

An Accomplished East Indian Girl.
 One of the most interesting and striking figures among the Oxford students is Cornelia Sorabji, a tall, olive-skinned girl, as slender as the traditional Indian princess who weighed only one rose leaf. Clothed in her native dress of pale blue crape, embroidered with gold, with its mantle draped over her head like a veil, and shadowing her astonishingly large and brilliant eyes, she makes a strange picture among the rosy blonde English women in their tailor gowns.

At 18, and professor of literature in the university at Bombay, she still thirsted for broader opportunities, and found her way to Somerville, and attracted attention by her brilliant examination papers for the history and literary schools. The government decided, however, that a woman with knowledge of law was needed to collect evidence in the Zenas, and she immediately entered upon a legal course. After six months' study her papers on Roman law were held by the examiners to be the most remarkable and able ever presented by any student of either sex in the university.

Prince Dhuleep Singh's two daughters are also members of Somerville, and on their rolls stand very many of the most noted and noble names of England. The outside world hears less of the work done by women at Oxford than of those at Cambridge, because of a different system of conferring honors; but here is really found the best example of women freely sharing in university life, and the best proof that neither young men nor young women are the worse for that community of study.—Elizabeth Bisland in Harper's Bazar.

Her Foot or Her Life.
 With her foot wedged between the guard rails at the Short Line yards, Miss Katie Wills, a young woman of the East End, was run down by a train of freight cars. Her foot was ground off, but by the rarest presence of mind she was saved from death.

Miss Wills was out walking with a girl friend. While walking through the network of tracks in the yards Miss Wills stepped upon one of the rails. Her foot slipped, and in some way was caught between the track and a guard rail. At the same time her friend noticed a train of freight cars backing toward them, and only a short distance off. Seeing the impending danger she ran to the assistance of the captive, and together they used all their strength in trying to extricate her foot. But it was caught as in a vise. On account of a slight curve in the track at that point the engineer did not see the young woman until it was too late.

In a last effort to save her life, Miss Wills threw her body from the track, but her left foot was still held firmly, and through her agony of mind she saw the wheels roll over her leg midway between the knee and ankle, severing the member completely. The shoe which had been cut off with the foot could hardly be drawn from the track, so tightly had it been wedged in.

Miss Wills is 18 years of age and is an unusually pretty girl. The terrible strain of the few seconds she was held between the rails and the physical pain suffered threw her into such a condition that it is feared her death will result.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Given Away by His Daughter.
 A somewhat unusual scene in an Episcopal church in Cardiff occurred not long since. It appears that the pastor took what he thought was a reasonable opportunity to reprove the members of his church for their non-attendance at Sunday morning worship. He impartially included his own family. As soon as he had concluded his own daughter rose up and said that her father, when he first awoke, could not rise unless his hot water was brought up and the towel was placed under his nose.

She related how boots had to be cleaned, fires lighted and the breakfast prepared, and then went on to describe how the worthy clergyman required his book and his coat, and his gloves, and his hat, and his stick, and his cake and his wine, before he was ready to start to his work.

This was all detailed with minuteness and volubility. The reverend father kept no servant, and there was the household work to be done, and, besides, he insisted upon a hot dinner served with punctuality. Under these circumstances, the lady pleaded, was it possible for her to get to worship on a Sunday morning? The sympathies of the audience were with the daughter. It is not likely that the good parson will soon repeat his complaint of non-attendance.—South Wales News.

He First Opposed Mrs. Custer's Pension.
 The principal opposition in the house to the recent bill to increase Mrs. General Custer's pension came from a member from Indiana, who seemed to think that army officers' widows lived lives of ease and luxury, and did nothing to support themselves. When he learned, however, that Mrs. Custer was one of the busiest women in the country, and had been hard at work for fourteen years, he turned about and made a speech in her favor, and the bill went through. Mrs. Custer is now preparing a series of talks on "Plains Life" for delivery before school girls and boys and before women's clubs. With her husband's sister, Mrs. Calhoun, who is also a busy woman, she has gone into temporary retirement at Atlantic City to recruit her strength for future work.—Harper's Weekly.

No One Responsible.
 The gallows now used in Colorado is so arranged that a spring is set loose by the weight of the victim on the trap, and he acts as his own executioner. This saves the sheriff or any one else acting as hangman, and no one's conscience is troubled if there is any bungling.—Detroit Free Press.

A Queer Idea.
 For many years it was believed that the atmosphere had a great deal to do with thread making, and that good thread could only be made in Scotland. It is now known that it is all in the twist and nothing in the atmosphere.—Detroit Free Press.

THE FARMERS' SUBSTITUTE.
The Council's Propositions on the Question of Reciprocity and Shipping.
 The shipping and reciprocity bill proposed by the council of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union as a substitute for the administration's measures of subsidy would in a few years after its passage completely revive our foreign trade and put agriculture on a basis of solid and enduring prosperity.

The principle of the bill is honesty and simplicity itself. It does not propose to take a dollar of taxes to pay freight either for manufacturers or farmers. It fully adopts the principle of reciprocity in which Mr. Blaine seeks to find an excuse for subsidies to steamship corporations, but it applies this theory in an open and straightforward way, as may be seen in the following resolution:

Resolved, That the legislative committee of the National Farmers' Industrial Union be requested to prepare a bill for presentation to the present or the following congress containing the provisions that all vessels built, owned and manned by citizens of the United States that carry full cargo, to be determined by the tonnage of the vessel, two-thirds of which at least shall consist of home agricultural products, shall be allowed to enter and discharge their returning cargoes, provided said cargoes shall consist of manufactured products, at any port of the United States free of all customs duties. We are persuaded that such a measure properly carried out in detail will not only build up the shipping interest of the country, but result in creating a foreign market for the surplus agricultural products of the United States.

