

NOTES AND COMMENT.

THE STRIKE OF THE EASTERN MILL OPERATORS.

Leaders in the Movement on Both Sides—Japan is a Populous Country—Tricks of Contortionists—A Baron as News Gatherer.

What promises to result in a prolonged and terrible strike, probably not unaccompanied with disorder and bloodshed, has commenced at New Bedford, among the mill operatives of Massachusetts.



A. G. Pierce, Leader of the Mill Owners.

ent, and it is said that many of the managers and stockholders were disposed to do so. But there was one strong minded man, a leading spirit among the owners, and he insisted that the reduction must be made.

In this strike at the present time, about 10,000 men are involved. There are fully seventy thousand more in the state who are watching the outcome of this strike and who will be governed by its results.

Every moment, be it a strike or a political contest must have a leader. The organized strikers have their leader, and among the mill owners there has arisen a man of iron nerve and an unyielding determination, who is now depended upon to keep the weak among his associates firmly set in the decision not to yield to the demands of the workmen.

the 80s. The animal is over 60 years old; it has tusks four feet long. At the end of each tusk is a brass ball weighing eight pounds. It is rather an affectionate beast, no vicious habits but such a wonderful tendency of friendship that it refuses to eat when the keeper who has been with it 25 years is absent for two or three days.

Judge Rentor-Baron Rentor, is his title—is the principle news gatherer of Europe. He has lived in London since the year 1851, when he began his work on a large scale for the English newspapers.

The iron manufacturer is getting larger orders for finished goods, which crowd many works almost beyond their capacity, although some others are still in the market and keeping prices down. Pig iron is steady, except that Bessemer at Pittsburg is ten cents lower, the output last year being officially reported at 9,652,680 tons, and the consumption in this country, unsold stocks considered, 9,625,383 tons, against 9,601,504 in the largest previous year, which was 1895, and 9,394,392 tons in 1892.

Prof. Macleod, professor of biology at Princeton university an extensive writer on scientific subjects, when questioned as to his opinion concerning Prof. Schenck's discoveries concerning the possibilities of sex selection, said that he had been expecting something of the kind for some time. So said:

"Modern science has been confronted with two very serious problems, namely the increase of the population and the decrease in the supply of food. The latter problem will have to be met and will, indeed, in the near future, be so met by the production of food by artificial means. There is no way, then to decrease the population except by the generation of a larger number of human males than females. That is what Prof. Schenck's scheme, if successful, will in all probability bring about. This thing has been accomplished already in the plant world and in some forms of animal life. It has been found that hemp, when grown in rich soil, produces the female plant, while in scant soil it produces the male. Working bees will, when fed upon very rich foods, become queens, while salamanders, when fed upon the fragments of their brothers and sisters, will produce almost twice the percentage of females as when they are fed upon ordinary foods. On the other hand, the starving of caterpillars has been found to make them of the male sex.

The census of Japan was taken Dec. 13th, 1896, and the returns are now partially aggregated. The population of the empire exclusive of the island of Formosa, acquired since the war from China, is 42,708,264. This makes a respectable aggregate and demonstrates the power of Japan pretty well. The nation has benefited so fast in all that modern civilization can offer, and has added so much to her military and naval equipment, and extended its resources so much by foreign trade that, despite the fact that China outnumbered it in population 10 to 1 Japan is the principle power in Asiatic seas. Its insular situation compels it to depend largely on its navy and in that respect it is fast becoming the England of the Orient.

The contortionist is getting in his tricks on railroad companies. A few months ago at one of the stations near Indianapolis a man fell on the platform, having caught his heel in a crack. The result was a dislocated hip. Physicians including the company surgeon examined him and decided that he would be a cripple for life. The railroad settled for \$2,700 and his lawyer's fees, and did other things to make him comfortable. One day last week a man fell from the platform of a railroad station in Virginia and dislocated his hip. The company investigated the case. The poor fellow was badly hurt, that was plain to the physicians, and they were about to recommend a compromise with the company when up came an eye witness who declared he saw the man looking for a crack in the platform. A traveling man recognized him as the Indianapolis unfortunate. The case was investigated and the man was found to be a professional contortionist. It was a bad day for him, he will collect no more indemnities from railroads.

A resident of Brockport, Me., 75 years old, has a penny which was given him when he was a young lad. He hung to it when it was the only cent to his name, and he hangs on to it yet. As a sailor he has traveled around the world; been shipwrecked and been in a few broils in foreign localities of disrepute. He has been a miner in Idaho, and suffered all sorts of losses by the toughs and pickpockets, but he never lost the old cent. Considering it is a talisman of fortune he will not exchange it for a gold eagle, but will keep it as long as he lives and have it buried with him when he departs.

