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### BY THE WAY.

—Our merchants have their windows handsomely decorated with Christmas gifts.

—A report without foundation was circulated on the streets yesterday to the effect that Foreman Hope of Gazette Eng. Company, had been collecting in all the badges from the members, and had called a special meeting for the purpose of disbanding the company. The report was false.

—Devoe the weather prophet has been heard from again much to the delight of our young lady friends, but his report causes a sad smile to play over the face of the pecuniary young man. He promises fine sleighing by Sunday a week and says the holidays will be accompanied by severe weather.

—Among the valuable birds on exhibition at Madison Square Garden, New York; this week, are a number of homing pigeons belonging to members of the Plainfield Club. The remarkable records of some of the birds, as taken from the columns of THE PRESS, are also displayed and attract much commendation.

—The Somerset County Board of Freeholders met in regular session at Somerville Tuesday afternoon, and besides the routine business claims to the amount of \$4,000 were audited and ordered paid. The Board adjourned to meet again on Saturday, the 24th inst., when full reports will be made of the damage done throughout the county by the flood last summer.

### Fire Alarm Regulations.

Since the Supreme Court has decided that the Fire Board has no power to assess and collect taxes, some of the companies are without means to get their apparatus to fires. Heretofore horses have been hired to draw the apparatus and cart supplies, where no horses were owned by the company or stabled in the engine houses, but the hands of the Fire Commissioners are now tied and they are powerless to contract any debts for horse hire or otherwise. Thus the advancement of the city, so far as its fire department is concerned, moves back again instead of progressing, and the old method of hauling the apparatus by hand, is again in vogue. This will necessarily require more time for the firemen to reach the fire than heretofore, and in case of a rapid spreading of the flames, greater damage must result. Chief Waters has decided upon a plan for sending out the alarm, which, it is thought, will work effectively. It is as follows: For a regular alarm the fire bell will ring as usual; for a second alarm for same fire, five strokes, three minutes interval, then five strokes more, and so on. The various companies have received instructions, so that no complications can arise in answering an alarm.

### Runaway on Park Avenue.

An exciting runaway occurred on Park avenue about eleven o'clock today, which resulted in completely wrecking a depot wagon. The horse belonged to Mr. C. Schipper of West Seventh street and was left standing at the freight house while the driver was attending to some business. Unnoticed, the horse started off on a slow trot, and turning into Park avenue went in the direction of Seventh street. A young son of Peter Rickert, climbed in the wagon from the rear, and attempted to get control of the reins, but in doing so he pushed over a moveable seat and was thrown head foremost from the wagon, rolling under the animal's feet. Fortunately he was uninjured, but presented a pitiable sight when he gathered himself up and began to scold the mud from his clothes. Rickert's falling from the wagon frightened the horse to such an extent that he ran down the avenue at a terrific speed. At the corner of Seventh street the wagon came in contact with some projecting object, with the above result. The horse was subsequently caught on Eighth street.

## HOW THE PRICE OF COAL IS REGULATED.

The Wholesale Dealers Try to Boycott a Plainfield Retailer.

EDITOR DAILY PRESS:—As promised in yesterday's issue of THE PRESS, we now detail in full the obstacles we have had to contend with since starting in the coal business, by the combination of coal dealers in this city. We engaged in business the latter part of the month of August last, and gave our first order for twenty-five cars of coal on the 15th day of August last, and received the following reply:

Messrs. Hetfield Bros., Plainfield, N. J.  
GENTLEMEN:—Your favor of 19th inst. is rec'd and noted. We can send you some coal right away and we enter our order as stated for immediate shipment. We will send the Upper Lehigh coal and trust you will find it satisfactory in all respects. Our Mr. \* \* \* will call on you when he is next in your city. Awaiting further commands we remain

Yours truly,

Aug. 17, 1887.

We received shortly afterwards seventeen cars of the above order which we soon carted out and waited patiently for the balance of our order, in the meantime though we had sent in another order. The next we heard from them was the following communication together with bill for what they had sent.

Messrs. Hetfield Bros., Plainfield, N. J.  
GENTLEMEN:—Your esteemed favor of 31st ult. duly received and noted. When we accepted your first order we had no thought of any objection being made to our sending you coal at Plainfield, as we assumed you were doing business as other dealers were, located there, but we find as the result of our first shipment to you, and the shipment to Mr. Cadmus, that we are violating our agreement as members of the Coal Exchange as your firm is not a member thereof. We shall be glad to do business with you on the same conditions as with your neighbors, and we trust that you can soon arrange to remove all obstacles to our doing so.

Yours truly,

Sept. 2, 1887.

Upon the receipt of the above letter we were nearly out of coal. We sent the following reply to the above communication:

Yours of the 2d inst. received and contents noted. We know nothing of your violating any agreement with the Coal Exchange. But we do know that we ordered twenty-five cars of coal of you, which order was accepted, as per yours of the 17th ult. and acknowledged the same in yours of 2d inst. We have received seventeen cars of the order accepted by you. We can see of our reason why, if you have violated your agreement with the Coal Exchange, that you should violate another agreement with us. We hold ourselves in readiness to send you check for our order as soon as delivered. Please cancel our last order and oblige

Yours truly,

Sept. 7, 1887.

We have received statements frequently since then with a request that we send check for the amount, but we have paid no attention whatever to their request. Last week the agent for the firm from which we bought called on us and we informed him that we would not pay his firm until they had completed their order. After being shut off from that source we gave an order to another agent on Sept. 6th last for forty-five cars of coal. We received from him forty-one cars of the order when we received the following communication:

Hetfield Bros., Plainfield.  
GENTLEMEN:—Your favor received. I may not exactly understand you. I directed previously the 18 car order to be duplicated. Is your present 20 car order to be in addition to the order that is now for 18 cars not yet shipped. Permit me to suggest to you to get full retail prices for your coal as their will be no trouble in doing so now. No change in the situation in Lehigh region, strike may end in a week or may last for months. No certainty in regard to prices for Oct. I will explain more fully about retail prices when I see you.

Yours truly,

Sept. 24, 1887.

