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Clearing Sale.

For the balance of the year, to reduce my stock before taking inventory:

Soap, Lenox, 10 cakes, 35c

" " 100 " \$3.15

Starch, Celluloid, 4 10 c

pkgs

Baking Powder, Calumet, 1 lb can

20c

Baking Powder, Calumet, 5 lb can

80c

Matches 3 boxes, 7.500

or 1-3 of what you are

paying for trust goods

Salt, 14 lbs table

15c

Corn Flakes, 3 for

25c

Shredded whole Wheat

3 for

Oatmeal, Quaker brand,

10 lbs for

45c

Tomatoes, 12c grade,

per dozen, \$1.20

Corn, 10c grade, per doz 90c

Pickles, sweet, per gal,

60c

sour, "

40c

Dill, "

30c

Soap for toilet, per dozen cakes,

Molasses, Black Strap, per gal.

N. O. 50 grade

Sweet Apple cider

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Barley Malt, 5 gallons for

Cooking, by the barrel, per lb.

Bacon, Swift

Herring, Norway, 10 lbs.

Anchovies, 8 pounds.

Calabash, fresh, by the pound.

Chicken Lard, the box

Ved L. J. H. 10c

Pictures, 24x32, to close out,

A. C. N. Y. Baldwin's, peck.

Tobaccos, 25c grade, per dozen

Chairs, 3 and 2 gallon size, a 4-

er and duster thrown in, per

gallon.

Crackers, by the box, per 10.

Wonder Nest Soap, 50c pkgs

Cough Syrup, 1 Dozen 2 pugs

Gum, any kind, 2 pugs

Sugar Candy, per lb.

Lemons, per dozen,

Oranges, per dozen,

Sugar, (with \$3.00 order of other goods) 20 pounds for

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\$1.00

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each 25c paid on account. Drawings

Jan. 1, 10 a.m.

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Front street, next to Borchers'.

PINE CITY, PINE COUNTY, MINNESOTA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1908

GRADE PUPILS ENTERTAIN

Remarkably Successful Presentation of

the Cantata "Kris Kringle" at the

Stekl Opera House.

Last Thursday evening the school

children furnished one of the finest

entertainments ever given in Stekl's

hall. The children of the grades

divided into two groups, and at 8 o'clock, when the curtain was

rased, the hall was crowded with a

very enthusiastic audience. The

entertainment was mostly singing and

each one of the little ones did their

share of the performance. Miss Hill

was the accompanist, and as fast as

class after class finished and got off

the stage another class came on.

The teachers and those having the

charge of the hall are to be congratulated

on the manner in which they performed their parts.

As we said before, taking the entertainment

from beginning to end, it was

one of the best ever given in

Stekl's hall.

The entertainment of the evening

consisted in the debate between the

high school of the city and the

high school of Milaca. The question

to be debated was, "Resolved That

The United States Should Annex

Cuba." The Pine City high school

had a most creditable rep-

utation, and all felt

that they had attended a spiritual feast.

Those who attended felt that they

had come in touch with heavenly fire.

It was voted to hold in Stekl's

hall on Friday evening, January 1st,

1909. General admission, 25 cents;

children, 15c; reserved seats at

salts at Breckenridge's Pharmacy.

35c.

The following officers were elected

for the ensuing year: J. J. Wittrup,

Pine City, president; W. C. Connor,

Stekl's, vice-president; Mrs. John

Hughes, Sandstone, treasurer; Mrs.

A. W. Piper, Pine City, elementary

superintendent; Miss Althea Hoagland,

Bookwards, teacher training

superintendent; Mrs. J. S. Lyons,

Sandstone, home department super-

intendent; A. W. Piper, Pine City,

John Staford, of Milaca, 15c; Mr.

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PINE CITY. — MINN.

Earning a Plaid Cloak.
At colleges and boarding schools all over the country, girls are trying to replenish their slender purses by shampooing, darning, boot-blacking, tutoring, and other services. In one co-educational college a conspicuous sign announces, "Dogs Valued." The strange entrance by which girls receive a way into the waste-land of the world are not novelties, any more than their warm hearts and large ambitions are. A charming and characteristic story is told by Mrs. Sarah Stuart Robbins in her recent book, "Old Andover Days." The tale dates back to the first quarter of the nineteenth century. Its hero was a certain flute-playing German "theologe," afterward a famous missionary. He was poor but fascinating, and four little girls loved him dearly. They wanted to buy him a cloak, for he had no protection against the keen Andover winter. They racked their brains for all ways and means. They sold lampshades. They made a patchwork quilt which brought them three dollars. One day a plump young Andover matron offered them 25 cents apiece if they could cover every holiday afternoon for many weeks and read aloud to her "Mason on Self-Knowledge." Moreover, if they would agree to let her "make remarks" to them on the book, she would increase their pay to 50 cents. So the four little maidens spent their long, preludial afternoons with Mrs. Porter and "Self-Knowledge," and earned by their sacrifice money for a long red plaid cloak, with a voluminous cape, fastened with a large gilt clasp; and this "gay plummage" decked out a theological student in Puritan Andover. The girlish devices for earning wages a hundred years ago at least had the advantage, declares the Youth's Companion, of leaving their inventors no poorer in self-respect. One wonders if as much can be said for some of the modern schemes. Dollars may come too high, when they are sought greedily or seductively.

The awakening of China must now be accepted as an assured and indeed a partially accomplished fact. It differs widely in many respects from the awakening of Japan, partly because of the difference in the manner and circumstances of its achievement and partly because of the radical difference in the genius of the people. But it is no less real and is likely to prove no less significant to the world. We may date it from the time of the war between Russia and Japan, and may credit it largely to that as one of its unintended and perhaps unexpected results. There had been sporadic symptoms of unrest and uprising in China before that, but since then the movement has proceeded at a rate really startling to those who have imagined the Orient to be necessarily and invariably conservative and slow.

Chicago contains at least twelve women who believe that they have model husbands, and they do not use the term model as meaning a small imitation of the real thing. They had an exhibition the other day at which the husbands proved their right to the title. The final and supreme test was given when the men were called upon to fatten a 24-button embroidered shirt-waist; the waist was decorously put on a wooden dummy, so that the men might in so far be embarrassed. Then the husbands fastened the waist in two minutes and seven seconds without pulling out a single button or tearing any of the embroidery. They will have to enter into a subsequent contest to discover who is the modelled model husband of the lot.

President Roosevelt has accepted an invitation to address the Royal Geographical Society in London on his return from his African hunting trip. He is one of the nine honorary members of the society, and the only one of them who is not royal. Probably when he makes his address there will be more popular curiosity and interest in the ex-president and American citizen than in all his other honorary and royal co-members put together.

Mme. Calve, the great singer, advises young women not to be ambitious for stage fame, but to marry and be happy. But the wise advice of those who have tried all ways is known well and this quality of its ambition to satisfy generally falls flat on youthful ears. Each one claims the right to find out what is unhappy in his or her own way.

