Syracuse Register.

SYRACUSE. : : INDIANA.

MR. GLADSTONE has gone into retirement, but he is not out of touch with the great humanitarian movements with which his long public life has been identified.

MACKENZIE BOWELL, who is to be prime minister of Canada, is seventy-one years of age. He is a native of England, but has been in Canada since he was ten years old. He is an extreme Protestant.

WITH her prospect park of 526 acres and 137 acres in small parks, Brooklyn is now casting about for more park area. She wants to buy in territory before the streets and blocks are built up to it, thus enhancing the value several hundred fold.

ARBORICULTURISTS are now complaining that electric light is playing havoc with trees in cities and towns. They keep the trees awake o' nights so that their leaves appear blighted. The claim is that the trees need sleep just as all animal nature needs it.

THE lady teachers in the public schools of Philadelphia petitioned to have their salaries made equal to those of male teachers, grade for grade, and the school board promptly complied by proposing to reduce the salaries of all male teachers to those of the corresponding female teachers.

SOME of the Pacific coast states have been profiting to a notable extent from the Chinese-Japanese war. The shipments of meat and grain from Portland and Tacoma to both countries have been enormous, and hopes are entertained that it will prove the beginning of a permanent trade.

IN answer to a request which came from several patriotic American citizens for permission to erect a monument on the spot where Gen. Montgomery fell in his unsuccessful effort to capture Quebec in 1775, a committee of the Quebec city council have just filed a recommendation that the request be granted.

THE New York philanthropists who started a plan last winter of lending money to deserving poor people on the security of household goods have met with success enough to lead them to double the capital employed. They loaned $195,000 last winter and found repayments satisfactory enough to make the plan self-supporting.

A CENTRAL PACIFIC railway land agent says there are more than 200,000 head of wild horses in Nevada. They are a source of much trouble and loss to stockmen, because they eat off the best grass on the ranges and leave little for cattle and sheep. The last legislature passed a law permitting any one to shoot stallions found running wild.

AN exploring party is shortly to make the ascent of Mount Tacoma to find out just what has been happening on the summit lately, to give basis for the various reports of volcanic eruptions, avalanches, glacial advances, and the like. The latest observations with telescopes seem to show that some change in the form of the summit has really taken place.

AN old man of seventy-eight was sent to jail for three days by the Marylebone (Eng.) police magistrate recently, as he was unable to pay a fine of sixty cents for not seeing that his twelve-year-old grandchild went to school. He was a perfectly respectable workingman, his wife was bed-ridden, the child's parents were dead, and he could not go after the truant himself.

THERE is a town in Arizona which offers exceptional chances for women anxious to get married. It is a mining camp called "Bachelor's Rest," about sixty miles north of Tucson. Although the population numbers 800, there is not a woman or a cat in the camp, and 200 men have advertised for wives in a Tucson paper. They must be of good character and understand the duties of a household. The richest miner offers a dowry of $10,000.

AFTER many wanderings, Robert Louis Stevenson dies in Samoa. Kipling has been a great globe-trotter. Bret Harte, Marion Crawford and Henry James are practically denationalized. Julian Hawthorne, after much travel, has settled down in Jamaica. Stanley J. Weyman has wandered over Europe afoot. Conan Doyle has traveled much, and is planning further globe-trotting, while Lafcadio Hearn has been "doing" Japan.

ELECTRICITY has now, it seems, beaten the record of the gold beater and can produce a foil of the metal from five to ten times thinner than ordinary gold leaf. Mr. Joseph Wilson Swan, the well known chemist of electric lighting fame, has presented to the Royal society specimens of this wonderfully thin foil made by depositing gold on copper with the electric current and then dissolving away the copper from it with perchloride of iron.

WOMEN in the Glasgow shops, according to a recent report, receive from $1 or $1.25 to $3 a week; hairdressers, milliners and tobacconists may get $3.75; overseers begin with $3 a week and may rise to $600 a year. One young woman in sole charge of a shop received $2 a week; her hours were 12½ four days of the week, 7½ on one, and 14½ on one; her meals were brought in to her; there were no sanitary conveniences, these being rare in Glasgow shops. Another worked from 9:30 a. m. till 10 p. m., and on Saturdays till 11, for $1.75 a week, and was not allowed to go out for her meals.

