

JUDGE BALDWIN DEAD

APOPLEXY KILLS FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL OF INDIANA.

BOWED BY FINANCIAL TROUBLES

Last Years of Logansport Jurist Saddened by Tangles in Banking Enterprises.

Logansport, Ind., Special: Judge Daniel P. Baldwin, former attorney general of Indiana, distinguished as a financier, lecturer and traveler, trustee of Wabash College and prominent as a politician, dropped dead Sunday at his home. Disclosure in connection with his private banks at Goodland, Fowler and Andia, Ind., coupled with indictments for embezzlement returned in Newton county, November 5, it is charged, were directly responsible for the failure of his health. Apoplexy was given as the cause of his death.

Banks operated by Judge Baldwin and W. H. Dague were closed a year ago by State Auditor Billheimer, it being alleged deposits were used to finance investments in Arkansas timberland. Judge Baldwin was released on bond after the indictment. For a year he had been striving to clear up his bank affairs.

Judge Baldwin's political activities were for the Republican party in every campaign from 1860 to 1892. In 1890 he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for judge of the Supreme Court, being defeated. His speech accepting the defeat after so prolonged and intense a struggle, he said, he felt that it was his duty to accept the result. He was elected to the office of judge of the Supreme Court, but later resigned. His speech accepting the defeat after so prolonged and intense a struggle, he said, he felt that it was his duty to accept the result.

In 1902, through a misunderstanding with President Harrison, Baldwin withdrew his support from the ticket and started a stumping tour which came to an abrupt close through an injury to his leg at Milwaukee. He was withdrawn from the list of Democratic orators. He took no part in politics after this, but later resumed his association with the Republican party. Judge Baldwin's banking interests extended to a number of towns in Indiana where he was interested in banks or realty investments. Through the closing of two of his banks and the resulting disclosures his fortune was shattered. He was active up to the day of his death, however, in trying to clear the tangle in which the banks had become involved.

The statement is made by intimate friends that Judge Baldwin's death was directly due to worry over these business affairs and the State investigation which brought about the disclosures. Had it been delayed a few weeks, they say, it would have shown conditions in the Baldwin banks unfamilar.

Daniel Pratt Baldwin was born in Madison county, New York, in 1837. His parents, Hiram and Harriet (Pratt) Baldwin, being descendants of early settlers of New England.

In 1860, Judge Baldwin became a resident of Logansport, taking a law partnership with his uncle, Daniel D. Pratt, later United States senator from Indiana. The partnership continued for ten years. In 1870 Judge Baldwin was elected to the vacancy in the Court of Common Pleas, and subsequently re-elected. He kept in close touch with the literature of his day and in 1877 Madison College gave him the degree of LL. D., Wabash College later conferring the same degree.

"JAG" BRINGS \$50,000.
Property Bought by Drunken Man Goes 'Way Up.

Chicago, Special: A "drunk" that ultimately netted its owner in the neighborhood of \$50,000 was related in Judge Meek's court, as part of the evidence resulting in the court setting aside the will of the late Joseph Willis at the request of his widow, Mrs. Bertha Willis.

Willie, it was related, while intoxicated, bought a piece of West Side real estate for \$1,300 some years ago. When he became sober he regretted the deal, thinking some one had taken advantage of his condition. He investigated, however, and to make the best of what he considered a bad bargain, made sufficient improvements to pay taxes and a little profit. The property today is appraised at \$5,000.

His Twenty-Seventh Child.
Byrn Mawr, Pa., Special: That there is no rare suicide in the family of Clem Tuck, Haverford road, Byrn Mawr is vouched for by the arrival of the twenty-seventh child, though this is Mr. Tuck's third wife. The father is 65 years of age and is a deacon in the colored Baptist church of Byrn Mawr. He was born in Virginia.

Friday is Alimony Day.
Chicago, Special: Beginning with the New Year every Friday will be "Alimony Day" with Judge Albert C. Barnes, of the Superior Court of Cook county. Judge Barnes, in making the announcement, declared that there was such a mass of legal business growing out of divorces and divorce hearings that it interferes with more important matters and requires a day, or part of a day, by itself.

Santa Claus' Mail Problem.
Washington, D. C., Special: Postmaster General Meyer has not decided whether he will issue an order similar to the one he issued on Dec. 13 last, which provides that letters addressed unmistakably to "Santa Claus" may be delivered to any regularly organized charitable society. The postmaster general has received numerous communications both for and against the issuance of the order and is now giving consideration to them before taking any definite action.

