

### Week's News Condensed.

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**Sacramento valley to San Francisco.**  
Operations may also be extended into Oregon and Washington.

**Last Stone on Croton Dam.**  
Comptroller Metz of New York city with little ceremony has placed the last stone on the coping of the great Croton dam. This structure was begun thirteen years ago and has cost nearly \$8,000,000. The reservoir is nineteen miles long and two and one-half at its widest point. Its capacity is 300,000,000 gallons of water.

**River and Harbor Congress.**  
The national rivers and harbors congress which met at Washington last week included a number of state governors, members of congress and delegates from at least 300 commercial organizations. A permanent organization was effected, and the declaration was made in favor of an annual \$50,000,000 river and harbor bill.

### EDUCATIONAL

**Union Students Abolish Football.**  
At a mass meeting of the students of Union college, Schenectady, N. Y., in which the faculty took no part, it was resolved without opposition "that football in its present form be abolished at Union college."

**President Harper's Funeral.**  
The ceremonies connected with the burial of William R. Harper, late president of the University of Chicago, were carried out as he had planned to the minutest detail. The body lay in state all the forenoon in Haskell hall in the room where Dr. Harper had led the faculty meetings, being viewed by students and the general public. Then the body was removed to Mandel hall, where the funeral services were held, addresses being delivered by President Faunce of Brown, Chancellor Andrews of Nebraska, Dean Judson of Chicago university and the Rev. Lyman Abbott of New York. A tomb in Oakwood cemetery was the temporary resting place of the body. It is planned to build a memorial chamber and crypt on the university campus. The estate left by Dr. Harper consisted largely of insurance policies, and it is known that he gave frequently to needy students and also assisted the American Institute of Sacred Literature.

**Harvard Prohibits Football.**  
The fact that the overseers of Harvard university had voted against the continuance of intercollegiate football contests by students at that university was made known at Cambridge, the prohibition to remain in force until the committee on the regulation of athletic sports reports on the game and that that report is approved by the overseers. All depends on the degree of reformation which the athletic committee effects. The overseers regard the present game as bad in every respect and say that the method of formation absolutely encourages trickery and foul play, and they think the result is bad for the morals as well as for the body and that the present intercollegiate rules committee is not capable of properly reforming the game because it is so far committed to the present system.

### SOCIOLOGICAL

**Hill Says We Are Profligate.**  
In a talk to the Commercial club at St. Paul President Hill of the Great Northern said that the nation is living profligately. By this he meant, selling or exploiting our natural resources without building up industries and trade relations to take their places.

**To Stop Race Suicide.**  
A bill has been offered in the Massachusetts legislature authorizing the governor to appoint a commission of three persons to counteract race suicide and to prevent discrimination by landlords against tenants with children.

**Women as Drinkers.**  
The Rev. Madison Peters of New York in a sermon has deplored the growth of alcoholic intemperance among society women. At the fashionable restaurants he has found that nine out of ten women drink the same stuff as men and in equal quantities.

**Political Economist Knighted.**  
Carroll D. Wright, formerly head of the department of labor, was the guest of honor at the dinner given by the American Institute of Social Service and while there was decorated with the order of SS. Maurizio e Lazzaro conferred upon him by the king of Italy. The decoration is a large Maltese cross in white enamel and gold, with a wreath of laurel in the center. The order is the oldest among the chivalry in Europe.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Cheating Scales at New York.**  
The chief of the New York city bureau of weights and measures recently reported to the effect that the city's butchers, grocers and tradesmen generally are cheating right and left by the systematic use of short weights and measures. The poor and middle class are the chief victims. Some have scales especially manufactured to provide short weights. The police are now rounding by the means of light weight packages put up during dull periods. Vigorous prosecution has been begun, but the bureau has too few inspectors.

**The Franklin Bicentennial.**  
The two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, Jan. 17, was observed with commemorative exercises in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and other cities and in the public schools throughout the country.

**Accidents.**  
Through the bravery of Captain Mark Casto and a volunteer crew on the schooner Alberta the passengers and crew of the steamer Cherokee of the Clyde line, stranded on Brigantine shoals near Atlantic City, N. J., were brought safely ashore. Thousands of spectators cheered the rescuers when they returned, and the Clover club of Philadelphia at a banquet presented a diamond medal and a big purse of money to Casto. The stranded ship had to be abandoned.

A train on the Brooklyn elevated railroad left the track, and one of the cars fell to the street, causing the death of one person and injuring fourteen.

Four men working in a steel caisson for a new subway in New York were killed through the catching fire of grease on the air reservoir. The chamber was filled with stifling gas.

