me at the land office in St. Paul. When I got off the cars I found that paper was just one cipher out of the way—200 was a fair estimate. About 100 of these were laborers building a sidetrack and living in cars. They went away in two weeks. Of the other 100 at least 50 were lawyers, real estate men and money lenders. The balauce were 'chumps,' of which I was

one.
"The lawyers had gobbled all the offices; the real estate men had gobbled all the land; and the money lenders had gathered up all the business chances, the mill sites and elevator plants.

"I wanted to buy a farm. The real

conditions that a man is bound to lose if he has a mishap. Well, I've had several. The first winter my stock froze to death; the settlers moved away; coal was \$16 a ton, with no wood in sight; but my crops had been good and prices were fair, so I

"The next my crops got frostbitten; I got the rhuematism, and the sharks came down on me for failing to pay promptly, and cleaned me out. Last spring I took to teaming and have earned enough to take me to a more hospitable place.

The old farmer's experience is a type of thousands. The region is unfit for small farming. The long winters eat up the profits of the short summer. Large farms may flourish where men and animals may be imported and taken away after the summer's work is over. The railroads, which promised so much, have from farmers; fruits can not be grown; fuel must always be high, and as a consequence the northwest must always be sparsily settled. These drawbacks are what "busted the boom" inaugurated by the North Pacific railway.

I had a little newspaper experience not tar from St. Paul which is a fair sample of what the whole northwest country affords. I visited a friend, who was located at a little interior lake, where he was engaged in butter making. He was near enough to the city of St. Paul to be reached by a short railway trip. Comblning business with pleasure, I had agreed to write up the region for a representative daily. The railway company was endeavoring to boom the lake as a fashionable watering place, and had placed a scow on the lake for pleasure parties, and had built a barn-like structure for a hotel. A few shanties were scattered about the border of the lake, built for the accommodation of hunters and sportsmen. The influx of people was perhaps twenty-five to fifty daily. sent a report to the paper, and promptly received a postal card, telling me that I did not "fill the bill" a correspondent. Disguising my handwriting, I converted the shantles into beautiful cottages, the steam scow into a floating palace, the hotel into the grandest that fancy c uld conceive, the small knot of visitors into a mighty multitude, and even transformed the colored cook into a distinguished caterer for royalty I sent this by way of sarcasm under an alias, and received a cordial letter by return post from the managing editor,

I had occasion to look up a town in ticular were very courageous Dakota called Ellendale. A colony of hesitated to face any danger. "boom" newspapers the town population wooden buildings and about twenty tents. had a whooping old headache the morn. less, but the last man in the world the The "population" consisted of a half ing of every 5th of July and 26th of average person would imagine the pretty actress would select for a husband. wooden buildings and about twenty tents. visit to a town thirty miles distant to Some spirited admirer of Governor there. The next day they were back to as a present, but he refused it as re-Ellendale welcoming the colony coming morselessly as he refused that dog. there, and made a bustling scene. Afterward I heard of the same crowd settling in at least five towns which existed until

great shape!

their arrival only in imagination. CHASPIAH.

Detroit Free Press

chief clerk's window in the postoffice yes

terday, "What is the matter, ms'am ?" "Why, I called here on Saturday for "And I hope you got one."
"Yes, sir. My husband is in Buffalo,
you know, and I've been expecting a let-

He was to send me some money, you know, and I was on my last shilling when I got that letter." "Well, sir, I hurried right home and opened the letter and out fell a dollar bill. Just think of a loving husband sending his loving wife a dollar bill with

ter from him every day for a fortnight.

which to run the house and preserve her electric wire crossing a fire alarm wire on range. But on the whole their life passed station in society for a whole month." "But you put the money in your Brush wires were covered with insulating material to prevent accidents, but in

"Ob, no, sir! I threw the bill into the fire and set out to read the letter. Oh, sir, I nearly fainted!"

"Well, I looked down at the signature, and it was signed 'Slouch.' Then I saw, sir, that it could not be from my hushave been for me."

The clerk received the letter and carefully scanned the envelope, and she handed him a dollar with the remark: "Put it in the letter, sir, and write on the envelope: 'Opened by mistake-dreadful mistake-but the opener won't give it away.' If you can think of anything else to soothe the poor woman, put

"Yes, I will." "For I know exactly how she'll feel about it, and I know if my husband should tell me to bangle my old head off and jingle around I wouldn't have any one know it for a million dollars. Dear me! but I'm so sorry, and it was such a mistake-dreadful mistake.'