INDIANA LEADS THE WORLD.

Wins First Place in Contest at Corn Exposition.

Omaha, Neb., Special: Indiana leads the world as a grower of fine corn. Prizes for individual exhibits in competitions open to the world had extreme interest for the exhibitors at the national corn exposition. These premiums were well divided among the twenty-eight corn-growing States, Indiana getting first and second for single ear of corn in world's championship. Some of the awards follow:

Best Ten Ears Kaffir Corn—First, Monroe Riggs, Altamont, Kansas; second, Fred Waltje, Anthony, Kansas; third, Hugh A. Randell, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

White Popcorn—First, H. T. Lake, Razeville, S. D.; second, L. B. Clure, Franklin, Ind.; third, Arnold Martin, Dubois, Neb.

Largest and Best Ear Corn (world's championship)—First, Geo. Stambrook, Franklin, Ind.; second, Harry Tilsen, Franklin, Ind.; third, Harry Seitz, Desoto, Neb.

SCORES DIE AT PANAMA

FORTY TONS OF DYNAMITE LETS GO ON CANAL.

TRYING TO BREAK RECORD

Workmen Victims of Premature Ignition While Trying to Make a New Standard.

Panama, Canal: Over 100 men were killed or wounded at Bas Obispo, fifteen miles from here, by the explosion of forty tons of dynamite.

The men who were killed were part of the huge force engaged in making the Culebra cut, at the beginning of which is the settlement of Bas Obispo. Here was the headquarters and the supply depot for the operations in progress there. The rock in the Culebra cut is the hardest yet encountered in digging the canal, and, consequently, a greater amount of explosive was kept on hand there. It is supposed that familiarity had caused the workmen to be careless in handling the powder. Contractors here say the men should not have tried to make a blast with forty tons.

The excavation of the Culebra cut is now going on and the dirt is flying by rapid train loads from five different levels. Counting those made by the French suitable for tracks there are ten levels. Terrace above terrace they rise to the view, with hills, and trees and valleys beyond them a landscape of tremendous interest and activity. There are continual explosions of dynamite and powder blasts. The blast holding the record for size and results contained 27 tons of explosives. The men were trying to surpass that mark. All around, air drills and steam drills are making holes in the rocks to admit the dynamite and powder. Great cranes are holding their heavy loads; occasional hill slides are filling the gullies and covering the tracks; running streams and standing pools add to the variety of the problem; engines, for various phases of the work, are puffing and snorting and doing their master's bidding. All this was going on when the disastrous blast occurred.

For a moment the thousands of laborers, foremen and engineers thought only that one section of the force had made another "shot" and prepared to remove the debris. In a few seconds, however, the air was filled with the shrieks of shattered human beings.

The field hospital staff and equipment were wholly inadequate to cope with the emergency. The doctors immediately on the grounds hastily passed the dead by and sought for signs of life in those obviously hurt the worst. To those they gave first attention, while the American foremen and engineers gave hasty aid to others less dangerously wounded.

Work of Chicago Dynamiters.

Chicago, Special: Two buildings were wrecked, several persons were believed to have been killed and windows were shattered for blocks around by the terrific explosion of a bomb in an alley on Wabash avenue Sunday. The wrecked buildings adjoin the coliseum, where the first ward hall, an annual event against holding which this year much opposition has been made by the law and order element, was scheduled to be held Monday night. The police are working on the theory that the bomb thrower designed to wreck the Coliseum in order to stop the ball.

Acquitted on Whitecap Charge.

Rushville, Ind., Special: Acquittal was the verdict returned in the John B. Tribbey whitecapping cases against Mrs. Leona Tribbey, Charles and Harry McFartride, Perry Collins, Burl Kennedy and Lafayette Goldman. The jury was out two hours and five minutes. The crime with which the six were charged was the whipping of John B. Tribbey early on the morning of August 5 last, when Tribbey was taken from his bed by masked men, bound to a tree, beaten with a spiked board and then covered with tar and feathers.

Famous Sioux Leader Dead.

Pierre, S. D., Special: Chief Hump, the Sioux leader who was at the head of the band which caused the trouble, ending in the battle of Wounded Knee, the last important Indian fight in the northwest, is dead at his camp at Cherry Creek.

Both Gas and Oil.

Petersburg, Ind., Special: Natural gas, with a pressure of 300 pounds and a volume of 2,000,000 cubic feet, was struck late last week at West Petersburg at a depth of 1,200 feet. Oil also is flowing from the well.

