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SELECT POETRY.

THE LAST SHADOW.

BY R. T. CONRAD.

When around the couch, long tended, Heavier shadows settle down; And the zephyr comes unwhiling, And the sunlight seems to frown;

Lecture, DELIVERED BEFORE THE SUNBURY LYCEUM.

By Dr. D. W. SHINDEL.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Lyceum:

The topic I have selected for our consideration this evening is Life. Then what is Life? I begin my answer by asking the question, What is not Life? To which I reply it is inorganic matter. Inorganic matter there is not Life. We design to notice briefly the differences between inorganic and organized substances...

erties to their own composition, at the same time, absorbing particles from their own structure, and throwing them off. Again, every change that takes place in the inorganic body must occur at its surface. Whether it become large or small, its increase, or diminution, must take place by particles added to, or abstracted from its surface.

vegetable form of life. The ultimate form of vegetation, is a cellule. A cellule is the type of the organization, of the entire vegetable world, cellule is organization. These cellules, myriads in number being seized upon by stimuli, viz: light, heat and moisture, become a vegetable organism...

At least then may we not safely say, they are growing creatures which have life. We pass to say but a few words in reference to the second form of Life, that of animals a more complex form. It consists of an organism, for nutrition, and reproduction; more complicated than that of the vegetable, and of an additional one for Perception, Volition, locomotion and prehension.

What is man? surely he is more than animal. He has a triple nature. Sense, Intellect and soul; faculties, faculties, and spirit. A nutritive, reproductive, and sentient organism.

Thus the ideas of Schopenhauer discover to us the fact of that mysterious power within us, by which we act defensively and protectively against the numerous aggressive and injurious external forces, which are as near to us as our breath, and food, and in the language of Humboldt, "as far off as the inorganic star dust that floats as nebula in the heavens."

tainly true, that men's long frame work has no inherent stability, but is only found in the organs of motion, the muscles. By a co-operation of the functions of the liver & lungs, man sustains his own peculiar temperature against the changing powers of heat, and cold. By organs of sense, he wisely selects, and appropriates; and by his intellect he is reducing the earth's surface to order, erecting cities, building navies, bringing into view things extremely minute, and distant, shortening space, and communicating thought with the rapidity of lightning.

Most assuredly man is an immortal being. Made in the image and after the likeness of his Creator to have dominion over all inferior beings. He is Lord of the Creation. The sun, moon and stars are his lights, the thunder is his organ, the winged songsters his choir.

FATAL ENCOUNTER WITH A BEAR. A correspondent at Trinidad, California, Jan. 23d, gives the following account of an encounter with a bear at Durkee's Ferry.

THE LANGUAGE OF JOY AND SORROW.—We seem to be better acquainted with the miseries than with the happiness of life. This is shadowed forth by the fact, that in at least the English language the words to express what is good and pleasurable are fewer by a great deal than those for the bad and painful.

CAPT. STETTER, (the early settler in California) has leased his farm, and it is stated that he intends to return to Switzerland with his family.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD—STATE TAX AND TONNAGE—NO. 4. We proceed with the consideration of the question—will the State lose by the abatement of the tax on tonnage?

The increase of business over the Columbia Railroad in consequence of the construction of the Pennsylvania Railroad, has been very large. No one will pretend that the increase since the opening of the Pennsylvania Railroad could have been due to any other cause.

Other States have seen the fully such restrictions upon trade. Will Pennsylvania still continue to close her eyes against the light of experience, to disregard the interest of her citizens, to obstruct her own advancement in prosperity, and continue to pursue a policy which is most clearly oppressive and unjust?

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD—STATE TAX ON TONNAGE—NO. 5. The increase of receipts upon the Columbia Railroad, in consequence of the construction of the Pennsylvania Railroad, great as they must be, will not be the only, or even the principal, source of revenue to the State.

THE most substantial and reliable source of wealth and national prosperity consists in the increase of property, of population, of manufactures, of productions, and the full development of agricultural and mineral resources.

By the construction of the road, lands for great distance, experience an appreciation in value; they present greater inducements for settlement; the demand for them is increased; the improvements become of a better character; they are assessed at higher rates, and the increased taxation is not burdensome.

What if the worst that has been charged against the Pennsylvania Railroad, false as it is, should be admitted? What if the whole of the business of the canal west of Donagan's Island should be diverted to the railroad? It has been stated on good authority that this portion has never paid expense.

RAISING CRANBERRIES. The subject of raising Cranberries is incidentally becoming one of interest to the general farmer. In the Eastern States, it has become quite a profitable crop, there being no apparent difficulty in raising the fruit in all kinds of soil, if properly treated.

THE Massachusetts Plowman we find a communication from Mr. H. WARE, Jr., to "Pickman Farm," Salem, Mass., in which he gives his experience in the use of Carrots as a food for horses and cattle.

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