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Read the speech of Senator Turple on first page.

The Democratic State Central Committee will hold a meeting at Indianapolis next Tuesday—January 8th.

The Indiana Legislature will convene at Indianapolis next week. We trust that among its first enactments will be a stringent election law, and another to smash up the school book monopoly.

The millionaire monopolists are in daily consultation with President-elect Harrison. It seems he does not vouchsafe to them the information he gave to a labor organization that called upon him recently, to-wit: "The election is over."

TRUSTS AND LABOR.

The trust is the natural offspring of the protective tariff. The protective tariff we are told is maintained solely in the interests of American labor. To what extent labor is benefitted the Chicago Sentinel briefly tells:

"Last week Senator Vest rolled up his sleeves and pitched into the whiskey, the sugar trusts and the copper syndicate.

If the Missouri Senator had gone farther he might have referred to Stewart,s statistics of idleness and found out that the combined industries of the country pay the Vulcan steel works of St. Louis $400,000 to stand idle, thus throwing its workmen out of employ. The Waverly stone ring pays quarries thousands of dollars—in one instance $4,500 a year—to do nothing. The salt works along the Kanawha were bought up by the American Salt Manufacturer's association and have never employed a man since. The Standard Oil company buys up competitors and dismantles their works. The tank manufacturers buy out a refractory fellow who would not join the pool, and not a wheel has turned since. The Western Lead and Shot association buys the shot tower of Dubuque, Iowa, to keep men from working there. The bagging-mills at Dixon, in this State, have been idle for three years, while the proprietor draws a dividend from the pool for "limiting production" greater than he could realize by running his works. Sloan & Co. stop as many coal mines as is necessary to prevent the output from exceeding the limit agreed upon at the "annual meeting" of the combination.

At the very same time that the Senator was making his speech a secret meeting was being held at Springfield, Ill., to promote the interests of the great soft coal trust. It was held "to discuss the question of prices in the Northwest. The centrall Illinois operators entered the pool by agreement for a secret consideration not to enter into competition with the Northern association in Iowa, Minnesota. Wisconsin, Nebraska, Dakota, or Montana. It was decided by both associations to maintain a uniform price throughout the West and the Northwest for the entire output, the price to be regulated monthly during the season of greatest consumption."

FROM WHEATFIELD.

Wheatfield is still a booming.

The Hallock boys have just completed a large hay barn. Mr. Phelps is erecting another. When it is finished Wheatfield will have three hay barns.

Hay hauling and pressing is all the go.

William Morris, the man who was stabbed Nov. 6th, is able to be about again.

Land buyers are as numerous as ever. They are still flocking in to purchase the Northern Jasper lands.

Found—Between Kniman and Rensselaer, a pocket book containing one note and a small piece of paper of no value. The owner can get his pocket book by calling on Joseph Austin, one mille south of Wheatfield. MOONLIGHT.

FOUR LIVES BRIGHTENED

I was in love with Alice Tracy, and it was said that she had been engaged to Hugh Morton for months.

At this moment Hugh was bending over her, speaking in an earnest, impassioned manner that caused my heart to throb with jealous fury.

She averted her face from his gaze, and as she did so her eyes caught mine.

A vivid flush dyed her cheek.

"Did you ever see a lovelier view than yonder pasture?" said the soft voice of Nora Tracy, Agnes' younger sister at my side.

"It is indeed, lovely," I responded, "and one which would arouse the soul of an artist to enthusiasm."

A low laugh behind startled me, and the next moment the clear voice of Agnes spoke:

"How refreshingly artistic you are, Mr. Hunter."

I colored and bit my lips, and Hugh Morton, who had followed Agnes to where we stood, looking annoyed, also.

"There are moments in life," I replied, "when everything combines to stir in a man's soul a depth of feeling which he had never suspected that he possessed."

Agnes made no reply, and Hugh Morton led her to the other end of the boat.

Again Nora's little bird-like voice broke in on my disturbed thoughts.

"Agnes told me that she had never been so happy in her life as when out the other night in that awful storm with you. But then Agnes is so brave and loves things which frighten and appall me."

