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Holiday Supplement.

Vanderbilt dead and Gould about to retire! The king of Wall street speculation, who counted their transactions and their gains by millions, gone! One dethroned by the great conqueror, Death, and the other abdicated! Such is the unexpected news from the metropolis. The dead will find mourners because he was not without generosity. He inherited wealth and by his business added to it. In the abundance of all about him, magnanimity flourished and bore fruit whose sweetness partially made amends for the bitterness of other fruit grown in the same character under a less favorable sun. Gould, the abdicated king, who has made his own vast fortune, will be at once admired for his shrewdness and denounced for his greed. It is a common criticism of him, that in his haste to be rich he lost his heart. Personal gain was the prime motive of his every act, and he rides out of Wall street over the wrecks of many small fortunes. He has been there twenty-five years, and a moderate estimate of his wealth is \$50,000,000 or \$2,000,000 for each year of effort. He is the object of much dislike, but who will say how many of those who rail at him would have been less grasping, had his tact and his opportunities been theirs? The loser in any gambling operation generally affects the greater amount of morality.

It is hardly possible for the industrious newspaper reader to clearly understand all the leading current events of the world. The war between Bulgaria and Servia, for example, is a puzzle, in some respects, to not a few. It is a complicated subject. One can not write upon it satisfactorily with any degree of brevity. A writer in The Congregationalist of the 3rd inst., describes the situation.

The substance of this statement is that the Servians and Bulgarians have been subject to the Turks for almost five centuries. The Servians are a very ancient Slavic people. The Bulgarians, likewise, are a Slavic race. Both nations have had a great history. Both cherish the memory of the great deeds of their ancestors. The hope of which is to lead in the great movement to drive the Turk out of Europe, or make him a subject. Greece is looking upon the rising power of the Bulgars and Servians with a jealous eye. They were at one time her most formidable foes. She desires, when the Crescent shall wane, to occupy Constantinople.

In 1878, at Berlin, the Powers, in settling the Russo-Turkish war, divided Bulgaria. One of these divisions is Roumelia.

—Representative Brown, of Indiana, has prepared a general pension bill and it or some similar measure will likely pass at this session of Congress. There is a general feeling that it is a just measure and members who are really opposed to it will hardly dare offer much opposition for political reasons.

The following is a synopsis of its contents.

1. It grants a pension to all soldiers and sailors of the Mexican war who served fourteen days in Mexico, or on its frontier, or on route to Mexico, or participated in battle, provided such soldier or sailor is sixty years old or is dependent on his labor or the contributions of friends for a living, or is disabled, or is a widow, whose husband had it been in his power to provide for her, would have been pensionable. Pensions under the disabilities imposed by the fourteenth amendment are excluded from the benefits of the act. The rate of pension under this section is fixed at \$8 per month.

2. It increases the pension of widows and minor children from eight to twelve dollars per month.

3. It gives the widow and minor children of a dependent pension an original pension in their right without regard to the pensioner's death was the result of disease incurred in the service.

4. It continues the pensions granted minor children without limit to age, when such minors are of unsound mind or physically helpless.

5. In the case of dependent parents it provides that it shall be sufficient proof of dependency to show that such parent is without other means of support than his or her manual labor.

6. When it appears that an applicant was regularly enlisted and mustered, it shall be presumed prima facie that he was sound at enlistment.

7. Repeals the limitation of arrears.

—The Terre Haute (Ind.) Argus says: Judge Mack makes some very sensible rules in connection with the administration of Vigo justice. He has ordered that attorneys shall take off their overcoats when addressing the Court. This is right. Now if he would pick out about seven members of the bar and compel them to wash their feet at least

once before the beginning of each term of court, and take a bath twice a year, there would be no necessity for the Board of health causing a quarantine in that direction.

—COMMERCIAL LANGUAGE.—Several years ago a Swiss by the name of Schleyer invented a language which should serve as the medium of commercial intercourse for all business nations. This language he named Volapuk. It is stated by a French journal that in the last four years the Volapuk language has received the support of fifty-three societies in England, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Holland and the United States. Grammars, dictionaries and reviews are also being circulated. Experiments have also been made which indicate that the language is easy to acquire.

—Prof. Richard A. Proctor, the English astronomer, says the moon is the most interesting of all the heavenly bodies. It has been particularly serviceable in the proof it affords of the law of gravitation. It proves, too, that the world has been in remote ages of the past, and what it will be in remote ages to come. Its most significant service to man has been as a measurement of time. The only perceptible effect which the earth has upon the moon's course is that of attraction, by which its route in space, is slightly deviated. From the moon's present condition we may inform ourselves of the course of all planetary life. There is every reason to suppose that our present condition was at one time hers; that she possessed an atmosphere, water, animal and vegetable life. Her surface is a sterile, rocky mass. The atmosphere has gone or nearly so, and the seas are dried up. The same process is going on with our earth, and a similar result will eventually ensue, but by reason of the greater bulk of our planet, effects produced in 10,000,000 years in the moon will require 60,000,000 with us. By that time an east and west railroad will be built through Bloomington, and artesian wells will be dug on each corner of the public square.

