

# NEWS OF THE PASING WEEK.

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could not be located and the verdict cannot be announced until the jury is in the box.

The notorious 'Jack the Ripper,' who has assaulted and mutilated 18 women, has been caught at Ludwighen, Baden, red handed by two detectives attired as a woman.

The Chicago Chronicle says: The gigantic consolidation of cigar manufacturers in this city will be announced Wednesday. The total capital in the combine will represent upwards of \$60,000,000.

The mass meeting held in Havana Sunday at Matanzas by the Democrats, the opening rally of the campaign, was largely attended. Senor Montoro, who received a great ovation, and the Cuban problem was an international one and that the Platt amendment was a wise measure.

The Independence will be raced at the Newport races and Thomas W. Lawson and the Hull Massachusetts Yacht club committee have decided to allow the three races to settle, so far as they are concerned, whether the Constitution or the Independence will defend the America's cup.

Official despatches have been received in Berlin, confirming previous despatches from Pekin to the effect that Maj. Gen. Von Guyl has been appointed chief of staff to Field Marshal Von Waldersee, succeeding General Schwartzoff who lost his life in the fire that destroyed Count Von Waldersee's headquarters.

Three bodies, two men and one woman, were found floating in the river at Toledo, O., Tuesday morning. All appear to have been the victims of self-destruction. A fourth body, that of a youth, was taken out of the river Monday evening. It was that of Albert Molosh, a suicide.

Prince Alexis Nicolaiewitch Dolgoroukoff, formerly secretary to the Russian embassy in London, attempted to commit suicide at a prominent hotel in St. Petersburg, Thursday last. His action was due to family troubles. He has been separated from his wife. The affair has been hushed up on account of the prominence of the family. His recovery is possible.

Hon. George H. Murray, premier of the Nova Scotia government leaves for New York to meet a combination of Canadian and American capitalists who are undertaking a contract to build a railway from Halifax to Yarmouth on the south shore of the province. The road will be subsidized.

The New York Commercial Advertiser says: Wall street is still puzzled by the extraordinary demand for Union Pacific, R. R. shares. From well informed sources assurances are received that parties outside of the Harriman syndicate have secured a very large amount of the Union Pacific stock. Whether or not these parties have accumulated enough shares to give them control is a matter yet to be determined.

The president and attorney of the City National bank of Troy went to Little Falls N. Y. Tuesday afternoon, to investigate the validity of the \$9,600 stock in the National Herkimer County bank left as collateral with them by ex-Mayor Hadly Jones for a loan of \$8,000. They had with them an assignment of stock by Mrs. Jones in whose name the two blocks of 70 and 26 shares stand on the books of the bank. Those who saw the assignment believe it genuine.

M. Max. Regis the anti Semite Mayor of Algiers, and the editor of LeReven Che Du Peuple, each of which was accompanied by friends had a battle in an Algiers restaurant Tuesday over statements which M. Regis had circulated regarding the editor. The furniture of the restaurant was hurled about and then pistols and knives were used. M. Regis was hit in the head by two bullets and his brother and two friends were also shot, none of them, however, seriously. One combatant was stabbed twice and is believed to be dying.

The Nove Vremya, St Petersburg, considers the recent visit of M. Delcasse, the French minister of foreign affairs to St. Petersburg as opportune and important, because of the alterations in the new groupings of the powers in prospect, 'Australia-Hungary and Italy are no longer imbued with the advantage of the alliance with Germany, says the Nove Vremya, and the positions of Great Britain, the minor European states and the United States of America have lately suffered modifications. It is especially important at this moment to demonstrate the unshaken continuance of the dual alliance.'

## No Time for Trifling.

An old couple, who had passed their lives in the quiet of a Derbyshire village, resolved to make a journey to London. The resolution was communicated to their neighbors, who gave them long instructions

as to the best methods of taking care of themselves and avoiding city sharpers.

The villagers gathered at the station to see the departure, and all went well until the train reached Bedford. There the old man, in an evil moment, allowed himself to leave the compartment, with the result that the train went off without him.