In less than two years after the passage of such a law 95 per cent. of the ocean carrying trade of the United States would be done in American ships, and there would hardly be a port in the civilized world without the American flag in its harbors.

Our surplus of agricultural products would move out at once in constantly increasing quantities, thus giving immediate relief to this market from the pressure when crops are first thrown on it and insuring reasonable prices for farm products the year round, while at the same time establishing a healthy competition in manufactured goods, through which trusts and trust prices would be made impossible.

The Farmers' council has found the secret of agricultural depression and has proposed the true remedy. The passage of the proposed reciprocity and shipping bill would mean complete success where such measures as government control of crops would only mean worse demoralization.—St. Louis Republic.

Co-Operation, Not Unification.
 The action of the National Farmers' Alliance recently in session at Omaha, in restricting their membership to farmers, has been construed by some as not indicating a purpose to continue separate political action. The proposition was to allow members of labor organizations to come into the subordinate alliances. This met the objection that it would imperil the unity and harmony of the organization.

Other industrial workers would have much in common with them, especially in the objects to be attained in political action, but the history of similar movements had shown that their great danger was in going too fast. The enthusiasm of great numbers was not always confined to wise channels. Better results can be obtained by co-operation and not unification with other forces.

The great political victory in Kansas was aided in a large measure by the subsidiary organizations in the towns of those who were not eligible to regular membership. Unless the chief aims are in the direction of a permanent competition with the political parties, the action of the convention was undoubtedly judicious.—St. Paul Globe.

Farmers to Perfect Organization.
 The movement for the formation of a Farmers' Alliance in this state is assuming formidable proportions. Among the men attending the meeting of the State Agricultural society who are connected with the Alliance are A. J. Phillips, of West Salem, grand lecturer; Charles Worster, of Brodhead; Aaron Broughton, of Brodhead; William Toole, of Baraboo; N. E. Allen, of Beaver Dam, and Col. Renben May, of Viroqua. The society known as the Patrons of Industry is also well represented, and a joint meeting was held this afternoon to talk over the situation.

While the Patrons of Industry are particularly well established in Walworth, Rock and Greene counties, the Alliance covers an extensive district, and considering that the first lodges were instituted in May last the progress has been phenomenal. There are in its ranks at the present time 6,192 members in good standing.—Milwaukee Telegram.

Among the Probs.
 The farmers will give the older organizations, particularly the Republican party, grave concern. Their purpose is to enter the presidential field, and they declare positively that the Alliance, an organization of large numbers, shall take no part as partisans in political struggles as affiliating with Republicans or Democrats. They are manifestly in earnest, and are likely to become a thorn in the side of both parties.

It is not improbable that the farmers' organization will be able to gain enough electoral votes to throw the choice of a president into the house of representatives, where the voting would be by states and the Democrats have an overwhelming advantage. At the same time the choice of a vice president would be made by the senate, which will be Republican.—Chicago Times.

Alliance and Union.
 A dispatch from Little Rock, Ark., says: The two farmers' organizations of this state have organized under one head. The order will hereafter be known as the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union of Arkansas. Its objects are defined as substantially those of the National Alliance. The officers elected are: Paul G. Davidson, president; George Martin, vice president; J. W. Dallison, secretary; W. M. Dowell, treasurer; J. E. Bryan, state lecturer; executive committee, E. C. Humphrey, S. H. King, Isaac McCracken, L. H. Moore and J. W. Wibrant.

The Passengers Saved.
A BIG WRECK AVERTED ON THE DELAWARE AND LACKAWANNA ROAD.
 Last week Thursday morning as Corey Wolfe and Walter Boudel, two miners, were proceeding along the tracks of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad near Plymouth they discovered that the north and south-bound tracks were piled high with railroad ties. The railroad skirts the Susquehanna river at this point and is carried along upon an embankment. Any train which ran into the ties would have been derailed and thrown into the river.

Passenger train No. 7, from Scranton for Northumberland, the fastest train on the road was due about this time and was in imminent danger of destruction. Corey instructed Boudel to run ahead and warn the approaching train while he remained to clear away the ties. Boudel ran ahead for about a quarter of a mile, and, by standing in the centre of the track and waving his hands, succeeded in warning the engineer, who stopped his train.

No. 7, carries a large number of passengers, mostly mechanics and often employes of the great coal companies, so that a terrible loss of life was fortunately averted.

Detectives Holland and Bull, in the employ of the Lackawanna Company, arrived in the vicinity within a couple of hours after the discovery. Their investigations led them to believe that the crime was the work of a gang of tramps who have infested the upper end of the town for some days. They secured a squad of police and proceeded to search for the tramps, six of whom they arrested.

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LAW-MAKING WOMEN.
THE FIGHT FOR POWER IN THE METHODIST CHURCH.
 The laity of the Methodist Episcopal church throughout the land were recently given opportunity to record their opinion upon the question of admitting women to the General Conference, and decided by a slight majority in favor of such representation.

But the vote of the laity has no bearing upon the ultimate determination of the question except in so far as it is a popular verdict. It is the ministerial vote which is now going on among the different conferences throughout the country, and the result of which cannot be definitely determined before November next, that will settle whether or not women shall have a voice in the General Conference.

From the vote as cast up to the present time the indications point strongly against their admission. Up to Monday of this week the ministerial vote was 762 for and 1017 against, which, with the vote of the New Jersey conference on Thursday, which was 54 for and 128 against it, makes the vote stand to date 816 for and 1155 against. With so pronounced a ministerial majority against it already, it is not probable that the conferences yet to vote on the question will succeed in bringing it within the constitutional limits, which requires an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the ministers of the various conferences. Even should this number be secured a two-thirds vote of the members of the General conference would be necessary to its enactment.

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