

The aggregate of wealth buried with Turkey's sultans would pay Russia's national debt.

John L. Sullivan's idea of a molly-coddle is a man who weighs less than 200 pounds.

Missouri mules are worth \$500 in the market. But that price applies only to the four-legged variety.

Blessed are the peacemakers, at least the one who is driving \$25,000 a year from Andrew Carnegie.

When a man's celluloid collar ignites from a locomotive spark, he must be deemed guilty of contributory negligence.

Well, it is a safe bet that the new straw hat will be so fixed as to make your good-as-new last year's straw look queer.

A London paper protests against the careless handling of umbrellas. Quite right. An umbrella is apt to go off when you least expect it.

A Boston man has resigned a position paying a salary of \$100,000 a year. That proves, anyway, that he is not suffering from dementia Americana.

It may be true that a late spring rains wear and tear on the lawn mower, but that one may borrow a lawn mower, and one can't borrow a furrow and fuel.

The Russians appear to be intensely interested in Conan Doyle's detective hero. In St. Petersburg five dramas clustering about the personality of Sherlock Holmes are now on the stage.

A sister ship is going to accompany Peary's ship and will carry a party of tourists. Doubtless there are people who are not satisfied with having an ear frozen off by the fine climate at home.

A bronze statue of John W. Mackay in miner's costume is to be unveiled at Reno next September, on the occasion of the dedication of the Mackay School of Mines, given to the University of Nevada by Mr. Mackay.

Mortified and chagrined because his 15-year-old daughter insisted on constantly playing "Everybody Works But Father" in his presence, a St. Louis man is suing for divorce. He is entitled to a hearing on the ground of specific, persistent and intolerable indignities.

Miss Maud Powell, born in Peru, Ill., is now considered the greatest woman violinist. She is famous because she is a great artist and she is great because she measures up to the standard of virtuosity established by virtuosos of the highest rank, without any allowance being made for the fact that she is a woman.

It has been found that misdirected letters, with the return address written on the back of the envelope have been sent to the dead-letter office. The ruling of the post office department is that clerks cannot be expected to look on both sides of an envelope, and that the proper place for the return address is the upper left-hand corner of the face of the envelope.

A duke who had come to this country for the purpose of getting a rich wife sailed for home the other day without having found any American girl with more than half a million who would have him. Our heiresses have progressed to the point at which they can regard it as only fair that they should demand something for their money.

During the severe weather in January the young queens of Spain ordered that the number of ration given to the poor at her expense be doubled. At the beginning of the winter she gave orders for 1,900 ration cards, so that new from her own private income she is paying for 3,800 rations daily. Judged by the American standard, the queen of Spain does not belong to the class of the extremely rich. There are at least 50 American women between the age of 20 and 30 who have private incomes greater than that enjoyed by her majesty.

James Fitzgerald, judge of the supreme court of New York, who presided at the Thaw trial, was born in Ireland in 1837. An Irishman, he says of him: "His keynote is force. There is force in his straight stare, his firm-set jaw and even in the insistent brittle of his clipped mustache. And yet his gentleness—that certain adjunct of all true justice—has more than once moved the admiration of the spectators of the late nerve-wracking drama, and the women of the trial had reason many times to be thankful for his native courtesy."

Prof. William Campbell of Columbia university, has been appointed metallographer by the United States government to take charge of all the metallurgical investigations connected with the testing of structural steel which is being carried out by the geological survey.

Mrs. Lilla Dedereaux Blake declares that the American eagle, "that great bird which surmounts our national insignia," is a female. Perhaps that explains why so many men squeeze a dollar before letting it go.—Kansas City Journal.

MRS. MCKINLEY DEAD

END COMES PEACEFULLY TO WIDOW OF PRESIDENT.

FRIENDS ARE AT BEDSIDE

Secretary Cortelyou and Sister of the Deceased Present When Death Came—Will Lie Beside Her Husband.

Canton, O.—Mrs. McKinley died at 1:05 p. m. Sunday. There was no struggle—no pain. Mrs. McKinley was a stranger to the efforts made for days to prolong her life, nor of the solicitous hope against hope of her sister and other relatives attending her recovery.