IN the extreme west horses now cost less than cattle. A lady who spent some time in south California last summer saw a beautiful pair of black horses, matched like twins, and in the prime of their horsehood, offered for sale at forty dollars—twenty dollars each—with no takers. A hundred head of unbroken broncos from Wyoming were sold in Denver a few days ago for ninety dollars and their freight, less than a dollar a head. The information is current that an Idaho stock farm has turned 250 ponies adrift to forage for themselves through the winter, since there was no sale for them.

Epitome of the Week.

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION.

FROM WASHINGTON.

IN the supreme court of the District of Columbia the first of a series of attacks on the income tax was begun by John G. Moore.

THE income tax law will again be fought in the senate on the ground that the act is illegal.

IN the United States the visible supply of grain on the 26th was: Wheat, 89,071,000 bushels; corn, 8,838,000 bushels; oats, 9,000,000 bushels; rye, 452,000 bushels; barley, 3,306,000 bushels.

THE EAST.

IN Pittsburgh E. D. Witt & Co., proprietors of the East End theater, assigned with liabilities of $100,000.

FLAMES destroyed nearly 2,000,000 feet of lumber and twenty loaded railway cars at Burlington, Vt., the loss being $150,000.

MISS MILLER, of Johnstown, Pa., wearied of waiting for a lover who had deserted her years ago on Christmas day, ended her life.

A FAST express train at Vineland, N. J., collided with a carriage and killed three of the occupants.

IN New York Samuel C. Seely, who stole $354,000 from the Shoe and Leather bank, was sentenced to a term of eight years.

THE first of the police officials convicted as a result of the Lexow investigation, Ex-Capt. Stephenson, of New York, was sentenced to three years and nine months imprisonment and fined $1,000.

BECAUSE of domestic troubles William S. Whitman, of Winooski, Vt., shot and killed his wife and two boys and then committed suicide.

IN New York Edward R. Carter for twenty-nine years a clerk in the National bank of commerce, confessed to embezzling $30,000.

A POUCH destined for Hartford and containing 600 letters was stolen from the depot platform at New Haven, Conn.

THE steamer Majestic arrived in New York with the largest single mail ever brought across the Atlantic. It was in 1,672 bags.

THE most severe blizzard in years swept over the eastern states. Along the Massachusetts coast many ships were wrecked, causing great loss of life, and in the cities of Boston and New York much damage was done by the storm.

AT New Castle, Pa., August Permontir shot and fatally wounded Miss Meister, the daughter of his landlady, and Robert Charles, another boarder, and then blew out his own brains. He was insane.

IN New York the dry goods and millinery firm of J. Lichtenstein & Sons failed for $450,000.

WEST AND SOUTH.

THE state relief commission says there are over 28,000 families in Nebraska needing aid because of crop failure.

DURING the sinking of a well on a farm near Brownville, Neb., rich gold-bearing ore was discovered.

THE death of ex-Congressman Marquette, of Lincoln, Neb., occurred at Tampa, Fla., from rheumatism of the heart, aged 63 years.

IN a race war, caused by the killing of Joseph H. Isom, a white man, near Quitman, Ga., seven negroes were shot and more shooting was expected.

AT Junction City, Ky., Micajaa Rowsey, a desperado, was killed by Town Marshal Ellis, whom he resisted. Rowsey was the last of a father and seven sons, all of whom died with their boots on.

BY the failure of the Citizens' stock bank and Slater savings bank at Slater, Mo., many farmers and merchants were financially ruined.

EX-SENATOR ALCORN'S funeral at Eagle's Nest, Miss., was attended by 300 negroes, the majority of whom were his former slaves.

IN St. Louis sneak thieves entered a barber shop and stole a pocketbook belonging to Michael Doran containing $28,000.

CHARGED with being the leaders of a band of counterfeiters John E. Bittell and his wife were arrested at St. Joe, Mo.

MRS. IDA ROSS was given a verdict at Huntsville, Ala., of $16,000 against the Western Union Telegraph company for failure to deliver a message to her husband.