Fortunately an express was due in a few minutes, and the station-master, taking pity on the old countryman's distress, permitted him to board it, so that he was enabled to reach London fully twenty minutes before the arrival of his wife.

He was waiting eagerly at the station when the train came in, and seeing his wife, he rushed joyously up, crying out:

'Hi, Betty, I'm glad to see you again! I thought we were parted forever!'

The old woman looked at him suspiciously, and remembering all the advice that had been showered upon her, said indignantly:

'Away wi' ye, man! Don't be comin' yer Lunnon tricks wi' me. I left my old man at t'other station. Be off at once, or I'll call a bobby and hae yer locked up!'

## ITS ELECTRIC FOUNTAIN INSURED.

Curiosities of the Politics of the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo.

A fire insurance policy has recently been taken out on the electric fountain of the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo. The fountain is situated in the North Bay of the Exposition grounds. The policy provides that the companies shall not be liable for any loss or damage to the electrical apparatus caused by the electric current in the fountain.

There is a somewhat unusual clause in this policy, as well as in other policies covering property of the Pan American Exposition. This is what is known as the diminishing clause, by the term of which eight-tenths of 1 per cent. of the amount carried under each policy shall terminate at noon on the 30th of June, and upon each succeeding day of the exposition, until the date of expiration of the policy, which will also be the date of the closing of the exposition, Nov. 1, 1901. Thus while the full insurance will be in force on all buildings and exhibits on the day of the opening of the exposition, May 1, this insurance will gradually diminish after June 30, day by day, at the rate of eight tenths of 1 percent until on the day when the exposition closes no insurance will exist.

So far as the insurance on the electric fountain is concerned, the simple explanation is that the Pan American Exposition company holds that all contracts were entered into on the condition that fire insurance policies should be taken on all structures erected on the exposition grounds, and it declines to make any payments for work done until this condition is complied with. The electric fountain was considered no exception to this general rule, and hence a fire insurance policy was necessary before any payments could be made for the work done. When the contractor's interest ceases, it is possible that this policy may be cancelled as no longer necessary. As it stands, however, the insuring of a fountain under a fire insurance policy is something of an anomaly.

## Milk Versus Water.

That milk is not equal to water as a steam producing agent was demonstrated one morning recently on the Erie & Central New York Railroad by passenger train No. 2. A Syracuse newspaper tells the story.

The train left Cincinnati at half past seven o'clock, and was due in Syracuse an hour and a half later. It stopped at the water pump in Cincinnati for a supply of water.

The water is pumped from a creek through a milk depot by the same pump, it seems, that is used to force milk into the large vats.

The fireman, a new employee, set the pump going, and after taking aboard what he deemed a sufficient quantity of water, stopped the pump and the train started.

The steam dropped rapidly, and such a sputtering began about the gage that the engineer became alarmed, and a Freetown telegraphed to the train despatcher at Syracuse that his engine had gone wrong, and requested that an extra be sent to haul his train to the end of the run.

This was done, and the rejected engine was sent to the yards for inspection. There it was discovered that the boiler was filled with milk instead of water. The fireman supposes that he must have 'connected up wrong' somehow, and pumped milk instead of water into the boiler.

## What Might Have Happened.

A sporty young gentleman of the city who drives a dainty runabout which is the envy of the other young men of his set, was driving down Main street the other day when he nearly ran over a six-foot country man. The countryman caught the bit and

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sat the horse upon its haunches without apparent effort, and then complacently remarked to the driver:

"Sonny, you had better be careful how you drive that doll buggy of your'n. If I hadn't collared this here horse you would a run that thing into me and smashed it all to kindling."

## His Hair Stood on End.

'Up to five years ago,' said a prospector to a St. Louis Republic reporter, 'I didn't believe in such a thing as a man's hair standing on end,' and then the old gentleman told the story of the fright that led him to change his mind:

I was in the mountain of Idaho with a friend, and we ran short of fresh meat, so one day I took my gun and started off alone. I went into a ravine and was making my way along a little brook, when I came suddenly upon a queer sight. Not four feet in front of me, in the full blaze of the sun, lay four mountain lions, asleep.

