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The Government always withholds the fractions of a penny in the periodic distribution of dividends on account of the National debt.

The land which John D. Rockefeller has given to the city of Cleveland for a public park was bought quietly, without a hint of the purpose for which it was intended.

The time record for freight delivery between England and Chicago was broken a few days ago, when a large consignment of goods reached a wholesale house nine days and fifteen hours after it left the dock at Southampton.

Mulhall, the great English statistician, alleges that at the death of Augustus Caesar, the population of the earth was but 54,000,000.

The law of the State of New York is that every man shall maintain his line fence so as to turn hogs, sheep and cattle, and he is not allowed to erect barbed wire without the consent of the adjoining neighbor.

E. L. Godkin, in an article on "The Expenditures of Rich Men," in Scribner's, says that rich Americans, by building great houses for a display of their wealth, excite envy, hatred and malice.

The British army has rejected because of a false tooth a man who sought to enlist. Had the decayed tooth been left in its place, or even had it been stopped, it would not have mattered.

Li Hung Chang said the Chinese laborer was superior to the laborer of any other nationality because he possessed in a higher degree the three great virtues—thrift, economy, temperance.

Here are some reflections of an imaginative person who delights in big figures: It is estimated that 10,000,000 bicycles are in use in various parts of the world.

Between Norway and Sweden a bond of political union has existed for more than eighty years. Such, however, is the radical difference between the two nations that, instead of being a stout cordage, this bond of union is merely a flimsy cobweb.

Both inherit in their veins the fiery temper of the old original Vikings, and being of a most inflammable nature, the differences which exist between them often give rise to bitter and prolonged contentions.

The present union between the two countries was formed in 1815 on a basis which met the approval of the statesmen of that period and which was thought to be a lasting one.

THE ROSE OF STARS.

When Love, our great Immortal, Put on mortality, And down from Eden's portal Brought this sweet world to be, At the sublime archangel...

STRIKE OF BURDOCK.

BY MAY BELLEVILLE BROWN.

"You've struck, have you, Burdock?" "Tobe Hower, wiping his greasy fingers on his jeans trousers, already plentifully and better, stood smeared with grease looking in dismay at the object of his question.

The man pushed back his battered sombrero and scratched his shooed head in a puzzled way. He was a tall, powerful young frontiersman, with keen blue eyes and honest face, known all along the range in Southwest Kansas for his honesty, his loyalty to his friends and his unerring aim.

"Well, I've stood my own cockin' ever since I left the Cross Rail ranch, and though it's been pretty rocky, I've got along, but maybe it's been growin' worse an' I've not noticed it, for if an accommodation dog as Burdock turns his back on it, it must be downright awful, I think a mighty sight of that dog, for he's smart, if he ain't pretty, an' I want to take good care of him, but if he won't eat slap jack and bacon greasy, fixed up as good as I know how, what's he goin' to live on?"

The dog, with apparent unconsciousness, stared straight along his nose at the wall. His breathing expressed, almost as plainly as speech, the feeling of one who had borne much, but for whom the turning point was reached, who had patiently endured innumerable indignities, but who now, solemnly and loftily, declared rebellion.

"Yes, Burdock," he affirmed, "my cockin' is rocky, but so's the best of our layout. I wouldn't blame you, bein' a dog of sense, if you'd pull out and go back to God's country, where you could see a woman now an' then, an' eat her cockin'.

Tobe told that Burdock, I'm going over to Saddle's today to see about that hay land, and I'll try to find some man or boy to cook for us, an' if I can't I'll think up some other plan. I'm not going to let you starve, if I have to sell the ranch an' take you back to New York to that boardin' house of Delmonnykose."

before, when left in charge, gone so far, and Tobe decided at once that interest in the success of his errand brought the dog from the house.

"It's no use bein' cheerful, Burdock," he said, disconsolately. "I've been all over lookin' for some woman, man or boy to cook for us, but the only ones that can cook are off with the thrashin' gangs for the summer.

But Burdock refused to be cast down as he walked along beside his master, amiably wagging his tail. As his horse turned the corner around the elump of cotton woods that screened the door of the dugout, a dingy emigrant outfit met Tobe's gaze.

Burdock walked straight to her side. Another dog might have fawned on her, but this piece of canine dignity stopped directly in front of her and sat down, gazing on her with much calm and friendly satisfaction. Tobe sat still for a moment in astonishment, then, springing to the ground he came toward her and queried kindly:

"Is there anything I kin do for you, ma'am?" At the sound of his voice the girl, for such she was, as soon as she raised her eyes, burst out crying.

