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"Did Charity prevail, the Press would prove A vehicle of Virtue, Truth and Love."—COWPER.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Keep the flag flying. Keep the mills open.

FRTITIOUS fears and false forebodings constitute the Democratic stock in trade.

MASSACHUSETTS is the next state the Hon. George Fred Williams expects to carry.

MR. BRYAN shows up much stronger in the notification than he will in the vote-giving.

NOW is the time to speculate upon the personality of a Bryan cabinet. There will be no occasion for such pastime after the election.

MR. BRYAN produces a decided novelty in argument when he declares that the way to continue McKinley times is to defeat McKinley.

THE Hon. George Fred Williams' success in carrying Vermont and Maine for the Democrats will be sure to make him a drawing card in other sections of the country.

THE editorial contemporaries of Colonel Waterson have been feeding him his 1896 words in such profusion that there is grave danger of an attack of indigestion.

MR. BRYAN has attempted a mild defense of his party in the ratification of the Paris treaty. His explanation is on a par with that offered for the failure of all of his 1896 predictions.

WHEN Mr. Bryan is engaged in making a calamity speech the toot of a factory whistle is every bit as annoying to him as the hiss of an auditor.

THE Richmond Times, the organ of the Virginia Democrats, declines to accept the free silver and anti-expansion mandates of the Kansas City platform.

IN his message to the Kentucky legislature Governor Beckham speaks of "imaginary ills." As a receiver of stolen political goods the Governor is disposed to be over-polite.

THE Populists reluctantly nominated Mr. Stevenson in place of Mr. Towne, but they neglected to provide him with a notification committee. Perhaps they feel that the less he hears of it the better it will be for all concerned.

THE Republican party is not trying to combat the theory that strikes make Democratic votes. The Republican party has devoted all its time and attention to the work of removing Democratic causes for strikes and business depression.

THE Democrats of Snyder county are getting out nomination papers to file at Harrisburg, in order to get the name of some of their candidates in other columns under the head of Republican electors, so as to bid for disgruntled party men. All disgruntled party men know how to mark their tickets, and the extra column will be for naught. Stalwart Republicans will put a cross in the circle, because Republicanism has brought prosperity out of Democratic chaos and ruin.

SEVERAL days ago a report was started to the effect that the murderer of Amos Ritter, near Watontown, had confessed. After sifting the matter down pretty thoroughly, it was discovered that there was no truth in the report. It seems that the people residing in the section where the murder was committed are feeling pretty sure they know who committed the crime, but as they lack sufficient proof, they do not mention any names, when speaking to detectives and officers.

THE labor disturbances in the coal regions combine to make a very undesirable complication, not only for those either engaged in digging the dusky diamonds and those who deal in the mineral as a commodity, but also for those who consume the product and those whose business or occupation partially depends upon the traffic of this commodity. For almost two weeks the local dealers have been over-run with orders for coal which makes the coal yards veritable hives of industry.

THE retail price of anthracite coal is steadily advancing in New York, and some dealers last Saturday were charging from \$7.25 to \$7.75 a ton. As some of the coal companies have discontinued their contracts with customers because of the strike clause, so the retailers are beginning to break their contracts, although these may have no strike clauses in them. The situation there looks bad for consumers of coal, and especially those who have not sufficient stocks on hand to carry them over the present trouble. Deliveries are made only in small amounts.

THE sheriff of Schuylkill county evidently made a very grave error when he asked the Governor for troops to quell the riots in Shenandoah and the neighboring regions. It costs the state \$5000 a day to maintain the troops now called out. Sheriff Harvey, of Luzerne county, tried to commit the same blunder, but Governor Stone discovered that there was no real necessity for the troops now on the ground. They have nothing to do and it might be just as well if the guards were at home. Of course the presence of the guards inspires awe and gives the sheriff an easier job, but there seems to be but little necessity for the troops.

JOSIAH R. ADAMS.