Four Crippled Congressmen.

called the "total cripples" in congress du- coatings, one of insulating material next ring the last twenty years. All told, they the wire, of a thickness and material apnumber four. First who gave way was proved by the board, and another outgrand old Thaddeus Stevens. He was side of this, of a material calcualways lame from an ill formed foot. I lated to protect the former from have heard he did not walk at all until he abrasion or other mechanical injury. was 6 years old. He always walked with Where there is a possible exposure to great difficulty, never could walk far, and water, the first or second coating must be during the last few years of his life (he died at 76) he could not walk at all. Ev. electricity is carried into a building by the capitol by two atrong colored men in "cut-out" must be provided at a point an easy-chair, which they hoisted on their as near as possible to the entrance to Still this was a common custom in the shoulders, and thus the great commoner was borne through the streets. Crowds turning wires for arch lights should enter

A. Finney, a member for one term from along the wire. In running along walls before the inauguration with a lot of Meadville, Pa. He propelled himself and the like, wires should be rigidly atestate men wanted an outrageous price for any piece within ten miles of the station. I thought I could do better at auction. So they fixed up an 'auction' for me. How the farms did go off! What prices they did bring! I bought one—paid twice what it was worth—and afterwards were made and the lake, were should be rightly at tached to the same by non-conducting fastenings (the wires themselves being fastenings (the wires themselves being fastenings (the wires themselves being fastenings) and should not be hung from projecting insulators in loose loops. All wires should be placed at a distance of eight inches for arc lights, and two breakfast, and when he got there have a source of the like, wires should be rightly at tached to the same by non-conducting fastenings (the wires themselves being fastenings) (the wires themselves being fastenings) and ahould not be hung from projecting insulators in loose loops. All wires should be placed at a distance of eight inches for arc lights, and two breakfast, and when he got there have a should be regidly at tached to the same by non-conducting fastenings (the wires themselves being fastenings) and ahould not be hung from projecting insulators in loose loops. All wires should be placed at a distance of eight inches for arc lights, and two breakfast, and when he got there have a source of the like, wires should be rightly at tached to the same by non-conducting fastenings (the wires themselves being fastenings) and should not be hung from projecting insulators in loose loops. All wires should be placed at a distance of eight inches for arc lights, and two loops are lightly at the like, wires should be placed to the same by non-conducting fastenings (the wires themselves being fastenings) and the like wires themselves being fastenings. prices they did bring! I bought one—paid twice what it was worth—and afterwards found that I was the only bona fide purchaser. That's what they call 'shark balting' out there.

"I mortgaged my farm to erect a house and to secure farming machines—15 per him a dich condition of the secure days. He was never out of pain, and although a young man (he died at the age of 54), he was the most dependant to secure farming machines—15 per him a drink of whisky. Forney replied and to secure farming machines—15 per him a drink of whisky. Forney replied separated from the same by some continuous solid non—conductor, such as dry nous solid non—conductor. too, had to be carried into and out of the wood of at least one-halt inch in thickcoupe he was obliged to own.

The other helpless statesman of the (without joints) to be used as far as pos-four I alluded to was Alexander H. sible. Stephens. He was truly a phenomenon, Built of nothing but skin and bones he never weighed while in congress more than 80 or 100 pounds. Such a little bit of a thin face, and such skeleton hands you never saw. Yet how bright were his eyes, and what exhibitions of energy. His voice was one of the strongest and clearest I ever heard, and when he spoke, my masters, wheeling his chair backward and forward in the space in front of the speaker's desk, he was listened to by the whole house. He had for a body servant a young negro 6 feet 4 inches in height, and admirably proportioned. Mr. Stephrailroads, which promised so much, have performed little. The elevator system has been such as to take away profits would do when "Sam" died. All four of these men are now dead. Three of them certainly were great, and it seems to me that the places of Thad Stevens and Governor Morton never can be filled.

Full of Spirit.

"Some men are always in luck," ob was drowned in a vat of whisky.

"Water you drinken"?" wined one tramp response, and they both smiled.