An explosion in one of the coal mines at Paint Creek, W. Va., Jan. 18, was believed to have caused the death of eighteen men. The workings were totally wrecked and made the work of recovering the bodies very slow.

**Deaths.**  
Marshall Field, the multimillionaire and merchant prince of Chicago, died at the Holland House, New York, Jan. 16, after a week's illness from pneumonia. His funeral took place at Chicago and the 1,100 members of the Chicago Commercial association suspended all business between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock as a tribute of respect. Similar action was taken by the great department stores and by the board of trade. Mr. Field was known as the richest merchant in the world, his fortune being estimated at \$150,000,000. His life story is that of a New England farmer boy who went west and grew up with the country—that is to say, grew up with Chicago. He was born in 1835.

Elizabeth Poole Bacon, once famous as an operatic soprano, died Jan. 15 in London at the age of eighty-six.

Anetta B. McMurry, who was known as the bogus countess De Baten-court and who claimed a big estate in Cuba and swindled many noted men, was found dead in her Philadelphia apartment Jan. 16 under circumstances which led to the arrest of her drunkard son John, suspected of causing her death.

**ST. SWITHIN AND RAIN.**  
The legend of the Chapel Over the Bishop's Grave. The superstitions referring to particular days are very numerous. The legend of St. Swithin is an example that will occur to every one:

St. Swithin's day, if thou dost rain.  
For forty days it will remain.  
St. Swithin's day, if thou be fair,  
For forty days 'twill rain as mair.

St. Swithin, bishop of Winchester, according to the author of "The Popular Antiquities," was "a man equally noted for uprightness and humility. So far did he carry the latter virtue that on his deathbed he requested to be buried not within the church, but outside the churchyard on the north of the sacred building, where his corpse might receive the eavesdroppings from the roof and his grave be trodden by the feet of passersby. His lowly request was complied with, and in this neglected spot his remains repose till about 100 years afterward, when a fit of pious indignation seized the clergy at the fact that the body of so holy a member of their order was allowed to occupy such a position, and on an appointed day they all assembled to convey it with great pomp to the adjoining cathedral of Winchester. When they were about to commence the ceremony a heavy rain burst forth and continued without intermission for the forty succeeding days. The monks interpreted this tempest as a warning from heaven of the blasphemous nature of their attempt to contravene the direction of St. Swithin, and instead of disturbing his remains they erected a chapel over his grave." "St. Swithin is christening the apples" is the more poetical way of describing St. Swithin's rain.

**The Moon's Phases.**  
The phases of the moon are caused by its relative position to the earth and the sun, so that when it is full moon in one part of the earth it is full moon in all parts of the earth, and so for all its other phases. The moon revolves around the earth once in twenty-seven days, though on account of the earth's revolution around the sun the mean duration of the lunar month—that is, the time from new moon to new moon—is twenty-nine days, twelve hours and forty-four minutes. The "dark of the moon" is that half of the lunar month during which the moon shines least at night.

**A Cold, Hard Saub.**  
"Excuse me, madam," he said, "but—ah—you remember, in the restaurant after the theater the other night you were kind enough to notice me. I hope I am not mistaken in supposing that your interest was—ah—not altogether—"

"Oh, not at all. I remember now. I thought for a moment that you were the coachman my husband discharged a few weeks ago for trying to make love to the cook, and I wondered how you could afford to eat in such an expensive place."—Chicago Record-Herald.

### THE GIANT INDIANS.

**Peculiar Ways of the Onas of Tierra del Fuego.**  
The Onas, a tribe of Indians inhabiting the mainland of the Tierra del Fuego island, are physical giants. Their average height is over six feet. A few are six and one-half feet; a few fall below six feet. The women are more corpulent and not so tall. There is no race in the world with a more perfect physical development than the Ona Indians. This is partly due to the topography of the country and the distribution of the game, which makes long marches across the country a necessity.

In mentality they fall far below their physical attainments. In the past their supply of game has been plentiful, and this may account for the lack of inventive genius among them. This lack of progressive skill is portrayed in their home life, clothing and homes. Their children suffer from it, for, contrary to the practice common among most Indians of feeding, dressing and training the children well, the Onas' little ones are mostly naked, poorly fed and altogether neglected. They have abundant material for supplying themselves with clothing and homes, and yet they throw a few branches together, put skins over the windward side and then sliver under the miserable shelter.

