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AGE AND HUMAN USEFULNESS.

At what age are men at their best? The pessimistic theory attributed to Doctor Osler, which he afterward repudiated, that the golden age is thirty-five, or thereabouts, that it is followed inevitably by waning powers. and that there should be provision for chloroforming all who threaten to survive the age of sixty, has never had many serious adherents, says the Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin. It is generally conceded that thirty-five is rather the beginning than the end of the prime of life, and that the vigorous human individual who lives sanely and cheerfully may do more in some important fields of activity after he has acquired the ripe judgment that comes with experience than in the heyday of the thirties and forties. Dr. T. M. Crothers of Hartford. Conn., has come forward with a declaration that is quite as interesting as the one Doctor Osler disowned, and that ought to attract equally wide attention. He says that "there are many reasons for believing that we carry around with us great reserve powers, and unknown energies which are seldom used, and that in old age appeal to these powers may give a certain vigor entirely unexpected. which lengthens our life and practically overcomes disease." He also says that "the man past sixty and from that on to eighty ought to be at his very best because life is then no experiment, and he has attained a position where he can use all his powers to the best advantage." Doctor Crothers insists that there is no the ory in this, but that it "is sustained by a great variety of facts which fortunately are becoming more realized as the years go by."

A traveler in the west a decade ago was much amused at the vehicles he saw. They were all kinds of "contraptions." Buggies, "dearborns"any old thing to ride in. The people out there were living close, faring hard and-saving money, says the Philadelphia Press. That's why the per capita savings bank account of Kansas excels that of all other states. It is astonishingly different today. At the Leavenworth county fair some days ago dozens of farmers came to the grounds in motor cars. They had paid for them, too. They had raised the wheat and corn to do it. The mere sensation of gliding swiftly over the roads where a year or so back they had condemned the "buzz" wagons which frightened their horses. gave them confidence and a new satisfaction. This is what the automobile has achieved in our country districts. It has made a modest toiler a man of new resources. It has put a machine in his hands and said, "Use it." And he is using it. He feels himself on a par with any millionaire who can afford to buy a new model every year.

The rapidity of development in this age is such as to cause many to lose sight of the fact that some of our chief industries are of comparatively modern origin. Cotton spinning has come to be one of the foremost of manufactures in this and other countries, says the Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin. But in the present form it has been in existence less than a hundred years, the first cotton-spinning mill in the United States having been started in 1811 at Fall River, Mass. That city is preparing to observe the centenary of the business. and next year will have an imposing celebration. It may be of interest to know that when cotton manufacturing was started there Fall River was known as Troy, a name which was retained until 1834. Cotton goods of various kinds are made in Troy, N. Y., and vicinity, and the anniversary of the origin of cotton spinning will enlist attention.

Wonders never cease. A woman in Minneapolis is suing for a divorce on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment because her husband persists in kissing her too often and ardently. And others complain because they are never kissed. No wonder the poor men have been trying unsuccessfully to strike a happy medium since the world started.

Boston is developing a taste for shark meat. There is some uneasy feeling in Wall street lest the taste spread to Gotham.

A Virginia school board has established a rule that its school teachers of the softer sex must not attend dances. The board should explain whether this action is taken because the teachers are not good enough to appear at dances or because they are itoo good.

The arrest of a man one hundred and seven years old shows how carefully we are protected from menaces to our community.

COTTON'S NEW HIGH RECORD

Short Crop Shown By Government Estimate.

MAKES EXCITEMENT IN THE MARKET.

Publication Of the Report Causes a Sharp Advance, Making New High York-Memphis and New Orleans Traders Are Also In a Frenzy, But Liverpool Did Not Take a Bullish Treasurer Charles H. Duell, shows

New York (Special) .- The government's annual estimate of the according to Treasurer F. G. Garprices of all active deliveries, mak- opened, and received \$27,790, in to Congress Thursday. ing new high records for the season sums of less than \$100. in the New York market, with May contracts seling at 15 1/2 cents, or neither President Taft nor Colonel national banking laws, in the event and wealth, and in economic indevious day. At this price there was sensationally heavy realizing by bull speculators, but the prospect for an American crop of 11,426,000 bales, excluding linters, seemed to be bringing in buying orders from all directions, and after a quick break from 15.50 to 15.13, May quickly rallied to 15.30 in an active and excited N. H.), of the Committee of Claims.

There was a big business right up to the last moment, and the market closed firm at a net advance of 37@ 48 points, with May contracts quoted at 15.30, compared with 14.86, the closing price of last night.

