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A FIERCE storm visited the country along the Louisiana coast, the first of the week, causing much loss of life and property. It was, indeed, an ill wind, for it blew nobody good.

THE good that had men do sometimes lives after them. The notorious Jim Fisk sent a train load of provisions to the sufferers by the Chicago fire, and they are going to commemorate it "Chicago Day" at the fair by a float labeled "Generosity."

OKLAHOMA wants to be a state now, claiming 275,000 population and taxables amounting to \$50,000,000. If we could just pick Nevada up, Senators and all, and shoot it off into space with the assurance that it would never, never drift back, there would be some show for Oklahoma—that is, if it isn't too solidly Republican to suit the tastes of the present Congress.

In looking ahead for his winter suit next year, Carter Harrison thinks the senatorial garment of Mr. Cullom would just about fit him, and, it is said, has organized a political machine with the object of securing it for himself. The people of Illinois have taken Carter's measurement long before this, and have doubtless decided that they will not let senatorial suits small enough to fit him.

It is gratifying to know that the present week will see the floating debt of the World's Fair wiped out, but it is to be regretted that the revenues will not be sufficient to repay the subscriptions to the stock of the big show. The majority of the subscribers, of course, are in a position to stand the loss, but the enterprise displayed in making such a magnificent show is deserving of some financial return.

We have for some time been getting many undesirable immigrants, by way of the Canadian border, who could not pass our immigration inspectors at the seaboard, but this is to be stopped. The Canadian government declined to render any assistance in shutting them out of the United States, but the Canadian railroad and steamship companies will co-operate with our inspectors in sending back to their respective homes all contract laborers, polygamists, and persons likely to become a charge on the public. The work is a good one, and it is to be hoped that it will be vigorously prosecuted as a matter of public policy.

"THERE is a time in the affairs of men when patience ceases to be a virtue. Down with the United States Senate, the enemies of the people." This is the ominous letter that every public official in Washington found in his mail last Sunday morning, but its White-Cap tone has done nothing thus far to stir up the American House of Lords. This is the ninth week of the session, and the work it was called for is no nearer completion practically than when the gavel fell calling it to order. The business situation—that is, the financial phase of it—is improving, but it is in spite of the Senate, rather than as a result of its work.

A RECENT successful novel, "The Cliff Dwellers," does not have its scenes laid in the ruins of ancient civilization in the far southwest, as its name would perhaps indicate. They are located in one of the big sky scrapers of Chicago, and all its characters are dwellers therein. The odd location of the story calls attention to the immense revenues derived from these investments, which pay better than a gold mine. The Rookery, for instance, cost \$400,000, and pays 80 per cent. on the investment. There are tenants on the second floor who have quarters for which they pay \$30,000 a year. The building has a population of over 2,000 tenants and there is seldom a vacancy. One of the new office buildings in Chicago will accommodate over 8,000 tenants. Doubtless for a year or so after the World's Fair closes some of these buildings will not pay such enormous profits—unless they give office room to receivers, who will multiply in number for a time at least.

THE southern cotton planters, who have long enjoyed the pecuniary effects of cotton being king, are likely to have their reign disputed. During the last fiscal year raw cotton to the value of \$4,000,000 was imported into this country, and in quality it is said to be equal to the best produced in the southern states. It came chiefly from Egypt, where government aid has done much to advance the cultivation of this staple, and in the past four years the cotton importations have quadrupled in amount and value. It is not improbable that our cotton planters, whose cry of "free trade and sailors' rights" has long controlled the tariff policy of their party, will ask protection for their chief production. To sell their cotton at the highest price possible, and buy their manufactured goods where they can get them cheapest is one thing, but it is another to have Egyptian cotton replace

theirs in their own country. In the latter case protection would not be the terrible evil it has been portrayed, and they wouldn't mind a little of it themselves.