We received no more coal from that source, but he called on us soon afterwards and informed us that he obtained his hard coal through another firm, who were members of the State Coal Exchange and unless we obtained full retail prices his firm would not ship any more to us. The consequence was we were again shut off on our supply. We again on Oct. 10 ordered from two other sources and received part of the order from each. Being out of coal again we called on one of the firms who told us they were honorary members of the State Coal Exchange and could not take any more orders from us, and also informed us that they had received two communications, one from the Secretary of the State Coal Exchange, and the other from a prominent dealer in coal of this city, which two communications were shown and read to us, the one from the Plainfield dealer stating in substance that we were selling coal less than the other dealers here in defiance of them. That same evening we called on the aforementioned prominent dealer here and informed him that we had learned of his communication and further warned him that if "the combination" in any way interfered further with our business, we would publish the whole matter to the public, and bring suit for damages. It became now almost impossible to buy coal without joining the combination, and putting up from \$200 to \$500 to abide by the majority vote of the Plainfield combine as to price, and to for-

feit the amount if found underselling. We then concluded that we would not join the combination until every means had been exhausted. We then took a trip to the mines in Pennsylvania and succeeded in buying and receiving in our yard in one week sixty-two cars of coal, and are constantly receiving shipments of coal to keep us supplied. It has been the policy and the aim of the combine to shut us off in our supply, and failing in that attempt it is now their plan to drive us out of the business with their capital, by reducing the price of coal, and any further reduction from our price \$5.50 by the combine would not be for the benefit of the general public, but to drive us out of the business and then coal would go back to their own prices. Now it depends with the general public whether they will appreciate the trouble and expense we have been to, or whether they will still patronize those who would practice extortion.

Dec. 15, 1887. HETFIELD BROS.

### PARTICULAR MENTION.

Mr. A. W. Haviland of Rock View avenue, has suddenly been called to Europe on business.

Mr. Arthur P. Miller has removed his law offices from over the First National Bank to North avenue, opposite the depot.

Mr. A. W. Haviland, of Rockview avenue, North Plainfield, has been suddenly called to Europe on business. He sailed on Friday last.

Mr. Wm. H. Shotwell has sold his old established and prosperous grocery business in North Plainfield, to Messrs. B. W. Rice & Co., of Kingston, Pa.

Ex-Chief of Police, Chas. W. Dodd, now Warden in the County Jail at Elizabeth, made a flying trip to Plainfield today and spent a few hours with his friends here.

Mr. S. A. Wallace who is connected in business with a brother in Baltimore, has given up his residence in Plainfield and will locate permanently in the former city.

Among the latest arrivals at the Park House is Master Jones, a young son of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Jones. The little one came on Monday, and will be a permanent guest.

Mr. John Haberle, the Somerset street tobacconist, spent Tuesday hunting at Neshauc, on the South Branch railroad. At night he returned with a three-legged rabbit. Animals of this species are said to thrive only in that locality.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Rushmore tendered a reception to their son, Townsend, at their residence off West Seventh street, Tuesday evening, to which a number of his friends were invited. The evening was pleasantly passed in social amusement.

### The Plainfield Assaulters Indicted.

Detective Oliver of New Brunswick came over to Plainfield on Tuesday and notified the five young men, Conway, Hogan, Duckworth, Mack and Barry, who were arrested for committing an assault upon Thomas G. Newland, a plumber in the employ of Mr. D. W. Littell of North avenue, near the fair grounds, on Sunday, Nov. 6th, that they must appear in Court at New Brunswick, yesterday morning at ten o'clock. Duckworth was on hand at the appointed hour, with his bondsman, but the remainder of the party drove over from here in a carriage, and were late in arriving at the Court house. They were accompanied by bondsmen, who, it is said, could only qualify in Union county. The Grand Jury brought in a bill of indictment against them, and all were arraigned to plead to the charge, each entering a plea of not guilty. The accused were transferred to the Sheriff and all subsequently furnished bail for their appearance for trial on Wednesday, Dec. 28. Duckworth is employed as a machinist, and is well spoken of by those who know him. It was said that he was invited to join the party for a walk on the Sunday the assault took place. The *Saturday Plumber*, in its issue of Dec. 6th, devotes considerable space to the matter, and says: "There can be scarcely any doubt as to the inevitable result, of the trial. All we can say is that any organized lawless association makes a mistake when they select Mr. D. W. Littell as a victim. He is a man who has the respect of the citizens of Plainfield, and they will encourage him in his determination to protect his men and vindicate the law by fighting this matter through to the bitter end."

—President Cleveland advocates reducing the surplus. We aren't quite as corpulent as the President, but we believe in reducing the surplus too. There are no surplus charges on the holiday wares on exhibition at No. 3 Park avenue.

—John Bloom, aged about 25 years, and employed as brakeman on the Central Railroad of New Jersey, gave his bride of five weeks a farewell kiss at midnight on Sunday and started with his train for a trip to Jersey City. He was struck by an overhead bridge near White House station and died while being conveyed to St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem.

## DOWN GOES COAL.

What "The Press" Has Accomplished in Plainfield, 'o be Tried in Rahway.

We give below further communications regarding the coal question. In justice to the dealers of this city, however, we would quote the statement of one of their number, that "every ton of coal costs us \$5.40." Since our issue of Tuesday, the dealers have reduced the retail price from \$6.50 to \$5.75 per ton. The verbal thanks and communicated congratulations we are receiving every day from the people, would fill these columns.

### COAL TO COME DOWNS IN RAHWAY.

EDITOR DAILY PRESS:—I notice in your paper of yesterday, the statement is made that one of the most prominent members of your local coal combination says he has "given an order for coal at a cost of \$5.80 per ton at the mines." It goes without saying that either your compositor has made a mistake or the prominent dealer "spoke without thinking." The regular prices of the different sizes of coal at the mines are as follows, all in gross tons of 2,240 lbs. each:

East (furnace).....\$2.45  
Sieve and small stove.....2.70  
Chestnut (nut).....2.55  
Poa (No. 2 chestnut).....1.50

The rate of transportation from the mines to Plainfield is \$1.85 per gross ton. So your readers can see what the cost of coal is here in gross tons, to get at the cost per net ton, 2,000 lbs. deduct 11 per cent. It is true the retail price of coal at Rahway is at present under the yoke of a local combination of Christian gentlemen \$7.25 per ton, instead of \$7.50. But I am informed there is likely to be held in that town, a public indignation meeting under the auspices of the Mayor and an organization of benevolent ladies, for the purpose of protesting against the coal dealers' extortion. There is a dealer there who attempted to sell coal at a reasonable price but he was threatened by the leader of the combine, that he would be deprived of coal unless he desisted in his efforts to give the poor their meagre supply of coal, at a fair and honest price.