Prior to the publication of the government estimate the market had been very nervous and for the past week or more there had been more or less heavy liquidation by smaller speculative longs, apprehensive that prices were based on an underestimate of the yield. At one time during the early trading May contracts had sold at 14.80, a decline of about 60 points from the high record of the season established on November 28, when May sold at 15.40.

The report, consequently, found the market pretty well liquidated of scattering speculative long interest haps not at all. Members of this and there also seemed to be a large number of bullishly disposed operaby the prospect for a supply which stead of being referred to any stand- July 1, are \$630,494,013. they considered insufficient to meet ing committee the normal requirements of the sea-

The bears maintain that the gov-

SAFE WITH \$15,000 STOLEN.

Mysteriously Disappears From press Office In the Night.

Minneapolis (Special) .-- Mystery surrounds the disappearance of a small safe, said to have contained \$15,000 and valuable merchandise, from the office of the Adams Express Company here.

Charged With Extortion. New York (Special) .-- Alderman Michael Yolkman and Edward Cruise, son of a former police cap-that was needed, and Secretary of of the shooting, but charged him with Nation's Tribute To Noted German Magistrate O'Connor's court for fur- to the commissioners of that county ther examination on charge of extor- insisting that the figures be hurried. tion. Cruise was arrested on the complaint of a one-legged newspaper announcement that no election was vender, David Barisch, who supports held; that the Democratic nominee a wife and four children. Barisch had no opposition, and, in effect, that pers on a certain street corner would be renewed if he paid over \$200 graft. The vender told his story to the bureau of licenses and the arrests followed.

Cyclone Sweeps Spain.

vices received here state that West- followers have been slain in fierce liams, the aged recluse who burned ern Spain has been swept by a cy-fighting between tribesmen and path. Several small vessels sank in tectorate in West Africa, according the harbor of Corunna and a number to official advices received from there. of persons were drowned. At Among the dead are several officers. Seville the river rose 10 feet, flood- Thirty Senegalese sharpshooters on ing the valley. Several persons were the side of the French are among the

Taft's Double Dead.

Chicago (Special) .- "Big Tom" Currier, deputy United States marshal, who bore a striking re- Porch Climbers Make Good Haul In semblance to President Taft, died at his home here, at the age of 64. about the Federal Building for 20 J. Elizabeth Buhl, widow of Theoyears, stood 6 feet 31/2 inches in his dore D. Buhl, 1610 Jefferson avenue, stocking feet and weighed 350 while the family were at dinner and

Leaps Into Hot Metal.

Barnesville, O .- In sight of 50 fel- Hindus Afflicted With Hookworm. low-workmen, Charles Kendall, a moulder's helper, leaped into a cupola Hindus out of 13 who arrived here on from his wife for a number of years.

Three Killed By Train.

Lodi, O. (Special) .- Joseph Yeargon, 70 years old, and his wife, the Population statistics of the Thirsame age, and their six-year-old teenth Census were issued by the recluse, was burned to death in a grandson, Ross Phorley, were killed. Census Bureau Wednesday for the fire that consumed her home, 15 when a rig in which they were driv- 577,056, an increase of 257,910 or found her charred body in the ruins. family were injured when his house ing was struck by a fast limited inter80.8 per cent. over 319,146 in 1900.

Mrs. Williams, it was rumored, had was blown to pieces by a natural gas

Campaign Expenses Filed.

Republican and Democratic parties filed their lists of contributions and expenditures for the recent congressional campaign in Congress.

The Democratic lists show a total expenditure of \$27,771.22. The Republican committee received

and expended \$74,373.35. The reports indicate that it cost

Records For the Season In New the Democrats about one-third as much to win the election as it cost the Republicans to lose it. The Republican report, filed by

> that the committee had \$47,030 on hand when the campaign opened. The Democrats received only \$3,650 in sums greater than \$100,

Omnibus Claims Bill.

An omnibus claims bill, carrying action, according to a statement made by Chairman Burnham (Rep.,

There are 1,709 claims in the bill, and the total amount asked for is \$2,ical spread regarded in Senate circles this year were \$721,313,900. as liable to muster a heavy vote.

These claims have ripened in congressional pigeon holes for many ment at \$687,414,860, the estimates leave to the farmers a little pocket years, some of them for generations. 267 churches. They are mostly for ence of \$61,000,000. Congress is church buildings destroyed to fur- asked to appropriate this extra \$61,nish materials for the use of the 000,000 to make the sinking fund Union army,

The Ballinger Case.