THE amicable settlement of the Bering sea trouble by arbitration, in which outsiders were called in to assist the representatives of the governments involved, opens up possibilities of future settlements without the assistance of others. Justice Harlan, of the Supreme court, one of the arbitrators, stated recently in England that he personally believed that on the occasion of a future difference between England and the United States the intervention of strangers would not be invoked, but an equal number of the judges of the highest courts of both countries would be appointed to settle the difference. The settlement of a dispute between these old-time enemies by their own representatives would be a spectacle most pleasing to the universal peace societies, and a tribute to the justice and integrity of the members of the bench.

LEARNING A TRADE.

The statistics of pauperism and crime of this country, gleaned from advance sheets of the last census, present some startling figures for the consideration of the thoughtful. These statistics, which of course are reliable, show that the prisons, penitentiaries and reformatory institutions of this country in 1890 contained 52,894 white male prisoners, of whom nearly three-fourths were native-born, 38,156 by actual count. Of this total number of convicted criminals, 31,426 had no trade, and of these 23,144 were native born. A fact of still further interest in this connection is, that of 4,425 white males charged with homicide in the census year, 3,157 of them were born in this country, and four fifths of these had no trade.

A writer in an eastern publication that has no love for trades-unionism finds in these startling figures a cause for alarm at the domination of foreign-controlled labor unions in the world of industry that practically excludes Young America from learning a trade. He thinks our American boys are becoming criminals and filling our prisons because they are denied the privilege of learning a trade. To one who is also gathered hostile to the principle of trades-unionism, this may seem a very plausible theory, but to others who are less prejudiced, and who can see that the principle on which all fair minded labor organizations are founded is simply that of self-preservation, which is the first, and easily the strongest law of nature, the cause for this seeming decadence in the learning of a trade lies deeper.

In days gone by, it was an unusual thing for a boy when he arrived at a certain age to decide for himself, or by his parents, the particular trade he had a fitness for, and to that he applied himself. He served his time, devoted his efforts to the study of the needs of his trade, and, if he was prudent, in time became an employer where he had once been an employee. Not all did this, of course, but those who were frugal, studious and ambitious did, and prospered.

But nowadays the greasy overalls and waist, the grimy hands and face of the mechanic have few attractions for the young man. The world does him a living, and he is going to get it the best way he can, and assuredly the easiest. He wants to wear good clothes, and plenty of them, and would rather depend on his wits to get them than on his muscular exertions. He would rather be a lawyer though he have no clients, a preacher without a charge, a doctor minus patients, or a bookkeeper out of a job, than to so demean himself as to do the working clothes of a mechanic and learn a trade. Statistics show that the preachers, the doctors and the lawyers make less money per capita the country over than the average mechanic, and yet our young men would rather make a failure trying to fill one of these professions, or some other calling whose duties seem easy—though in none of these does the successful man find them easy—than to make a success at a trade.

This, it seems to one who has given the subject any thought, and is without prejudice either way, is the reason more of our young men are not learning trades. The attractiveness of an occupation—no matter what—that will enable them to appear well dressed, and be on the streets when workmen are employed in their various duties is more to them than the possibility of failure in the one, and the probability of success in the other. The brightest, brainiest and most studious men succeed in all professions, and there is always room at the top, but where one makes a brilliant success in his chosen profession, hundreds make dismal failures. And the years thus thrown away at a time when they are most potent for good, can never be recalled and put to advantage in learning a trade. When it is too late many of these hundreds realize that it were better to have been a good mechanic than a poor professional man.

Trades unions, organized and managed on a reasonable and sensible basis, are productive of much good to employer and employee—if they are considered only their usefulness is extremely questionable to say the least. When they fall into the hands of hot-heads, as they sometimes do, they are productive of much that is not good. But let it not be said of them that they are driving our young men into crime and the prison cells. It would be lamentable to acknowledge it if it were true, it is unjust to charge it if untrue.

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AMUSEMENTS.

THE MELVILLE COMPANY.