—Indianapolis News: The feeling among both the democratic and republican leaders is that the State Conventions next year should be held certainly as late as the latter part of June, and probably later, believing that a long campaign is useless and detrimental to business interests. It was formerly the rule of the democrats to hold their conventions on the 8th of January, Jackson's day, but of recent years this has not been done. In 1878 the convention was held in February, and the experience then demonstrated that it was too early. As a general rule early conventions are brought about by ~~conventions~~ who think their stars are in the ascendancy, but the sentiment of the party is against them. It is suggested that the committees of both of the political parties should meet and agree upon a time for holding the conventions, the two being close together, so there would be no advantage on one side or the other.

Around the State offices the preference expressed is for the conventions to be held in July. If they were held in September it would be all the better.

—Sensible persons prefer sensible presents. Good books are the best and these can be gotten at E. P. Cole's book-store. The Poets, History, Biography, and the higher grades of fiction can be secured here, and at moderate prices. Call at Cole's book-store before you make your holiday purchase—it will pay you to do so.

—AN EXCELLENT PAPER.—It seems almost unnecessary for us to call attention to a paper so well and favorably known as the Youth's Companion, of Boston. It has been a weekly visitor, and each year has shown more clearly its wonderful usefulness to the class of readers for whom it is prepared.

It would be interesting to trace its influence in two families, one of which began we will suppose, twenty years ago, to provide it for their children to read, while the other furnished the more sensational publications. The contrast would not be a striking one.

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—There is not a home in the land that is not brightened and made more attractive to its inmates by the possession of a piano or organ. Many persons recognizing this want, and amply able to supply it, are yet at a loss to know how to do so. I propose to give some information on that point.

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Parties buying an instrument between now and Jan. 1st, I will give a term of sessions free. These prices are only until January 1st.

W. E. ADKINS, Ag't.

—There is a man in Nevada, named Angel Cardella, who claims to be the strongest in the world. He is an Italian, aged 38, and stands 5 feet and ten inches, weighing 138 pounds. His strength was born with him, for he had no athletic training. He differs from other men chiefly in the osseous structure. Although not of unusual size, his spinal column is double the ordinary width, and his bones and joints are made on a similar large and generous scale. He has lifted a man of 200 pounds with the middle finger of his right hand.

The man stood with one foot on the floor, his arms out-stretched, his hands grasped by two persons to balance his body. Cardella then stooped down and placed the third finger of his right hand under the man's foot, and with scarcely any perceptible effort raised him to the height of four feet and deposited him on a table near at hand. Once two powerful men waylaid Cardella with intent to thrash him, but he seized one in each hand and hammered them together until life was nearly knocked out of them. His strength is inherited, for he says his father was more powerful than himself.

—CLEAR CREEK ITEMS.—Mr. Everett McNaught and wife, of Iola, Kansas, were visiting his brother-in-law of this place, W. O. Blisboly, last week. Mr. McNaught left here Tuesday evening for Harrodsburg, where his father-in-law resides, Lewis Field.

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The schools in Perry township, will close Friday, for the holidays.

J. T. Mathers has been buying a good many sheep recently; he says there is more money made on sheep than hogs, at the present. About \$1.50 per head for sheep is the price paid by him.

DR. JAMES DODDS, who resides near South Union, has made his life a Monday week, by taking a dose of poison through a mistake. On that day the Doctor was about starting to visit a patient; he felt pains running through his breast and stomach, and he thought that he would take a dose of morphine. So I will now make a statement in regard to the medicine for there is something very mysterious about it: Last spring Mr. Jonathan May and his son, John L., were going along the outside fence of their farm next to the public highway, and they came across a stone in a stony place, which was filled with a kind of medicine supposed to be white. Dr. Dodd came riding along and they made known to him what they had found. He took the medicine, examined it, and said that one of the vials contained morphine, and that there was about \$2 worth of it, so Mr. May told him that he could have it, that he had no use for it. So the Doctor took it home with him and put it on the mantle board and it had not been touched since, until the day when the Doctor took a dose of it and, in ten minutes he fell dead. And this is in haste to Bloomington for Dr. James Maxwell. He examined the medicine and pronounced it not morphine but Belladonna or Nightshade. The Doctor is out of danger now, but how this medicine got on the fence on the public highway is the mystery to us, and this is a correct statement for we have Mr. May's own words to us in regard to it.

Mr. N. S. Mayfield has a couple of ponies that have been taking the eyes of the boys this week. Do not blame the boys for we like to see them ourselves.

There is some talk of a bridge being built on Clear Creek at the ford, just north of the station. We would like to have it and would like to see it built. We would do justice to the township of Perry to build it. There is not a bridge in the township that was built by the county. This is a very bad ford in the winter. We have the pike, give us a bridge and we are elected for going to the county seat at any time of the year.

Lewis G. and Edward Lorland sold eight papier trees for \$300, it is said. To Mr. Abernathy, of Chicago, last week Mr. Abernathy will have the timber cut and hauled to C. C. and will ship in the log. It is a fine lot of timber; it is on what is known as the Shryer farm.

Inn Dillman has paid the highest price for hogs that has been paid here this season. He paid \$3.75 last week for P. B. Martin's hogs; the same for Mr. Eli Burd's. They were extra good hogs.

P. B. Martin went to Louisville Thursday, and returned Saturday.

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