### EUREKA.

#### ANTHRACITE COAL PRODUCTION.

EDITOR DAILY PRESS:—Following I give you the production of Anthracite coal for the week ending December 10, 1887, and comparatively with the preceding year:

| Week. | 1887.   | 1886.      |
|-------|---------|------------|
| Tons. | 750,169 | 33,050,204 |
| "     | 669,407 | 30,393,179 |

You will note that the increase for last week, as compared with the corresponding week of last year, is 80,620 tons, and the increase for this year two million four hundred and fifty seven thousand tons. These are the official figures.

### CARBON.

New York, Dec. 14, 1887.

### The Oratorio Service.

We present below a full programme of the selections from the Oratorio of "Elijah," that will be sung at the praise service in the Crescent Avenue church, Sunday evening. Such a programme of impressive music has seldom been offered upon any occasion whatever, in this city.

#### FROM FIRST PART OF ORATORIO.

Tenor solo.....H. R. May.  
"If with all your hearts."  
Duet.....Mrs. Myers and Miss Holmes.  
"Zion spreadeth her hands."  
Double quartette.....Choir.  
"For He shall give."  
Bass solo.....A. J. Gavett.  
"Lord, God of Abraham."  
Quartette....."Cast thy burden."  
Mrs. Myers, Miss Holmes and Messrs. May and Gavett.

#### FROM SECOND PART OF ORATORIO.

Soprano solo.....Mrs. Myers.  
"Hear ye, Israel."  
Trio.....Ladies of choir.  
"Lift thine eyes."  
Solo.....Miss Holmes.  
"O! rest in the Lord."  
Chorus.....Choir.  
"He that shall endure."  
Tenor solo.....H. R. May.  
"Then shall the righteous."  
Quartette....."O! come, every one."  
Mrs. Myers, Miss Holmes and Messrs. May and Gavett.

Chorus.....Choir.  
"And then shall your light—"  
Of the above selections which are the gems of the Oratorio, the first duet, "Zion Spreadeth Her Hands," is particularly pretty, and the double quartette immediately following displays the perfection of close harmony. The next to the last number on the programme, "O! Come, Every One," is the bright star of all, and the final chorus is grand.

—It is said that Anthony Comstock will next make a raid on the butchers of New York city, for allowing undressed meat to come into market.

—The Four Gospels, illustrated by a blackboard Bible talk, will be presented by the Rev. J. L. Hurlbut at the Y. M. C. A. rooms to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. The Senior Society will be glad to have their friends, the gentlemen, enjoy this treat with them.

North Plainfield Republican Meeting.  
The Republican voters of North Plainfield Township met in Spencer's Hall on Somerset street, last evening, for the purpose of perfecting a permanent organization. The attendance was not as large as was expected, owing to the fact that the call was only published in a paper that is scarcely circulated in the Township. Hon. Charles Place, Chairman of the last meeting, called the assemblage to order, and the Secretary of the last meeting, Horace J. Martin, recorded the doings. The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as read. Chairman Place called for a report from the Committee on Organization, and Mr. Peter A. Emmons, on behalf of the Committee, submitted the following report, which was, upon motion of Mr. I. Brokaw, unanimously adopted.

NORTH PLAINFIELD, Dec. 10, 1887.

Your Committee on Organization herewith submit the following report:

Resolved, That this organization be called the "North Plainfield Republican Club," organized for the purpose of advancing all interests of the Republican party, and that this Club is to have the following officers, namely: President, 1st Vice President, 2d Vice President, Secretary, Asst. Secretary, Treasurer, Executive and Finance Committees. Each committee is to consist of seven members of this Club. All officers are to be elected for the term of one year, and this Club shall be governed by a constitution and by-laws, which this committee ask for an extension of time to report on.

P. A. EMMONS,  
ALEX. H. MILNE,  
E. H. SPOONER,  
WM. D. CRAIG,  
D. SNEDIKER.

Mr. Spencer moved to "continue" the committee, at their request, so as to give them an opportunity to draft a constitution and by-laws to govern the club. The motion was recorded in the affirmative. The Chairman said that the next question to consider was whether or not it was expedient to elect officers for the club until after the constitution and by-laws were adopted for them to work under. Mr. Chas. Reed, of the law firm of Clark & Reed of this city, thought it would be advisable to wait for a few days before selecting officers, so as to give the committee an opportunity to report on the constitution and by-laws; he understood that the organization was to be a lasting one, and it should therefore be established on a permanent basis. Mr. I. Brokaw coincided with Mr. Reed, and said he thought no harm could come to the club by waiting for a week, or two weeks, for that matter. Mr. Reed's motion to continue the present organization, and that when the meeting adjourn it be to meet again two weeks from to-night (Thursday), the Committee on Organization to report at that time, prevailed.

The following delegates were elected to represent the club at the National Convention of Republican clubs which convenes in New York city today: Messrs. Chas. Place, E. H. Spooner, I. Brokaw, Chas. Reed, Wm. D. Craig, Alex. Milne. The following were chosen alternates: Messrs. Thos. Rutledge, H. N. Spencer, H. J. Martin, D. Snediker, L. B. Woolston, C. C. Day. Mr. Brokaw suggested that the Chair appoint a committee of five, said committee to select and interview men who are eligible for officers of the club, and report their names at the next meeting. The Chair appointed the following: Messrs. J. H. Cooley, Chas. Reed, F. Whitely, H. McGee and C. C. Day. The meeting then adjourned.

### Why the Fire Tax was Restricted.

We have nowhere seen a clearer statement in small compass of the real object of the fire tax test case brought by Mrs. Carrie B. Taylor, than that contained in one short paragraph on the first page of the first brief submitted by her counsel Craig A. Marsh, Esq. We quote the paragraph below, from a copy of the brief. It presents precisely the grounds afterward adopted by the Court in the official opinion. The paragraph is as follows:

"Prosecutrix has paid State and County and City taxes in full, and insists that having done so she and her Plainfield city property are not subject to taxation for the same year, for any other purpose or by any other power. She prosecutes this suit in the interest of the City of Plainfield, at the request of many of its most influential citizens—the real object being to have it judicially determined that the Plainfield Fire Department, assessing property as it does, under a law not general, but local and special, by a rule not uniform and not according to true value, but according to hazard of destruction by fire; being as is insisted a private corporation, having nothing to do with the inhabitants of its territory as such, but having power to tax its own members only; embracing as it does a part only of each of three political districts, and not constituting a political district itself; and being in other respects repugnant to the constitution of this State, and of the United States, has no lawful power to assess taxes in the City of Plainfield; and that the said city may assess its own fire taxes, and itself provide for the prevention and suppression of fires within the city limits."