The Ballinger-Pinchot reports will mittee on Agriculture, to which they Christmas holidays at least and per- priated any money.

Moon Appointed.

Representative Moon (Republiernment must have underestimated can, Pennsylvania) was appointed by Speaker Cannon a member of the Committee on Employers' Liability to succeed Representative Denby (Republican, Michigan), who resigntee because of his defeat for the next Congress.

HAD NO OPPONENT.

tion Without Competition.

Little Rock, Ark. (Special) .-- An election without competition is considered tame in Crittenden county, each other as targets Albert Perin, Ark. To make the record complete 15 years old, was killed by his playthe returns from Crittenden for the mate, Jesse Osborne, 16 years old. recent congressional election was all The police accepted Osborne's story In return the country clerk made the

SULTAN DIES IN BATTLE.

Fierce Battle Between French and Tribesmen Goes On.

Paris (Special) .- The Sultan of Cerebere, France (Special) .- Ad- Massalit and more than 700 of his

killed and many wounded near Bil- slain. More than 1,000 have been her bed is known to have stood. wounded. The fighting is still going

ROB WIDOW OF \$8,000.

Detroit.

Detroit, Mich. (Special) .- Porch escaped with \$8,000 worth of jewelry and diamonds.

San Francisco (Special).-Eleven and was accompanied by a boy.

Population Of the Dakotas.

Washington, D. C. (Special) .-

WITH CONGRESS | REFORMS URGED BY MAC VEAGH

The campaign committees of the Secretary of Treasury Advocates Business Methods.

KEYNOTE IS RETRENCHMENT.

Congress Is Asked For An Appropriation Of \$714,414,861 To Cover Monetary System Is Panic-Breeding-Customs Frauds.

Economy that beats all records is the the value of this year is 189, or alcotton crop was published Friday and rett's report. They had \$13,258 in retary Franklin MacVeagh, of the year 11 years ago. "During this per-

64 points, equal to \$3.20 per bale, Roosevelt appears among the Re- of no immediate general change of pendence, in intelligence, and a the monetary system; civil service re- knowledge of agriculture, the total tirement, a customs service free from value of farm products is \$79,000,-'practical' politics, business-like 000,000." methods in the daily transactions of The corn crop of 3,121,381,000 a vast aggregation of demands upon the government and a general aboli- bushels exceeds that of the record the government for money will be tion of red tape wherever it clogs the year, 1906, and is greater than the

> The estimated ordinary expendi- years by 14 per cent. tures for next year amount to \$630,- value of this corn crop is below that 494,013. Including Panama Canal of 1909 and also of 1908, its amount expenses, \$56,920,847, which will be belongs to stories of magic. It can repaid to the Treasury by the sale of hardly be recognized as less than \$1,-040,946. The claimants represent bonds, the grand total is \$687,414,- 500,000,000, a sum sufficient to can-38 states and territories, a geograph- 860. The total appropriations for cel the interest-bearing debt of the

> mates the total expenses of govern- tries of the earth in 1909, and still which have been transmitted to Con- money. Among the Southern claimants are gress ask for \$748,414,861, a differlaw effective. It would be an appropriation to permit the treasury to be- average of the preceding five years. gin applying one per cent. a year to The production of spring and winter the discharge of the national debt. wheat is 691,767,000 bushels, or subnot be acted upon by the House Com- The law authorizing such a proce- stantially the average of the preceddure has been a dead letter for somehave been referred, until after the time, as Congress has never appro- about \$625,000,000, or 7.6 per cent.

port was referred to them. They were, for 1910, \$693,313,166; for

There are difficulties in the way of Secretary MacVeagh places the 396,000 bushels, or 22 per cent. ordinary receipts if realized, will ex- preceding years. Next in order of ceed the ordinary disbursements by value is the potato crop, which has \$49,505,986. But taking also into been exceeded only in two or three account the estimates for the Panama former years. The preliminary esti-Canal, the deficit for the next year will be \$7,414,860.

USE EACH OTHER AS TARGETS.

Crittenden County, Ark., Had Elec. Boy Killed By Comrade While Playing With Rifles.

manslaughter. He was released under bond.

Osborne said he and Perin were playfully shooting as close to each other as they could with rifles just and splendor and amid the enthuafter dusk, and that he was horrified slastic demonstrations of immense when he saw his companion drop crowds of spectators the bronze

WAS NOT MURDERED.