"Why, yes, miss," answered Tobe, kindly. "Of course you kin stay. You'll find it a rocky place, but Burdock an' me'll do the best we kin by you. We'd better move the old gentleman into the house as soon as we kin, an' if you're not afraid to stay here alone with Burdock I'll ride over to Cordwood an' bring Doc Salter out, for maybe it's typhoid."

"Afraid?" answered the girl. "If I can get under a roof once, I'll not be afraid of anything. We've been six weeks comin' down from Dakota, an' it was awful lonesome at the best, but since father's been sick the nights out on the prairie have been just dreadful. If you'll only help me I'll work my fingers to the bone to pay you."

"Don't talk about pay," answered Tobe, who was noiselessly unharmed by the tired horses, "in the days before I made my stake at cattle raisin' I've knew what it was to be poor and lonesome, an' what I do fer you an' your pap ain't goin' to hurt me. I'll let you take my bunk fer your father, an' fix up a shakedown fer you where you kin watch him, an' I'll sleep out here with Burdock, as I've done many a night."

It was into the night when he returned from Cordwood with the doctor. The lamp burned dimly, but there was light enough for the men to see the interior of the dug-out. The old man turned and muttered so weakly that he did not disturb his daughter, who, sitting on a box beside the bed, with her head laid on his feet, slept of exhaustion, the long braid of her light, unburned hair dropping past her thin, tanned cheek to the floor.

"HATCHET BOYS."

FACTS ABOUT CHINESE SECRET SOCIETIES IN AMERICA.

More Numerous in This Country Than is Generally Known—Their Methods and Objects—Secret Means of Communication.

THE American public, says a San Francisco letter to the New York Post, has but a faint conception of the number and power of the Chinese secret societies, and to the majority even their existence is unsuspected; but if their complete history during the past ten years should be written, and truth told concerning their successes in corrupting American officials in obstructing the law, and in removing people of their own race, it would form a recital almost beyond belief.

The societies in this country, in New York and San Francisco, are made up in the main of political refugees—men who have failed in their attempts to overturn the reigning dynasty in China, and to save their heads have fled to this country, where they find congenial companionship. In China the parent organizations are called the Triad Society, and for years, or until the great Ping rebellion, they defied the entire resources of the Chinese Government.

The societies here are known among themselves as "Hatchet Boys," a suggestive title, and they carry on their communications by a remarkable system of signs and symbols that was discovered by the accidental capture in San Francisco of a book containing them. Thus a party of mixed Chinamen in a restaurant communicate with their unknown friends in a party by the way they handle their cups, the manner of placing cups and teapots, and the direction of the sport of the latter. A member of the Hung Society announces his presence by arranging the cups in an apparently accidental way, so that they form this name.

The Tong among the Chinese is supposed to be infallible, completely dominating its members and terrorizing those who take issue with it. In San Francisco the Chu Kung Tong is the chief society, while there are many small ones which have divided from the parent stock for various criminal purposes. Thus the Wa Ting Shan Tong has the gamblers under its special protection and provides money for their defense when arrested; it will also find false witnesses, substitute innocent men for the real prisoners, bribe officers and jury, and in every way oppose the carrying out of the letter of the law.

The work of the Kwong Tak includes the importation of women, who are sold to rich Chinamen and the stealing of women from various resorts. At least twenty per cent. of the members are paid fighters, and nearly all the street fights in the various Chinese quarters in this country are between members of rival Tong. Some of their methods are as follows: When a slave escapes from an owner, a charge of robbery will be made against her by the Tong, and false witnesses by the score (the paid members) appear against her. This results in the woman being taken from the mission to which she has fled and thrown into jail, where, though perfectly innocent, she is kept and every effort made to have her committed by false testimony. If she repents and will return to her owners, they agree to withdraw all charges. The vengeance of the Tong does not stop here. If they discover the Chinaman who aided the woman to escape he is either killed by members of the Tong selected for the purpose or treated as in two instances know to the writer, where the man was charged with murder and so complete a chain of evidence trumped up by the Tong that the perfectly innocent man would either have been hanged or sentenced to prison for life but for the interference of the Methodist Chinese missionary of San Francisco.

These societies have been a menace to the American judiciary for years, and by the use of the large sums of money at their command they have been able to interfere seriously with the administration of justice by the employment of many criminal arts for which the race is famous. In every city in the United States where Chinese are represented in any number these societies are found, especially the Yee Hing, which is the principal society in New York, Philadelphia, Boston and other Eastern cities.

Rheumatism and Its Cure. For some reason unknown to science, the germ of rheumatism has been exceedingly difficult to discover, and it is only recently that a few medical experts have been willing to hazard an opinion on its character and habits.

They were talking of a certain lady who recently took up the wheel. "What a painful expression she wears," said the first speaker. "I've noticed it," said the other; "what does it indicate—fear?" "I hardly know. It struck me yesterday that she looked as if she knew the evil one was close behind her."

