

MORAL SONG ON MONEY.

Money is not happiness; Wealth may co-exist with gout; Buys the physic, ne'ertheless, Which you can't be cured without. Money is not happiness; Money is not beer or wine; But to lack it is to owe. Grievous bills, or not to dine.

Money occupies the purse; Happiness is in the mind; Else its state is the reverse. Woe with indigence compels. Happiness is your fortune through life; you wisely spend; Money is the means unto. Happiness and that's the end.

Who can keep a conscience clear, Who can have a mind at rest, That of ruin lives with fear. Ever gnawing at the breast? Others' happiness, benefit, Tis money's aid alone. You can do your species good.

Happiness he may, below, Find, with money who abounds; None can until they go To the Happy Hunting-Grounds. Money when a man deceives, Tis money's aid alone. And that presently he tries Out of cash to shew you.

—Pulman.

AT PEACE.

Green trees and quiet fields, and sunbeams light With holy silence, save for rippling leaves, And birds that twitter of the coming night, Calling their mates, beneath my cottage eaves— These fair hath grace for all the space To be companions of my delights— Filling my grateful heart with Nature's grace.

III.

No unremembered here the gaudy stage. Nor the wild city's uproar, nor the noise For gain and power in which we'll engage; But here remembered 'tis, in a dream, As something fretful that has come to rest— Here, where time's like a gentle stream, Rid it of all the heart's and soul's unrest. And that presently he tries Out of cash to shew you.

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But never, never let me cease to know, O whispering winds and dark, tangled grass, That the world's a place that you bestow, When the wild fevers of ambition pass, And the worn pith, in its gloom and grief, Sinks on your bosom, and there finds relief.

—William Winter, in the Galaxy for April.

PRAYER.

There was of old a Moslem saint Named Rabi'a. On her bed she lay Pale, sick, but uttered no complaint, "Send for the holy men to pray." And two were sent. The first drew near: "O Rabi'a, we have come to you to hear Who does not bow beneath the rod And bear the chastening strokes of God." Whereat the second, more severe: "The first is a saint; we have no power Who does not bow to the rod, rejoice And make the strokes he bears his choice." Then she, who felt in such pain The love of self did still remain: And when she spoke, her voice was sincere When they from whose wrung hearts they fall Are not as I am, lying here.

Who long since have forgotten all.

Dear Lord of Love! There is no pain."

—R. H. Stoddard.

INFLUENCE OF EXAMPLE.

The smallest bark on life's tumultuous ocean Will leave a track behind forevermore; The lightest word of influence, once spoken, Is like a stone cast into the eternal shore; We should be wary, then, who go before A myriad yet to be; and we should take Our bearing carefully, where breakers roar; May break unnumbered barkets that follow in our wake! —Mrs. Bolton.

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

The Hon. Wm. Orton, president of the W. U. Telegraph company, sails for Europe on Saturday, under the advice of his physicians.

Miss Ada C. Sweet is the chief pension agent in Chicago, having been appointed to that office upon the death of her father who had filled it for some years.

John Lawrence Toole, England's greatest comedian, is soon to visit America. We sincerely hope he will prove a good tool for somebody to manipulate.

Michigan ought to be happy. A resolution has been offered in the Senate that in view of the large balance in the state treasury no tax be levied for 1874.

Thomas Ansbro, a private detective, who attained an unenviable notoriety in the famous "Edith O'Gorman, the escaped nun," case, died Monday night in San Francisco.

Two buildings were burned at Mott Haven, New York, last Tuesday night, and in one of them a Mrs. Burns and her three children were burned to death. Her husband and two children escaped.

Another gain for the better half: The word "male" has been stricken out of the elective franchise articles just passed by the Michigan new constitution makers, by a

House.

Minnesota is generous; she appropriates \$25,000 to be expended in the purchase of seed wheat for settlers in the southwestern counties whose crops were destroyed last year by grasshoppers.