## Pigeon Popping.

There was quite an attendance of sportsmen on the grounds of the Middlesex Gun Club at Dunellen, yesterday, the regular semi-monthly Club shoot day of the organization. After several interesting sweepstake matches had been indulged in, the event of the day came off—shooting for the Club's gold trophies, which are contested for by classification of shooters. In class A there were eleven contestants, and the appended score shows that Messrs. Miller of Springfield, and Forrest of this city, tied for the trophy by killing seven birds each. Mr. Miller was accorded the privilege of taking the trophy to his home to show his friends, after which it is to be returned to Forrest, with the understanding that in the next contest for the medal, the one making the best score shall be credited with winning it. In class B, Dan Terry and Tee Kay tied on seven birds each. Tee Kay generously conceded the badge to Mr. Terry. Below are the scores of the day:

1st Event—\$2 entrance, 4 birds each.  
C. Smith.....1 1 1 0  
Forrest.....2 1 1 1  
Dickens.....2 2 1 1  
S. Smith.....1 1 1 2  
Clark.....2 1 1 1

Ties shot off in next event.  
2d Event—\$2 entrance, 4 birds each.  
C. Smith.....0 1 2 2  
Forrest.....1 1 0 1  
Dickens.....1 1 1 0  
S. Smith.....1 2 1 2  
Clark.....0 1 0  
Siegler.....1 1 1 1

Ties shot off in next event.  
3d Event—\$2 entrance, 4 birds each.  
C. Smith.....2 1 1 2  
Forrest.....1 0 1 1  
Dickens.....1 1 0 2  
S. Smith.....1 1 2 2  
Clark.....2 2 1 1  
Siegler.....1 2 2 1  
Manitz.....2 2 1 1  
Quad.....1 1 1 1

Ties shot off in next event.  
4th Event—\$2 entrance, 4 birds each.  
C. Smith.....1 2 1 1  
Forrest.....1 1 2 1  
S. Smith.....2 2 1 1  
Clark.....2 2 0 0  
Siegler.....1 2 1 1  
Manitz.....2 2 1 1  
Quad.....1 1 1 1  
J. D. Voorhees.....0 1 2 2

Ties shot off in next event.  
5th Event—\$2 entrance, 4 birds each.  
C. Smith.....1 0 1 1  
Forrest.....1 1 0 1  
S. Smith.....1 1 2 1  
Clark.....2 0 1 1  
Siegler.....1 1 1 2  
Manitz.....1 2 1 2  
Quad.....1 1 1 1  
J. D. Voorhees.....0 1 2 2

Ties shot off in next event.  
6th Event—\$2 entrance, 4 birds each.  
C. Smith.....1 1 1 2  
Miller.....1 0 1 1  
Dickens.....2 0 1 0  
Forrest.....2 2 0 0  
Siegler.....1 2 1 1  
Manitz.....2 2 1 1  
Quad.....1 1 1 1  
J. D. Voorhees.....1 1 0 1  
Conover.....1 1 0 1  
J. Force.....2 0 2 1  
D. Terry.....1 0 1 1

Ties shot off in next event.  
7th Event—\$2 entrance, 4 birds each.  
C. Smith.....1 1 0 1  
S. Smith.....1 1 0 1  
Forrest.....2 1 0 0  
Willis.....1 1 2 2  
Quad.....1 0 1 0

Ties divided.  
8th Event—contest for gold trophy, \$3 entrance with \$5 additional sweepstakes.

CLASS A.  
S. G. Smith.....1 1 0 1 1 2 2  
Siegler.....0 1 0 2 1 2  
C. Smith.....1 1 1 2 0 1  
Manitz.....1 0 0 1 1 1  
Miller.....1 1 2 1 1 1  
Conover.....2 1 0 1 2 2  
Dickens.....1 2 1 1 0 1  
Voorhees.....1 1 0 1 0 1  
Forrest.....2 1 2 2 1 1  
J. Force.....0 1 1 1 1 0  
Quimby.....0 2 2 1 1 1

CLASS B.  
D. Terry.....1 1 2 1 2 2 1  
Daniels.....0 0 0 0 0 0  
Lawrence.....1 0 1 2 1 1  
Tee Kay.....1 2 2 2 1 1  
8th Event—\$3 entrance, miss and out.  
Manitz.....1 0  
Quimby.....1 2 2  
Miller.....1 1 1  
Willis.....1 1 0  
Siegler.....2 2 0  
Chaffer.....0  
S. Smith.....0  
S. Smith (R).....0

Figure 2 denotes second barrel.

### At Music Hall.

The next attraction at Music Hall will be Annie Pixley in Mr. Gunter's very strong play, "The Deacon's Daughter." In it the author has labored with a good subject; the good or bad effect of the theatre. A deacon, who for narrowness and bigotry would have done credit to the earliest of the early Puritans, is contrasted with his daughter, whose pluck, energy and ability win for her an honored place upon the stage, cures the deacon of his rank heresy, and pays off a mortgage on the old gentleman's farm that was slowly but surely warping his religious views into caricatures.

### Giving Itself Away.

In a recent issue we copied from a Newark paper a few lines in relation to the late election in Plainfield. We headed it "As others see us," and enjoyed with our readers a laugh at the mingled ignorance and stupidity displayed in the article. Now the Plainfield Evening (?) too simple to know better, says aloud "We wrote that."







## THE CROWN PRINCE

### A NEW GROWTH DEVELOPING IN HIS THROAT.

Ross's Disciples in America Not Formidable—France's New Government—Boulanger Sticks to His Post.

VIENNA, Dec. 15.—Despatches received here report that the crown prince of Germany has been seized with a sudden growth in his throat. This, the report says, explains Dr. Mackenzie's hurried departure from England. SAN REMO, Dec. 15.—The doctors in examining the crown prince last evening discovered symptoms of a fresh growth and an increase in the swelling. A special consultation of medical experts was determined upon. Dr. Mackenzie will attend at the request of the crown prince.

The grand duke of Baden and the duke of Edinburgh are expected here shortly. Ross presented the crown prince from taking a walk to-day.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—The returning public hope concerning the crown prince has been shattered. Reliable advice says that the crown prince's condition is not favorable. The crown prince is in attendance for co-operation in case of a tracheotomy. It is reported that the doctors do not anticipate any immediate necessity for an operation.