Sam Young's Melville company, which has been at Naylor's all week, is by long odds the best popular priced company that has ever appeared here. In fact, the performances this week have been equal to the very best ordinary priced attractions. In costuming, scenic effects, etc., few companies equal them. Tonight the engagement closes with the popular "Queen's Evidence," and as an additional attraction a fine parlor suite will be given to the holder of the lucky number. The suite has been on exhibition on the stage during the week and attracted much attention. There should be a big crowd to-night, as in addition to seeing a first-class performance every one will get a chance at this handsome prize.

"LOST IN NEW YORK."

Leonard Grover's splendid aquatic drama will be given at Naylor's opera house on next Wednesday evening, and with the New York cast and the scenery, painted by New York's leading scenic artist, Arthur Voegtlin, of the Madison square theater, New York. The river of real water sixty foot long and forty foot wide, and four foot deep, upon which floats real yachts, row-boats, ferries and a practical steamboat that runs at full speed, is still a salient feature of the production. The story is that of a designing man who attempts to defraud his brother's blind widow and her children out of their inheritance. He falls into the hands of a female blackmailer and her confederate, and finally takes them into his confidence to assist him in getting the heirs of his brother's estate out of the way. Their schemes are frustrated by the daughter of the blind widow, who has become a wait, and finally succeeds in bringing the plotters to justice and placing her mother and sister in possession of their fortune. The company is an unusually strong one. Seats on sale Monday.

POWHTATTAN.

The comic opera "Powhtattan" will be given at Naylor's on Thursday and Saturday nights of next week, with a Saturday matinee. Rehearsals are progressing very satisfactorily under the direction of Prof. W. H. Baker, and the production promises to be a great success, artistically and financially. The following is the cast:

Powhtattan (Chief of the Powhtattans) Allyn Adams
Pocahontas (his daughter, the gentle savage) Miss Harriet Paige
Oquaka (of the F. F. V's) Emily Westfall
Capt. John Smith J. W. A. Baker
Captain Rolfe Fred Palmer
Black Eagle (Indian lover of Pocahontas) John Davis
Medicine Man (first regular physician) Charles White
Panther (Scout for Powhtattan) Harry Foulkes
Bruno, Finest Bear in the Woods Fred Kessler
Tim O'Flanagan F. M. Buckingham
Larry O'Gar Will Parrott
Lieutenant Nelson Bud Braman
His Weak-Minded Brother Will Crawford
Little Misses Anna Schluer and Rose Braman will be the solo dancers. There will be a large chorus of Indian maidens and warriors, and a grand kirmess of dances at the wedding of Pocahontas. Miss Lottie Longman will be the pianist. The production is under the auspices of the K. of P. lodges of this city.

BRONSON HOWARD'S "ARISTOCRACY."

The notable event of the present theatrical year in this city, will be the presentation at the opera house Friday night of Bronson Howard's latest play "Aristocracy." There is a special significance to this work of Mr. Howard's. It is an example of indigenous dramatic art, for its author has reached an acknowledged place at the head of contributors to the American stage. It is already pretty thoroughly known, for its long runs in New York and Chicago last season caused widespread literary and social discussions. While the play is thoroughly American and deals with American characters, the author has gone to England for the scene of his action. A remark made by James Bryce, a member of the British Cabinet and professor of civil law at Oxford, is said to have furnished the theme. "Wealth in the United States," said Mr. Bryce in the course of a lecture, "does not, as in England, give its possessor an immediate entree into fashionable society. In England great wealth can practically buy rank, or, by obliging those who command society, can induce them to force the upstart into it." The Americans in the play are people from the ordinary walks of life who have become suddenly rich and who, by buying a splendid house in the English Capital, together with the titled occupant of the house, attempt to force their way into aristocratic society. Their efforts meet with disastrous moral results. "Aristocracy," therefore, has a peculiar moral significance. It offers food for serious thought rather than mere amusement. At the same time Mr. Howard's rich comedy vein has not been idle and his play is relieved with much genuine humor. Managers Al Hayman and Charles Frohman have selected for its interpretation one of the best companies that has ever been seen in this country. In the cast are Wilton Lackaye, Blanche Walsh, Frederic Bond, Mary Hampton, J. H. Gilmour, Helen Tracy, S. Miller Kent, Josephine Hall, Neil Warner, Virginia Tracy, John H. Browne, J. C. Buckstone, Bruce McKee and Harold Howard. The sale for this engagement will take place Tuesday morning at Button's.