At the McKinley home, when death came there were present Secretary Cortelyou, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Barber, Mrs. Sarah Duncan, Mrs. Luther Day, Justice and Mrs. William R. Day, Dr. Portman and other members of the McKinley family.

The body of Mrs. McKinley will be placed in the vault in West Lawn cemetery which holds the remains of her husband, until the completion of the national mausoleum on Monument hill, when both caskets will be transferred to receptacles in that tomb.

From numerous friends of deceased Mrs. Barber received telegrams of condolence on the death of her sister. Among them were telegrams from President Roosevelt and Vice President Fairbanks.

Mrs. McKinley's life of almost 60 years had been most familiar to the nation by the fact that more than half of it was a period of invalidism. Through all this, however, she showed a firm and unwavering belief in the career of her husband and by her cheering words, in spite of personal afflictions, encouraged him when there was darkness at hand.

She believed that his star of destiny would never set until he had become president of this land, and for more than a quarter of a century cherished that belief until her hopes were realized.

After President McKinley's death, she expressed a desire to join him and prayed day by day that she might die. Later, however, she frequently expressed a desire to live until the completion of the McKinley mausoleum, which is the gift of the nation, and which is to be dedicated on Monument hill September 30 next.

The McKinley casket was left by the president was appraised at \$25,000 when the inventory was made. It has increased in value since that time. By the terms of the will of Mr. McKinley, the casket was to be divided equally among his brother, Abner McKinley, now deceased, and sisters, Mrs. Duncan and Miss Helen McKinley, of Chicago, and Mrs. Harmanus Baer (Mabel McKinley) is the daughter and heir of Abner McKinley.

More San Francisco Indictments. San Francisco.—Six more millionaires and multimillionaires, some of them known throughout the country, fell under the accusation of the Oliver Grand jury Saturday, when that body, just before an adjournment July 10, returned 14 indictments jointly against G. H. Gibbons, J. E. Green and W. L. Brobeck.

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In accomplishing the wreck of the train, which was the "Coast Line Limited," a devilish ingenuity was exercised. At a point on a trestle over the Arroyo Seco the balustrades and bolts of two iron posts which are on the south bound track had been removed, and in the apertures whence the bolts were taken strands of heavy wire were fastened at the end of each rail.

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Chicago.—Amid the wildest scene yet recorded in the Chicago Board of Trade at its opening Wednesday December wheat took the biggest jump in the present campaign. It soared 1/4 cent over the dollar mark at the opening of the pit. The panic of the pit was almost terrifying to witness.

The buying orders from all over the country were pouring in by the thousands and the prices of wheat for July and September, as well as for December, kept above the one dollar mark. No wheat was sold.

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Three negroes on the coast of Seriously injured: Miss Simmons, aged 20. Miss Cora York. Miss Belle York.

RULES AGAINST OIL TRUST

MISSOURI JUDGE RECOMMENDS COMBINE BE OUSTED.

Three Big Companies Guilty of Conspiracy—Complete Victory for Attorney General Hadley.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Judge Robert A. Anthony, appointed by the supreme court of Missouri to take testimony in the suit begun by Attorney General Hadley against the Standard Oil company, the Waters-Pierce Oil company and the Republic Oil company, charging a conspiracy, Friday reported that the three companies entered an agreement to control prices. He recommends that their charters be revoked and that they be barred from the state, and holds that the supreme court has the authority to make the ruling of ouster in New York.

The findings sustain all the contentions of Attorney General Hadley in the petition filed with the court. The report will be reviewed by the supreme court. It may affirm the findings or remand the case with directions for further proceedings.

Attorney General Hadley filed the suit in the supreme court two years ago, charging that the Standard Oil company, the Waters-Pierce Oil company and the Republic Oil company were in a trust and were parties to a conspiracy to control the price of oil and petroleum products in Missouri, and to limit and prevent competition in the oil business.

Judge Anthony of Fredericktown, Mo., was appointed by the supreme court to take testimony and report his finding to the court. More than a year has been occupied in the taking of the testimony, witnesses having been examined in New York, St. Louis and other cities.