"Well," remarked the very progressive woman, "at last a way is open for us to get deep into politics."

"Marry a member of the Ohio Legislature."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Songer, the great English menagerie man, has lately acquired an elephant that the Prince of Wales rode in India when he visited that country, early in

DUN'S REPORT.

Business Increases But Improvement in Prices Disappointing.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: The first month of the new year has brought rather more increase in business but less improvement in prices than was expected. With payments through clearing houses 7.3 per cent. larger than in 1892, and probably the largest ever known in any month; with railroad earnings 11.2 per cent. larger than the best of past years, the fact that prices are very low only shows more clearly the increase in quantities of products sold.

Nor is there any disposition to refuse orders, even at present prices. Indeed the competition of manufacturers seeking orders alone prevents a rise. Most of them have all they can manage, many working night and day, and one great steel concern running on Sunday, but the works not yet filled with orders are seeking contracts at as low prices as have ever been made, indicating that even these are not entirely unprofitable.

The woolen manufacture is in more difficulty than any other, not merely because prices do not much improve, nor as yet the demand for goods, though both are helped by the closing of many mills, but largely because the manufacturers and workers have considered too little the rapidly growing production at the south.

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Failures for the week have been 342 in the United States against 331 last year; thirty-four in Canada against fifty-seven last year.

"Only the Best." Should be your motto when you need a medicine. Do not be induced to take any substitute when you call for Hood's Sarsaparilla. Experience has proved it to be the best. It is an honest medicine, possessing actual and unequalled merit. Be wise and profit by the experience of other people.

Hood's Pills are the favorite family cathartic, easy to take, easy to operate.

The Penny in Church Collections. Such an Offering, Except From the Poor, is an Insult to God and His Church.

"The important part which the penny plays in the average church offering is known to every one who has ever been interested in church finances," writes Edward W. Bok in the February Ladies' Home Journal. "And that it is a part entirely out of proportion to the necessities, is felt and realized by many a church treasurer. Scores of people who could afford to drop a nickel or a dime into the church offering, content themselves by giving a penny. The feeling is either that the smallest offering 'will do,' or the matter of church finances is not given any thought. There is a failure to realize that a church is the same as any other business institution, and it must have money for its maintenance.

"There is such a thing as too literal an interpretation of the phrase that 'religion is free.' Of course, it is free, and let us hope that it will always be so in this country. But to make religion free costs money—and this isn't an Irish bull, either. There are those to whom more than 'the widow's mite' given to the church would mean doing without some absolute necessity of life. The penny of such a one is the most welcome gift to any church, the most noble offering which any one can make. But from those who can give more than a penny, and who are giving only the penny, such an offering is an insult to God and to His church, and the sooner people see the matter in this hard, true light the better. I am almost tempted to say that the great majority of churches could, with perfect justice, rule out the penny from their offerings. Were this done the nickel would be the prevailing offering, and to how few persons, when one stops to consider the question, would such an offering be a hardship or an impossibility? A yearly offering of two dollars and sixty cents, calculating that one attended church once each Sunday, or twice, with one offering of five cents, would galvanize the church finances of this country."

The best artists and illustrators are making pictures for McClure's Magazine. A. B. Frost, Peter Newell, C. D. Gibson, Howard Pyle, Kenyon Cox, C. E. Lincoln, W. D. Stevens, Alfred Brennan, and others.

The November number will be given free with new subscriptions. This number contains the opening chapters of Dana's Reminiscences, Mark Twain's Voyage From India to South Africa, the account of Edison's great invention, and a mass of interesting matter and illustrations. Be sure to ask for it in subscribing. 10 cts. a Copy. \$1.00 a Year.

Her Boy was Dying.

How a child was brought back from the brink of the grave to enjoy a healthy, happy childhood. One mother's advice for parents concerning the health of their children.

The boy about whom this strange, true story is told wasted away till he seemed nothing but skin and bone. Then his health turned and he became fat and hearty. The first stage is familiar to many parents. The second is of deep interest to all parents or friends of ailing little ones.

Fathers and mothers, who long to have their children healthy and happy cannot fail to sympathize and rejoice with Mr. and Mrs. John F. Williams. Their comfortable home, a short distance from Danbury, Ill., is happy now because of the wonderful events that are told in words eloquent with simple truth and gratitude, by the mother of the boy.