The Chinese emperor drinks very little and Chronicle. tea. This need not be surprised A native Kentuckian sometimes drinks very

combustible liver.

to be a preventative of diphtheria. And its funny to notice how many men are warding against diphtheria just now While sick she made the acquaintance of guarding against diphtheria just now. "Can you give me a glass of water?"

asked a man as he halted in front of the abode of a rural Kentuckian. "I reckon Here you, Sal, tote hyar some drinkin' water for the stranger. Say, mister, what state be yer from?"

A New York reporter has a catalogue of places where drinks can be obtained on Sundays, and the Boston Herald says it doesn't need a reporter to find them in is to find the reporter.

Excessive drinking is said to be more dangerous than excessive esting, staring that "you have 'caught on' in I always did think the American people as a whole and Kentucky colonels in particular were very courageous and never

300 were organizing to secure homesteads "It's kind of strange," remarked a renear there. On the map and in the form man yesterday, "what an influence force of habit has over a man. Now for was fully 500. On arriving I found seven four or five years after I quit drinking I

welcome a colony who were to settle Cleveland sent him a cask of fine old rum evidently believes that while he can get three finger drinks at ten cents a piece, with a toothpick thrown in, it is hardly worth while putting himself under any obligations to any political admirer.

There has been a mistake—a dreadful stake," she said, as she called at the strengthens the system. m stake," she said, as she called at the strengthens the system.

FIRE BY ELECTRICITY.

Over Buildings, and Precautions to Observe,

Two accidents recently occurred to tele-

Louis Globe-Democrat,

igerous character of an electric current ratus at the court house, and a rapid dis connecting of instruments to prevent serius accident, was occasioned by a Brush Seventh and Franklin avenue. It started off with: "Dear Madam, and long flashed out at the point of connection then I began to suspect something, as tion, and if there had been any computer of the camp. Some other miners my husband always calls me his angel."

The would have tried to jump his claim. A fight ensued. And then it went on to say: 'So you want a bangle, eh? Well, take the included and jingle down town and bangle your old head off and be hanged to you!' connecting the wires. On another cocasion the wires of the same company tion of miners called upon the widow and All wires, machines and lamps to be

exception of those parts (such as portions of a novel than an elpsode of real life. of the lamps of machines, for example) where insulation is impossible, and in How Andrew Johnson Became this case accidental contact with exterior objects must be prevented by appropriate screens of the like. In no case must "ground circuits" be employed or any portion be allowed to come into conducting connection with the earth through Vashington Letter to the Philadelphia Press. | water or gas-pipes or otherwise. Exposed How well I remember what may be wires must be covered with at least two ary day he was taken from his home near conductors from an exterior source a was borne through the streets. Crowds used to gather to see him pass and reverently lift their hats. He was put down in his place in the house, and when the session was over he was taken back to his house and put to bed. Mr. Stevens often laughingly spoke of the two colored carriers as his pall-bearers.

Another helpless cripple was Darwin A. Finney, a member for one term from senate chamber in a chair. He was a ness. All joints in wires must be made poor man and could ill afford the low in such a manner as to secure a perfect have been enough to have made an or and durable contact. Continuous wires

INDIAN BILL'S BRIDE.

A Romance of Real Life That Puts

Fiction to the Blush,

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

verage youth delights in surreptitious each of the secretaries to task and gave oments with the yellow covered tail of e buckskin- clad hero who kills a halflozen Indian brayes with an almost imerceptable effort, and the exposition of life upon the plains by Buffalo Bill is always sure to attract an enthusiastic audience. The characters in the romance of western life are almost invariably men. It is seldom that a heroine figures in them. Women as a whole would interpose a mild objection to a life upon the trail and nights in camp upon the plains. served a tramp upon reading that a man There, is, however, an actress now playing in Rochester, whose history embraces three years of such a life. The story is a to another. "Nothin' but gin," was the romatic one, and yesterday she consented to tell it to a reporter of the Democrat