Autumn Joys.

The nights are getting so one likes to tuck the covers in, The katydids are gossiping about poor Katharine.

A man can wear a collar now for much more than a minute. Without its losing all the starch the laundryman put in it. And if things keep on progressing in the way they've started out, The time will be upon us soon, without a shade of doubt. When the frost shall shrink the mercury down to a low degree, And the skeeters cease from troubling and the festive fly shall flee.

FUN OF THE DAY.

"A controlling interest"—love.—Pack. "I think I'll give this country the shake," remarked the malaria, as it prepared for business.—Texas Sifter.

It is not until a man reaches thirty that he begins to wrap the small bills on the outside of his roll.—Texas Sifter.

Miss Gowanus—"I envy the way you can talk to Mr. Canstique; he never utters on any of your remarks." Miss Gotham—"No; I make them too pointed."—Judge.

Farmer's Wife—"I hope you are not afraid of water." Tramp (uneasily)—"I ain't exactly afraid, mum; but I always feel fidgety when there's anything like that about."—Tit-Bits.

She—"I wish we were rich enough to have some of the luxuries our friends enjoy—a yacht, for instance." He—"Oh, never mind! I always have the tag-of-war."—Detroit Free Press.

Stern Parent—"You say he is a genius. Geniuses seldom amount to much." Daughter—"But, pa, he promises that he will not work at it after we are married."—Boston Transcript.

Smith—"Jones tells me he has been engaged to fill a vacancy in Co. A's banking house." Withsmith—"Yes; a lot of plaster fell off the ceiling an' he's going to repair the hole."—Detroit Journal.

Druggist (awakened at 2 a. m.,—"What 'ye want!" Customer—"If you'll let me look in your directory to see how to address this letter I'll buy a stamp from you."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

High Speed Express Trains.

An attempt has been made in England, says the Pittsburg Dispatch, to reduce the high rate of travel of express trains under the plea of lessening the number of railway accidents.

The Board of Trade returns show, however, that while a speed of sixty to seventy miles an hour is maintained daily by many trains, mishaps are rare comparatively, and, moreover, it is proved that with a steady increase of speed and more numerous trains the safety of the average passenger has become far greater.

Another popular misconception was also corrected. It is generally believed that the high speed of express trains unnerves the drivers of the locomotives and brings on various maladies, besides rendering them unfit for the strain of the work after a comparatively short term of service.

This view is not supported by facts. One of the best locomotive drivers in England has been at the throttle over fifty years, and can be trusted any day with the fastest train in the country. Sir Henry Oakley, the General Manager of the Great Northern Railway, on which probably a higher average rate of speed is maintained than on any other English railway, says that of sixty men who were driving express trains regularly in 1886, forty-three are still at their posts.

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Odd Things in Animal Life.

The horn of the rhinoceros is not joined to the bone of the head, but grows on the skin like a wart or corn.

The colors of a chameleon do not change instantly, as is popularly supposed, but require a considerable length of time.

The idea that the toad is poisonous has a foundation in fact. Their skins secrete an acid fluid, which is very irritating to human flesh.

Condors have been seen to circle and fro in the skies for half a day at a time, rising and descending without once flapping wing. There is a mystery about their method of motion that has never been explained.

A rat's teeth have a very hard anterior edge, while the hinder part are comparatively soft. By continual gnawing the rat manages to wear away the softer parts of his tooth substance, keeping the harder parts at a razor edge all the time.

There are several species of lizards which, when frightened, will amputate their own tails by a quick jerk. The discarded member flourishes around and attracts the enemy while the body is effecting its escape.

Within a few weeks the tail grows out full length, and the lizard is again ready to work a trick on an enemy.

Baron Rothschild maintains as his pet charity the largest school in the world. It is in the East End of London, and has 3500 scholars, recruited from the poorest class of Russian Jews, with 100 teachers to instruct them.

Breakfasts are provided each morning for the pupils, each dressed exactly alike. The other guests found it impossible to distinguish one from the other.

Tuesday, Sept. 29th, 1896.

TRAVELERS' GUIDE.

Trains leave Niantic Station, going East, at 7:30 and 11:35 a. m., 12:35, 4:41, 5:45 through from Hartford, and 9:12 p. m.

NIANTIC POST OFFICE.

Mail closes, going East, at 9:15 a. m., 12:35, 4:41 p. m., 10:45 p. m. Going West, at 7:34 a. m., 1:30, 5:45 p. m.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. Joseph McKee, pastor. Sunday services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 12 m.

THE FRATERNITIES.