The present strained relations between England and Germany show how weak are family ties when national passions are inflamed. And if the quarrel is finally precipitated, it will be worse on account of those ties, for everybody knows that the worst and most irrevocable of all conflicts are family quarrels.

A New York woman sued for a divorce because she found a milliner's bill against her husband for two hats for a lady. She was not the lady.

EARTH ROCKS MONTANA TOWNS

VIRGINIA CITY IN TURMOIL BECAUSE OF QUAKE,

An Old Volcano May Have Become Alive Again. Possibly Water May Have Reached Smoldering Subterranean Fires.

Virginia City, Mont., Dec. 22.—Two earth tremors, one of which was the first at 2:25 Monday afternoon, created the wildest excitement in this city, the panic-stricken people rushing into the streets in the belief that the buildings were about to topple over.

Structures trembled violently, plaster came down, dishes were thrown to the floor, the main school building a two-story brick, was badly cracked and the ground rent with seams from one end to the other.

Two more shocks were experienced this evening, one at 6:39 and the other at 6:50, which again sent the people hurrying into the street. The first of the tremors was felt yesterday afternoon at 4:30 and another at 7:30.

Frank Pace, who arrived from the Crater lakes, the scene of the extinct volcano, six miles south of Virginia City, where thirteen old craters have been filled with water, forming a chain of lakes, states that the ground heaved there like the bosom of a lake, causing houses to become suspended in the air. Some of the fissures, according to Mr. Pace, are from a foot and a half to two and a half feet wide.

There is a belief that the water of the Crater lakes has found its way through underground passages to the remains of the trees of the ancient canes, although the Yellowstone Park is only seventy-five miles from here and it is the belief of some that the series of earthquakes originated there.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Mrs. Ida Duncan is Killed by Her Young Son.

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 22.—Accidentally shot to death at the hands of her own son as he was cleaning a revolver, was the fate which befell Mrs. Ida Duncan of Dilworth, six miles south of Fargo, as she sat at the family table.

As a result Harry Duncan, the slayer of his mother, now lies in a critical condition, brought on by the shock of the result of his deed.

Mrs. Duncan, who was thirty-eight years old, sat with her children while Harry, sixteen years old, cleaned and repaired his revolver.

After finishing this task the boy accidentally fired and, while arranging the parts, dropped the gun, which exploded, the bullet striking the mother in the left temple, killing her instantly.

BABES PERISH IN FLAMES.

Invalid Father, Barefooted in Snow, Tried in Vain to Rescue Them.

Interlochen, Mich., Dec. 22.—Neighbors at 11 p. m. rushed out at the cry of fire to find the home of Edward Toner in flames. Toner, suffering from typhoid fever, and clad only in his night clothes, standing barefooted in the snow at his knees, was vainly trying to break a pane of glass in the window of the room where two of his children were sleeping.

The old man, the husband of the wife, in two minutes and seven seconds without pulling out a single button or tearing any of the embroidery. They will have to enter into a subsequent contest to discover who is the modelled model husband of the lot.

No Christmas Tree Fire.

New York City, Dec. 19.—The New York Bureau of Fire Underwriters has issued a formal notice from which the inference is plainly to be drawn that fire insurance will not be paid for losses resulting from flames originating from Christmas trees. Every effect of New York received one to-day.

A Bad Fire.

Winona, Minn., Dec. 22.—The business section of Warman, Sash, was destroyed by fire. The loss is about \$10,000. The town was named after C. H. Warman. McNeil, Clare & Co. and Knifin stores are the heaviest sufferers.

Arrested.

Kendall, Wyo., Dec. 22.—Twenty residents of the town of Clinton were arrested by Sheriff Miller and deputies and taken to Sparks in connection with a tax and feather episode in that town Nov. 16.

TWIN CITY MARKETS

Minneapolis, Dec. 19.—Wheat—No. 1 northern, \$1.08; No. 2 northern, \$1.08; No. 3 yellow, \$1.08; No. 3 white, \$1.08; Barley, No. 4, 50c; Rye, No. 2, 40c; Corn, No. 3, 50c; Flax, No. 2, 40c; Duluth, No. 1, 70c; Red, No. 1, 60c.

South St. Paul, Dec. 19.—Cattle—Steers, \$4.20 and \$5.25 cwt.; Cows, \$4.00 and \$5.00; Hogs, \$5.00 and \$5.50; Mutton, \$4.50; Lamb, \$5.00.

S. S. CARVALHO IS ARRESTED

J. D. ROCKEFELLER, JR., ACCUSES HIM OF CRIMINAL LIBEL.

Charge Against Head of Hearst's Publishing Company Is Based on Newspaper Story.

New York, Dec. 18.—On a charge of criminal libel, made by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., S. S. Carvalho, president of the Star Company, publishers of William R. Hearst's New York American, was arrested Thursday and arraigned in police court before Magistrate Finn.

At the solicitation of Clarence J. Shearn, attorney for the Hearst publications, and without any objection being made on the part of Assistant District Attorney Garvan, who had charge of the prosecution, Mr. Carvalho was paroled in the custody of his lawyer until December 26, for examination.

Mr. Rockefeller, accompanied by his counsel, Lawyer Murphy, appeared in District Attorney's office early in the day and made complaint that the article published in the New York American of December 17, under a Chicago date of December 16, with the head line, "J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., originated peacock in stockade, it is reported to injure his name, reputation and credit and to make him appear ridiculous."

He submitted a typewritten affidavit embodying these charges to District Attorney Garvan, to whom the case was assigned. On the presentation of the affidavit, Magistrate Finn, he issued a writ for the arrest of Mr. Carvalho, Bradford Merrill, treasurer, and Edward H. Clark, secretary, of the Star Company.

Mr. Carvalho was found in his office. Merrill and Clark were not in their offices. Mr. Calvano took his arrest very calmly.

Bradford Merrill, treasurer of the Star Company, explained Thursday night that the article at which Mr. Rockefeller had taken offense had come from Chicago in the regular routine way, that it had not originated in New York, and that investigation had started at once and had found that we have wronged Mr. Rockefeller," said Mr. Merrill. "We will, of course, do everything in our power to atone for it."

WOMAN ACCUSED OF MURDER.

Says Her Alleged Confession to a Youth Was a Joke.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 18.—Charged with the murder of James Grafton Starbuck, a leading prohibitionist of Fayette county, at Caylor, November 28, Mrs. E. V. Smith was arrested Thursday and is now confined in the Fayetteville jail. Mrs. Smith was arrested on the strength of a story of a 16-year-old boy, who, when he was accused of shooting Starbuck, declared that Mrs. Smith confessed that she was the guilty one.

When arrested Mrs. Smith is said by officers to have admitted that she told Tengler she shot Starbuck, but declared she was only joking. She is a relative of the Logan county Hatfields of feud fame.