Scientists who have made a study of the subject say that the language of the Onas is the strangest ever listened to. Many of the words are not difficult to pronounce, nor is the construction of the sentences difficult, but very few words are interrupted by a sound which it is impossible to produce. The speaker hacks, coughs and grunts, distorting his face in the most inhuman manner, and then passes on to the next stumbling block. The Onas live principally upon meat, which in former years was obtained from the guanaco.—New York Herald.

**Reminiscence.**  
The author had written one successful story, and he never grew tired talking of it.

"Don't you know," said one of his friends to another one day, "literally reminds me of a pleased dog."

"That's odd. How does he?"

"He's always wagging his tale."

**Explained.**  
Mistress (on the second day to new cook)—Kathi, just be so good as to lend me 5 marks. Cook (aside)—Ha, ha! That's why she said yesterday the cook in her house was treated as one of the family!

**Magnet Could Not do It.**  
A splinter of steel, three inches in length, was removed from the brain of John Nail, Winston, N. C., at the Jefferson hospital Philadelphia. An effort was made to draw out the splinter by means of a powerful magnet, but the steel was so firmly embedded that the surgeons were compelled to resort to the knife. The operation was successful and the patient is reported to be doing well.

**Game Warden Humiliated.**  
Clearfield, on Thursday arrested Andy Shidaskey, of Osceola, on the charge of hunting without a license. He was taken to Philipsburg and given a hearing before Squire Hewitt, who fined him \$40.00 and costs. Shidaskey will know better hereafter.

### A MILLIONAIRE'S SON.

George Westinghouse, Jr., graduate of Yale College, and the only son of George Westinghouse, the famous inventor and multi-millionaire, has been put to work as an apprentice in his father's own shops. Ever since he graduated at Yale young Westinghouse has been drugging about the plants of which he one day will become the principal owner. His father pays no more attention to him in his work than he does to the other hundreds of apprentices, nor does the young man secure any privileges not given other employees.

He receives his 18 cents an hour, working nine and ten hours a day. And, when called on to work overtime, he is compelled to report the same as the other workmen.

For the past year George, Jr., is said to have been handling dirty castings and greasy machinery instead of Greek and Latin and football rules, and he will soon be passed on the higher grades in the mysteries of airbrakes and electrical appliances. It will take the scion of the Westinghouse family five years before he becomes a thorough electrician and mechanic.

In the meantime he carries his lunch-basket daily and has to adopt the same courses of study and lectures as the other apprentices. It is said he is exceedingly popular with his fellow-workmen because he is carrying out his father's ideas of education without a murmur.

**How About Your Boy?**  
Twenty years hence the boys of today will be men. They will be doctors and drunks, lawyers and liars, senators and sneak thieves, editors and idiots, ministers and murderers, Republicans and Democrats, and so on down the line. It is impossible to tell to a certainty in just what class your boy will be. Put him under such influence as will steer him in the right direction. Follow the boys 12 and 20 years some of them will be in congress, while others will be in jail. Parents, do you know where your boy is tonight and for what class he is training?

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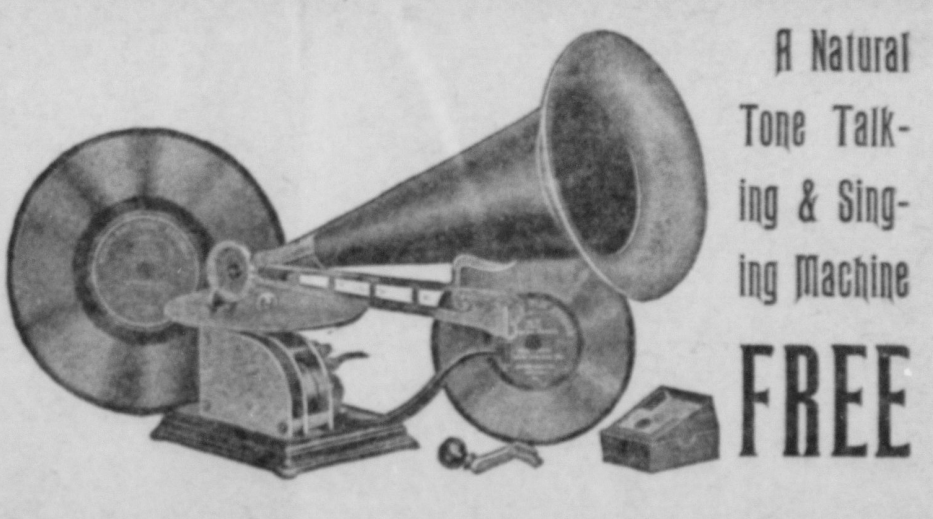
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