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**CREDIT INSURANCE  
CONCERN INVOLVED**

Irregularities of American Indemnity  
Co. Officers Who Overdrew or  
Borrowed Money Bared.  
New York, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Following  
quickly on the heels of the Phoenix  
Insurance Company, which re-  
sulted in the indictment of its former  
president, George P. Sheldon, comes  
another which criticises severely the  
conduct and management of the Amer-  
ican Credit Indemnity Company of  
New York.

This company only last week re-  
duced its capital from \$1,000,000 to  
\$200,000, acting on a preliminary re-  
port of the insurance departments of  
New York and Massachusetts.  
The officers against whom special  
proceedings are made in the summary  
of the report given out at Albany  
have already withdrawn from the  
company. They are Sidney M. Phe-  
lan, formerly president and Samuel D.  
Whiter, formerly treasurer, both of St.  
Louis, where are the main offices of  
the company, although, as the com-  
pany is organized under the laws of  
this state, it maintains a nominal  
headquarters at No. 202 Broadway.

Mismanagement, misleading reports  
of its financial condition, the payment  
of excessive dividends and extrava-  
gance are some of the causes which  
contributed to the impairment of the  
company's capital, according to the  
Insurance commissioners' report. The  
company had \$559,201 by a false re-  
port.

State Superintendent of Insurance  
William H. Hotchkiss, acting in co-  
operation with Frank H. Harrison,  
Commissioner of Insurance of Massa-  
chusetts, has started on a house clean-  
ing among insurance corporations that  
will result in some startling disclos-  
ures.

The American Credit Indemnity  
Company, like the Phoenix Insurance  
Company and some others now under  
investigation by Mr. Hotchkiss's de-  
partment, had not been examined in  
this State for ten years.  
It is possible to state, on the highest  
authority, that Superintendent  
Hotchkiss has begun a series of in-  
vestigations that will take in every  
insurance corporation that does busi-  
ness in New York State, fire, credit,  
life or otherwise.

**DROUGHT HITS VASSAR**

Girls Recommend to Use as Little Wa-  
ter as Possible.  
Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The  
continued absence of rain in this sec-  
tion has caused a serious drought.  
Members are compelled to carry water  
for their stock a great distance. At  
Vassar College the water supply is very  
low, and notices have been posted  
recommending that no more water  
than necessary be used by the stu-  
dents.

**NINE DEAD OF GOLD  
IN YAWL ON LAKE**

Belonged to Crew of Steel Car  
Ferry Which Was Lost in  
Lake Erie Storm

**HAD NO CHANCES FOR ESCAPE**

Eight of the Men Were Frozen Stark  
and Staff; the Ninth of the Crew  
was Found Frozen to the Yawl's  
Bottom—Another Jumps Overboard.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 14.—Nine men, frozen  
to death, covered with ice, were  
towed here by the State Fisheries'  
boat, Commodore Perry.  
The frigid fetters that bound them  
kept eight of the men seated, stark  
and stiff, in the little yawl in which  
they had struggled to escape the fate  
that overcame them. The ninth of  
the dread crew was prone, frozen to  
the yawl's bottom.

And there had been a tenth passen-  
ger on this hideous voyage, for in the  
yawl's bow was found every stitch of  
clothing that a sailorman on the  
Great Lakes wears in this season.  
There is little doubt that this tenth  
man, seeing his comrades' eyes start-  
ing at him through films of ice, went  
mad, stripped himself and plunged, to  
a quicker end, in the waters of the  
lake.

The nine glassy images were of the  
crew of the Bessemer and Marquette  
car ferry, No. 2, which has been miss-  
ing since a terrific wintry gale swept  
Lake Erie last Tuesday. The Com-  
modore Perry, with scores of other  
boats, was searching for No. 2. She  
had aboard thirty-eight men, of whom  
six were passengers. It seems impos-  
sible that any has escaped.

Said Capt. Terry Driscoll of the  
Commodore Perry:  
"A heavy sea was running when we  
sighted the yawl and we had some  
difficulty in reaching it. As we made  
her out with our glasses eight of the  
men were sitting up in the boat, their  
life preservers strapped about their  
shoulders. The ninth man lay at the  
bottom of the boat frozen to the flat  
flooring. The faces of the men were  
bloated. Their clothing was heavy  
with frozen water. We did not try to  
take the nine dead on board, as we  
feared the yawl would capsize if our  
men tried to board it."

Thousands of persons swarmed to  
the piers. As soon as the fishboat  
made fast a force of men with tackle  
raised the nine bodies to the dock,  
where wagons were in waiting. The  
procession passed through the principal  
streets of the city with hundreds of  
citizens following.

Conneaut, O., where most of the  
men lived, was notified by telephone,  
and a hundred residents of that city  
arrived here within two hours. They  
were taken directly to the morgue,  
where the following identifications  
were made: H. Thomas, second cook,  
Port Stanley; William Ray, J. W.  
Souars, waiter; G. R. Smith, steward;  
P. Steel, fireman; J. Shenk, fireman;  
J. Hart, oiler; C'Hagen, Charles Allen,  
oil of Conneaut.