KENTUCKY JOE" ARRESTED.

Alleged Leader of Post Office Robbers Is Caught.

Bluefield, W. Va., Dec. 18.—Henry Colle, alias "Kentucky Joe," was arrested here Thursday by local officers acting under the direction of secret service agents. Colle, it is said, has several aliases, some of whom were used to identify him. He is 60 years old and is alleged to be the leader of a gang of post office robbers and safe blowers who have been operating in Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee for more than three years.

Two of his alleged confederates were arrested at Tazewell, Va., last week.

ROSTOV-ON-THE-DON BURNING.

Great Fire Raging in the Russian Commercial Center.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—Dispatches received here state that a great fire is raging in Rostov-on-the-Don, which has been burning for three days and together with another entire quarter. Several lives were lost. Rostov-on-the-Don is a busy commercial center and is the principal shipping point for the wheat and other products of southeastern Russia. It has a population of 120,000.

Kansas Glassblowers Strike.

Coffeyville, Kan., Dec. 19.—The window glassblowers of the Kansas Window Glass Company, a static a stone at noon yesterday at midnight the men of the Coffeyville Window Glass Company quit work. The strike is the result of the refusal of the independent glass manufacturers to grant an increase in the wage scale.

Well Known Actor Found Dead.

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 18.—Harry Glazier, a prominent actor, member of the Belasco stock company, and well known in the theatrical world of the United States, was found dead in bed in his room at the Hotel Maryland in Pasadena. Throbbing heart disease was the cause of death.

Lucky Baldwin Seriously Ill.

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 18.—Lucky Baldwin, the famous breeder of race horses, and the famous owner of race horses, and at one time one of the noted sporting characters of the country, is seriously ill at his Arcadia ranch. Baldwin is about 75 years old.

SHOULD LIKE TO RETURN IT FOR REPAIRS



IT WON'T SPEAK.

STATE PORTFOLIO ACCEPTED BY KNOX

MR. TAFT ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SENATOR.

Strong Man for Cabinet—President Invites Advice of Pennsylvania-Wickerson Not Yet Selected for Attorney General.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 19.—William H. Taft, president-elect of the United States, Friday night announced the appointment of United States Senator Bradford C. Knox of Pennsylvania as secretary of state in his cabinet.

Mr. Taft also announced the receipt of the report of Mr. Taft of Atlanta, who came late in the afternoon conveying the information from Mr. Knox that he would accept the premiership of the Taft cabinet.

Taft is Highly Gratified.

"I feel that I am to be congratulated in securing the services of Senator Knox in my cabinet," said Justice Taft in making the announcement. "In selecting a secretary of state I wanted first a great lawyer, and second, a man who would fill the public eye, not only here but abroad, as a man who stands preeminent as a great American."

"Mr. Knox was a great attorney general; he was a prominent candidate for the presidency, and he is regarded as one of the great lawyers of that body."

Gale Knox to Advise Him.

Justice Taft also feels that from a political viewpoint the selection of Mr. Knox is most happy. He explained that there was often a feeling that the state of Pennsylvania, with its assembly of political leaders, was not inclined to fit into the high councils of the party. That this will not be the case in the next administration was indicated by the announcement by Mr. Taft that he should invite Senator Knox to come to Washington to consult him concerning his proposed plan to bring other places in the cabinet.

In fact, he said that if such advice as he should obtain from Mr. Knox regarding not only the cabinet, but many matters preliminary to the beginning of his administration. That Mr. Knox's influence will be potent is freely admitted by Mr. Taft.

Wickerham Not Yet Named.

Regarding the report that George W. Wickerham of New York would be attorney general in his cabinet, Mr. Taft said that he had not yet determined on any definite definitely for the attorney generalship. He desires to fill this place with an administrative genius who will accomplish a reorganization of the department as well as the legal phases of the department of commerce and labor and the interstate commerce commission to the end that the work of these three branches of the government may be co-ordinated.

FLEET LEAVES COLOMBO.

Battleships Now in Longest Leg of Their Cruise.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Star Admiral Charles S. Sperry, commanding the American battleship fleet, has sailed the navy department Sunday from Comodoro, Central America. The admiral, who is to command the fleet during the remainder of the year, has been informed that he will be assigned to the Pacific fleet at first.

At the end of ten months the admiral had completed his tour of duty in the Pacific and had returned to the fleet at the end of his tour of duty in the Pacific.

Convicted of Embezzlement.

Bismarck, Minn., Dec. 21.—Marked improvement in the condition of Harry Suydam, the curb walker who was shot and seriously wounded Saturday on Broad street by John C. Lumadan, an inventor, makes it improbable that Lumadan, when he is called into court to defend himself, will be able to face the charges of embezzlement which at first seemed likely to arise in the case. At the hospital it was said that Suydam's chances of recovery were now considered excellent.

Stock Broker Killa Himself.

Joplin, Mo., Dec. 21.—Mal. Orlando Jay Smith, president and general manager of the American Printers Association since 1882, died at his home in Dobbs Ferry Sunday night. Mal. Smith had been ill since September, at which time he was operated upon for cancer of the stomach. But throughout his illness he retained his interest in daily events.

Poisoned by Pork and Beans.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 21.—The family of N. B. Richardson, consisting of six persons, became violently ill after eating pork and beans at dinner in their home, Kansas City. Kansas. It is believed the pork contained salmonella.

BIG LUMBER TRUST FORMED AT DULUTH

VIRGINIA AND RAINY LAKE CO. COMPANY IS ORGANIZED IN MINNESOTA.

Capital Is \$20,000,000—Weyerhaeuser Back of Concern That Will Control Immense Tract in Northern Minnesota and Canada.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 21.—The Virginia and Rainy Lake Lumber Company, the largest in its kind in the world, has been formed here. Its president is Edward Hines of Chicago.

It represents the pooling for the first time in one great corporation of one part of the tremendous holdings of timber land in the forest region of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, once deemed to be inexhaustible. It is thought the new company will take about ten years to cut the 3,000,000,000 feet of lumber.

Will Cut 3,000,000,000 Feet.

The capital stock of the new corporation is \$20,000,000. It holds over 3,000,000,000 feet of lumber, covering a vast tract in northern Minnesota and extending into Canada. This is said to be the largest lumber company in the world.

To aid in this colossal task sawmills will be built, a fleet of 200 lake steamers built or bought, and railroads constructed.

The constituent companies that went to make up the new corporation are the Virginia and Rainy Lake Lumber Company, the Edward Hines Lumber Company, the Cook & O'Brien Lumber Company, and the Seine Lumber Company. These and entwined with them were the Weyerhaeuser interests.

The deal, the largest of its kind ever carried through, according to lumbermen, has been pending for over two months. The following officers were elected:

List of Officers.

President—Edward Hines of Chicago.