BY the tin box scheme Henry Kinnett, a farmer living near Preble, O., was bunkoed out of $3,000.

IN burning some old letters Mrs. Kelher, of English, Ind., destroyed $2,400, the total proceeds of the sale of her home.

A MOB lynched a negro named Benjamin at Ocala, Fla., for assaulting a white woman.

IN Terre Haute Ind., George Roberts, given a life sentence for train wrecking, says he was promised immunity for aiding the authorities to convict his associates.

HENRY R. EVANS was taken ill and died within a few hours while eating Christmas dinner at the home of a friend in Rockford, Ill.

THERE is no law in Colorado, says Judge Wall of Leadville, prohibiting a man from burning his own house.

SOCIETY women issued Christmas editions of the San Francisco Examiner and the Rocky Mountain News at Denver.

THREE students of the St. Paul college broke through the ice and were drowned while skating in a park at St. Paul.

FOUR business firms in Milwaukee failed with liabilities aggregating $195,000.

BECAUSE of her husband's fondness for a 6-year-old daughter by a former wife, Mrs. Myrtle Simpson poisoned herself at Peoria, Ill.

IN Chicago Eugene V. Debs and other members of the American Railway union were granted a stay of sentence until January 8.

IN a collision between passenger trains at Waxahachie, Tex., eighteen persons were seriously injured.

THE state teachers' associations of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, Indiana, Nebraska, South Dakota and Kansas held their annual meetings.

WHEN arrested in New Orleans upon the charge of insanity, A. W. Alton, of New Jerusalem, Tex., said he was on the way to Washington to kill the president.

FIRE destroyed the state normal college for girls at Livingstone, one of the most prosperous institutions in Alabama.

WILL CARTER and Dan McDonald (colored) were lynched by a mob near Meridian, Miss., for killing Jacob Copp, aged 75 years.

FROM Nebraska to the Atlantic coast a heavy snowstorm raged.

FIVE boys were fatally burned in a suburb of Richmond, Va., by an explosion of gunpowder.

AFTER supposing him dead for thirty years William Blakesley, of Sacramento, Cal., gladdened the hearts of his parents at Trenton, N. J., by letting them know he is alive.

THE attorneys of Madeline Pollard propose to follow Breckinridge on his lecture tour and attach the receipts.

FLAMES swept over a large area in the southern part of "N" county, O. T., and a number of farmers lost everything they owned and barely escaped with their families.

IN New Orleans Miss Celeste Stauffer, who was engaged to Samuel J. Tilden at the time of his death, was married to George S. Eastwick.

FIRE destroyed the old capital building at Atlanta, Ga., the loss being $100,000.

WILL PERRY and Alex Williamson, two young men living at Coalburg, Ala., fought for the hand of Nannie Bell and both were killed.

BURGLARS entered the bank at Somonauk, Ill., and robbed the safe of $8,100 and a large amount of valuables.

THE father of the free school system of Wisconsin, Col. Michael Frank, died at Kenosha at the age of 90 years.

IT was voted by the women's council of the Nineteenth Century club of Memphis, Tenn., to boycott Congressman Breckinridge's lecture.

A TERRIFIC blizzard swept the western states and the mercury fell far below zero.

WILLIAM FINDLEY and Joseph Bidwell, farmers of Union county, were killed near Columbus, O., by a Pan-Handle train.

THE college presidents of Indiana and Iowa decided to forbid intercollegiate football games.

AT the age of 44 years "Sim" Coy, for many years a picturesque figure in Indiana politics, died at his home in Indianapolis.

ROBBERS broke into the home of Henry Fecker, at Piqua, O., and carried off his savings, amounting to $4,750.

ROBBERS and farmers engaged in a desperate fight near Salem, O., and two of the latter were shot and one of the former.

ATTORNEYS in Iowa met in Des Moines and organized a state bar association. A. J. McCreary, of Keokuk, was elected president.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

THE Hawaiian authorities discovered a royalist conspiracy and five of those implicated were placed under arrest.

GEORGE H. ASHFORD, of Vancouver, B. C., killed his wife and one child while drunk and fatally wounded another.

