

LIFE ENDED.

Congressman Adams, of Pennsylvania, Suicides.

BECAUSE OF DEBT.

He Had Been in Congress for Many Years and Had Made an Envious Record.

Washington, D. C.—Representative Robert Adams, of Philadelphia, died at the Emergency hospital Friday at 11:30 a. m. from the effects of a self-inflicted bullet wound.

Mr. Adams was discovered in a dying condition in his apartments at the Metropolitan club shortly after 8 o'clock in the morning. He was sitting in a chair. A bullet wound in his mouth and a pistol lying near him made it clear that he had attempted to kill himself.

A letter received by Speaker Cannon from Mr. Adams explained the cause of the suicide. Mr. Adams said in the letter that his debts exceeded his resources and forced him to abandon his official position. While he did not indicate an intention to take his life, he spoke of the form of his burial, indicating that he had then made up his mind to commit the rash act.

Robert Adams was one of the most popular representatives in congress and he has been identified with many matters of world-wide importance. His position as ranking member of the majority after the chairman on the house committee on foreign affairs has, owing to the ill health of Mr. Hitt, made it necessary for him to largely direct the business of that committee.

It was only Thursday that he, as acting chairman of the house committee on foreign affairs, managed the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill to its final passage in the house.

Mr. Adams has always been a republican of the stalwart type. He was born in Philadelphia, February 26, 1849, and graduated at the University of Pennsylvania 20 years later. He practiced law for five years and spent some time in scientific explorations as a member of the United States geological survey. In 1883 he began his political career as a member of the state senate, where he served four years and in 1889 entered the diplomatic service as American minister to Brazil. He filled this post for a little over one year and then came back to this country to re-enter politics, being elected a member of the Fifty-third congress, in which body he has served continuously ever since.

It was Mr. Adams who reported, conducted through the house and had charge of in conference with the senate, the Cuban resolutions, and drafted, introduced, reported and passed through the house of representatives in one hour the declaration of war against Spain.

BUSINESS BULLETIN.

Wholesale Progress Is the Rule and Little Idle Machinery Is Reported.

New York.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

Business maintains wholesome progress and mercantile collections improve. The week's aggregate transactions show the effect of the holiday and seasonable quiet in certain lines, but a good gain is noted in comparison with the corresponding period of any previous year. In many jobbing lines there is no prospect of vigorous activity until fall, but wholesale distribution is now heavy and retail business is only retarded at points where temporary weather conditions are adverse. Little idle machinery is reported at manufacturing plants, except in a few cases of labor disputes and several substantial increases in wages became effective on June 1.

Failures this week numbered 174 in the United States, against 198 last year, and 13 in Canada, compared with 29 a year ago.

Josephine Terranova Acquitted.

New York.—Josephine Terranova was acquitted Friday of the murder of her aunt, Concetti Riggo. She was, however, not released, being remanded to the Tombs to answer to the charge of murdering her uncle, who was killed at the same time as his wife. Assistant District Attorney Ely, who has conducted the prosecution, was unable to say definitely whether or not the second charge would be prosecuted. The jury returned their verdict within 16 minutes after the court's charge, agreeing on the innocence of the defendant without discussion.

Congress.

Washington.—On the 1st the senate passed the bill regulating and extending the liability of railroad companies for injury to employees. When the death of Representative Adams, of Pennsylvania, was announced in the house an immediate adjournment was taken.

Patterson Wins.

Nashville, Tenn.—Malcolm R. Patterson, of Memphis, representative in congress from the Tenth district, last night was nominated for governor by the state democratic convention. The nomination came after four days of a stormy gathering and after a bitter contest between Patterson and Gov. Cox, incumbent.

Dogs Killed and Ate Five People. St. Johns, N. F.—Reports from Labrador state that five persons were killed and eaten by savage dogs of that coast during the past winter.

OCEANS OF SMALL CHANGE

Nickels Paid Into New York Street Car Companies Reach an Enormous Total.