Vice President—W. W. O'Brien of Duluth.

Treasurer—Frederick E. Weyerhaeuser of St. Paul.

Secretary—H. D. Hornby of Cloquet, Minn.

The company will not chop down trees. It will manufacture them into logs and beams, which will be sold at five great sawmills. Two of these will be at Duluth, two at Virginia, Minn., and one at St. Francis, Canada.

HEIRS TO \$80,000,000 ESTATE.

Two St. Louis Brothers Informed of a Vast Windfall.

St. Louis, Dec. 21.—Arizona Lyle, a St. Louis Carpenter, and his brother, Edward Lyle, a clerk, have been informed that they will share a fortune in the event of the death of Wm. L. Wilson, Del., worth \$80,000,000.

The estate was originally owned by a German baron named Christopher Springer, who came to America nearly a century ago. He leased the property to various persons and died without a will. His son, Christopher Springer, the baron was the grandfather of the Lyle brothers. The leases expired last January. Arizona Lyle is 49 years old and has a wife and three children. His brother is 38 years old. Mrs. George M. McCollum, who runs a candy store in Alton, Ill., is also said to be an heir to the estate.

FIGHT FOR BLEACHED FLOUR.

Nebraska Millers Will Oppose Secretary Wilson's Order.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 19.—The entire milling industry of Nebraska will oppose the recent order of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson prohibiting the transportation and sale of bleached flour in interstate commerce. A meeting will be held in Lincoln on Friday to choose an order, which is thought to be a death-blow to milling in the state.

Nebraska millers are forced to grind winter wheat. Only by bleaching can they produce a white flour that ranks well in the market. They are prepared to practice it all the mills in the state. It is probable that the millers will be backed in their protest by Nebraska railroads.

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Stock Broker Kills Himself.

Joplin, Mo., Dec. 21.—Stanley Marchbank, a prominent stock broker, sent a bullet through his brain. He died in his sister's arms 30 minutes later. Marchbank left a note to his sister ascribing ill health for his daily events.

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MINNESOTA NEWS

Interesting Items Gathered in the Gopher State

Amen

Amend the Laws.
St. Paul.—The state railroad commission is preparing to notify the legislature next month that there is not a single rail road rate law in the state which can be enforced, and that amendments are absolutely necessary to make them effective.

Members of the commission have come to this conclusion as a result of the decision by the United States supreme court in the Young case. The highest court has finally approved the suit started against Andrew G. General Young for contempt, by Judge Lothrop, on the ground that the state law he was trying to enforce was invalid. The reason for declaring the law invalid was that its penalties were excessive.

The court's language applied especially to the commission's action in 1897, which was drastic in the penalties involved. It gave no option of a fine, but provided that every railroad official guilty of refusing to apply the maximum rates fixed in the bill should be subject to imprisonment for not more than ninety days for each offense.

Mid-Winter Fair.

Hamline—"I think a mid-winter fair could be made a success and would be of great educational value to the farmers and to the people of the state generally," said Dean E. Randall of the state agricultural school in speaking of the suggestion that such a fair, along the lines of the annual event at Great Ormond, might be held at the state fair grounds.

"However, on first thought, I believe that such a fair would be as successful here as the Guelph fair, or the Omaha corn exposition, which are both held in the mid-winter."

Railway Building.

Duluth.—The largest increase in mileage of the railroads in Minnesota for the year ending June 30, 1908, according to the annual reports of the various roads, is 143,27 miles. For the year previous the increase for all the roads was only 50 miles, so that the gain is large. The total mileage of the state now, exclusive of terminal and belt lines, is 1,636.36 miles.

The largest increase was 440 miles of a new line from Duluth, Bayfield and Wausau from Ashwaquo to International Falls. The figures of the railroad and warehouse commission show that in 1902 there was 10 miles of railway in the state. The increases by decades are: 1900, 2,222; 5,615; 7,165; and in 1908, 5,163 miles.

Minnesota Wins.

Minneapolis.—The wheat king is the star where wheat is king in the wheat exhibit won at the national corn exposition at Omaha, where Minnesota carried off sweepstakes in wheat. Prof. D. B. Mayne of the agricultural school received a telegram from Prof. C. P. Bell announcing the prize.

Minnesota took first in clover and first in oats, and sweepstakes in wheat, which is a great showing for the state. Minnesota did not capture any other prizes.

Prof. C. P. Bell and L. B. Bassett of the agricultural school are the representatives from Minnesota, and have charge of the Minnesota exhibit at the exposition.

Miscellaneous Notes.

Minneapolis.—Mileage of railroads in Minnesota shows gain of 145.57 miles in one year.

St. Paul.—The good roads committee of the Commercial club decided to ask the legislature for a bond issue of \$1,000,000 for good roads in Hennepin county.

Minneapolis.—Mrs. Emma M. Lehman, singer, soon Minneapolis & St. Louis road for \$25,000 as result of automobile accident in which Gluecks was killed.

Minneapolis.—Minnesota police have been asked to search for Lord Herbert Russell of Bridgewater, England, who disappeared from a Chicago hotel ten days ago while en route to Spokane.

Minneapolis.—The attraction at the Bijou Opera House, Minneapolis, for New Year's eve, starting Dec. 28, will be a new masterpiece from the pen of Harry Clay Bikley, the author-actor, entitled "From Sing Sing to Liberty" with Jack Doris as the star.

Minneapolis.—The Caledonian Curling Club reorganized last night by electing Thomas Thompson president, Theodore Just vice-president, and George B. Owen secretary and treasurer.

Minneapolis.—Not guilty is the verdict of the jury in the second trial of William K. Nickle, secretary of the Minneapolis board of education, charged with accepting a bribe.

Washington.—Ole J. Larson has been appointed postmaster at Pipestem, Mineral county, vice A. H. Smith, recently died in Minneapolis.

ODD BURIAL GROUND

NECROPOLIS WHERE ROYAL DEAD OF CHINA LIE.

Mausoleums of Former Emperors Rested Amid Pagodas and Sculpture on Solitary Plain—Avenue Paved with Marble.

New York.—This necropolis in which the royal dead of China are buried is one of the most curious cemeteries in the world. It is in the neighborhood of the Great Wall, something over forty miles from Peking, and for the ordinary visitor is reached by mule teams. The emperors and their spouses and the dust of ancient nobles and the emperors of the Ming dynasty, which gave way to the present Manchu dynasty in 1644. The most curious feature of the necropolis is a marble-paved avenue bordered with marble-sculptured statues and human figures. They remind one of Karnak's avenue of sphinxes, but the figures are missing and the figures are more widely separated.

All the figures are gray and stained. Time and weather have performed their work. There are standing and kneeling emperors, with the almond eyes of a Chinaman; squatting and standing emperors with raised mocks and the softly undulating necks of geese; kneeling horses with the gentle demeanor of children's hobby horses; sheep with the subtle aspect of serpents; lions with the horrid, rolling eyes, the gathered brows and the fanged mouths of towering all-devour-

ing beasts.