NEARLY 100 persons were said to have perished in a storm which swept Great Britain. Great damage to property was done.

CHINA decided to send a new mission to Japan to sue for terms of peace direct.

MOHAMMEDAN inhabitants of Turfan, Kashgar, were in open rebellion, desiring to shake off the yoke of China and found an independent government under Russian suzerainty.

OFF Port Erin the British steamer Abydos was lost in a gale and twenty-two persons were drowned.

THE Brazilian troops burned a house at San Gabriel used as a hospital and 120 rebels perished.

THE death of Francis II., ex-king of Naples, occurred at Arco, in the Austrian Tyrol, at the age of 59.

IT was said that Austria proposed to join Germany in retaliating on the United States if the sugar duties were not modified.

MARAUDING Yaqui Indians in the western part of Guaymas, Mexico, visited the ranch of Julio Cardenas and massacred the latter and his entire family, consisting of wife and two children.

IN Brazil another rebellion was threatened. The army, which is devoted to Peixoto, refused to obey President Moraes' orders, and 200 officers were imprisoned.

JOSE ELLAURI, twice president of Uruguay, died at Montevideo.

LATER NEWS.

THERE were 350 business failures in the United States in the seven days ended on the 28th, against 349 the week previous and 511 in the corresponding time in 1893.

THE president has approved the act to establish a national military park at the battlefield of Shiloh.

FIVE men were killed and a number of others badly scalded by the explosion of a sawmill boiler at Bonayr, Ky.

OFFICERS searching for a stolen body in Indianapolis found twenty bodies of various ages in an empty house.

PETER MURDOCK, a New Orleans motorman, shot his wife and then blew out his own brains with a revolver.

THE county treasury at Santa Rosa, Cal., was robbed by a burglar of $8,000.

MICHIGAN teachers in session at Lansing declared in favor of free text books and against teachers using tobacco.

AT Wellington, Mich., Matthew Palmer cut his wife's throat and then cut his own. Both were dead.

TWENTY-FIVE bakers in Cincinnati reduced the price of bread from five to three cents.

AT Silver Lake, Ore., during a Christmas celebration a lamp exploded and forty-one persons were burned to death and fifteen injured.

LEELER'S hotel and other buildings in Waterbury, Conn., were destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of $100,000.

OUTLAWS, supposed to belong to the Dalton gang, burned the courthouse at Stillwater, O. T., with all its records.

DOSS HATTS murdered his fiancee, Lizzie Smith, at Hunter Hill, Ala., and then killed himself.

EX-SENATOR JAMES G. FAIR, the bonanza millionaire, died at the Lick house in San Francisco of asthma, aged 63 years.

FLAMES swept away a business block in Buffalo, N. Y., the loss being $300,000.

TWO STICKS, the Sioux Indian who murdered four cowboys February 2, 1893, was hanged at Deadwood, S. D., protesting his innocence.

THE Spokane (Wash.) Commercial savings bank, with a capital of $50,000, suspended payment.

EXCHANGES at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the week ended on the 28th aggregated $896,401,764, against $1,020,040,544 the previous week. The increase, compared with the corresponding week in 1893, was 9.1.

PERISHED BY FIRE.

Awful Ending of Christmas Festivities in Oregon.

The Hall in Which They Are Held Takes Fire from an Exploding Lamp—Forty-One of Those Present Burn to Death.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 29.—News has just reached here that a horrible holocaust occurred at Silver Lake, Lake county, Ore., on Christmas eve, in which forty-one persons were burned to death and sixteen badly injured, five of whom will die. A large crowd had assembled in Christman Bros.' hall to attend a Christmas tree festival. While the festivities were at their height some one climbed on a bench, from which point he expected to get a better view of what was going on. In doing so his head struck a lamp hanging from the ceiling, overturning it. The oil immediately caught fire and, everything in the room being dry and of an inflammable nature, the room was soon a mass of flames.