Belief That the Aged Recluse Was Robbed First Disproved.

clone that razed everything in its French soldiers in the French pro- Noble county, was not robbed and honor of the four distinguished forprobably not murdered, as it was be- eigners who lent the aid of their melted gold in the ruins of the house American colonies. The others whose disproves the robbery theory. The memories have been thus honored

Mrs. Williams, it was known, kept a large sum of money in her home, the amount being estimated at from \$10,000 to \$40,000.

DECAPITATED BY A TRAIN.

Proves Fatal. Phillipsburg, N. J. (Special) .-

the Pennsylvania Railroad yard at parel. this place was killed in a peculiar of white-hot metal at a foundry here. the Manchurian on Sunday are to be Kern was a short distance ahead. As kins died soon after being taken to The man's flesh was entirely consum-deported under orders issued by he started back to help the boy a the streets by the firemen, while the ed and only the bones were recover- Medical Inspector Glover, who de- freight train came along and he was daughter is dying in the Vassar Hosed. Kendall had been separated clares them to be afflicted with hook- run down and had his head and one pital. The fire started in the furnace arm cut off. Kern was 28 years old. room.

> Recluse Burned To Death. Caldwell, 'Ohio (Special) .-- Mrs. Minerva Williams, 85 years old, a Infant Killed and Five Of Family

CORN KING OF THE CROPS

Secretary of Agriculture Makes Annual Report.

Washington, D. C. (Special) .--Nothing short of omniscience can grasp the value of farm products of this year, is the statement of the Secretary of Agriculture in his annual report for 1910, just published. At no time in the world's history has a country produced farm products All Disbursements Of the Govern- within one year with a value reachment - Ordinary Receipts Esti- ing \$8,926,000,000, which is the mated At \$680,000,000-Says Our value of the agricultural products of this country for 1910. The value of farm products from 1899 to the present year has been progressive without interruption. If, the value of the Washington, D. C. (Special) .- products of 1899 is placed at 100, caused a very sharp advance in the treasury when the campaign Treasury Department, which was sent iod of unexampled agricultural production, a period of 12 years, during Other features are currency re- which the farmers of this country It was noted that the name of form, extension of the scope of the have steadily advanced in prosperity

> called up in the Senate this week for wheels of the government business. average crop of the preceding five United States, buy all of the gold While the Secretary's deport esti- and silver mined in all of the coun-

Other Crops In General.

The value of the hay crop is about \$720,000,000, an amount which has been exceeded but once, and that in ing five years, whereas the value is The appropriations for the ordi- the fifth crop in point of value is above the five-year average. Easily committee cannot see why the re- nary expenses of the government oats, the value of which this year is tors who had taken profits, and who protest that the reports should have 1911, \$683,458,900. The estimates average of the five preceding years. were brought back into the market been left on the Speaker's table inmagnificent. For the second time in making an estimate of next year's re- crop exceeds 1,000,000 bushels, the the history of this country the oats ceipts, but in the best light available, precise estimate standing at 1,096,amount at \$680,000,000. These greater than the average of the five mate of the department is 328,787,-000 bushels, or 8 per cent. above the

average of the preceding five years. Beet sugar production in 1910 will about equal that of 1909, say 512,-000 short tons. Its factory value is reckoned at \$51,000,000, and the factory value of cane sugar at about \$28,000,000, an amount which has been exceeded in four years.

VON STEUBEN STATUE.

Soldier.

Washington, D. C. (Special) .-With a great display of military pomp an election under such circumstances dead with a bullet hole in his fore- statue of Baron Frederich Wilhelm von Steuben, the Prussian military leader who reorganized the Continental Army after the disastrous winter at Valley Forge, and put it into condition for the successful campaigns that closed the American Revolution, was unveiled Wednesday. Zanesville, O .- Mrs. Minerva Wil- The statue completes the quartet of magnificent memorials erected at the The finding of a pot of military genius to the cause of the gold was found in a pot under where are Lafayette, Rochambeau and Kosciusko.

FATAL FIRE IN HOTEL.

A Woman Dead and Daughter Dying In Poughkeepsie.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y. (Special),-Currier, who was a familiar figure climbers entered the residence of Mrs. Man's Effort To Save Boy In Storm fatally burned as the result of a fire which destroyed the Thompson House, a fashionable boarding place. A score of other boarders were forced Harry M. Kern, a tonnage clerk in to fiee to the streets in scanty ap-

Mrs. Susan Jenkins, aged 76, and manner. He was on his way to work her daughter, Louise, aged 26, were hemmed in by the flames in their The boy fell in the snow while room on the fourth floor. Mrs. Jen-

FATAL GAS EXPLOSION.