Pearl Duncan, one of the Duncan sisters, began a life behind the footlights If you want to be a good drunkard you measure of success, and has played in most of the leading cities of the United Sta es. lungs of leather, heart of stone and an Three years ago she was on a western tour and played in many of the leading western cities. Finally she reached Pueblo, Col. o be a preventative of diphtheria. And While playing there she was shot by a "Indian Bill." Indian Bill was a celebrated character of the west, and many stories concerning him are still affoat throughout the country. He was a typi cal border man, and, when in a bar room fight with cowboys, a skirmish with Indians upon the plains, or week after week in the saddle upon the trail, he was always there, and had a faculty of being at home in any emergency, however caiti cal and dangerous. He nursed the young Boston. No, indeed, all that is required actress in her illness and strangely enough in attachment sprang up between them which soon became an ardent love. A few days after her recovery they were married, and Miss Duncan left a life upon

he stage for a life upon the trail with Immediately after their marriage the actress threw up her engagement and started out upon the plains with her hus-bond, a handsome, athletic fellow, dashing in his manner, always brave and fearless, but the last man in the world the

Then began a new life. There was no transition from the two existences upon the stage and plains; but the young wife bravely endured privations and hardships of every kind with her husband. She made numberless journeys across the plains, and under the tuition of Indian tors. M. A. Dauphin. New Orleans, La., Bill became an expert horsewoman, She carried a rifle and in its use she soon attained an unusual proficiency. Nights 1885. Be advised in time, therefore. plains, and under the tuition of Indian attained an unusual proficiency. Nights life. Intatuated with her husband, who made in the south.

bore for her a love, strangely tender in a Damages from the Wires Suspended to always beat his side. She was the only woman in theis camp, composed of

ighteen men.

At Durango she was a witness to s fight between cowboys and miners in which seven were killed. In relating some of the things she had done, she laughingly told the reporter that she once had climbed the pinnacle of fame when it gets out of its channel and starts by shooting a coyote. Their little camp out on a premiseuous tour. Recently a was once attacked by the Utes, in the general shaking up of the fire alarm appayears ago when they were driven from their reservation. Trouble also once arose with a camp of Mormons near Du-

smoothly.
Finally Indian Bill and his actress bride settled in La Platte canon, near the this instance the material was barnt into and a sheet of flame several feet and began mining. Soon he struck a four

became crossed with a private wire, run- declared their willingness to let her keep ning from No. 6 engine house to the Post-Dispatch office, which burned out marry one of the miners. If she would the telegraph apparatus in both build- not, they gave her two hours in which to band at all, for it was written from ings and came near causing the death of leave. She choose the later alternative an attache of the engine house. The addressed to my name, but it could not board of public improvements has under- Durango. She returned to her home in taken to regulate the construction of Mayville, on Chautauqua Lake, and in wires, and has provided a system of rules August last once more turned to the which constitute a part of the conditions stage, making her first reappearance in under which permits to lay wires are is Harry Miner's bowery theater. She sued. These rules, after defining what says, however, that the stage has lost all shall be the capacity of conductors, lays fascinations for her, and is becoming disdown the following in regard to Insula- tasteful. When the news of Indian Bill's death was published, the mere fact of his actresa-wife was mentloned, but this is so mounted and secured as to insure com- the first appearance of the story; a strange plete and continuous insulation, with the one, indeed, reading more like the pages

Drauk

Cleaveland Leader. Perhaps the most disgraceful scene in ur history as a republic was the day of incoln's second inauguration, when Andrew Johnson, the vice presidentelect, made a maudlin, drunken speech before the leading men of this country and the representatives of nearly every foreign nation of prominence. An old senator told me to-night how this came to be. Said he: "Andrew Johnson was accustomed to drinking, but he seldom took more than he could conveniently and sensibly carry. While governor of Tennessee he used to keep a bottle of whiskey in a covered washstand in his office, and I have taken several drinks with him there. He would raise the cover, take a drink and offer one to me. south, and Johnson was not looked upon

Forney's eyes grew large in surprise as he gulped it down. This alone would dinary man drunk, but it was not enough for Vice-President Johnson. He filled the glass half full again and threw it in upon his empty stomach. He then walked off across the room, and he only staggered a little as he took his place beside President Lincoln in front of the assemblage of cabinet secretaries, foreign ministers and others. When it came time to take his oath and the book was handed him to To the average individual in the eastern | kiss, he waved it saide with his hand and tates a life in the far west, with all of its began to make a speech. What he said onstant excitement has a glamor about it was never reported in the papers, but it more than ordinary interest. The must have been very funny. He took

> were all the Americans present, grieved by the occurrence, and Abe Lincoln said 'I hope this will prove a lesson to Andy.