"My heart gave a great bonnd of joy. Did Agnes love me?

The sun sank, like a great ball of fire, below the western sky, and the bright stars peeped out, one by one, and were reflected in the shining water beneath, in throbbing, quivering brightness.

The rest of the party were on the other end of the boat, enjoying the full beauty of the moonlight, and I was standing, leaning over the railing, in the shadow of the pilot house, when a soft, hesitating step caused me to turn.

The dark eyes of Agnes Tracy met mine, and in the surprise and delight of the unexpected meeting I caught her and held her in close embrace.

"Miss Tracy! Agnes! ——" I began.

But her soft voice interrupted me:

"Nay, let me tell you first that you are unjust and unkind to accuse me of coquetry. I never knew until to-night that you loved me. How could I show or confess my love to you until you had offered yours to me? Now——" and her sweet voice faltered a little—"I am not ashamed to tell you that I have always loved you, and that Hugh Morton is nothing to me but a friend."

Was I dreaming? I took her in my arms and pressed a passionate kiss upon her lips.

"Agnes, my darling, I can scarcely believe my own happiness! And you really love me and will be my wife?"

The smiling "yes" had scarcely left her lips when Hugh Morton stood before us.

"Allow me to present to you my affianced wife," I said as coolly as I could speak.

His face was ghastly in the moonlight, and a bitter smile curved his lips.

Then he turned and walked away.

This was two years ago. Agnes has been my wife for eighteen months, and little Nora is now Hugh Morton's promised bride. He seems very happy of her confiding love, and I am very sure that she knows nothing of the mistake which changed four lives so completely, and drowned me with a happiness that must last as long as life.

Resenting an Insult.

Robinson—Jackson, I hear that Brown called you a liar last night."

Jackson (bitterly)—Yes, he called me a liar.

Robinson—And didn't you resent it?

Jackson (warmly)—Resent it? You bet I did! I told him that was simply a matter of opinion and not of fact. No man can call me a liar and get away with it.

An Ingenious Torturer.

A teacher in Bristol who was recently forbidden by the school authorities to punish pupils by putting sticks an inch or two long between their jaws and tying their hands behind them, is said to have since then punished the unruly by sealing their mouths with court plaster, occasionally seasoned with cayenne pepper.

An Awful Day.

"Come right in the kitchen, Johnny," said Mrs. Brown, "and get your supper. Don't make the least noise, and as soon as you are through you must get right upstairs to bed."

"What's the matter, ma?" cried little Johnny, putting his finger in his eye.

"Hush, dear," she replied. "Your father has been putting up the stoves this afternoon."

She Refused $150,000.

The tenacity with which people love to hold to their homesteads is illustrated in a piece of land which is at Bar Harbor, the fashionable watering place, and which has "a view" and would be a splendid site for a cottage. It is owned by an old Irish washerwoman who has a hut and dries her clothes there. All persuasions to sell it have failed to move her, and it is said that $150,000 was offered for the property this summer. The simple minded Bar Harborites have always resented the inroads of "the swells" and the way they have appropriated the place, and many of them have similarly refused to sell their birth places.

Time Brings Changes.

Husband (whose wife has been reproving him for smoking in her presence)—You often used to say before we were married; O, George, I do so love the odor of a good cigar.

Wife—Yes, that sort of thing is part of a young lady's capital.

THE SUN DANCE.

Excruciating Tortures Self-Inflicted by the Crow Indians.

The Crows have a sun dance of their own. The dance originates in a spirit of revenge, and through it they seek to secure the assistance of the Supreme Being in carrying out their plans for vengeance and in prosecuting their wars and horse stealing expeditions.

Besides the strings by which the dancer is fastened through the sinews of the chest and back to a long pole, the brave endeavors to produce good luck by mutilating himself with knives in many parts of the body. Some of the young men fasten buffalo heads to the muscles of the back and dance themselves free, and through and about the camp.

Their legends say that God made them first of all human beings, the other Indians next, and the white man at the last as a punishment for some offenses.