Injured.

Templeton, Pa. (Special) .- The urban train. The rig was smashed to pieces and the bodies of Yeargon and his wife hurled through the air a distance of 50 feet. The little grandson was partially protected by the body of his grandfather.

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LIVE NEWS OF THE STATE

South Bethlehem .- "The Federas tion of People in America," is the title of a new society for the uplift of workingmen of this country, which has been organized by Revi A. Varluky, pastor of St. John's Mage yar Church here. The idea is to have a better understanding between capital and labor, to oppose strikes etc., and to promote the material and intellectual welfare of the working men, be they Catholic or Protestant The federation will issue bonds which will sell at \$5 each, the proceeds of which will be used in establishing stores where the necessities of life can be purchased cheaper by members. In order to prevent ac cumulation of stock by parties only ten shares will be sold to an individual. Every member of a family, however, can purchase stock. Farms will be purchased, on which cattle etc., will be raised. Father Varlaky is very enthusiastic over the scheme and says the idea cannot fail, even though enemies should be encounter ed at the beginning. Branch socie ties will be organized in every State of the Union and will be in charge of the chief manager, who will be assisted by district managers.

Lancaster .- The first council of the sesessionists of the Jr. Order of United American Mechanics to affiliate itself with another order is Conestoga Council, No. 22, which was instituted as Conestoga Council, No. 22, Order of Independent Americans, The institution was conducted by State Counsel R. W. Woods; State Vice-Counsel William T. Ramsay, and State Council Secretary W. A. Pike, of the Order of Independent Americans, who came from Philadelphia for that purpose. Conestc_ Council has a mempership of 260. It was one of the councils which at last Summer's convention of the Jr. O. U. A. M., at Erie, Pa., refused to accept the decision of the majority on the question of benefits, and se-

Reading.-There was a shakeup among the supervisors of the W. and C. division of the Reading Railway when these changes were announced: E. R. Meredith, appointed supervisor at Coatesville, vice John Boyer, retired; W. H. Woltemate, from the supervisorship at Boiling Springs to Lebanon, to succeed E. R. Meredith; R. M. Goodman, promoted from assistant supervisor at Lansdale to supervisor at Boiling Springs; A. B. Shaw from Trenton Junction to assistant supervisor at Lansdale; R. R. Gregory from Harrisburg to assistant supervisor at Trenton Junction; William Miller, of the chief engineer's office, Philadelphia, transferred to office of assistant supervisor at Harrisburg.

Pottsville.-Auditors appointed to examine into certain charges against the borough council of New Philadelphia, reported to Court, condemning that organization upon their loose manner of doing business, surcharging them with the sum of \$526.18 and refusing to allow the council and the borough treasurer credit for orders issued by them, aggregating \$65.60, declaring them illegal. These orders covered labor and supplies The auditors recommended that a system of books showing the accounts of all the officials be kept, and that hereafter the treasurer must pay no orders unless the same are properly signed by the president of the council and the secretary.

Templeton. - In a gas explosion which shattered the home of Alexander French and set fire to the building, a one-year-old child was burned to death, and French, his wife and two children were seriously burned about the head and body. The walls were blown completely away and the floors precipitated to the cellar.

Media .- The Grand Jury returned a true bill against Joseph Green, of Oak View, on the charges of murdering his infant child and of shooting his wife. A true bill was also returned against John Wright, who is charged with the murder of John Scott at Rockdale, during a quarrel

Chester .- James F. Stewart died at his home in Ridley Park after being ill for many months, aged 56 years. He is survived by a widow and eleven children. For about a year previous to his illness he was a Government meat inspector, with headquarters in Philadelphia.

Doylestown, - Mrs. Sarah Cope, aged 50 years, committed suicide in the attic of her farm house near Chair font, by hanging herself with clothes line. She is survived by three children.

Lancaster-The family and friends of John Ruth, a well-known cigar manufacturer, are greatly worried over his mysterious disappearance more than a week ago. Ruth, who is 58 years of age, was last seen or a local market. Many of his friends fear foul play.

Reading. - Mary, the five-year-old daughter of Franklin Troutman, of Host, was burned to death. The child was left alone in the kitchen and upon the return of her mother she found the child in agony, with her clothes burned from her body.