**RAY STATE SWINGS  
TO LIQUOR TRAFFIC**

Fall River, New Bedford, Marlboro  
and Gloucester Reverse "No  
License" Votes.

Boston, Dec. 13.—Following the re-  
fusal of Alabama voters to add a pro-  
hibition amendment to their State  
Constitution, there has been a reac-  
tion of the wave of prohibition which  
swept over Massachusetts last year.  
Fall River, by 2,158 majority; New  
Bedford, by 2,341, and Marlboro and  
Gloucester deserted the no-license col-  
umns for license. The only change the  
other way was Haverhill, by a  
close vote, while Fitchburg, Lawrence,  
Northampton, Pittsfield, Springfield  
and Taunton remain in the license  
column. Brockton, Quincy and Waltham  
continue no-license.

The most notable turnover in the  
Majority contests was at Springfield,  
which for the first time since 1901  
elected a Democratic Mayor. Edward  
H. Lathrop, Democrat, was elected  
over W. E. Sanderson, Republican,  
serving his third term and widely  
known as "the Workingman's Mayor,"  
by 145 plurality. Mayor Sanderson,  
however, carried the only Democratic  
ward in the city. Mr. Lathrop has  
been the Democratic Mayoralty candi-  
date in "forlorn hope" campaigns in  
half a dozen elections, extending over  
period of twenty years. Springfield  
voted for a two-year term instead of  
one for Mayor and City Treasurer.

In six cities the Mayors secured re-  
elections. Charles S. Ashley, who  
has conducted sixteen campaigns for  
Mayor in New Bedford, was elected  
for his fourteenth term.

**IT IS TOO  
DANGEROUS.**  
This pistol-toting business is get-  
ting to be altogether too much of a  
temptation to unprovoked shooting.  
It is easy enough to imagine that  
some one is threatening a holdup  
or an assault and to take that as  
an excuse for target practice, but it  
is dangerous to the peace and safety  
of the community for its inhabitants  
to have their revolvers too handy.

**SULLIVAN COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.**

Kline's Opera House, Dushore, December 27-31, 1909

**INSTRUCTORS**  
Hon. Henry R. Pattengill, Ex-State Superintendent,  
Michigan, Prof. James M. Coughlin, City  
Superintendent, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.,  
Rev. H. R. Wilkes, Du-  
shore, Music  
Director.

Monday Evening, Dec. 27. Wednesday Evening, Dec. 29.  
A LECTURE BY  
**Hon. Henry R. Pattengill,**  
Subject—"Made in America."  
Admission 25c.; Reserved Seat, 35c.

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 28. Thursday Evening, Dec. 30.  
**The Concert Trio.**  
Charles W. Moore, Character-  
ist, Mabelle Osgood, Piano,  
Violin and Trombone. Em-  
ma Bauman, Soprano.

*One of the best and most  
versatile organizations of  
its kind on the platform.*  
Admission, 25c.; Reserved Seat, 35c.

Not a cheap attraction. Every one High Priced and First Class.  
There will be no Best night. Each entertainment represents the Best  
That Could be Procured in Its Class.

**Entertainment! Instruction! Humor and Pathos!  
String Music! Every Kind of Music!**

In short, a Variety and Excellence that Must Please.  
Course Tickets, admitting to all the entertainments of the week with  
reserved seat privileges, \$1.00; \$1.25 and \$1.50, depending upon location.  
These tickets will be placed on sale in Kline's Opera House, Thursday  
morning, Dec. 23, at 9 o'clock. First come, first served.  
After noon, Thursday, Dec. 23, tickets will be purchased at G. S. T.  
Deegan's Store, Main Street, Dushore.

**SEE HANDBILLS AND LARGE ILLUSTRATED  
POSTERS**

**Christmas Gifts**



**THIS year we have placed a stock of Holiday  
Goods at the disposal of the people of La-  
porte and vicinity that is hard to equal and impos-  
sible to beat. A complete line of : : :  
Beautiful Art Creations  
For the Grown-ups, and for the Little Tots  
TOYS TOYS TOYS TOYS  
AND THEN SOME!**

Come and see what we have to offer, learn our prices and you will be  
convinced that it will be folly for you to go away from home to do your  
Christmas shopping.

**Buschhausen's  
Big Store, Laporte.**

**WHITE SLAVE FACTS  
STIRRED CONGRESS**

**Immigration Commission Sub-  
mits Reports Showing Wide-  
spread Nature of the Evil**

**EUROPEAN DEPRAVITY IMPORTED**

Thousands of Women Imported An-  
nually—Cruel Conditions of Serv-  
itude, but Not Many Innocent Vic-  
tims.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Most revolt-  
ing are the disclosures of an interna-  
tional system of traffic in both the en-  
forced and the voluntary degradation  
of men and women contained in the  
report of the so-called "white slave  
trade" submitted to Congress by the  
United States Immigration Commis-  
sion. Shocking as is the tale of volun-  
tary shame told in the report, im-  
mensely more so is the setting forth  
of well attested facts as to the com-  
pulsory consignment of innocent im-  
migrant girls to an evil life.  
The report says that the effect of  
the importation of immoral women  
into this country is one of increased  
degradation and death for the women,  
and of contamination and corruption  
by means of the spread of disease for  
those with whom they come in con-  
tact.