Princess and Princess William have been notified to be in readiness for a sudden call to San Remo, where he will make another examination of the crown prince's condition. A despatch from San Remo says that the crown prince's symptoms are alarming. The tumor has spread rapidly, with deplorable results.

### THE TIME'S REVELATIONS.

Davidt Says Ross's Disciples in America Are Not Formidable.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Michael Davidt, in an interview to-day, said: "The Times' revelations were concocted either by the anti-Irish scare department or somebody in New York anxious to obtain a sensational advertisement. In either case, such a scare at the present time, when two men, innocent or guilty, await trial in London for alleged connection with a dynamite conspiracy, is most cowardly. I predict that when New York interviewers visit the rooms in Chambers street to-day and give their impressions to-morrow about the place and its staff of clerks, the fund of two million pounds will shrink indefinitely nearer nothing than Falsland's men in buckram. There is not a journalist, detective, government official or public man in New York or any other American city who does not know that Ross's whole party cannot command as many followers as the Times endows them with pounds."

"The Times never admit that the dynamiters repudiated the Parnellites in the last year as strongly and eloquently as the Times itself. The Times' daily denunciation of Gladstone and his policy might be inspired by one of Ross's writings, only the London edition of the New York anti-Parnellite organ has as yet not hit at my assassination, as Ross's paper did in November, 1886, for my attacking the violent policy at Chicago. Nine hundred and ninety-nine out of every thousand Irishmen support Parnell, and oppose criminal violence. Nothing is more calculated to recruit the ranks of the dynamiters than the writings of a paper like the Times, and the anti-constitutional acts of the government which such papers encourage. If a plot really exists it is the natural outcome of these actions."

### France's New Government.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The radical and extremist groups in the chamber of deputies at a meeting to-day decided to oppose a vote of the provisional budget asked for by Prime Minister Tirard, provided it was not made a cabinet question. The right will interpellate the government on the re-assembly of the chambers in regard to the revolutionary plotting in the Paris municipal council during the presidential crisis. At the meeting of radicals and extremists yesterday, it was decided to withhold their votes from any measure implying confidence in the ministry.

### Boulanger Holds on Fast.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 15.—The New York press publishes in its Paris correspondence a letter from Gen. Boulanger to M. Sautin, a member of the chamber of deputies declining the latter's offer to surrender his seat in Gen. Boulanger's favor. The general writes that he considers it a patriotic duty to adhere to his military position, in view of the fact that he expects a war, and concludes by declaring that France has a greater need of generals than of deputies.

### Balfour Hissed.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Mr. Balfour, chief secretary for Ireland, addressed an immense assembly in free trade hall at Manchester last night. The prolonged cheering failed to drown the hissing from another portion of the audience. The preliminary speaking proceeded amid great disorder. A number of fights took place, and many persons were ejected from the hall. The malignant element was finally subdued.

### Fears for the K. of L. Organization.

BUFFALO, Dec. 15.—The illness of General Master Workman Powderly causes much anxiety in Knight of Labor circles in this city. Prominent knights profess to believe that his enemies will seize upon the opportunity to make further inroads upon his position and undermine him. There is a feeling of uneasiness among union men that the internal troubles in the ranks of the order may end in its disruption, and the trades unions are not in the least backward in expressing the opinion that the knights have reached the pinnacle of greatness and that the order is rapidly retrograding.

### The Strike at Havana.

HAVANA, Dec. 15.—The cigar factories were re-opened for work yesterday, but the strike is not yet ended. At the last meeting the cigar makers resolved not to work in factories where more than one apprentice is employed, and accordingly the choosers of five factories yesterday refused to work.

### He Preferred Death.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—Oliver P. Cardwell, a deserter from the army, fell near the state house yesterday afternoon, and died soon after from the effects of a dose of strychnine. He believed that officers were in pursuit and said he preferred death rather than capture and return to the army.

## MOONSHINE MAGNATES.

Capture of Georgia Still That Have Yielded 10,000 Gallons.

ATLANTA, Dec. 15.—The largest seizure of illicit distilleries ever made in Georgia occurred last Monday night. Deputies at Alexander and Stevens visited a place near Jasper and hid themselves in the woods until shortly before daybreak, when they saw several men go down into a hole in the middle of a plantation. The officers followed and came upon a gang of moonshiners in the act of distilling whiskey. The still was running in a cave some 35 feet square. Water was conveyed a distance of 200 yards in hollow logs.

There were four stills within a radius of a mile, all under ground in the same way. The stills were run by a water wheel, which was the owners of the stills. The men employed made good their escape.

These stills have been running five years, in which time they must have made 10,000 gallons of whiskey. A large quantity of beer was captured, but only a small quantity of whiskey, owing to the fact that most of the whiskey had been taken away the day before.

It is believed that most of this illicit product found a market in Atlanta.

### A Sad Family Wreck.

WELLSVILLE, O., Dec. 15.—Diphtheria is epidemic here, and after a most mortem examination on one of the victims, Dr. C. N. Cole took a portion of the diseased membrane of the throat to his home for microscopic investigation. His research was conducted with the utmost carelessness, even some of his children being allowed to view the germs. Two died Monday, and yesterday the doctor himself succumbed to the disease, while five remaining children are at the point of death. To add to the misery of the situation, some time ago Cole became insanely jealous of his wife, an estimable woman, and finally drove her from home. She sought refuge in Pittsburgh, and is entirely ignorant of her loss. An effort is being made to find her and bring her back. The authorities are caring for the remaining children.

### Dakota Wants to be Admitted.

ABERDEEN, Dak., Dec. 15.—Many of the delegates to the Aberdeen convention, which assembles here to-day for the purpose of memorializing Congress for the admission of the territory as a state, are already in. At least 500 delegates from all Dakota will be present, with a large representation of Democrats. This movement grew out of the practical defeat of divisionists at the late election, when they received 3,000 majority in a vote of 60,000. The memorial proposed will be the first application by the whole territory for admission, and the general opinion is that it will result in an enabling act at the present session. The convention meets to-day at noon in the opera house.

### The Interstate Grange in Secret Session.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 15.—The interstate grange began its four days' secret session yesterday in the interest of the agriculturalists. A resolution was adopted condemning as false statements the proposition for the removal of the tax on tobacco for the diminution of the treasury surplus, and demanding that cheap sugar should be provided for instead of cheap tobacco. The interstate commerce law was endorsed, and the grange claimed the credit of first proposing it.