In his report to the court Judge Anthony reviews in detail the testimony showing the organization and conduct of the conspiracy. He reports to the court that the evidence shows that in 1901 the Standard, Waters-Pierce and Republic Oil companies entered into an agreement, which continued to exist at the filing of the present suit, for the purpose of fixing and controlling the prices to be paid by retail dealers and others in Missouri for the products of petroleum, and to limit and prevent competition in the business of buying and selling oil.

If the report should be affirmed and the findings of the commissioner adopted by the court, the court will then have power to take from the Waters-Pierce Oil company, which is a Missouri corporation, its franchise rights as a corporation. With regard to the Standard and Republic companies, both of which are foreign corporations, the court would have power to cancel their right to do business in Missouri. The court may impose fines on the defendants.

FIENDS WRECK A TRAIN;

Pacific Coast Flyer Hurlled from Trestle Near Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal.—A splendid train wrecking plot was perpetrated near here Wednesday that resulted in the death of one man and the injury of 22 persons, of whom are dying. Train No. 20, one of the Southern Pacific's coast line flyers, due here at nine o'clock Tuesday night, was hurled from the tracks by a trestle at West Glendale, ten miles north of here, at 12:30 a. m. Wednesday by the deliberate work of murderous train wreckers. Seven cars plunged off the trestle, while the train, making 48 miles an hour, falling 16 feet to the bottom of a gulch.

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A TEST OF THE LAWYER AS WELL AS OF THE LAW.



Uncle Sam—if he gets the critter back within the confines of the law he's the boy for me.

UNEARTH BIG LAND FRAUD CONSPIRACY TO ROB COUNTRY OF MILLIONS REVEALED.

Big Men Involved—Details of Alleged Looting to Be Laid Before Grand Jury.

Washington.—Amazing revelations of a conspiracy to defraud the United States of millions of dollars' worth of mineral and timber lands will be laid before the grand jury of half a dozen states within a few days.

The frauds, it is alleged, will involve in criminal charges the names of men high in business and political circles. They include: One United States senator. One former United States senator. A man reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in the world.

A railroad magnate from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Two of the wealthiest lumber barons in the United States. Numerous smaller men, including railroad officials, coal operators and men at the head of fuel companies.

Many Indictments Looked For. These men, whose names for obvious reasons, cannot be made public before the grand jury acts, it is declared here, will surely be indicted by the evidence which is now in the hands of United States district attorney in half a dozen western cities.

These frauds, it was declared in an official report, extend into a number of states, including California, Colorado, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Minnesota and the Dakotas. Much of the evidence in these frauds was obtained by Detective Burns, who is engaged in the municipal graft prosecution in San Francisco and by Francis J. Heney, who is prosecuting the same San Francisco grafters. Upon the conclusion of their work in San Francisco, Attorney Heney and Detective Burns are expected to return to the government service for the prosecution of the timber and mineral land thieves. Some of the grafters who have already been said to be implicated in the frauds.

Starting Evidence of Fraud. The frauds have been under investigation by the secret agents of the interior department for more than three years. These secret agents have unearthed startling evidence showing that the great domain of timberland looted by corporations who have been protected and aided in their operations by United States senators and federal officials.

Shaft to Minnesota Soldiers. Vicksburg, Miss.—A handsome monument, erected at a cost of \$25,000 by the state of Minnesota in honor of its soldiers who participated in the siege of Vicksburg, was dedicated Friday afternoon in the Vicksburg military park. Gov. Johnson, of Minnesota, presided at the ceremony.

Ex-Judge Hargis Acquitted. Lexington, Ky.—Almost exactly three years after the shooting of Town Marshal Thomas Cockrill at Jackson a verdict of not guilty was returned here Thursday in the case of Ex-Judge James Hargis, the first of those who were jointly charged with that murder, and another chapter in the famous Breckitt county feud annals was closed.

Baptist Convention Adjourns. Norfolk, Va.—The Baptist convention of North America, which adjourned at the Jamestown exposition Thursday, left to its executive committee the fixing of the time and place of meeting which will probably be in Breckitt county feud annals was closed.