Niantic Lodge, No. 17, I. O. O. F., meets every Wednesday evening in Union Hall.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

The summer time table changes this week. James Raymond is again ill at his home.

Teams have been engaged in hauling telephone poles from the woods to the ice lot from whence they will soon be shipped on flat cars.

We pay especial attention to orders of job printing. We solicit your trade and promise that all orders will be promptly and neatly attended to.

Farmers are complaining that skunks are making themselves obnoxious by stealing chickens. The animals seem to be unusually numerous this year.

Dr. L. J. Wronker, the optician, of New London, was in town last Monday and prescribed the proper glasses for a number suffering with impaired vision.

There is an unusually large crop of grapes and barberries this year. The barberry bushes hang so full of clusters of berries that they look red from a short distance.

Schooner Laura Reed has gone on a fishing trip to Block Island. The crew consists of Capt. John F. Luce, Redfield Bacon, Chas. Williams, Joseph Taylor and Peabody.

The time of the meeting of the Good Government club has been changed to the first and third Saturdays of each month. Owing to the caucus the next meeting will be held Oct. 17th.

Frank Burch, of East Lyme, brought a half a dozen potatoes to town last week which weighed together a little over nine pounds. The largest one tipped the scales at two pounds.

Advertising pays in the NEWS at a rate of 10 to 1, that is you get sixteen dollars of trade in return for one dollar invested in advertising.

The women voters of the town of East Lyme are requested to meet in caucus at Temperance chapel, Oct. 3d, 1896 at 3 p. m., to take action in regard to the educational affairs of this town.

The Harris house on Pennsylvania avenue is to be occupied this winter by the Rogers family of Wallingford, who have been spending the summer at their cottage at West Oswego.

The New London County fair at Norwich always attracts people from near and far. Quite a large number of our townspersons attended and took in all the sights which are to be seen around a fair.

Chas. Leonard resumed his studies at Yale last week. C. A. Beckwith has taken Mr. Leonard's place at Crescent Beach station and W. W. Leonard is filling Mr. Beckwith's position at the freight house.

There will be an address under the auspices of the Prohibition party of East Lyme, by Rev. W. C. Newell, on Wednesday evening, Sept. 30th, in Union Hall, Niantic. Subject: "Why I am a Prohibitionist." All are invited.

The Republican electors of the town of East Lyme are hereby warned to meet in town hall, in F. A. de la, at 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Oct. 1st, 1896, to nominate a town ticket and to do such other business as may be brought up.

The Crescent Beach depot will probably remain open the remainder of this week. The greater part of the cottages are closed, only a very few being open.

J. A. Collins has sold out his grocery business to Latham Bros., who will continue to do business at the same store. Messrs Latham are gentlemen, well-acquainted young men and certainly deserve a part of your patronage.

The Howard Clinton's London Church Choir Co., which gave entertainments in Union Hall last week, was very poor. The audiences were small and dissatisfied at the poor talent.

The Bryan men of this town are indignant over the treatment which their favorite received at the hands of Yale boys, while delivering a speech at New Haven. Such conduct on the part of the boys can not be too severely condemned.

George P. Hill of this place has caught the largest bluefish of the season. Mr. Hill went out in the naphtha launch Ella, Monday and had fairly good luck until he struck something on his line that pulled harder than usual.

The first Congregational society of the year will meet at the usual time and place next Wednesday.

The severe electric storm of last Saturday rendered many telephones in town useless for a while.

Miss Annie Bond and Miss Lucy Peck have returned from spending the summer in Vermont mountains.

Dr. H. J. Skelley and family of Ridgebury, N. Y., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Peabody, Friday.

Mrs. Phineas Wright and children were the guests of Sydney Chappel and family of Saybrook last week.

Cupid and Hymen have been planning a little, and as a result, two weddings will soon be celebrated in town.

The Niantic Lodge, N. E. O. P., bids fair to become the largest and most popular lodge in town. At the last meeting on Thursday evening, one candidate was initiated into the secrets of the order; two applicants for admission received and two acted favorably upon.

Some time ago the agitation was started by the Meriden Wheel club, one of the most influential bicycle clubs in the state, and letters were sent broadcast to wheelmen and wheelwomen of Connecticut asking for an expression of opinion on such a federation.

The proposition for the League of American Wheelmen or its work, but rather by a more intimate association of bicycle riders in Connecticut to help the wheeling fraternity in the state.

Miss Katharine Comstock spent Sunday with friends in Essex.

Mrs. Charles Wilcox has visited Mrs. Charles Wellman at Clinton this week. There are three children ill with scarlet fever at the home of Charles Stroms.

Mrs. Lawrence Lester has been for a week or two past a guest at D. C. Chapman's.

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Wheelmen's Federation.

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