For half a minute I thought them dead, but as I stood staring at them with my heart in my mouth, every one of them sprang up with a growl. And they faced round at me, looking ugly, sniffing the air with their whiskers drawn back, showing the white line of their teeth, switching their tails and looking like demons.

As for me, I stood rooted to the spot. I couldn't move, from sheer fright. A queer, numb sensation began in my ankles and crept up my body, and I literally felt my hair rise.

I stood there motionless for several minutes; then one of the beasts dropped his tail and whined. The others followed his example. My presence mystified them. A few seconds later they turned about and crept away down the ravine, looking back stealthily two or three times to see me.

When they were out of sight I began to breathe again. I didn't care to hunt any more that day, and made for the camp at top speed. That was the time my hair stood on end, and my scalp was sore to the touch for a week afterward.

## A Tale of Sugar-Tongs

The Chinese servant is a very good one, as a rule, but he has his own ideas of things, and is very persistent in urging his opinions upon his employer. A former United States consul at Canton tells the New York Sun a bit of experience bearing upon this point.

When I first employed my head boy, Wong, says Mr. S., he said: 'Master have no got sugar-tongs.'

I merely remarked that I didn't care for sugar-tongs.

It is the custom at Canton, when one is invited out to dinner, to take one's own servant along to assist at the table. Soon after Wong's advent I went to dine with the British consul, and took the boy with me. The next morning, when Wong was serving my breakfast, he said:

'Velly fine dinner, master.' 'Yes,' I replied, 'it was a fine dinner.' 'British consul fine house have got.'

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'Yes,' I admitted, 'the British consul has all that, and he has money to pay for things.'

Two days later I dined with the Belgian consul. Wong went with me, and the next morning he praised everything and ended with, 'He have got sugar tongs.'

'He's welcome to his sugar tongs,' I said, 'but I don't want any. I don't intend to have any, and you need not say sugar tongs to me again.'

Soon afterward I dined at the Italian consul's. On the following morning, as usual Wong praised the Italian consul's house, his table, his dinner, and ended with: 'He have got sugar tongs.'

I let the vials of my wrath loose upon Wong, and threatened to cut off his pigtail if he ever said sugar-tongs to me again.

I thought from his meek manner that the matter was settled, but the sequel proved that I did not understand Chinese persistency. Three days afterwards Wong came to me and announced:

'Top side Chinaman front side want:h see master. Shall show him office side?'

'Yes,' I said, 'bring him in here.'

Soon Wong ushered in a good looking Chinaman, who carried a small bundle in his hands. Wong retired. Then my visitor dropped on his knees, opened his bundle, and revealed a dozen varieties of silver sugar tongs.

Well, I took a pair, and from that day the words sugar tongs were never mentioned in my house; but I never looked at the tongs without laughing.

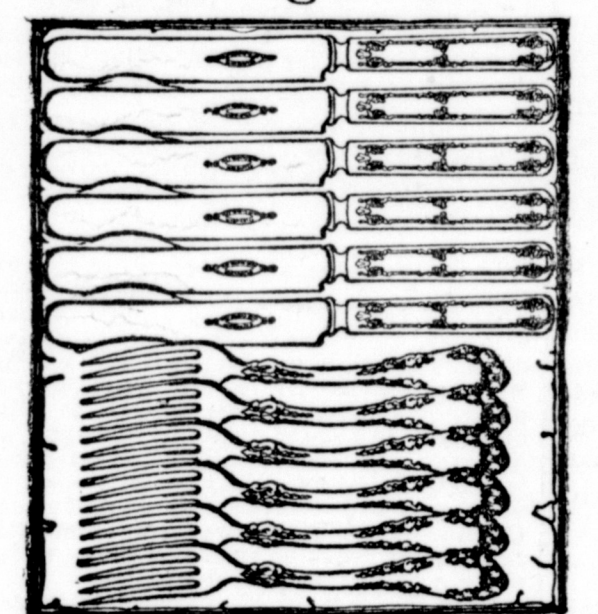
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