The economic loss, coming from  
the shortening of life and from the  
expenditure of the large sums of  
money in all the multifarious ways of  
vice, and which is mere waste from  
every point of view, is great," it says.  
"It is unnecessary to comment on the  
ruinous influences upon domestic and  
social life or on its horrible effects  
which come alike to the guilty and the  
innocent."  
The commission says that the im-  
moral traffic is not confined entirely  
to women, but "it is clear that there  
is a beginning at any rate of a traffic  
in men and boys for immoral pur-  
poses. "The need of checking this  
importation is especially great," con-  
tinues the report. "The vilest prac-  
tices are brought here from continen-  
tal Europe and beyond doubt there  
has come from imported women and  
their men the most bestial refine-  
ments of depravity."

The report draws a striking picture  
of the system of exploitation of alien  
women after they are once in the con-  
trol of their importers; how they are  
held practically enslaved in infamous  
resorts and robbed of their earnings  
and held in bondage of debt with little  
or no liberty, and when they attempt  
to escape are tipped off to the police  
or hounded by a league of men co-  
operating with the persons seeking to  
enslave the women.  
While the investigation disclosed a  
fraternity and co-operation among the  
agents of the traffic throughout the  
United States, the commissioners re-  
port that they were unable to find  
any evidence of "a great monopolistic

concentration whose business is to  
exploit and exploit these  
women." They do report  
of two organizations of  
one French and the other  
they do not import.  
The exploitation of these wo-  
men after their arrival in the United Sta-  
is characterized in the report as "most  
pitiful for the women and most brutal  
on the part of the men." Not only  
the innocent young girls, but experi-  
enced women are made the victims of  
virtual slavery.  
"The traffic is on such a business-  
like basis that agents of the commis-  
sion were able to report the price of  
French girl slaves at Chicago and  
Omaha at from \$500 to \$1,000; Japane-  
se girls at Seattle for Eastern ship-  
ment \$400 for one or \$300 each for  
several, and Chinese girls at Seattle  
from \$2,000 to \$3,000 each.

**The Best place  
to buy goods**

Is often asked by the pro-  
prietor housewife.  
Money saving advantages  
are always being searched for.  
Lose no time in making a  
thorough examination of the  
New Line of Merchandise  
Now on

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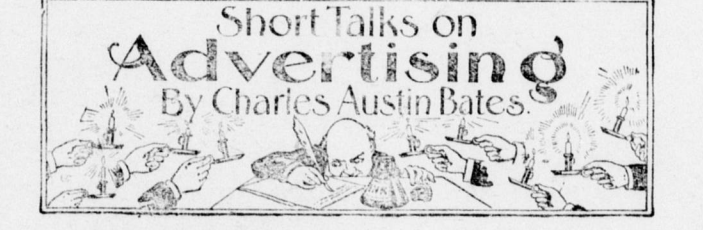
**STEP IN AND ASK  
ABOUT THEM**

All answered at  
**Vernon Hull's  
Large Store.**  
Hillsgrove, Pa.

**Chippewa  
Lime Kilns.**

Lime furnished in car  
load lots, delivered at  
Right Prices.  
Your orders solicited.  
Kilns near Hughesville  
Penn'a.

**M. E. Reeder,  
MUNCY, PA.**



**Short Talks on  
Advertising  
By Charles Austin Bates.**

In a recent article by William Dean Howells he tells of a story  
which he says has influenced all his life.

The hero of the story is a young Dane, who was going up  
among the fiords to seek his  
fortune in the northern fish-  
eries. Many times when he  
was sailing through the fiords  
he found himself locked in by  
mountain walls, with no ap-  
parent outlook. It seemed, if  
he kept on, that he would sail  
directly into the rocks, but  
each time as he proceeded  
he found some unexpected  
channel, which allowed him  
to go safely on his way.

Sometimes it seems that  
advertising is being wasted, that there is no possible way that it will  
turn out profitably, but if the advertiser will keep right on he will find  
clear business channels opening, and in the end will make a safe land-  
ing in the harbor of success.

A little advertising may be unprofitable when a great deal would  
pay handsomely.

Short-time advertising seldom pays.

That is the reason that ads in the many ephemeral "schemes"  
that come to every business man  
are never profitable. It is con-  
tinuous, consistent, courageous,  
intelligent advertising in the best  
newspapers that always and infal-  
libly brings good returns.

Persistence in it pays.  
It's the man who gets scared and  
quits who loses his money.



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