St. Paul.—The annual poultry show of the Central Poultry association began here with nearly 600 exhibits. It is the best show yet held in Mankato.

W. W. Dye, a former Italian immigrant, who for two years has been in the consular service of the United States at Berlin, has just been promoted to be deputy consul general at Genoa, Italy.

Minneapolis.—Between 25 and 30 salmon-keepers will be forced out of business when the Gateway park becomes a reality, because of the law that prohibits a salmon to be operated within 20 feet of the park or parkway.

Minneapolis.—Four foreign companies which have written policies on state university paid in a lump today for the recent fire loss on the medical building. They settled with the state treasurer in one draft for \$14,004.57.

Moorehead.—A local man has invented a potato bug exterminator.

The contrivance consists in part of a pan into which the bugs are brushed by revolving a hand wheel, and it is predicted that two applications of Paris green will find far more effective.

St. Paul.—The legislature may be asked at the coming session to permit the issuance of \$1,000,000 bonds for roads work in Hennepin county.

The proposition was discussed at the meeting of the public affairs committee of the Commercial club.

Duluth.—That the Canadian North ern road had acquired a controlling interest in the Duluth, Superior and Atlantic Lake and will ultimately extend it to Duluth, and that the road has not been included in the so-called timber pool is the official information received in Duluth.

St. Paul.—In addition to the \$10,000 asked of the Great Northern in the 1905 test tax case, which has been carried to the supreme court, the state has started another suit, the unpaid taxes asked to be paid for the years 1906 and 1907. The amount for these taxes is about \$272,569.

Minneapolis.—Resources of state roads in Minnesota have increased nearly \$15,000,000 during the past year. Compilation of the returns from the call dated Nov. 27 has just been completed by the public examination department, and it shows total resources of \$90,974,383.21.

St. Cloud.—A universal gun license for Minnesota will be recommended in the biennial report of the state game and fish commission. A fee of \$1 for each resident hunter, it is calculated, would cover all expenses of the department and make a more thorough protection possible. Wisconsin realized \$56,000 a year from this license system.

Hamline.—Unless the office of forestry commissioner is abolished or consolidated with the fish and game commission, as has been proposed, Gen. C. C. Andrews, who has been head of the department since 1895, when the office was first created, will be reappointed commissioner. The announcement was made by State Auditor Iverson, who has the appointing power.

Minneapolis.—Doctors must not practice on dentists' preserves, and when their patients require dental work physicians must turn them over to a licensed dentist. Such was the finding of the state supreme court in the case of Dr. Ernest R. Taylor, of Minneapolis, who tried to establish the right of a physician to do anything he pleases for the bodily welfare of his patient.

St. Paul.—Suits were begun by E. T. Young, attorney general, to recover \$35,125,000 to be paid in unpaid taxes from the Mason City & Fort Dodge railroad and \$25,551.97 from the Wisconsin, Milwaukee & Pacific railroad.

Minneapolis.—It is probable that the silver service for the battleship Minnesota will be presented to the ship when it returns from the trip around the world. It will arrive at Newport News about Feb. 28, according to information from the captain.

St. Paul.—Chairman Gustave Sebold of highway commission, in his annual report, recommends state tax of \$10 on automobiles to raise funds for repairing roads.

Minneapolis.—Minnesota State Improvement Association, at annual meeting, passed resolution asking legislature to appropriate \$700,000 to dredge the channel.

Washington.—Gen. C. C. Andrews, of St. Paul, former commissioner of Minnesota, proposes legislation of similar effect in the interest of the ladies' basketball.

Minneapolis.—Not guilty is the verdict of the jury in the second trial of William K. Nickle, secretary of the Minneapolis board of education,

charged with accepting a bribe.

Washington.—Ole J. Larson has been appointed postmaster at Pipestem, Mineral county, vice A. H. Smith, recently died in Minneapolis.

One of the Chinese Tombs.

ing eggs; impossible unicorns; Chinese dragons, and at the end, six effigies of men, three of whom are supposed to be emperors and three to be concubines of state. They stand in the midst of a vast solitude," bordering the way to the tombs.

The site of the 13 mausoleums of the Ming is a solitary plain, stretching for miles to a line of jagged hills almost lost in the misty distance. A grass-grown marble highway crosses the great plain, leading to a small arched portal with golden yellow roof, which marks the entrance to this ancient burial place. It winds through a valley, crosses a broad river by marble bridges and finally branches like the ribs of a fan to the different mausoleums standing out in gorgeous colors against the background of the sky.

The first group is a sort of outer envelope. The outside proper is a semicircular structure, some distance further on, guarded by four griffins on the tops of the same number of stately columns of marble, richly carved and yellow with age. Flaming dragon wings and tails on the ridge poles proclaim the nationality of the architects.

Rising into the sky above the ridge is a great marble monument in the form of a turtle bearing on its back an orchid of black marble. On this is engraved a poem by Kien Long, a wise and energetic emperor of the present ruling dynasty, who is said to have been the author of 38,950 poetical compositions. The source of Chinese worship of animals is illustrated by Kien Long's abdication at the age of 80 because of his unwillingness to equal or surpass his illustrious grandfather in the length of his reign. The turtle, among the Chinese as well as the Koreans, is the symbol of longevity and eternity.

From this pagoda the broad marble avenue, bordered with the curious gold and gray effigies, stretches away to the hazy horizon. The paving stones are almost worn down to the grass which has grown up between them. Broken pieces of pavement which have been cast up like wreckage on the beach and rats retard the movement of the vehicles of the occasional visitors. The squatting camels are first passed, then on either side, facing each other, the figures occur in pairs, one of each sex. Then comes in, in order the standing and the squatting elephants, the squatting elephants, the line finally terminating in the far distance in the six human effigies. At this end of the causeway is a gateway with red walls and red roof, adding another splash of color to the scene. Beyond the causeway lies the wide river for four or five miles, twice crossing the broad marble and finally mounting a hill near the river to the tiny emerald mausoleum of Yang Lo, one of the kings.

Accommodating Ceilings.

Who—Why do churches and theaters have such high ceilings, I wonder?

You—Evidently are forgetting about the size of the ladies' basketball.

Garniture of Brass Buttons, Large and Small, Much in Favor.
Dainty Veil Gases That Are Both Practical and Ornamental.

It was natural that with the return of the consulate and directors styles in dress brass buttons would play an important part.

It is natural to have. It is not only worn on coats and skirts, but it even fastens up the simple blouses for wear under coats.

Large ones are used on rough cloth and smaller ones of wools of messaline, also on blouses of tulle, messaline, chiffon cloth and silk lining.

The American brass button, with its symbols of army and navy, is not used. The fashionable one is round and smooth. It looks like a bullet, and is highly polished.