The gossips are whispering of the marriage of Gen. Schenck, United States minister at St. James, to a wealthy and fashionable widow of New York city. There is no telling what a pretty widow won't do.

One of the editors of the Advance having lately lost three umbrellas, begins to have a timely belief that the antiquity of man and the apostolic succession are not the only questions on which the world needs enlightenment.

The Gulf of St. Lawrence is reported full of ice and there is a small prospect of navigation being opened as soon as expected. The weather Tuesday night and Wednesday, was extremely cold for the season, being five degrees below zero.

This is too cruel and yet it must be true, says Dr. Brown-Sequard: "Although we have two brains, it is pretty much as if we had one," and a Harvard professor amends it by saying that with some of his boys it is very much as if they had none.

The officers of the Erie railroad company say that work is again organized and going on well, and that the force of private police will be continued for a few days to guard the yards and property. The strikers are to be paid off and discharged.

A fire in Newark avenue, Jersey City, Tuesday morning, destroyed the stores of D. F. Smith, hardware; Armstrong, boots and shoes; Christy, bay and feed, and several houses; also a grocery store and beer saloon. The total loss is estimated at about fifty thousand dollars.

Now here is a story that we don't believe, but we give it for what it will bring: "They tell about a man in Maine who refused to get up and light the fire, and as his wife said she wouldn't, they remained in bed thirty-seven hours before the matter was settled. We suppose she then got up and built a fire — under the bed.

Cincinnati is proud of the support given to her newly organized orchestra. She believes that in supporting a first-class orchestra, a public library, and things of that sort, that in time she may escape the bad odor of the pork reputation which has so constantly clung to her in the past years.

The popular humorist who spells 'ow' and writes '2' in place of 'to' are called the Tom Fools of current literature, never saying a word without a grimace, always

appearing in patches and paint, earning like other mountaineers a honest livelihood by a trade that gives innocent mirth to multitudes.

The Pilatik (Florida) Herald mentions a farmer by the name of Putch, who has been compelled to move to the other side of St. John's River, in consequence of the depredations of alligators. He says his cattle have been thinned out by an old bull alligator, which has been the terror of his neighbor for years.

TOM SCOTT'S SOIREE.

RAILROADERS' RALLY.

MEETING OF RAILROAD OFFICIALS YESTERDAY—UNION DEPOT MATTERS—THE BELT RAILROAD—ITS COMPLETION A FIXED FACT.—I. & ST. L. ELECTION.

The city yesterday was thronged, so to speak, with railroad men, who congregated here for the transaction of business which may ultimately redound to the glory of the central city. Their meetings were strictly secret, and enterprising reporters who tried to check their way into the council of the railroad lords, were courteously but peremptorily refused admission. The deliberations were mainly informal, and no definite order was taken upon the various matters under consideration except the appointment of certain committees. Of those present in the city representing railroads, were the Honorable Thomas A. Scott, president of the Pennsylvania company; William Stewart, Pittsburgh, general freight agent of the same company; T. D. Mazzier and J. M. McCullough, of the Pan Handle; the Hon. H. J. Jewett, of Columbus, first vice president and manager of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis road and leased lines; David S. Gray, general western manager of the Union line; Mr. Roberts, fourth vice-president of the Pennsylvania company; Mr. F. S. Vanastine, general southern agent of the Union line, headquarters at Louisville; Mr. A. B. Leet, commercial freight agent, Grand Rapids, Michigan; J. A. Grier, division freight agent of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis, headquarters at Cincinnati; Mr. E. F. Muller, division freight agent of the same road, headquarters at Cincinnati; Mr. Nathan Stevens, general agent of the Pennsylvania company, headquarters at Louisville; Mr. Carl Hinman, general freight agent of the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis Railroad, at Louisville; H. W. Hibbard, general freight agent of the Vandalia road; Mr. Horace Scott, superintendent of the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis road; W. R. KeKeen, president of the Terre Haute road; M. E. Ingalls, of the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette road. An informal