> them instructions. He addressed the

foreign ministers, and though Forney

tried to pull him down by holding hi

coat-tails behind, he would not stop, but

went on. President Lincoln was, as

Pretty Finger-Nails. Trim them; polish them; scrape them and fix them all you please; yet they never will be really beautiful unless the circulation of the blood is healthy, and the blood itself in perfect order. at the finger-nails or the debilitated per son who suffers from lack of nervous en ergy. They look waxy and lifeless. Secure rich blood and perfect circulation ters, began a life behind the foothights while very young. She attained a fair wm. Welsh, Lexington, Mich., says, " was reduced almost to a skeleton. used Brown's Iron Bitters and now weigh 170 pounds."

Florida orange growers are much disturbed by their meagre retuans this season, which in some cases scarcely covered the cost of shipping the fruit. The market is said to be glutted, and they begin to think that the orange business, like everything else, has been overdone.

\$50.00 reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of the person who took a lady's catchel while she was in specting at the Misfit Parlors, 1312 Dougles street, up-stairs, \$45 custom made suits which they are selling at \$20.

Last year some one in Fugland sent to Mr. Labouchere the sum of 5,000 new sixpences for distribution among the children in the London hospitals and workhouses. The same person has this year sent to Mr. Labouchere 8,000 sixpences with a request that they be given the children in the London workhouses workhouse infirmaries, and workhouse

The Centre of the World's Observation.

The eyes of the world are upon the Industrial Exposition in the full time of success the Crescent City. It was inaugurated of Dec. 16th, with an Extraordinary Grand Drawing of the famous Louisiana State Lot tory, which, by its strict integrity in its man agement. (on behalf of the noble Charity Hos pital there) is not the least attraction to visi

vided for her, carried upon a pack mule. Among the ties that bind are cotton Strangely enough she liked the novel ties, and all that are used will soon be

SPEAKING OF TREATIES,

What the Originals Are Like, Hoy They Are Made and Where Kept,

After the provisions of a treaty have seen decided upon by the ministers, i has to be engrossed for presentation t the two governments between which it i made. In this two copies are made and each copy contains the treaty in the two languages of the governments written in parallel columns. For instance, the present Spanish treaty is written in Spanish and English, a column of Span ish and a column of English on each page, and that in such a manner that an English line will have opposite it one in Spanish, meaning the same thing. Two ories are made of each treaty. These copies differ only in one respect

In the copy given to the American gov-ernment by the Spanish the American overnment always precedes the Spanish overnment, where the two parties to the nternational contract are mentioned, and n the copy given to the government of Spain, Spain is mentioned before Ameri-ca. This is a matter of international et quette, based on the same principle of aying "you and I," instead of "I and

ou. One of the original treaties, and not a copy, is sent to the senate, and, if is opproved, the president affixes a proclamation of ratification to it. For his a new copy is made, but the ratifica on proclamation is also affixed to the Treaties are generally made on long,

wide paper of the finest quality. One which I saw to-day had only water lines, upon which the words were written, and it was gotten up very stylishly. A line was drawn around each page, leaving wide margin on every side, and another line separated the two languages running down the middle. It was bound with blue ribbons, and these were sealed with the seals of the ministers. Where the president ratified the treaty, was the great seal of the United States. The treatles which this country makes with foreign governments are kept in the archives of the state department in big manilla envelopes, carefully labeled. ooked to-day at the one which the new overnment made at the close of the war with England establishing our indepenence. It is written in a good round hand on long foolscap paper of not a good a quality as is used now. There ar no lines upon it, and its color has faded to a tinge veliow. Its edges are fraye and the blue ribbon which binds it is no wider than office tape and is slightly faded with the age of 100 years. It com mences, "In the name of the most Hol Undivided Trinity," and is dated "3rd September, 1783." There are three reseals at the back, and the American com-

missioners signing it are John Adams Benjamin Franklin and John Jay. A Contest for Office.

MOORFIELD, W. Va., December 6.-Th trouble between the Loeb and Wilson factions has ended by the parties agreeing to submit to Judge Armstrong which is legally elected clerk.

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