By this time the confusion was of great that people began scrambling in a wild endeavor to reach the door. Women and children were trampled under foot, and, as there was only one exit to the hall, and the fire being between the majority of the crowd and the door, many rushed headlong into the flames. The dead are:

Mrs. John Buick and two children, Mrs. Owsley and two children, J. J. Buick and daughter, Mrs. Snelling, Mrs. Howard and two children, W. O. Heart and wife, Mrs. Coshow, Frank West, wife and two children, Ed Bowen, Miss McCauley, T. J. Laurie and child, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Abshir, Frank Horning, Mrs. Payne, Mrs Williams and child, C. W. Martin and wife, Robert Small, Mrs. Ella Ward and child, Frank Ross, mother and sister, a child of Roy Ward, Ira Hamilton, Mrs. Gus Schroeder and child.

The building, a two-story frame structure, contained Christman Bros. store. In the first floor was the hall, which was rented for gatherings of all kinds. Silver Lake is a small village in Lake county, Ore., of about 100 inhabitants, and it is 150 miles from the nearest telegraph office.

BRUTAL INDIAN HANGED.

With Four Other Indians He Killed Four Men in Cold Blood.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Dec. 29. — Two Sticks, the noted Sioux Indian murderer, for whose reprieve many efforts have been made in vain, was hanged here Friday.

[The crime for which Two Sticks was hanged was the murder of Emanuel Benedict, Rodney Royce, James Bacon and William Kelley at Humphrey and Stringer's cattle ranch on the Sioux reservation February 4, 1893. Bacon and Kelly were boys of 15 and 16 respectively and the other two were employes on the ranch. Four other Indians were engaged in the massacre. Of these First Eagle was killed by a pursuing posse, and Fights With, Two-Two and White Faced Horse are now serving sentences in the penitentiary. The murder was brutal and unprovoked. The victims were sitting about the fire talking to the Indians when the latter, without warning, opened fire on them and killed three instantly, the other dying soon afterward.]

A GHASTLY FIND.

A Son Discovers the Dead Bodies of His Parents at Vassar, Mich.

VASSAR, Mich., Dec. 29.—George Palmer and wife were found Friday morning with their throats cut lying dead on the floor. Their son went to the barn to do the work about 8:30 o'clock and when he returned he found his parents dead.

The couple had not lived happily and it is believed that Palmer killed the woman and then cut his own throat. From the position of the bodies Mrs. Palmer had evidently been taken unawares by her husband. After killing his wife, Palmer laid down by her side and drew the butcher-knife which he had used on his wife, across his own throat. The murder theory has no foundation in fact.

PRINTERS TO COMBINE.

Larger Concerns of the Country Said to Be About to Unite.

AKRON, O., Dec. 29.—It is stated here that there is a project on foot to combine all of the larger printing houses of the country. If the deal is consummated many millions of dollars will be involved, the money coming not only from this country but from Europe. The information comes from one of the directors of the mammoth Werner printing concern of this city. He said that the matter would be fully discussed at the annual meeting of the Werner company to be held at Chicago during the early part of January.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

Buffalo (N. Y.) Block Destroyed with a Loss of $300,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A special from Buffalo, N. Y., says fire destroyed the three-story brick block at the northeast corner of Broadway and Fillmore avenue. The building was owned by John Kennedy, of Binghamton, and occupied by Eckhardt & Co., Oswald Tinkler and Charles Weisman as stores. The fire spread over the whole block and across Broadway to the three-story brick block extending from Fillmore avenue to Gibson street. The loss will reach $300,000.

Cheap Bread at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 29.—The crusade for cheap bread here has resulted in twenty-five bakers of this city to date reducing the price from five to three cents a loaf. Some reduced to four cents, and but few now are able to maintain the five-cent rate.

President Approves of the Park.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The president has approved an act to establish a national military park at the battlefield of Shiloh, similar to those at Gettysburg and Chickamauga, carrying an appropriation of $75,000 for the purpose of securing the necessary land and for making improvements.

Potato Famine Threatened.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—With a view to averting a potato famine in Ireland the government has decided to advance money without interest to the poor law guardians for the purchase of seed potatoes.

Girl Burned to Death.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 29.—Miss Ura Hattie Clay, 14 years old, while sitting near a fire in a reading room suddenly found her dress on fire and was quickly enveloped in flames. She rushed out of doors, and before the fire could be extinguished she was fatally burned.