MEETING OF FREIGHT AGENTS

was held at the office of J. A. Perkins, general agent of the Pennsylvania company but no action of any kind was taken. It was simply a consultation meeting, at which the various matters relating to freight interests were discussed. On the 2nd day of April, another meeting of freight agents of the Pan Handle line will be held in this city when important business it is expected, will be transacted. The meetings at the union depot were chief in importance, having under consideration union depot matters and the Bell railroad project. At the meeting of the union depot board the Balfourtaine, Pan Handle, I. C. & L., Jeffersonville, and Terra Haute roads were represented. Horace Scott was elected president and Mr. W. N. Jackson officiated as secretary. No final action was taken upon anything. Messrs. Jewett, Ingalls and McKeen were appointed a committee to confer with the city in regard to grades and lowering the tracks, and Messrs. McKeen, Woodward, Caldwell and Spurr were appointed a committee to value the property of the Union railway company. Articles of association were discussed but nothing was matured. At the meeting in regard to

THE BELT RAILROAD,

Messrs. Henry C. Lord, president of the company, Richard J. Bright, Thomas D. Kingan, Horace Scott and Mr. Smith were present. The matter was generally discussed, and there was a unanimous expression of feeling in favor of the construction of the road. Every one concurred in the opinion that the road was a necessity, and should be completed at the earliest opportunity. The feeling prevalent at the meeting unmistakably leads to the conclusion that the project will be a success. As these meetings were merely incidental (the greater number of prominent railroaders being directors of the Indianapolis and St. Louis road, and were here to attend

THE ANNUAL ELECTION

At that road there were no decided steps taken in any direction, but the utmost harmony prevailed throughout the deliberations. The election above alluded to was held at Mr. Woodward's office on Alabama street. The following named directors, (the oil board) were present: From the Pan Handle—The Hon. T. A. Scott, F. D. Mossler and J. M. McCullough, from the Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati roads—Messrs. J. H. Devereux, E. W. Woodward and J. H. Hinman. The following named officers (the same as last year) were elected—President, E. W. Woodward; Secretary and Treasurer, Edward King; Auditor, A. J. McDowell; General Superintendent, Daniel Woodward. Reports of officers were submitted and approved.

THE FAMINE IN IOWA.

THE AID GIVEN AND THE AID NEEDED—THE SUFFERING OF THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF UNION SOLDIERS—AN APPEAL FOR AID.

Adjutant F. B. Baker, of Iowa, has printed another appeal for aid to the destitute homesteaders in the northwestern portion of the state. He says that the \$50,000 already donated for seed grain is not enough, the people want something to support them until they have a crop, and he adds: "All that the grangers can do will not be sufficient, even if we have an early and pleasant spring. The cold weather of the past few days may be the forerunner of a cold March, instead of the mild one prophesied by many. I shall not undertake to repeat the facts and arguments in relation to the necessity of aid to the homesteaders. Mr. Gregg was stated to me, and Judge Oliver restated them. The state grange committee have corroborated, and the general assembly committee have ratified the strongest statement made. I want to say, however, that the language which Senator Sumner made you use, and therefore I entirely believe you when you say that you have never sympathized with any personal assault upon me. How could you? Didn't you say, on the Friday previous, in substance, in the presence of more than one person, that I was doing a wise thing in making my canvass for governor, and that I should make the party bring back those who had gone out? I am sorry to learn you tell me that your friend at Washington failed to support you as you desired. You say: 'I was not a candidate for the convention, was asked to be one, but positively declined, and refused before leaving home, and wrote from Washington that I must not be voted for.' Still it appears, in spite of your so cogently-expressed wish, all who agreed with you in Natick in regard to the merits and demerits of your present correspondent did vote for you as a delegate to the convention on an anti-Bell ticket. 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