### Defended Her Good Name.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 15.—A sensational whirling affair took place yesterday at Edinburgh, sixteen miles south of here, in which Dr. Bland, a prominent physician, was the victim. A lady inflicted the punishment, and was Mrs. Hyatt, wife of one of the employees on the Edinburgh Courier. Mrs. Hyatt heard that the doctor had made slanderous remarks about her, and she lay in wait for him on his return from dinner, and gave him a terrible whipping.

### Burned to Death.

ANSONIA, Conn., Dec. 15.—Miss Julia Ann Tibbals, aged seven, of Milford, was found this morning by a neighbor named Osborne lying across her kitchen stove. She was badly burned. She lived alone.

### CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

The emperor presided at another military conference held in Vienna Wednesday.

Searle, Vanneman and Co., of Philadelphia made an assignment yesterday. Liabilities \$35,000.

King Kalakoua's salary has been materially reduced by the legislature, and he threatens to resign.

Mrs. Sibley was found starving to death in a shanty in the outskirts of Kansas City. Her 6-week-old babe lay dead beside her.

The German reichstag has rejected the proposal to raise the tax on wheat and rye to six marks, but has made the duty five marks.

Edmond Literaty, the member of the Hungarian parliament who was wounded in a duel with his brother-in-law was died from his injuries.

The American club in London gave a banquet last night to United States Minister Phelps. Many American residents were present.

Edward L. Harper did not receive his prison garb Wednesday as there was none in stock large enough for him, and a suit will have to be made.

The snow storm that prevailed over El Paso, Tex., last Sunday penetrated to the south to six miles, but has made the duty five marks.

The governor of Iowa has ordered a new election in the fifteenth state senatorial district. At the last election more votes were cast than there were names registered.

Harris Goldstein, Isaac Wolf and Adolf Silverstein, the latter a New York detective, have been convicted of smuggling tobacco into Liverpool inside of cotton bales, and fined \$8,000.

Carlos Vetter Rivas, who was arrested a few days before the hanging of the anarchists while hanging around the East Chicago avenue station, has entered suit against the city of Chicago for \$50,000.

Twenty of the richest citizens of the City of Mexico were fined for having placed small altars with lighted candles on the balconies of their houses on the occasion of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Montreal commercial circles are excited over the report that hereafter the ocean mails are to be landed at Rimouski, to save time running up the river. The present facilities for carriage of freight would thus be lost to Montreal.

The editor of the Monitor-Republican has been summoned by the Honorable Circuit Court of M. X. to reproduce in his paper an article from a New Orleans paper reflecting on the social status of the present Mexican rulers.

Joseph R. Libby's store, the largest dry goods establishment in Bangor, Me., is being boycotted by the Honorable Circuit Court of M. X. for reproducing in his paper an article from a New Orleans paper reflecting on the social status of the present Mexican rulers.

Miss Julia Moorehouse, who left her home in Detroit a year ago and became an actress, was recognized at the Standard theatre, Chicago, by her brother. He finally prevailed upon her to give up the stage and return home with him. The family had spent \$4,000 searching for her.

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## NEW AND PRACTICAL IMPROVEMENTS IN MECHANISM.

The Electrical Typewriter—Calculation Formations in Plain—Continuous Tin Plates—A Ye-eta de Soap—Miscellaneous Discoveries.

A correspondent of the Baltimore Sun thus describes the electric typewriter, which promises to rival to some extent the telephone. The instrument in appearance somewhat resembles an ordinary mechanical typewriter. It has a key-board, and the types are placed on steel bars, which play upon a common center, as in the case with the typewriter. The motive power used is electricity, by means of which evenness of action is acquired. No matter how heavily or how lightly the keys are struck, the impression on the paper is the same. A remarkable feature of the invention used as a typewriter is that the carriage moves automatically both forward and backward. When the end of the line is reached the carriage returns to the starting point without the aid of the operator, and the paper bar moves one notch, so that all that is required of the operator is to depress the keys. The most important field for the new invention is said to be in connection with the telephone. It is said that the Patent Office has the instrument can be used both as a transmitter and receiver of intelligence over a single wire, no matter how great the distance may be. The receiving instrument does not require the attendance of an operator, but prints the dispatch automatically. The instruments at both ends of the line print the dispatch sent, and so a safeguard against mistakes is provided. It is claimed that the electric typewriter will be valuable as a local aid to business, and offers many advantages over the telephone. One advantage claimed for it is that no matter whether a person called up is at his place of business or not, the message can be printed through the medium of his typewriter, and will be there for perusal on his return. The dispatches printed are in letter form and not an endless tape. The instrument, which has been christened the dynamograph, is considered by patent office officials to be one of the greatest inventions upon which patents have been issued. The electricians do not stint their praise, and are positive that the machine will greatly simplify business intercommunication.

It is a singular and as yet unexplained fact that in certain species of vegetable growth there are found a variety of stones supposed to be formed and deposited in their tissues from the silicious and calcareous juices circulating in their organisms. Thus, in the bamboo a round stone is found at the joints of the cane called "tabasheer." Another curiosity of the sort is the "cocoon stone," found in the endosperm of the cocoon of Java and other East Indian islands. Dr. Kimmis describes it as a pure carbonate of lime. It is sometimes round, sometimes pear-shaped, while the appearance is that of white pearl without much luster. Some of the stones are as large as cherries and as hard as feldspar or opal. They are very rare, and are regarded as precious stones by the Orientals and charms against disease or evil spirits by the natives. Stones of this kind are sometimes found in the promargate and other East Indian fruits. Apatite has also been discovered in the midst of wheat wood.

A patent has been recently granted to Mr. Wm. H. Brown, of Jersey City, for a novel process of manufacturing continuous tin plates. The plates in question are made of steel, and the process consists in producing a sheet of steel of any continuous length and of required width by rolling the metal hot and afterwards rolling it cold until a proper thickness and perfectly smooth surface is obtained. Next the surface of the sheet is scoured, and then afterwards passed through a bath of moulten tin, thus receiving its coating. Finally the sheet is subjected to a rolling operation under heavy pressure between highly polished rolls, by which the tin and steel are condensed and consolidated together and the surface hardened and polished. The inventor states that by this method the tin will be found to be so hardened upon and incorporated with the steel as to produce a tin plate which is superior in most respects to any tin plate wherever produced.