Blown Into the River.

HURON, O., Dec. 29.—While crossing the Lake Shore bridge here during the big storm Friday, Gilbert Jamison, an old citizen of Norwalk, O., was blown from the bridge into the river. The body has not been recovered.

FEWER FAILURES.

A Decrease in Business Disasters During the Year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

"Commercial failures for 1894 already reported number 14,192, against 15,242 last year, with liabilities of $163,238,404, against $346,779,889 last year. Next week the final report for 1894 will probably include about 400 more failures, with liabilities of about $4,000,000. From these accounts, banks and bankers, financial and transporting companies are excluded. Manufacturing failures already number 2,756, against 3,422 last year, but liabilities are only $64,491,287 against $176,982,091 last year. The trading failures already number 11,310, against 11,512 last year, but liabilities are only $87,899,057, against $130,062,323 last year. The statement by sections shows a decrease of about two-thirds in defaulted liabilities in the middle and central northern states, one-half in the west and southwest and a third in other sections.

"Wages actually paid in November are compared to-day with working hours in establishments throughout the country, and in about fifty branches of industry, the average being 236.4 hours per hand this year, 218.4 last year, and 243.2 in 1892. The wages paid per hour were 1.2 per cent. less than last year, and 8.59 per cent. less than in 1892. As the hands employed in establishments reporting were 8.53 per cent. more than last year, but 12.02 per cent. less than in 1892, the total wages paid in these establishments in November was 16.53 per cent. more than in November, 1893, but 21.77 per cent. less than in November, 1892. Thus the decrease in purchasing power of the working force is found to be due mainly to decrease in number of hands and hours of work, rather than to reduction of wages paid per hour.

"Holiday trade has scarcely met expectations. Purchases have been numerous, but smaller than usual in amount and more confined to needful articles, thus anticipating ordinary trade. The volume of business represented by clearing house exchanges is 7.7 per cent. larger than last year, but 21.8 per cent. less than the year before, and the daily average for December has been 7.1 per cent. more than last year, but 25.2 less than the year before. In spite of some sensational losses on western roads, the earnings of all railroads reporting for December are 2.9 per cent. greater than last year and but 11.6 per cent. less than in 1892.

"Wheat has declined one-half cent during the week. Exports in December from both coasts have been a little larger than last year, but for the crop year about 2,000,000 bushels smaller. The western estimate usually regarded with most confidence, is, that the crop will reach 515,000,000 bushels, which will leave for export, with stocks brought over, more than 200,000,000 bushels, of which only 75,000,000 bushels have gone abroad. Corn has declined three-fourths of a cent, with good receipts. The price of cotton has not changed, but the fact that receipts from plantations this month have been greater than in 1891, while stocks in sight here and abroad are larger than at the same date that year, is an obstacle to any rise.

"Money is still coming to this city in a steady stream, and exports of gold for the week are expected to be about $2,500,000. The dissolution of the bond syndicate, on the ground that the pending currency bill has destroyed the market for bonds, is the most important event in financial circles, and is liable to have results of some consequence. For commercial loans the demand has slightly increased, though only as might be expected at this season.

Bradstreet's says:

"General trade presents the usual holiday characteristics. A majority of wholesale dealers and manufacturers are beginning or have finished taking account of stock or arranging settlements for the new year. Main activity has been for Christmas specialties in retail lines. The practical conclusion of holiday trade has brought about a moderate reaction, and this emphasizes the dullness noted in preceding weeks. Jobbers claim the outlook for trade during the late winter and early spring is for very conservative buying. But in some lines, notably heavy textiles, recent cold weather has stimulated sales, and reports from retailers west and south indicate low stocks, almost beyond precedent. This is taken as indicative of a better merchandise trade in the near future than for several years past. Traveling salesmen, with few exceptions, are off the road. Merchants generally incline to the view that 1895 promises a favorable business, although, as indicated, opinion is divided as to whether renewed activity will mark the early months of the coming year or not."

DEATH OF EX-SENATOR FAIR.