NOTES.

Jolly Frank Daniels with his band of funmakers are underlined at Naylor's for Monday evening October 18th in "Little Puck."

Digby Bell and his big opera company comes to Naylor's on Wednesday, October 18th, presenting "The Tar and Tarter." The organization includes such well-known artists as Laura Joyce Bell, Hilda Hollins, Josephine Knapp, Wm.

Frutt, Chas. Myers, Digby Bell and others.

The "Aristocracy" Co. that appears here next Friday night is not a "No 2" company. It is exactly the same company that presented the play in New York and Chicago, with the exception that Miss Mary Hampton has replaced Miss Viola Allen. The theater-goer who misses this performance will miss one of the rarest treats of the season.

This Interests You.

When times are hard, when work is scarce, and money is hard to get hold of is the time when the prudent man will give renewed thought to the question "What would my family do were I suddenly called away?" Such a time is the proverbial "rainy day" that should be provided for, and what better way to provide for it than by life insurance in some safe company. Many men say, however, "I can't afford it—I'm too hard up," and therein lies the very weakness of their argument. When a man is in such a condition, the more deplorable would be the fate of his family should he die without life insurance, and the stronger the reason he should invest in it. If you are looking for life insurance—and if you're not you ought to be—what better company to take out a policy in than the time tried John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Boston, that has for its local agents the well known Ohio street firm, Power & Dally. This company has larger assets in proportion to its liabilities than any other life insurance company doing business. It is a mutual, level premium, old line company, managed on an economical and equitable basis, and its policies are subject to the Massachusetts non-forfeiture law, which secures to the policy holder the privilege of discontinuing his policy and obtaining either cash or paid up value therefor. And these conditions are endorsed on every policy issued and made a part of the contract—for a life insurance policy is a contract between the company and the assured. It is to the interest of every man, therefore, to buy the very best contract obtainable, and where can you obtain a better one than with the John Hancock Mutual Life? It has no incomprehensible terms, intricate technicalities or exaggerated estimates, but its conditions and agreements are so plain and straightforward that even a child can understand them. In point of liberality, equity and simplicity their policies are unrivaled, and the cost is so trifling that it will never be missed. Between the ages of 20 and 25 it costs but from 4 to 5 cents per day for each \$1,000; between 25 and 35, from 5 to 6 cents per day; between 35 and 45, from 6 to 10 cents per day, and so on. What man—and especially what young man with a family—can afford to take the chances of dying uninsured and leaving his family unprotected for when reliable insurance in an old and substantial company can be had at such small cost—less than his cigars or tobacco cost him daily. Now is the time to invest in life insurance, and no better company can be found than the John Hancock Mutual. Power & Dally, the agents, at 509 Ohio street, will be glad to explain the merits of the company to you. They are also agents for the reliable Fidelity and Casualty company, of New York, that writes all kinds of accident insurance, including plate glass, boilers, etc. They also do a general real estate business, and have many bargains to offer those who desire to make an investment or purchase a home.

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Mr. Adams, as Powhtattan is an ideal Indian chief—his rich voice suits the role to perfection. Miss Paige, as Pocahontas, and Mrs. Emily Westfall, as Oquaka, are admirably cast and rehearse their parts with grace and spirit. John Davis and Fred Paige have parts well suited to their fine baritone voices. Charlie White and Harry Foulkes are well put in for the grotesque Medicine Man and Panther. Frank Buckingham and Will Parrott, as the Irish comedians, are an assured success.

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