They are also used on elaborate indoor gowns, with quantities of gold and silver lace, old gold embroidery, and metal soutache. It is a warlike blouse.

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DONNELLY IS PUBLIC PRINTER.

John S. Leech Resigns and Former Union Chief Is Appointed.

Washington.—Postmaster John S. Leech has sent his resignation to President Roosevelt, asking to be returned to service in the Philippines, and Samuel B. Donnelly of Brooklyn, N. Y., former president of the International Typographical union, has been appointed to succeed him.

Samuel B. Donnelly was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, in 1860, and while yet a boy became a school teacher. Then he learned the trade of

printers.

He was elected president of the New York Typographical union, better known as the "Big Six," in 1896.

After holding this office three years he was elected president of the International Typographical union, holding the presidency two years. In 1903 Mr. Donnelly was made a member of the general board of arbitration of the building trades. He was appointed a member of the New York board of education in 1901 and was reappointed in 1905.

President Roosevelt last

fall spring appointed him a member of the special committee to report on labor conditions in the Panama canal zone.

The president knows Mr. Donnelly personally and believes his selection will put a stop to much dissatisfaction

that has existed for several years as to the operation of affairs in the big port.

This dissatisfaction was strong during the regime of Charles A. Stollings, culminating in the removal of Mr. Stollings and the appointment of Mr. Leech.

President Roosevelt, it is stated, will give Mr. Leech his old place as public printer in the Philippines. He left this position to come to Washington as public printer.

COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION.

Daniel J. Keefe Appointed to Succeed Late F. P. Sargent.

Washington.—Daniel J. Keefe, who has been appointed commissioner general of immigration to succeed the late Frank P. Sargent, is a native of Cook county, Illinois, having been born on a farm near Chicago. He has been connected with the labor movement since young and organized the first longshoremen's union in Chicago. Under Gov. Tanner's administration he was a member of the Illinois state board of arbitration and was sixth vice-president of the American Federation of



Labor. He has been president of the International Longshoremen's union since its organization and since that time has been a resident of Detroit.

Twin Place.

One day an old gentleman who found the Java Village at twin place very absorbing at length confided in a young man standing near. "It's powerful nice," he said, "but I say I should be better off if I was a tribe better posted. My Javanese's a little rusty, and it's truth and fact that I don't just know where Java is. Now, where is it?"

"Oh," said the young man, with the assured gait of one who knows, "just a little way from Mocha!"—Argo-vaugt.

Her Good Reasons.

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Table Decoration



ONE is always glad of suggestions for pretty table decorations; and there are many who like simple things available, who will be glad of them. This suggestion, as a most effective decoration can be made with a few flowers, one glass vase, a glass or cream color, which should be chosen. They are to be arranged at equal distances round the base of the vase, and the handles of the vessel should be at the middle ends of the ribbon round the neck of the vase, and a very pretty decoration can be made by twisting the leaves of a eucalyptus branch round the base of the vase, and the ribbon should be tied with bows, and when the base of the center ornament and the little jugs are filled with flowers, it makes a very attractive decoration for the dinner-table. Little ribbon ferns may be planted in an unbroken pot, and these will last a long time when planted in an unbroken pot.

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LOST NEW YEAR'S WAGED



Lady
Mary Courtenay

ON New Year's eve, 1794, Lord John Langley walked into Derival's inn, on a little street back of The Mall. Some of the young bloods, the guests of Sir James Johnstone, as was their wont, were spending the afternoon in town; there Langley had been absent from the room for two hours, following a quarrel with Lady Anne Marsten, to whom he was paying court. None in London, or indeed in England, had been able to say with certainty in that time where he could be found, although it was known that he had visited many of the larger cities of the continent.

Despite the fact that he was now in Paris, Sir James and old Derival recognized him, but at his request for secrecy the former introduced him to his guests under an assumed name. Some of them had known him slightly; others not at all. 'Twas, therefore, an easy matter to hoodwink them. The afternoon was spent with cards and wine, though passing somewhat sparingly, though entering into the gambling roundly enough, battling with Sir James for fairly high stakes, and in the end losing to him 2,000 guineas. After dinner, part was taken for resuming the cards and wine. My Lord Langley, however, set their minds upon another matter. He had been sitting in low tones with Sir James, when he rose suddenly, and with a hand ringing his glass against the wall. For a moment thereafter there was silence, then Langley, not loudly, but quite plainly, said to Sir James: "I do not know a maid of high degree on her way to the Lord Mayor's ball last night, to pay her debt, than I do to you."

"The wager is good as won," Langley returned.

"My lord on it!"—rising as he spoke.

At the sound of a nearby corner he almost ran into a carriage halting for a break in the harness, which two hasty fellow were endeavoring to patch. Another stood near them holding a ruder torch, giving a sufficient, but not brilliant, light. The roar of talk about the carriage, bringing into view three persons: an elderly man and woman, and a young and dazzling creature. Langley, however, was gone.

He bowed. "Lady," he said, softly, "it is the matter of a kiss." Again she started. The elderly man in the carriage cried out angrily and attempted to rise, but Langley, springing on the steps, took him by the arm and sent him back into his seat. The fellows who had been mending the harness ran toward her. At this moment there was another disturbance. Four or five horsemen came riding swiftly along the roadway. One, off center, jolted by his horse, called out as he neared: "Lady Courtenay!"

She answered with a serious little cry. His practiced eye at once noted something unusual, so grouping around the carriage. "Whom have we here?" he demanded sharply, and then to his man: "Draw, but await my further orders, and then ride off."

Langley, still standing by the carriage, looked towards the approaching horse. "Lord," he said, calmly, "you'll find me at Derival's Inn at six this evening."

The officer leaned forward eagerly and regarded Langley with a puzzled air. "I will be there at once, fellow," he replied,

for he knew of the carousal Langley and Forest faced each



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other, the latter's men-like himself, wearing the uniform of the famous Blues—standing some distance behind him and near the door. Forest lacked a few inches of Langley's height and was not so stout in frame. Moreover, his fair hair, blue eyes, and fine features gave him an appearance so boyish as to make him appear impossible. It is believed that he had been several years of war active. He fought half as long as Langley as they stood eying each other for a moment in the light of the many candles placed at various vantage points around the room.

For a while they gazed. As Forest drew Langley past his arms, rapidly behind his ears, the mustachio came off and he threw them on the table.

Not until then did Forest recognize him. "I thought I had not mistaken the voice," he said, with an odd mixture of sternness and sorrow in his tone; "defend yourself, my lord."

Instantly Langley's hands were out and at once the two were engaged. Langley's friends had drawn and declared him to be the greatest swordsman in England, and in truth he fought like a veteran in such encounters, as indeed he was. The watchers looked to see him score an easy victory, and won-

dred whether he would content himself with the mere drawing of blood—for 'twas said he could strike almost where he listed—or whether he was bent upon Forest's death. But presently they began to notice that all his tricks and feints were met by Forest with a quiet, determined coolness. For many minutes Langley pressed, but always he failed to get behind the guard that seemed to be as solid as his shield. Finally he stopped, and to consist of not one, but many bars of tested steel.

