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Monday, December 2nd, and America's Lawgivers Are Awaiting With Interest

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE

The People, Too, Are Expecting the Document to Be One of Unusual Interest to the Country.

Monday-tomorrow-President Roosevelt makes his formal bow to the people who honored him with the high office he now holds. His first message to Congress will interest not only the two houses of the American Congress and the American people, but the world awaits his utterances with almost as much eagerness as our own

ONE THING IS CERTAIN.

the president will say something worthy the attention of every man and woman in America. He has positive notions upon all public topics and it is fair to expect him to place his ideas before the nation in a style peculiar his own. What he will adopt as

KEYNOTE OF HIS MESSAGE

cannot be forecast. It will undoubtedly be pitched on a key which will ring around the globe and attract comment from every newspaper which ventures to discuss the politics of the world. Meantime and in advance the Bankers Reserve Life Association wishes, through

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Pulpit Episodes

Sam" Jones, the revivalist, was once taking women to task for spending more time in prinking than in praying. there's a woman here," he finally screamed, who prays more than she prinks, let her etand up." One poor old faded specimen of femininity, in the sorriest, shabblest of clothes, arose. "You spend more time pray-ing than prinking?" asked the preacher, taking her all in. The poor old creature said she did-prayed all the time, prinked not at all. "You go straight home," ad-monished Jones, "and put a little time on your prinking."

The Liverpool Post tells a story of a clergyman who was recently called upon to baptize nine children. From No. 1 to b nothing went amiss. The ninth, however, proved to be a lusty boy, who soon succeeded in almost wriggling out of his somewhat scanty clothes. The clergyman, grasp ing the infant by the nape of the neck and by such garments as still remained secure, was proceeding with the service, when the mother, overcome with admiration for her child and scarcely realizing the solemnity of the occasion, remarked in a loud "He's a nice little lump, sir; isn't voice:

A revivalist named A. Wagge has been preaching in Roanoke, Va., and advising the farmers to burn their tobacco crop in order to avoid burning themselves in the next world. Matthew Searce, a well known young farmer, emptied eight barns which were filled with fine tobacco, piled it in one immense heap, invited his neighbors in and then set fire to the whole crop. It was valued at \$8,000. The other farmers, however, are selling their tobacco, preferring that someone else should burn it after they get the money for it.

A certain Unitarian minister of Greater New York is determined that his young daughter shall not know the dark side of orthodox religion. The miss went to the country with her mother during the past summer and there found a playmate in the youthful daughter of a village teacher. One day the following conversation was overheard: "You've told a story," said the village

girl accusingly. "Don't you know where folks go that tell stories?"

"No," replied the New York miss. Where do they go?"

"They go to hell."

"Where's hell?" "Why, Mamie Blank! You a minister's daughter and don't know where hell is! "Well, I don't care," answered the accused, "I never was in a geography class in my life."

Mountain Lions Ravage

Mountains lions are assisting the stock men of southern Utah in reducing the herds of wild horses which roam the ranges, reports the Denver News. It is reported that the tions have considerably diminished the herds by devouring the colts.

Young colts seem to be choice morsels for the wild beasts and it is said that not over fifty colts escaped the lions this season on the Boulder, Thousand Lakes and Fish Lake mountains. The lions seem to prefer the colts to lambs and calves and since there have been a great many colts born on the ranges during the last few years the beasts of prey have almost ceased to molest the offspring of sheep and cattle.

As the lions are not much hunted and have ready access to choice food they have been increasing in numbers rapidly and threaten to become a great menace to stockmen, especially when the wild horses begin to grow scarce. Down in Kane county the horses have about deserted the haunts of the lion and are increasing so fast that the stockmen have recently decided upon their extermination. A prominent stockman just up from the south says that with this means employed the depredations of the lions and the starving to death in hard winters the wild horse bands of southern Utah will soon become a thing of the past.

Whims of Spoiled Child

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Sit down," said the fierce old man and the trembling youth obeyed. "Well, what is it?"

The unhappy young man cleared his throat.

"I have came; that is, I have come," he began in stammering accents, "to ask you for the hand of your daughter Ruth."

The old man leaned back in his chair and intently regarded his visitor.

"Does my daughter want you?" he asked. "Yes, sir; I am sure she does," the youth replied with some engerness. "She sent me to you."

The old man sighed.

"The whims of that child are really unaccountable," he muttered. "It seems but a day or two ago that she cried for a doll. Then it was a pony. Now it is a monkey. Of course she'll have to have it if she wants That's all. Good-day."

Father Had Been There

New York Times: They roomed together





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