How much bodly pain one of these Crow warriors can undergo I witnessed in 1880, near this post. It was in the fall of that year when Hon. Carl Schurz (then Secretary of the Interior) visited the captured Sioux and Cheyennes near Fort Keogh. The honorable gentleman desired to observe the natives at one of their dances and feasts, and Gen. Miles, our commanding officer, conducted him to the neighboring encampment. The writer accompanied the party, which went on horseback. As we neared the spot we beheld several hundreds of Indians squatted down on the grass, singing, shouting and drumming. They were not dancing just then, but were enjoying a star performance by a solitary warrior—a Crow Indian—something of an excruciating humorous character—a highly seasoned and palatable side dish in the feast, so to speak.

The stalwart crow stood in the center of the circle entirely naked with the exception of the proverbial breech-cloth; the blood was streaming from a hundred gashes which he was self-inflicting upon chest, shoulders, abdomen, arms and legs with sharp edged knives, handed to him alternately by some of the Sioux and Cheyenne braves.

The sight was too much for the somewhat sensitive organization of the fastidious secretary, and, giving his horse the spurs, he soon escaped from the disgusting spectacle. The attending Indians enjoyed the performance hugely, for they were chatting away and laughing gayly while the horrible and certainly very painful mutilation was going on. The interpreter informed me that it was an atonement ceremony on the part of the Crow, who had in the preceding winter killed a Sioux. From the same source I learned afterward that the very height of the festivity was reached by the audience when the performer finally permitted his body to be washed with vinegar, after which he indulged in fits and convulsions.

CAT'S-EYE STONES.

Something About These Stones and How They Came Into Fashion.

That the Duke of Connaught gave his bride a cat's-eye ring as an engagement token was enough to make the stone fashionable and to increase its value greatly. The demand soon extended to Ceylon, where the true chrysoberyl cat's-eye is found, and stimulated the search for it there. In the chrysoberyl cat's-eye the effect is the result of a twining of the crystal, or of a deposit between its crystalline layers of other minerals in microscopic inclusions. If the stone be cut across these layers en cabochon or carbuncle cut, as it is called, a bright line of light will be condensed on the dome-like top of the stone.

In the search for these chrysoberyl cat's-eyes there have been found an endless series of chrysoberyls of deep golden, light yellow, yellow green, sage green, dark green, yellowish brown, and other tints. They are superb gems, weighing from one to one hundred carats each, ranking next to the sapphire in hardness. They gave a great surprise to the gem-dealers, for it was found that the darker leaf green or olive green stones possessed the wonderful dichroitic property of changing to columbine red by artifical light, the green being entirely subdued and the red predominating, and in fact were alexandrites, a gem which had formerly been found only in Siberia, and even there of poor quality though in large crystals, a perfect gem of even one carate being a great rarity. Here, however, fine gems rarely under four carats were found, and an exceptionable one weighed sixty seven carats. They can be numbered among the most remarkable of known gems. Strange to say, among these alexandrites a few have been found which combine the characteristics of the cat's-eye and the alexandrite and are in reality cat's-eyes.

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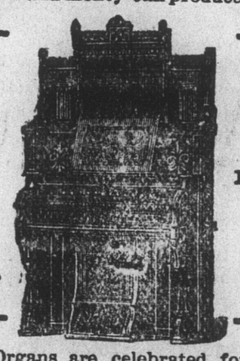

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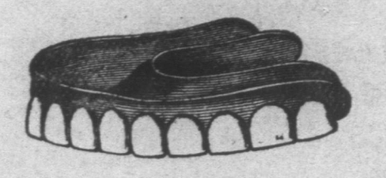

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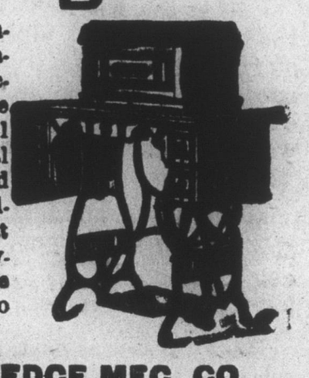

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