Six Die in Explosion. Chicago.—Six men were killed almost instantly and more than a score were injured by the explosion Thursday of a two-inch ammonia pipe in the stockyards of Armour & Co.

THE NEW INSURANCE AGENT.

He Comes In With the New Law—Paul Morton on His Opportunity.

The new insurance law of the State of New York has opened up a promising field for both men and women with brains and energy in the sale of life insurance. The law now provides standard forms of policies, each of which practically has the hall mark of the State of New York, and this new order of things has established the sale of life insurance on a correct basis.

The prohibition against rebating and extravagant allowances to agents has driven out of the business the old type of insurance agent, who in many cases virtually bought business, with large rebates instead of selling it. His place is being taken by professors, lawyers, school teachers of both sexes, and others, who find that being a life insurance agent is a better system offers greater reward than their previous vocations. The law has reduced commissions but all of the commission now goes to the agent. Life insurance is a business that everyone needs and under the present system its sale is being conducted with becoming dignity and propriety.

Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, has taken the lead in building up an agency organization that is in keeping with the demands of public sentiment, and the standard he has set for his company. He says: "We want new agents, both men and women, but none except energetic, able and truthful people need apply. For such there is a splendid opportunity."

Mr. Morton's policy of infusing new and vigorous blood into the agency forces of the Society is meeting with success in all parts of the country.

Return of the Prodigal. "I do play in tough luck sometimes," declared the impetuous girl. "Last night, you remember how it rained. I happened to be in the neighborhood of some friends of mine whom I had not seen since the last hard rain. I concluded to call. Before they asked me in they grabbed the umbrella I carried, hurried across the room with it, placed it in a closet there and locked the door on it. 'Thank heaven!' they cried. 'At last! Our long lost umbrella!'"

The extraordinary popularity of fine white goods this summer makes the choice of Starch a matter of great importance. Defence Starch, being free from all injurious chemicals, is the only one which is safe to use on fine fabrics. It is great strengthener and makes half the usual quantity of Starch necessary, with the result of perfect finish, equal to that when the goods were new.

A Dig at Her. "O! dear," sighs Miss Mudd, "I do wish I knew of an effective way to preserve my complexion." "If you keep the box in a cool place it will be all right, won't it?"

To improve the general health, take Garfield Tea daily for a time; it purifies the blood, eradicates rheumatism and keeps the health good. Garfield Tea is made of herbs; it is not necessary to use the Pure Food and Drugs Law. Garfield Tea Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Love is follow-service.—Arthur Hugh Clough.

PALE, WEAK PEOPLE MADE STRONG AND ENERGETIC BY DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.

General Breakdown Caused by Deficient Blood Quickly Corrected by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

A feeling of general weakness, poor appetite, loss of breath after the slightest exercise and broken sleep are some of the symptoms of general debility. You may think that these symptoms are due to each other and that you will worry along, hoping all the time to feel better.

This is a mistake, for every one of the symptoms is the result of a bad blood, which must be made pure and new before health will be restored again. A tonic treatment is necessary and for this purpose there is no better remedy than Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Mr. J. G. Elvey, of 95 Willow St., Chelsea, Mass., says: "I was sick for a number of years from general debility and indigestion. I was never free from stomach trouble and my nerves were so shattered that the least excitement unfitted me for any serious work. My sleep was restless and I was constantly tormented by the most distressing pains in the small of my back. These pains would sometimes last for a month or two, and I was unable to get any rest. It was finally forced to give up a position I had held for twenty-eight years. After trying many different medicines without help, I read Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and gave them a trial. They made me feel much better and I was so much stronger that I started in business for myself here in Chelsea. I have never had any more of the former sickness and cheerfully recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as an excellent nerve and blood tonic."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have long been recognized as an excellent tonic for general debility and indigestion, and general debility, where the stomach and other organs of the body are weakened and disordered simply through lack of proper nourishment. They have been especially successful in curing anemia, rheumatism, after-effects of the grip and fever.

A pamphlet on "Diseases of the Blood," and a copy of our diet book will be sent free on request to anyone interested. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all druggists. Price, 50 cents per bottle. Six bottles for \$2.50. By the Dr. Williams Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.