ROOSEVELT'S PHILIPPIC

ADDS EDITOR PULITZER TO ANANIAS CLUB

IN MOST VITRIOLIC MESSAGE

Ever Sent the Senate, Teddy Reiterates Denial as to Canal Deal Story.

Washington, Special: In one of the most vitriolic messages ever transmitted to Congress President Roosevelt Tuesday reiterated his denial that there was anything questionable about the transaction involving the purchase of the Panama Canal property by the United States.

The message is, in a sense, an amplification of the letter sent to William D. Foulke, of Indiana, at Hot Springs, Va., last month, and is the product of the joint efforts of the President, members of his cabinet and others who in their official capacity assisted in the consummation of the transfer of the waterway to this Government.

The President adds Joseph Pulitzer, the owner and publisher of the New York World, to his Ananias Club, and announces that Attorney-General Bonaparte has under consideration the question of prosecuting him for alleged criminal libel.

The President in recent years has employed some very virile language in expressing his ideas or opinions in his messages to Congress, but he probably reached the climax in his latest message.

He undoubtedly was boiling with indignation when he wrote the message, as may be judged from the use of the following terms: "Scoundrels and liars; in character; concocted with a view of possible blackmail; string of infamous lies; lying and libelous editorials; guilty of criminal offense; blackening the good name of the American people; villify of the American people; wantonly and wickedly blackens character" and "wrongdoing of the basest and foulest kind."

Most of this Rooseveltian philippic is directed at Mr. Pulitzer, primarily on account of the recent editorial utterances upon the canal matter and his effort to demonstrate that the President was guilty of misrepresentation in statements contained in his letter to Foulke, and, secondarily, because of the World's hostile attitude toward him in the last year or so.

There was but a small attendance in the Senate and the clerk hurried through this message, the accompanying papers and exhibits not being read at all. Over in the House more attention was paid to the document.

The latest development in the canal affair assuredly will not terminate the discussion on the subject. The contention of Philippe Bunau-Varilla, once Chief Engineer of the canal when the property was in the hands of the French company, and first Minister from Panama to the United States, that the canal project will be a colossal failure unless the present methods of construction are modified, has caused members of Congress to hesitate about proceeding along the present lines and reopened discussion of the relative merits of the lock and sea level waterways. His opinion that the cost will be vastly greater than was originally estimated has also created considerable disquietude among the lawmakers.

CONGRESS UP IN ARMS.

Think President's Message Cast Slur On Member's Integrity.

Washington, Special: The House has unanimously passed a resolution to investigate and report on that portion of the President's message relating to appropriations and secret service men.

Both Houses of Congress are enraged in consequence of that part of the message which they construed as casting a reflection on their integrity. In providing for the maintenance of the secret service bureau at the last preceding session, it was expressly provided that none of the men thus engaged should be transferred to any other department, by executive order or otherwise, for the performance of duty. That action was taken obviously with the intention of curbing the propensity of the President to institute investigation of alleged dereliction on his own account, and he evidently accepted it as justification for reprisal.

"The chief argument in favor of the provision," says the President in his offending document, "was that the congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated by secret service men. Very little of such investigation has been done in the past; but it is true that the work of the secret service agents was partly responsible for the indictment and conviction of a senator and a congressman for land frauds in Oregon. I do not believe that it is in the public interest to protect criminals in any branch of the public service."

Society Girl to Wed Jap.

Chicago, Special: An American-Japanese romance, which had its inception in the art institute two years ago, is to culminate in the marriage of Miss Lucene Goodenow, a society girl of Woodlawn, and Kiokel Lunakai, a Japanese artist, who is said to be the heir apparent to one of the oldest titles in Japan.

Head Too Big for Town.

Columbia, Mo., Special: The Rt. Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, Episcopal bishop of Missouri, lost his silk tie during the exercises marking the inauguration of President Hill of the University of Missouri. The bishop was hastily supplied with a bat several sizes too small. He wears a 75, and there was no hat in Columbia big enough for him. The famed headpiece had to be balanced on his head, for it was too small to grip the bishop's crown and stay there of its own accord.

"IK MARVEL" PASSES.

Author of "Reveries of a Bachelor" Dead at 84.

New Haven, Conn., Special: Donald Grant Mitchell, 84 years old, the well-known author who wrote under the nom de plume "Ik Marvel," is dead at his home, "Marvelwood," in Edgewood, suburb of this city.