In the valleys of California grows a tall, slender-stemmed lilaceous plant, with purple and white flowers, which played an important part in the economy of the Spanish population, and is still more or less used by the country people. It is the well-known anise, or soap plant. It rises from a subterranean bulb, which is egg-shaped in form, two or three inches in diameter, and enveloped in a thick coating of black, matted, hair-like fibers. This bulb has the detergent properties of soap, cleaning the hands or clothing quite as well and much more pleasantly than the coarser kinds of soap.

Astronomer Henry M. Parkhurst says he has recently discovered "a woman in the moon," and has named her Selena. Certainly the diagram of markings on the moon, which he claims to have seen, includes a striking suggestion of a woman's face and bust.

There have recently been discovered in the high Alps, near the summit of the great St. Bernard, five large granite altars and a number of other relics of the stone age, such as axes, knives, etc., used in pagan epochs for sacrifices. Swiss writers emphasize the historical importance of this discovery, in that it is proof that St. Bernard was a place of sacrifice in the age of stone the Canton Valais was inhabited by human beings.

Prof. Thomas Carnelly and a Mrs. Hoidam, of a college at Dundee, have been investigating sewer air, and report that it averages as pure, so far as disease germs are concerned, as the air in ordinary houses.

A Valuable Gold Coin.

Carl Scheben, of Kansas City, has a coin said to be very valuable. It is one of seventeen gold pieces coined in the mint at San Francisco in 1873. For some unexplained reason the dies were destroyed after these coins were made. It is a curious piece of United States money, of the face value of \$1. One side bears the head of the Goddess of Liberty, the date 1873, and around the rim there are thirteen stars with the following figures and letters, "E. A. M. S." On the reverse side is a five-point star in the center, underneath which is the word "Met." In a circle outside the stars are the words: "E Pluribus Unum" and "Deo Est Gloria." There is still another circle outside this inscription, bearing the words: "United States of America. Four Do."

## CATCHING COUNTERFEITERS.

An Interesting Yarn Spun by an Old Government Detective.

I was a night telegraph operator, and in the summer of '72, feeling much depressed in spirits and badly in need of rest, I decided to tear myself away from the confusion and turmoil of city life and seek some quiet, secluded nook where I might do nothing but sleep and dream for two weeks at least, writes an old detective in the Chicago Times. But where could I go? A happy thought struck me, in looking over some old letters, to visit my old friend Will Wilmington, whom I had not seen for years, and whose shingle "M. D." I knew to be swinging in the bay windows of Mississippi. A hastily-written letter brought the following reply by telegram a few days later:

NATCHEZ, July 12—Come at once. Daisy and I need you.

"Who the deuce is Daisy, and what do they need me for?" I mentally ejaculated. I could not imagine for the life of me what the queer message really meant. I conjured all sorts of dire disasters and ran over in my mind the names of all females I had ever heard him mention. Could Daisy be his wife, and had my trouble befallen the couple? But no; if he had embarked upon the uncertain sea of matrimony I would have known it.

All day long on the train the message haunted me—"Daisy and I need you." I was bothered by all kinds of queer, fantastic dreams, and when the train pulled in at the depot a haggard-looking individual alighted therefrom, who looked as though he had been on a protracted spree. The next instant I was in the arms of my friend, and a second later in a carriage rolling swiftly away, and I scarcely had time to collect my senses. The handsome features of my friend had woefully changed, but I attributed it all to time's cruel ravages, and so remarked. He smiled a faint, far-away smile and said: "He was not the same old Will I had known, and when the first greetings were over I fired question after question at him. 'Who's Daisy? In Heaven's name what's the matter with you? Why do you need me?' etc. All he said was 'Wait.' We pulled up at his office, and I was seated at a steaming hot supper. After that we drew our chairs closely together, and from his earnest expression I knew that his secret was forthcoming. 'When I left you at college that memorable day, Jim,' he began, 'I came direct here and opened up my shop.'

"Business was wonderfully dull, and I gave it up. Though the kind of office of a friend I secured an appointment as Government detective. By advice from the department I retained my office and calling of doctor merely as a blind. I was making money and was wonderfully successful, when one day I received notice that a gang of counterfeiters was working in my section, and was flooding the country with 'queer.' I worked day after day, and succeeded in obtaining a clew. I caught a sweet, handsome girl in the act of passing some of the dust, and, though my heart rebelled, I arrested her on the quiet and brought her to my office. She promised to say nothing of the arrest, and I released her. When she left she told me her name was Daisy, but would say nothing more.

"I hope you will succeed, fair," she said, "and it will be the happiest moment of my life when you release me from the bonds that bind me now." Well, I have never seen her since, and I want you to help me find her. I shadowed her when she left the office, but she gave me the slip. I must find her, and must capture that gang."

"I promised him my aid, heart and soul, and was immediately converted into a walking arsenal. He had in his possession a large number of the counterfeit bills. 'I am going to turn counterfeiter, Jim,' he said with a wan smile. 'The telephone tapper here is connected with one in the top of a tree near where I think the rendezvous is. You are to stay here as my assistant, and in case you receive a message come directly to the tree with the twelve men who will arrive to-night. I have the thing almost ready to close.' Toward evening, in a rough, dirty suit of clothes, he left. I sat in his office rummaging over the strange events of the last few hours. The twelve Government men, big, stalwart fellows, arrived and were distributed about the house under my directions and with a brief explanation. 'I sat through the twilight and watched that instrument, but no word came. I dropped into a restless doze, dreaming of Daisy and her strange story, when suddenly I was aroused by my attention attracted to the instrument sharp, clear ticking. 'Jim,' it said, 'Daisy—and I—need you. Come—at—once.'

"With a hasty answer, I aroused the men, and away we went, with guns handy, and muffled from head to foot. Through brush and swamp we stumbled, and finally reached the tree. Standing there silently as ghosts, I was aroused by a touch on the arm. Turning quickly, I peered into Will's deathly pale face.