One of the Bonanza Kings Passes Away at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Ex-United States Senator James G. Fair, one of the bonanza kings, died at midnight.

[James G. Fair was born in Clougher county, Tyrone, Ireland, in 1831. His parents emigrated to America in 1843, and settled in Illinois. Young Fair was attracted to California in 1849, where he engaged in quartz mining. His mastery of the business procured for him the superintendency of various properties in different parts of the state. In 1860 Mr. Fair went to Nevada, where his remarkable talent for engineering and mining proved the basis of his fortune. He is said to have had no equal as an architect and builder of quartz mills and chlorinizing furnaces. In 1865 he became superintendent of the Ophir, and in 1867 of the Hale & Norcross. It was at this time that, in conjunction with J. W. Mackay, J. C. Flood and W. S. O'Brien, he formed the famous Bonanza firm. Mr. Flood was relied upon to secure the properties from which such enormous wealth was to be drawn. Various mines were acquired, which afterwards constituted the Virginia Consolidated and California mines. Millions and millions flowed into the coffers of the firm, but Mr. Fair continued his minute supervision of the work, going down to the lowest levels of the mines. So much exposure seriously impaired his health, and in 1879 he was obliged to take a sea voyage. He sailed around the world, and returned to Nevada when the canvass of 1880 was at its height. He became the democratic candidate for United States senator and was elected. His wealth was recently estimated at $50,000,000. May 2, 1883, Mrs. Fair, whom he married in 1862, brought an action for divorce. Mrs. Fair was awarded $4,250,000 in cash and bonds, the family residence in San Francisco and the custody of the three younger children. The senator was given the custody of the eldest son, James G. Fair, Jr.]

Loggers Desert the Camps.

MENOMINEE, Mich., Dec. 29.—The weather has been very cold, the temperature changing from zero to 10 below, but no snow has fallen here since early in November, and that quickly disappeared. Ice formed in the bay for the first time this season Thursday night, but all is broken up by the northwest winds. Men in large numbers have come out of the logging camps. In most of the Menominee camps operations are said to be at a standstill and a log famine is apparent.

Fate of a Hermit.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 29.—Jeane Emil Lane, an old Frenchman who for a long time had lived in a tumble-down shanty in the western part of Beaver county, No Man's Land, was found dead in his hut Thursday. He had been frozen to death. The old man was a kind of a hermit. He was reported to be the illegitimate son of Bonaparte's famous marshal of the same name. His neighbors say he was 90 years old. He had been hidden away in Beaver county for about ten years and the people living near him supplied his few wants.

Courthouse Burned.

PERRY, O. T., Dec. 29.—The county courthouse of Payne county, at Stillwater, was burned together with all the county records, late Thursday evening. The fire was of incendiary origin. It is believed that the old Dalton gang burned the house to save Arkansas Tom, a member of the gang, who is under indictment for crime in Payne county.

Cholera in South America.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 29.—The government has published by decree that the ports Santa Fe, Rosario and Colastine are affected with cholera.

POEMS OF THE DAY.

My Little Maid.

Looking into her clear gray eyes,
My little maid,
I watch their changeful lights arise,
Not undismayed;
For should I wrong her gentle trust,
Serene, complete,
What keenest loss forever must
My future meet.
We walk through ways with danger fraught,
Of naught afraid,
In sweet exchange of inmost thought—
My little maid.
—Cora S. Wheeler, in S. S. Times.

Unnecessary Sympathy.

I always felt sorry when I met Jim—
Poor fellow, he's married now;
And life is a serious thing to him,
For he lives by the sweat of his brow.

And the cares of a family weigh him down,
And he slaves to run the house;
Why, Jim was the gayest boy in town,
And I'll bet he's as poor as a mouse!

And because he looked so worn and sad,
I tried whenever we met
To talk of the good times we'd had,
In hopes that he might forget.

Till I said I was living at the club;
Then I felt a deep chagrin;
Lest he should think I was trying to rub
His misery further in.

But he exclaimed: "That's a horrible lie!
No child to climb on your knee;
No quiet home and the loving wife"—
By Jove! He was pitying *me!*"
—Harry Romaine, in Life.