Mr. Mitchell, author of the delightful fancies, "Reveries of a Bachelor" and "Dream of Life," which have had repeated vogue for over half a century, was over 85 years of age. He was born in Norwich, Conn., in April, 1822. After an academic education he attended Yale, from which he was graduated in 1841. He then studied law in New York City, and after his marriage in 1855 to Mrs. Mary P. Pringle, of Charleston, S. C., he was for a time the United States Consul to Venice.

He wrote several bits of sketchy fiction before he was 25 years of age, and "Reveries of a Bachelor" was published in 1850, when he was 28. "Dream Life" followed in 1852.

Since his retirement as Consul to Venice in 1854 he has resided on his farm, Edgewood, near New Haven, Conn.

POPULAR VOTE TOTALS

GIVE TAFT OVER A MILLION VOTES TO THE GOOD.

BEATS TEDDY'S GREAT RECORD

While Bryan Captured 1,315,211 More Votes than Sage of Esopus Did in 1904.

New York, Special: The total popular vote of the various Presidential candidates at the last national election has been made known in an official form by the filing of the last official votes, that of Michigan. The total shows the following vote cast:

Taft, Republican	7,637,676
Bryan, Democrat	6,393,182
Debs, Socialist	448,453
Chaffin, Prohibition	241,252
Hilsen, Independent	83,186
Watson, Populist	33,871
Gilhaus, Socialist Labor	15,421

Total for all candidates...14,853,941
This grand total exceeds by 1,341,531 the total number of votes cast in the Presidential election of 1904, when the grand total was 13,516,708.

Compared with that election the candidates of the Republican, Democratic and Socialist parties increased their vote this year. The reverse is true of the candidates of the Prohibition, Populist and Socialist Labor parties.

The biggest difference in a party vote is shown in an increase for Bryan of 1,315,211 over the total vote cast in 1904 for Alton B. Parker, the Democratic candidate.

Taft received 14,190 votes more than were polled for President Roosevelt in 1904, and Debs ran 45,368 ahead of his predecessor on the Socialist ticket. The heaviest loss is shown by the Populists, who, with the same candidates, registered 83,312 votes less this year than in 1904, when their total was 117,135.

New York, 870,670; Pennsylvania, 745,779, and Illinois, 629,932, gave Taft the greatest number of votes among the states, while as to Bryan, the order was New York, 667,468; Ohio, 502,721, and Illinois 450,810.

The votes cast for Taft and Bryan were almost identical in number in two states, namely: Maryland and Nevada. In the first mentioned, Taft received 111,253, and Bryan 111,117, and in the other, 10,214 and 10,655 respectively.

Higsen's vote in New York, 35,817, and in his own state of Massachusetts, 14,237, together formed nearly two-thirds of all the votes he received in the whole country. In six states not a vote was cast for him.

Nine states registered not a single vote for the Prohibitionist candidate.

J. P. Morgan Gives \$100,000.

New York, Special: Bishop William Ford Nichols, of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of California, announces that J. Pierpont Morgan has contributed \$100,000 for the rebuilding of the Episcopal churches of San Francisco, destroyed by the earthquake and fire three years ago.

Editorial Demands Hanging.

Memphis, Tenn., Special: A startling editorial for a southern journal appears in the Commercial Appeal, demanding the hanging of William Latura, who shot and killed three negroes. It says that a grand jury is due at once, and the hangman's noose before the new year.

Broom Prices Go Upward.

Terre Haute, Ind., Special: The 23 cent broom is a thing of the past for a year at least. Broom corn brokers have cornered the available supply in Illinois, and as high as \$150 a ton is offered at Paris. Broom factories have raised the price of the lowest grades.

Argentina Plans Big Navy.

Buenos Ayres, Cable: The senate has finally confirmed the report of the naval armaments commission authorizing the expenditure over a period of six years of \$33,000,000.

Perish in Black Sea.

St. Petersburg, Cable: A telegram from Sebastopol reports that a Turkish steamship, bound from Constantinople for Sebastopol, was wrecked in a storm on the Black Sea. Details are lacking, but it is believed that the crew and 50 passengers were drowned.

Many Die in Battle.

Odessa, Cable: The insurrection movement throughout Persia culminated in a battle with the loyalists. The rebels were put to rout with many killed and wounded. The news was brought from Tabriz.

SEIZED BY DUTCH CRUISER

Off Cabello Is Venezuela's Coast Guard Ship, Alix.