A candle fell from its place and, still alight, rolled along the floor until it stopped near Forest's feet. The watchers caught their breath; suppose he should slip upon it or its flame should—but almost quicker than their thoughts he moved one foot and sent the candle rolling to the wall, the wick of which put out its light. And yet he had not for a second missed his eye on Langley, and had made one false move in meeting the latter's attacks. The soldiers at the door smiled knowingly. The others regarded Forest with amazement, but no one spoke, only some began to breathe harder even than the two who were fighting.

Finally, at the close of a fierce determined attack by Langley, which as the candle had demonstrated, had not a step forward. His arms seemed to move a little more rapidly than before, and, though Langley tried not to do so, he gave ground. Again and again he was compelled to do this. Twice Lord Forest's rapier ripped his coat, once on the left and once on the right shoulder. The onlookers thought at first that this was a rare accident, that no man could use a weapon with such deadly nicety, in the heat of conflict, until Langley's coat was again ripped by that darting tongue of steel; this time under the left arm, and a moment thereafter under the right.

ABOUT THE LADY DOLPHINS.

Child's Inquiry Natural, Perhaps, to One of Her Sex.

A beautiful manager at the Playhouse said to the school of classical dancing that Miss leading Dancer conduct.

"Miss Duncan bears some quaint remarks as she converses with her child pupils. One day, preparatory to the first lesson in a dolphin dance, she delivered to her class a little lesson in the art of swimming. She told of the grace of the dolphin and afterward she described its habits and mode of life.

"And, children," she said, "a single dolphin will have 2,000 offspring."

"A little girl gave a start."

"And how about the married ones?" she gasped.

ECZEMA ALL OVER HIM.

Night's Rest for a Year and Limit of His Endurance Seemed Near—Owes Recovery to Cuticura.

"My son Clyde was almost completely covered with eczema. Physicians treated him for nearly a year without helping him any. His head, face, and neck were covered with large scabs which he would rub until they fell off. Then the blood and matter would run out and that would be worse. Friends could not understand it and said that if he got well he would be discharged for life. When it seemed as if he could possibly stand it no longer, I used some Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, and Cuticura Resolvent. That was the first night for nearly a year that he slept. In the morning there was a great change for the better. In about six weeks he was perfectly well. Our leading physician recommends Cuticura for eczema. Mrs. Agnes Cockburn, Shiloh, O., June 11, 1907."

LOVE'S SACRIFICE.



"Wat's de matter, Reginald, have you sworn off smokin'?"

"Yes. You see, I'm enraged now, and my fiancee objects to a disagreeable breath."

To know how to wring victory from defeat, and make stepping-stones out of our stumbling-blocks, is the true success.—Stevenson.

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As soon as a man begins to love his work, then will he also begin to make progress.—Ruskin.

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When a woman has her hair fixed up she is half dressed.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, sores the gums, reduces inflammation, alays pain, cures what-ache, rheumatism.

This would be a brighter world if the people who can't sing wouldn't.

Those Tired, Aching Feet of Yours need Allen's Foot-Bath. See at your Druggist's. Mrs. A. & Olcott, La. Bay, N. Y., for sample.

Sober second thoughts are always best for a toper.



This woman says Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound saved her life. Read her letter.

Mrs. T. C. Willardson, of Manning, Iowa, writes to Mrs. Pinkham:

"I can truly say that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound saved my life, and I cannot thank my friends enough for it in words. For you are suffered with the worst forms of female complaints, continually doctoring and taking medicine, and you are still without help. I wrote you for advice followed it as directed, and took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it has restored me to perfect health. Had it not been for this compound I would have been in my grave to-day. I wish every suffering woman would try it."

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For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills and has positively cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulcerations, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing down feeling, flatulence, indigestion, diarrhea, or nervous prostration. Why don't you try it?

Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health. Address, Lynn, Mass.

A Lovemaking Lesson

By ADELAIDE HURST

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"It's awfully good of you to see me," said Miss Murray. "Not a bit of it. To tell you the truth, it's not my goodness at all, but Jane's."

"I came to have a chat with you, you know, and I—*I'm glad to find you alone*," said Dick.

"Ye-es?"

"It's about my new story," explained Warburton diffidently.

"Yes," continued the author with increasing confidence, "it'll be every written—if you'll help me."

"I don't understand."

"Will you collaborate with me, Miss Murray?"

"I?" Ethel opened her blue eyes in well-forgiven amazement. "Really, Mr. Warburton."

"Miss Murray, you, with the experience you had, could do so much for me." You see, it is like this," explained Warburton eagerly, "a man has got to ask a girl to be his wife, and—"

"I don't see the necessity," interrupted his companion.

"I am speaking of the characters in my book," returned the author, with some dignity, "but, of course, if you refuse to treat the subject seriously—"

"I beg your pardon. Please go on; I won't interrupt again."

"Well, then, as I said before, the man has got to propose to the girl, and I want your advice as to how he's going to do it."

The girl knit her brows in perplexity.

"Such a lot depends on how long they've known each other," she said at last. "Are they old friends, and has she seen them often?"

"Well—I—as to that, I don't think I've made up my mind yet."

"Now extraordinary! Then you're really begun the story at all?"

"Oh, yes, that is—I'm busy collecting material, thinking out strong situations and all that *kiss of things* you know. It's—it's rather difficult to explain."

"Oh, I see. Of course, it's stupid of me, but, you know, I don't pretend to understand anything about writing."



"For the Sake of the Story—"

books. I only asked that question because, you see, the way a man proposes depends very much on whether or not he is an old friend of the lady's."

"Ye-es?"

There was deferential inquiry in the author's tone and look.

"Yes, of course it does. Now, for instance, supposing he's merely a general acquaintance. Ethel went on, as one propounding the right of ages, "he's almost sure to introduce the subject with some such remark as—It's strange, Miss Jones, that you and I seem to be quite old friends!" or "Some day, Miss Jones, I feel as though I have known you all my life!" Of course after that Miss Jones will know what to expect and can act accordingly."

"Now, if Miss Jones is a timid, nervous sort of girl, and doesn't like to say 'No' point blank, she'll very likely murmur something about it being so sudden—the comic papers are always right there, you know—and about never having thought of him in that light, and all that sort of thing, and she'll probably end by telling him to give her time to consider, and on the following day she'll write him a postscript note to the effect that, deeply as it pains her to say it, and so on. That's the favored way of doing it because it's the easiest. On the other hand, she may prefer to get the affair over and done with at once, in which case—"

"But," protested Warburton, "answering the note to accept the offer, that's what *causes* it."