"Come!" he said simply, and we picked our way to an old deserted mill. The men were aroused to a great pitch of excitement by sudden, quick flashes of light, and a rattling, unearthly, occasionally hoarse, under Will's direction the men crept close to the mill and peered through the cracks. Nothing met their eyes but a strange mumbling sound caught their ears. Suddenly a piercing scream was heard and a door opened from nowhere. A woman came tearing out at full speed and the door closed as quickly. The woman ran straight into Will's arms, and he whispered to me: 'God bless you, my darling,' and I knew it was his sweetheart. She was in a fainting condition, but when roused seemed glad to see Will, and told him that she had expressed her determination to leave the life she was leading. One of the leaders had struck her a crushing blow, and her father, while attempting to defend her, was killed. The time for action had come. She was thirsting for revenge, and it was planned that she should beg admittance, promising to stay by the gang. She led the way and our crowd followed. With drawn revolvers we grouped around the door. She knocked and piteously begged them to let her in, and as quickly as she was whisked out of sight behind a huge tree. The door was opened, and we rushed in. Not a man escaped, and large and many packages of counterfeit bills were captured. The presses, dies, etc., were carted away the next day and sent to Washington. Any one who has any curiosity can find in the old record a story of 'Kid Evans, Joe Benson and the Mississippi gang.'

And Daisy? Well, you can answer as to what became of her. I well, I have ever since that time been a detective, and live at Will's house with a sweet little southern wife, whose proud little spirit occasionally asserts itself.

The principal attraction at a Boston baby show is a red-haired negro infant.

## A MILE A MINUTE.

A Stubborn Cow Obstructs a Lightning Train in Nebraska.

A small party of railway conductors and engineers sat discussing the speed of the trains at the present day at the Canfield Hotel, two evenings ago, says the Omaha World. It was almost unanimously conceded that trains can not make the time on Western roads that they do on Eastern roads, when Fred Ranslaw, who has been on a Union Pacific engine for the last ten years, related an experience he once had in making Grand Island and return.

"It was on a bright October day," began the narrator, "in 1881 that I received an order from General Master Mechanic McConnell to report at once at his office. I had then been an engineer only three months and I knew by the way the command read that something out of the ordinary had to be done. I had never run an engine out of the yards, and I went to the office with a misgiving that my mettle was about to be tried. I was the only engineer available, and I knew there was nothing for me to do but to obey. When I got to the office I was given the order: 'Make Grand Island and return as fast as you consider it safe.' This order had no double meaning to me. My engine was No. 18, a rickety old thing used in the yards, but she was the only one at hand. To her I attached a way car, raised the white flag, and, with the crew and Dr. Mercer, pulled out of the Union Pacific depot."

"I learned before I started that a switchman named Smith, employed in the yards at Grand Island, had been seriously hurt, and that the object of our trip was to bring him to Omaha. The poor fellow had been caught between the cars, and both legs and an arm had been run over. It was thought that good care and medical attendance might save him, and for these reasons it was deemed best to place him in the hospital.

"Our trip for the first one hundred miles was uneventful. We stopped at Papio to meet a stock train at Valley for orders and at Fremont to meet No. 4. As we were nearing Schuyler No. 18 was doing her best. The telegraph poles seemed about a foot apart, and the fences were shadows dancing in the sunlight. We must have been going sixty miles an hour when the fireman looked up, and with a cry of despair exclaimed, 'There goes a cow!' and jumped into the gangway. The brute had just come on the track, and I slowed up a little hoping she would cross over and the coast would be clear. Instead, however, of leaving the road, she hoisted her tail and started down the track in a mad race with the train. We were now getting close upon her, and the situation was becoming perilous. It was evident that the cow must be run down and for fear that she might 'double up' and ditch the train I ordered the throttle and the engine bounded ahead. In an instant we were upon her. There was a shower of blood and filth upon the front of the engine, and the cow lay about two rods from the track a mass of lifeless pulp. I looked back, and the old lady who owned the cow stood in the doorway of the section-house in holy horror. When we got to Chapman the waste and oil in the boxes was on fire, but I did not stop until I had reached my destination, within three hours after I left this city.

"At Grand Island the injured man was placed in the car, and after a wait of one-half hour we started for Omaha. The distance to Central City, twenty-two miles, we made in twenty minutes. Here we had to stop and change the wounded man's position. The surgeon ordered us to run slower to Omaha on account of his painful condition, and we pulled into the Union Pacific Depot just six hours and fifty-eight minutes after we had started out, a distance of 38 miles in that time, including nine stops and a wait of one-half hour. The wounded man was kindly cared for in the hospital, but the shock and the ride were too much for his system, and in a couple of days afterward he died."

## THE FARM MORTGAGE.

An Honest Druggist's Convincing Argument Against Indebtedness.

There is in Bangor an ancient drug store which for over forty years has been the headquarters of the farmers trading in that city, says the Lewiston (Me.) Journal. There they go for goods, to leave whips, robes and bundles, to loaf away the evenings when "down on the jury," and when in search of information. Into it the other day there walked a sturdy young man, his bronzed face and hard, horny hands, telling of exposure to the weather and of days of hard toil. His clothing was of good, honest material, and on his feet were solid cowhide boots. Walking up to the proprietor of the store he inquired for Lawyer Blank.

Now the man from the farm had such an honest face, such an innocent expression, that the druggist, knowing the man sought for to be a "sharper"—in fact not a real lawyer at all—departed from his rule of minding his own business and asked the farmer what he wanted of the lawyer. In a few words the story was told. It seems the man had worked hard all his days, had bought and paid for a \$1,200 farm, had taken a wife, furnished a house, and now, envious of some of his neighbors, wanted to build a \$300 barn. To do this, he proposed to borrow the cash, giving a mortgage of his farm. Said the druggist, after the story was told:

"Your farm is clear now?"

"Yes, sir."

"You love your wife?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well," said the merchant, "this is what you should do. Go home and earn the three hundred dollars first and then build your barn. If you borrow now, you will think each night as you lie on your bed that you are in debt. You will fret and worry; your young wife will do the same; sickness and accidents may come or a poor crop be your portion; there will be a three hundred dollar skeleton in your house, and, ten to one, you will fret and grow peevish and have a row with your wife. Don't go into the mortgage business! Don't go into debt! Live within your income, be industrious, and when you do build your barn and own it, you will be as proud of it as an Englishman is of his castle."

For a moment the young farmer hesitated. On each side were interested spectators, and all was silent. Gradually the head lowered, and a tear rolled down the cheek. Though only a tiller of the soil, the man took pride in his occupation, and wanted that barn. At last he said:

"Thank you, sir. To tell you the truth, my wife was a-crying when I left home because I was going to mortgage the place. I'll take your advice and go home as I came down, and she'll be glad to see me, you bet!"

"There," said the Bangor man, "that fellow came to a good, wise conclusion. I have seen lots of misery and account of this mortgage business. He who gives one often gives peace, comfort and contentment with it."

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