Willemstad, Curacao, Cable: The Dutch cruiser Gelderland Saturday morning captured the Venezuelan coast guard ship Alix outside Puerto Cabello. The Dutch flag was hoisted over the Alix, the crew of which was sent ashore. The guardship then was manned by a Dutch officer and marines and towed to Willemstad, arriving here this morning.

Although the seizure of the Alix was plainly discernible from Puerto Cabello the forts did not fire upon the Gelderland.

The Alix was lying close in shore, off Puerto Cabello, and notwithstanding the threat which the Venezuelan Government had made to fire upon any if the Dutch warships committing a hostile act, the Gelderland steamed at speed toward the guardship and sent an officer and guard in a launch to seize her. This they did without resistance and no shots came from the forts on land.

Naturally the people of Curacao, who have long been clamoring for activity on the part of the Dutch Government, are greatly rejoiced over this evidence that Holland has at last begun active measures against Venezuela.

The opinion is held here that the Venezuelan Government, in the absence of President Castro, will not go so far as to fire upon the Dutch warships, which, in view of the fact that Venezuela is practically without a navy, hold the Venezuelan ports at their mercy.

RUNNING AT MILE A MINUTE

Train Leaves Track, But Not a Passenger Was Killed.

Bismarck, N. D., Special: The wreck of the west-bound North Coast Limited, on the Northern Pacific road, twenty miles east of here, may be regarded as one of the luckiest in the annals of railroading, according to railroad men. The fact that almost an entire train, going at the rate of fifty miles an hour, containing more than 200 persons, could turn over and go down a steep embankment without killing anybody is regarded as marvelous.

The train struck a broken rail. The engine got over safely, but the tender went off the track, followed by the baggage car and mail car. Then the coupling broke and three day coaches two sleepers and the observation car went down an embankment into a deep snowdrift and turned over without breaking a coupling. The hard-packed snow saved the train from destruction. Eight babies on the train were not even scratched.

Chicago Mystery Cleared Up.

Chicago, Special: The mystery of the "Knights of the White Death" letters recently sent to various clergymen and prominent citizens in this city with the threat that unless they left large sums of money at designated spots they would be put to death, was cleared up when William Pollard, 22 years old, driver of a grocery's wagon, was arrested and confessed to having sent the missives as a joke.

Had Money to Burn.

Moscow, Cable: A millionaire named Petroff, who was ill, was told he would die. He thereupon withdrew his fortune from the banks in the form of bank notes and burned all of them in his sick room. He then summoned his relatives, who were poor, and showed them the ashes, congratulating them upon escaping the evils of wealth, which, he said, was the source of all sin.

Chicago's List of Murders.

Chicago, Special: The report of the Bureau of Records of the Police Department shows that 156 persons were murdered in Chicago in the year 1908. Of the murders 24 remain unsolved. In the year 1905 173 murders were committed, which is the highest number recorded.

Gave Friend a Drink.

Bellevue, Ohio, Special: Because he gave a friend one drink from his whisky flask Charles Sutton was convicted of violating the Rose law and fined \$50.

Father of Triplets at 82.

Columbus, Ga., Special: Triplets were born Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose E. Calhoun, of this city. This couple now have 25 children. The father is 82 years old.

THE MARKETS.

Indianapolis.

Wheat—No. 2 red	1.04
Corn—No. 2 white	.59 1/2
Oats—No. 2 white	.51
Hay—No. 1 timothy	11.25
Poultry—Cocks	.65
Tom Turkeys	.13
Hen Turkeys	.13
Ducks	.07 1/2
Spring chickens	.08 1/2
Butter—country	.17 1/2
Eggs—fresh	.32
Cattle—Prime steers	\$5.00
Hogs—Heavies	\$5.00
Lights	\$5.25
Sheep—Good to choice	3.75
Com. to best lambs	4.00

Chicago.

Wheat—No. 2 red	\$1.05 1/2
Corn—No. 2 white	.60
Oats—No. 2 white	.52

New York.

Wheat—No. 2 red	\$1.12 1/2
Corn—No. 2 white	.68 1/2
Oats—No. 2 white	.53 1/2

Crown Princess Sells Gems.

Berlin Cable: The crown princess has sold below its cost a diamond daria, estimated to be worth \$25,000, and has added the money to the fund for the benefit of the widows and orphans of those who perished in the recent mining disaster at Hamm, to which the crown prince previously had donated \$1,250. Many members of the court circle have been scandalized by one of the imperial family selling her jewels to raise money, but popular opinion enthusiastically applauds the generosity of the princess.