"My husband bought three boxes of the pills. We began giving Josie one-third of a pill three times a day. In three days the child was brighter. His appetite was better. He began to show interest in toys and was less fretful. We increased the dose, giving him half a pill at a time. He gained every day in weight and appetite. At the end of this treatment, after taking three boxes, he was a new boy. He was happy, hearty, enjoying life with his little companions. I have no doubt that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People saved him from an early grave."

Mrs. Williams made affidavit to the truth of her statement before David Crisp, a Notary Public. Dr. A. A. McCabe examined the child and made oath before Notary Mort Brooks, that he is now physically sound and well. The evidence is completed by Dr. N. A. Jones, who made affidavit before Notary George Rupp, that the child had been in the condition described by Mrs. Williams, as the result of catarrhal pneumonia. The action of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People on the blood and nervous system, in eliminating poisons and furnishing materials for new tissues, makes them a sure remedy for wasting diseases and the long train of evils arising from disordered blood and nerves. All druggists sell the pills; one box for 50 cents; six boxes for \$2.50.

Advertisement for Sarsparets, a cathartic medicine. Includes text: "SARS-PARETS CURE CONSTIPATION. REGULATE THE LIVER. ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEED." and a list of prices for various quantities.

Advertisement for Sapolio. Text: "The best is, aye, the cheapest." Avoid imitations of and substitutes for SAPOLIO.

Advertisement for Stove Naptha. Text: "STOVE NAPHTHA, the Cheapest and Best Fuel on the market. With it you can run a Vapor Stove for one-half cent per hour. Give us a call and be convinced." W. O. Holmes, Eshleman & Wolf, L. E. Wharey, W. F. Hartman, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Advertisement for McClure's Magazine. Text: "McCLURE'S MAGAZINE FOR THE COMING YEAR. Some Notable Features: CHAS. A. DANA'S REMINISCENCES, RUDYARD KIPLING STORIES & POEMS, ANTHONY HOPE'S NEW ZENDA NOVEL, EDISON'S LATEST ACHIEVEMENT, THE RAILROAD MAN'S LIFE, THE CUSTER MASSACRE, MARK TWAIN'S VOYAGE FROM INDIA TO SOUTH AFRICA, NANSEN'S EXPEDITION TO THE NORTH POLE, ILLUSTRATIONS BY THE BEST ARTISTS AND ILLUSTRATORS ARE MAKING PICTURES FOR McCLURE'S MAGAZINE." Includes subscription information.

Advertisement for Fine PHOTOGRAPHS and CRAYONS at McKillip Bros., Bloomsburg. Text: "The best are the cheapest. J. E. KEIFER, Successor to E. A. RAWLINGS, BLOOMSBURG, PA. Telephone connection."

Advertisement for All Kinds of Meat. Text: "Beef, Veal, Lamb, Mutton, Pork, Hams, Bacon, Tongues, Bologna, &c. Free Delivery to all parts of the town. CENTRE STREET, BLOOMSBURG, PA. Telephone connection."

Table titled 'THE MARKETS. BLOOMSBURG MARKETS. CORRECTED WEEKLY. RETAIL PRICES.' listing various commodities and their prices.

Advertisement for The Leading Conservatory of America. Text: "CARL FAULTEN, Director. Founded in 1880 by E. Tourjée. NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, BOSTON, MASS. Send for Prospectus giving full information. FRANK W. HALE, General Manager."

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Advertisement for Johnson's Belladonna Plaster. Text: "Cures Aches and Pains. IT TOUCHES THE SPOT. PATENTS. Caveats and Trade Marks obtained, and all patent business conducted for MODERATE FEES. OUR OFFICE IS OPPOSITE THE U. S. PATENT OFFICE. We have no sub-agencies, all business direct, hence can transact patent business in less time and at less cost than those remote from Washington. Send model, drawing or photo, with description. We advise if patentable or not, free of charge. Our fee not due till patent is secured. A book, 'How to Obtain Patents,' with references to actual clients in your State, County, or town sent free. Address C. A. SNOW & CO., Washington, D. C. (Opposite U. S. Patent Office.)"

Advertisement for 3 FAVORITE AND MOST POPULAR FLOWERS. Text: "PANSIES, NASTURTIUMS, SWEET PEAS, one Pkt. of each variety for only 6 cts. and the balance of the year. Including free copy of 1896 Catalogue and Floral Outlook. Mrs. C. B. McFARQUHAR, 215 1/2 Street St., Bloomsburg, Pa. 2-3-16d"