"That's the right answer," continued Ethel. "The girl's interruption, 'she'll tell him quite frankly and simply that she can't marry him because she doesn't love him.'"

"Don't tell me she'll promise to be a sister to him!" exclaimed the author apprehensively.

"She might," replied Ethel guardedly.

King Edward of England possesses great power, though he is but a boy, and legally speaking, the whole of the mineral wealth of the empire is his majesty's property, as is also, for that matter, every acre of ground that covers the earth in Britain. He could empty every jail in Britain with a stroke of his pen and leave them as long as he chose to go on exercising his full prerogative of pardon. A word from him and the present parliament would cease to be. It is as the supreme head of the navy and army, however, that his absolute power is most apparent. He can order both to make war. He can dress his soldiers and his sailors as he pleases, however they like him. He could disband entire regiments, and send to the scat-hoover every soldier sometimes, too, who holds this power, up to a certain point. He abolished, for instance, the office of commander-in-chief. By the simple expedient of a royal warrant, he caused all the men in the army to be made to wear. King Edward has the power to make laws, and doesn't like to say 'No' point blank, she'll very likely murmur something about it being so sudden—the comic papers are always right there, you know—and about never having thought of him in that light, and all that sort of thing, and she'll probably end by telling him to give her time to consider, and on the following day she'll write him a postscript note to the effect that, deeply as it pains her to say it, and so on. That's the favored way of doing it because it's the easiest. On the other hand, she may prefer to get the affair over and done with at once, in which case—"

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HORTICULTURE



IMPROVING POTATOES.

Three Methods for Improving this Staple Vegetable.

Three methods for improving the potato are in use. The first is to select plants and comparing their seedlings under controlled conditions. (2) Selecting extreme fluctuations among the plants and tubers of a variety. (3) Finding and isolating sudden changes or mutations.

This advance is possible by the first method as admitted from the results of its use by the best breeders. There really, the new varieties obtained are merely new combinations of qualities which were held by the germ cells of the two parents. If our knowledge of inheritance in the potato were adequate, we could make the proper combination to obtain what we wanted at will, but at present we can not do this because our knowledge of manifest characters is meager and because many characters are latent or hidden in our present varieties and need combination with other characters in order to develop. Therefore, until a firm foundation is laid, we must depend on heredity, we can do little more than make random crosses between varieties known to possess desirable characters, and compare their progeny with great care.

In this comparison it is well to be extremely careful about drawing conclusions. Not only should every condition of environment be made as uniform as possible, but it should be remembered that there are stages of growth during the life of the plant when surrounding conditions affect it greatly.

And these differences are not hereditary. For example, one variety grows rapidly and its tubers are half grown at a certain time, while at the same time another variety has just begun to set its tubers. A drought at this time kills the one variety but does not affect the other.

The first, however, may really be the best variety and hasty conclusions to the opposite would be premature.

The real effect of selecting fluctuations within a variety (such as selecting the heaviest tubers to improve the yield), is still questionable. It seems to be settled that the use of diseased seedlings is not good.

As soon as the seedlings are healthy, they should be tied together in neat bundles, about fifty or one hundred in a bundle, and put away in boxes with slightly moistened sawdust. These boxes can be stored in any good cellar, and the sprouts are ready for planting when the grounds are ready in the spring. They are then set out in rows the same as any cuttings or garden seeds.

FERTILIZER FOR ORCHARDS.

Trees Must be Fed if You Would Have Them Bear Fruit.

All orchards are the most profitable need to be fertilized. Land prepared for trees cannot be treated to a rotation, as the soil is other soil, consequently it should have attention in the way of application of suitable commercial fertilizers.

The universal belief that a potato variety must degenerate through constant bad propagation appears to have little ground either in theory or practice. The degeneration sometimes takes place due to the use of tubers which are abnormal, from inhospitable soil or climate, or from the ravages of insects or fungi on the plants. The old idea that a change of seed is necessary, is also a mistaken one—E. M. East.

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No dried fruit tastes so good as that dried by the sun in the open air. But the old-fashioned back yard is not open tables in the evening, the fruit on method of exposure—simply make it thereon—herewith—small frames three feet square, with wire netting bottoms, can be arranged above another in the round, may be used.

While, perhaps, most soils may be in fairly good condition as regards nitrogen, there are very few that do not need potash and phosphoric acid. These two plant food elements are generally lacking and experience has proved that their application is very profitable.

On many farms the complaint that the trees do not bear is common and the farmer does not seem to know what is the matter. It does not al-

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The just what fertilizer is best to use on the orchard is only known by experiment. However, under normal soil conditions, where the yields of fruit are not satisfactory, a mixture containing eight per cent. of available phosphoric acid and from ten to 12 per cent. of potash will give good results and may be used with advantage at the start. A little experimenting will afford data for future applications. An amount of from 400 to 800 pounds of the suggested mixture per acre relative to specific soil needs, is generally advised.

In the above fertilizer we did not include any nitrogen. Where orchards are in cultivation until mid-

summer and then are planted to a cover crop which is to be grazed in the spring, the yield is not much lessened.

Great excessive growth of wood and foliage is inclined to be this or sandy about two per cent. of nitrogen should be added.

The orchard fertilizer should be applied with the first cultivation in the spring. It should be well worked into the soil in order that the tree roots may derive the benefit rather than the cover crop which is sown later in the season.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Grape vines can be pruned at this season. Cutting can be made of the trimmings. Each cutting should contain four buds.

General pruning and cleaning up in the orchard are now done. Remove and burn all dead and decaying fruit. Collect and burn all dead decaying fruit, called "mummies." They carry various diseases which will cause losses.

The vine must be pruned now. The air circulation is important. The air currents circulate in every direction through the trays, but cannot do so with the fruit.

WEAKNESS OF THE EYE.

Caesar tore up the blank telegraph form on which he had started to write something.

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James Nichols is staying at Allen Seefeld's, doing chores during the latter's absence.

Mrs. J. O. Clyne, who has been sick the past week, is improved so as to be on again.

Will Dilie came up from Menard Mills Monday, and is visiting friends and relatives here.

J. O. Clyne went to Minneapolis to receive medical aid. He has been ailing for quite some time.

Orva Seefeld returned from North Dakota Saturday. The boys are all home from the west now.

Alfred Decker went over to Millburn to assist August Spiegel & Co. in sawing logs this winter.

Elmer Smith has a sore eye—"Looks" as though he had met some one who was as strong as himself.

Howard Nichols and wife came up from Windom to spend the holidays with friends and relatives in this vicinity.

Stephen Smith and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy, which came with the storm on Thursday night.

Allen Seefeld, Ole Lyseth, Peter and Bernturz Seefeld left for the woods Sunday. They have taken contracts of putting in logs east of Sandstone.

Alfred Olson, who is sawing wood in this vicinity, had to shut down Monday and go to Pine City for repairs for the engine, but resumed work again Tuesday.

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