Uncertainty.

Sometimes I dream, with quiet thought in my own heart,
If in her thoughts but one of me e'er taketh part?
It may not be for me to know,
And yet I pray it may be so.

For in my heart she always is; each thought and every prayer
That surely she must know how she is enshrined there.
It may not be that she does know;
O that I could but tell her so!

The Cheerful Man's Sermon.

It's easy to smile and be cheerful
When everything's pleasant and fair;
We never complain of life's hardships
When there are no burdens to bear.
But as soon as the blue skies cloud over,
And the way that was smooth has grown rough,
We forget the blithe songs we were singing,
And our faces are doleful enough.

But some can be cheerful when shadows
Are thick round the pathways they tread;
They sing in their happiest measures
With a faith in blue skies overhead.
They face with a smile that's like sunshine
The trials that come in their way,
And they always find much to be glad for
In the lonesomest, dreariest day.

Thank God for the man who is cheerful
In spite of life's troubles, I say—
Who sings of a brighter to-morrow,
Because of the clouds of to-day.
His life is a beautiful sermon
And this is its lesson to me:
Meet trials with smiles, and they vanish,
Face care, with a song, and they flee.
—Eben E. Rexford, in Chicago Tribune.

"See First Page."

Is the heart a wayward one?
Have the feet gone far astray?
"Read the preface," "see first page,"
Records of an early day.

Oh, how fair that life began
On the rosy natal morn—
Oh, what budding hopes were rife
When the little child was born.

Was the sapling trained aright?
Did it have the sun and air?
Were its withered boughs removed
And the dead leaves clipped with care?

Were the best impressions made
On the young and plastic mind?
Know ye, "as the twig is bent
So the tree shall be inclined?"

Mind, then, what the preface tells,
Doting mother, fond and fair;
Let the first pure, spotless page
Show a record bright and rare.
—N. Y. Weekly.

Two Boys.

Between two bonny boys I stand,
On each fair head I rest a hand.

Two faces bright are raised to mine,
And both with boyish mischief shine;

Two eyes of gray, two eyes of blue,
Where childhood's happy heart looks through.

On each dear head a hand I lay,
"God keep my bonny boys," I pray.

Dream children! Visions of the night,
You vanish with the morning light.

Between two baby graves I kneel,
Too tired for tears—I only feel.

Babes ever! Never older grown,
So young they could not walk alone.

On each short mound a hand I lay:
"God keep my bonny boys," I pray.
—Floretta N. Crawford, in Youth's Companion.

When Betty Smiles.

'Tis always summer in my heart
When Betty smiles at me;
I feel the stab of Cupid's dart
When Betty smiles at me.
A sweet confusion she displays
As speechless, quite, I stand and gaze—
Distraught I am, in many ways—
When Betty smiles at me.

White, pretty teeth gleam through red lips,
When Betty smiles at me;
In each soft cheek a dimple dips,
When Betty smiles at me.
I see the gladness in her eyes—
The first faint rays of love's sunrise—
And guess the truth that in them lies—
When Betty smiles at me.
—Detroit Free Press.

While Baby's Sleeping.

The restless hands, so keen for play,
Lie clenched and do not stir;
Her breath so light it scarce would sway
A web of gossamer.
Her baby voice that coos and crows,
In sweetest cadence keeping,
Is hushed, the house no music knows
While baby's sleeping.

Her sunny eyes that when they rise,
Dawn daytimes of delight,
Behind their fringing canopies
Have set, and it is night.
Five little toes the cover shows
Beyond its edge just peeping,
Fair as a pink five-petaled rose—
While baby's sleeping.

See! on the pillow here I've found
Golconda's treasure now—
The golden curls that cluster round
My darling's neck and brow.
Her lips just parted in a smile,
Some pretty secret keeping;
An angel whispers to her, while
My baby's sleeping.
—N. Y. Recorder.

IT is the nudity of the live wire that makes it shocking.—Pittsburgh Post.

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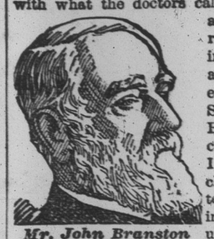

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