GRIDIRON CLUB GRILLS

PUBLIC MEN MADE VICTIMS OF MERRY BURLESQUE.

FUNMAKING MARKS FALL DINNER

Roosevelt's Trip to Africa Object of Amusing Skit at Meeting of Famous Washington Club.

Washington, Special: The annual fall dinner of the Gridiron Club, held at the New Willard Saturday night, was made noticeable by the presence of a distinguished company of guests. The extended program was devoted entirely to funmaking.

The President, the Vice-President, the President-elect and Vice President-elect, presidential possibilities of the future, senators and representatives without number, an English lord, diplomats of this and other countries, newspaper men whose names are known far and wide, captains of finance and industry, and men of affairs generally were guests of the club and seated about the gridiron-shaped table.

In an unusual degree the souvenir of the dinner, a miniature steam roller, was unique. It drew particular attention to Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock, of the Republican national committee, who was one of the guests. The steam roller was a little bronze affair, with the name "T-A-F-T" on the reverse side.

One of the most delightful skits of the evening was furnished by a roll call after the recent national political battle. The mournful tap of a drum was heard in the ante-room, and there came marching in a dilapidated troop. Their uniforms showed they had been on the firing line.

The members of the troop answered to the roll call. Sgt. Jim Watson was reported as "killed while riding to the front of the water wagon." Private Charley Landis "fell at Watson's side." Private Charles G. Dawes "passed in his checks," and Private Frank Lowden was "shot in the pocket." Corporal Norman E. Mack was reported as "burying the dead." Corporal W. J. Bryan was "among the missing." Corporal Loeb was "in the hands of his friends." Private Taft was reported present and Color Sergeant Hitchcock was announced as "here with the colors."

When President Roosevelt arrived the principal skit of the evening was performed. This was devoted to Mr. Roosevelt's prospective African hunting trip. The lights were switched off and from the gloom came the voice of the president of the club, James S. Henry, announcing:

"We are now in darkest Africa," while the roars and growls of wild animals were heard on every side. The lights came up with the announcement:

"Sudden sunrise in Southern Senegambia," and the guests found before them a tent upon which was the sign, "The Lookout." The tent stood in a tropical jungle. In front there were discovered an orderly in khaki and pith helmet, a Zulu chief, who stood guard with a spear, and a mysterious person who wore a label "Auditor" and carried a bell punch.

The rattle of a typewriter was heard within the tent and then a voice saying:

"Here, secretary, take this." Then followed:

"Scribbler's Magazine, New York, Victoria Nyanza, April 1. The lion is a wild and ferocious animal."

At this moment it was discovered why the auditor was in the party. He registered each word with his bell punch and jotted down the amount, at \$1 a word, after each sentence. Thus the dictation, which was going on furiously in the tent, sounded about like this:

"The lion is a wild and ferocious animal."

"Eight dollars," shouted the auditor.

"It has a soft body and a hard face."

"Seventeen dollars."

"It is the king of beasts and its daughter is a princess."

"Twenty-nine dollars."

"The lion roars like distant thunder."

"Thirty-five dollars."

"But it is nobody's business what its religion is."

"Forty-four dollars."

This dictation by the man in the tent of a story for a magazine and the thrifty spirit which prompted the placing of an auditor to keep track of all the words used, at a dollar a word, caused tremendous laughter.

FORBIDS CHRISTMAS TREES.

New York Pastor Says It Is a Heathen Custom and Wasteful.

New York Special: If the Rev. Robert S. MacArthur, of the Calvary Baptist Church, is to be followed, the custom of having Christmas trees would be abandoned. In a sermon, after a plea for early shopping to relieve the tired workers in department stores, he said:

"How came we to adopt this custom, which is one of the many taken from the heathen? We are deforesting many portions of our State and country. We ought to save the trees to prevent flood and give the proper amount of shade. To do my share in the work I have forbidden the purchase of evergreen trees in this church for the coming holidays."

Tobacco Interests Organize.

Louisville, Ky., Special: The United Tobacco Society, representing tobacco growing interests in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee and Wisconsin, with estimated assets of \$30,000,000 was organized here last week. The purpose of the organization was said to be to protect the tobacco growers from a minimum price and the consumer from a maximum scale. The interests of the growers in the States named will be pooled and the tobacco sold through a board of directors.