It is probable that all the five-cent pieces now in existence would not have more than paid the cash fares collected on the New York City Railway company lines alone. According to the report of the state railroad commission, the number of cash fares paid in 1905 in New York reached the enormous total of 1,171,151,698. At five cents each that amounts to \$58,557,584.90. In the period from 1793 to the close of 1904 the total value of the five-cent pieces coined in this country amounted to only \$24,175,788.15. If all the three-cent pieces and two-cent pieces and the cents and half-cents were added it would still leave a total in money far less than that represented by the collection of cash fares in New York. With a reasonable allowance for the number of coins that must have been lost and destroyed in one way or another since our mint was opened, it is probable that the total amount of change now in this country, including all coins between a dollar and three cents, would not ex-

THE JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE

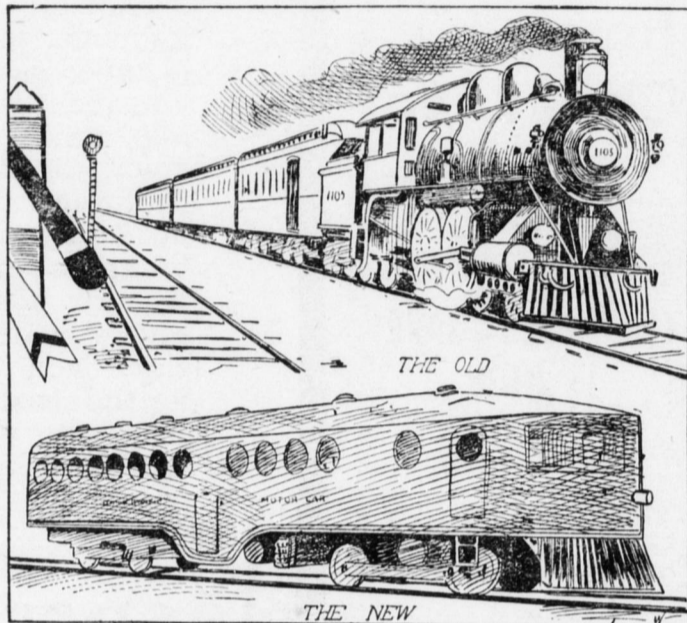
Peculiar Qualities of a Tuber That Grows on the Roots of the Sunflower.

Most young folks in the country are familiar with the sweet, crisp, juicy tubers known as artichokes. These, says an article in "Nature and Science," in St. Nicholas, grow on the roots of the sunflower known to botanists as Helianthus tuberosus, and are commonly called Jerusalem artichokes. Under this common name you will find the tubers offered for sale in most seed catalogues.

The plants are easily grown in almost any kind of soil. At first glance the tubers have somewhat the appearance of potatoes, but unlike them they may be eaten raw like radishes, or they may be pickled or cooked. Recipes are to be found in all cook books.

These artichokes are entirely different (yet not far distant in a botanical way) from the globe artichokes which are grown in California, and perhaps elsewhere exclusively for their edible flower buds. These are never eaten raw. Even when cooked they are rather tasteless. Personally, I think

THE OLD AND THE NEW.



Railroad officials have been experimenting with a new railroad car. It is specially designed for climbing grades. The first trial run developed good climbing ability over stiff grades and a speed of 40 miles an hour with ease. The vibration and noise of the engine were largely eliminated, and the mechanism of the car worked splendidly. Railroad officials believe this car the most perfect one of its kind in existence.

ceed the sum which was collected last year on the New York transportation lines. Of course, the secret is that the same coin does duty over and over again.

French Writer's Discovery.

Zola, in his youth, before fame came to him, wrote some stories about millionaires, wherein it seemed to him that he exaggerated shamefully in his descriptions of the costly homes and habits of the rich. But later on, when Zola became a friend of millionaires, he found that his accounts of their extravagance had fallen far short of the truth.

Roller-Skating Craze.

History seems likely to repeat itself after 20 years in a roller-skating revival. A bicycle renaissance would better suit the open-air time of year. Still, if it must be so, "All skate!"—N. Y. World.

they are not to be compared, as an acceptable vegetable, with the Jerusalem artichoke, sometimes even now found in old-fashioned gardens.

"Sabots" in Use.

Wooden shoes are clattering into use in America, chiefly among our adopted citizens. A few years ago there was supposed to be only one maker of sabots in New York city. Now there are known to be several manufacturers in New York and other cities. Indeed, the industry has grown in Michigan to be a lusty infant.

England's Altitude.

Of the 58,324 square miles of England and Wales 26,482 are under 250 feet in elevation above the sea, 16,365 are between 250 and 500 feet, 10,476 are between 500 and 1,000 feet, 4,698 are between 1,000 and 2,000 feet, 300 are between 2,000 and 3,000 feet and four are more than 3,000 feet.

FOR TRANS-PACIFIC YACHT RACE.



This handsome cup has been offered by the Hawaiian promotion committee as a prize for the winner in a yacht race from the Golden Gate harbor to Honolulu. The recent calamity at San Francisco may cause the postponement of the event, but the race will be sailed some time this summer.

APACHES SUN WORSHIPERS.

The Apaches, like many other North American tribes, are sun-worshippers. Their myths tell them that the sun is the all-powerful deity and to it all supplications are addressed. On going into battle, planting corn, or on starting on a cattle-stealing expedition, the sun is asked to look with favor. That they believe in a future world, writes E. S. Curtis, in Scribner's, is proved by their custom of killing horses and burying them, as well as their clothing and implements of the chase, for life in the future world. Not only the medicine men but the people claim to hold communion with the Chindi or spirits of their ancestors. They are also great believers in omens, talismans and amulets, but are very conservative and it is with difficulty that one gets them to discuss things supernatural. They will not talk about God among their people with familiarity, and scarcely at all with the white man.

FREE FIGHTS

Were Plenty and Pandemonium Reigned.

CALLED IN POLICE.

The Democratic State Convention at Nashville, Tenn., Was a Rough and Tumble Affair.

Nashville, Tenn.—The state democratic convention which met here on Tuesday to nominate candidates for governor and railroad commissioners adjourned at 6:10 last evening until this morning without effecting even a temporary organization. It was decidedly the most turbulent body of the kind that ever assembled in Tennessee. Pandemonium and free fights followed by police intervention were the rule, and it was with the utmost difficulty that any sort of record of the proceedings could be made.

An adjournment came after an understanding had been reached between the leaders of the opposing factions that the three gubernatorial candidates, Gov. John I. Cox, Congressman Malcolm H. Patterson and Judge John R. Bond, should each name four representatives on a committee to decide on a temporary chairman.

The services of the police were necessary from the outset. Chairman Abernathy, of the state committee, called the convention to order at noon. There was confusion at once, and when the call of counties for nominations for temporary chairman began the uproar steadily increased. When Davidson county was reached a battle royal was on, the wildest excitement prevailing. The county was finally passed, the contest going to the committee on credentials yet to be named and slowly the roll call proceeded, every move marking a fresh contest.

Once the chairman laid down the gavel and advanced to the front of the platform to make himself heard. When he turned around Luke Lea, of Davidson county, a Patterson supporter, had the gavel and was essaying to act as presiding officer. Abernathy protested. Lea was obdurate, and from then on there were two presiding officers and pandemonium on the floor. At length a council of war between the leaders brought about a temporary truce and adjournment followed.

Nashville, Tenn.—The democratic state convention was harmonious Wednesday. The credentials committee sat until late last night without completing its work of considering the various contests. The convention effected its temporary organization in the morning, James C. Bradford, of Nashville, being selected as presiding officer. After temporary organization the convention adjourned until 3 p. m., when it reconvened, heard a few speeches and took a recess.

THE LAW'S DELAYS.

Gov. Higgins, of New York, Says that in the Case of Lawyer Patrick They Have Been Scandalous.

Albany, N. Y.—"Little less than scandalous," is the phrase used by Gov. Higgins in a veto memorandum issued last night regarding "The law's delays" in the case of Albert T. Patrick, convicted of the murder of the aged millionaire, William M. Rice, in New York City, in 1900. The governor's veto is of two bills introduced by Assemblyman Wade, of Chautauque, to amend the code of criminal procedure so as to permit an appeal from an order denying a motion for a new trial in a criminal case on the ground of newly discovered evidence. The bills, which were introduced in the senate also, by Senator Smith, were generally understood to have reference principally to the Patrick case and the governor so describes them in his memorandum.

"Waiving the objection to the bills," says Gov. Higgins, "that, though general in form, they are special in their application, and are intended to grant a right of appeal to Albert T. Patrick to obtain a review of an order, if such order be made, denying his pending motion for a new trial on newly discovered evidence, I disapprove them for the reason that they introduce a new procedure to our criminal law and tend to defer indefinitely the termination of a capital case.

Recorder Goff, before whom Patrick was originally tried, has now under consideration a motion for a new trial for Patrick, and Gov. Higgins has relieved the condemned lawyer for a third time until June 18.

Congress.

Washington.—In the senate on the 25th the postoffice appropriation bill was passed. The senate then adjourned until the 31st. The house spent the day in consideration of the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill and adjourned until the 31st.

Convicted of Embezzlement.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Dr. J. G. Force was last night found guilty of embezzling 125 shares of Metropolitan bank stock from the Northwestern National Life Insurance Co., of which he was president. The trial lasted eight days.

Killed Wife, Daughter and Himself. Elizabethtown, N. Y.—Frederick Benedict, of Reber, on Tuesday shot and killed his wife and married daughter and then committed suicide by shooting. He was 45 years old.

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