THE SUICIDE in Philadelphia last week of Josiah R. Adams carries with it a useful lesson to many others who may be guilty of some of Adams' short comings. It Adams had been permitted to remain on the ticket and been elected to a position on the Supreme Court bench, he could have covered up his sins and lived and died surrounded with a multitude of admiring hosts and at his funeral pyre there would have been all the pomp and pageantry due to the judicial toga. But being deprived of the opportunity to cover up his deeds of dishonor and theft, he became melancholy and undertook to drown his troubles in the sparkling wine cup. Having made a dismal failure of this, in the early morning hour, with bed covers draped about his well-shaped form, he raised his hand, pierced his beclouded brain and in the last voluntary act of his life, he added another and a greater crime—that of self-murder—to the category already charged to his account. He died alone; his friends thought his death should be reported as "heart failure" and he now represents one who died, "unhonored, unwept and unsung."

The Brown Murder Trial.

ARTHUR BROWN, of Shamokin Dam, last week was tried in the Northumberland county court for the murder of Frederick Kline, of Shamokin, and they acquitted him and left him go scott free. Northumberland county has frequently been accused of letting murderers go free and while that court did succeed in hanging Edward Cressinger, the acquittal and release of Arthur Brown has apparently met with universal approbation by those who knew him best.

Brown was employed as the engineer on one of the steamboats in the Susquehanna River and on July 4th, Kline and Raudenbush climbed to the top of the boat and rocked the boat loaded with 60 or 70 persons so that nearly all were afraid the boat would be upset. When the boat landed, Kline and Raudenbush took some of the flags from the boat. Brown demanded the flags and the two men were going to attack Brown and the latter picked up a piece of gas pipe and struck Kline upon the head. Kline died next day, but physicians testified that if Kline would have had the proper care, his life might have been saved.

Brown does not deny having struck Kline and even if we admit for argument's sake that Kline died directly from the effects of Brown's blow, presuming that it was not premeditated, the jury did right in acquitting Brown. Brown may have acted in self-defense, which still would have been manslaughter, but Brown was doing more than that. He stood for the lives of sixty or seventy people on the steamboat and the jury evidently believed that the conduct of Brown was such that while he should not have killed Kline, he did what he thought was best at the time. His motives seemed to have been good, and after all, the motive of an individual on trial has more to do in determining the penalty than the deed itself. That is why Brown was set free.

Tobacco Growing in Florida.

FLORIDA tobacco growers have succeeded in producing the finest of Sumatra wrappers by growing tobacco under large areas covered with thin cotton, attached to frames, high enough for men and horses to work under. And now the news comes that Connecticut growers, in order to restore the prestige of their wrappers, have adopted the same method. It is stated that the experiment has been perfectly successful.

This is a hint to all tobacco growers, from Connecticut to Florida. There are many favored sections, doubtless, in Snyder county where the coveted Sumatra wrapper could be successfully grown, by the Florida method, and the high prices it brings would make it worthy of a trial.

LITERARY NOTES.

The wonderful development in the Sunday school, since its foundation, in 1780, is illustrated nowhere so well as by the famous Sunday school at Stockport, England, which has a membership of over five thousand. This monster Sunday school will be described in an article, fully illustrated from photos, by Bell M. Brain, in the November "Woman's Home Companion." Published by the Crowell & Kirkpatrick Company, Springfield, Ohio; \$1 a year; 10 cents a copy, sample copy free to any address.

In the October "Review of Reviews" the editorial entitled "The Progress of the World, contains an impartial review of the Presidential campaign down to its present stage, special attention being given to the letters of acceptance of the several candidates. Other topics editorially treated, in this number, are the Galveston calamity, the coal miner's strike, pending elections in England, and the problems of reconstruction in China. 25 cents; of all newsdealers.

"The civilization of America is the gift of streams" says Mr. Elwood Mead in his article on "The Problems of the arid Regions," which, with many excellent photographs, appears in the October Magazine Number of "The Outlook." \$3 a year. The "Outlook Company, New York, and of newsdealers.

In "Universal Brotherhood Path," for September, William A. Dunn has a valuable article treating of "The Spiritual Thread in Opera." He says, in part: "Opera is important, because it combines two great arts—Music and the Drama. Opera, considered in its broadest, truest sense, is an outward representation of the whole inner life of man. In Opera the Soul may witness the action of, and interplay between, all human actions and attributes. Music, universal and divine, is the World-Mother. It is the basis and sustaining power of all manifestation, and the mind that bathes in its pure streams finds itself on the highway that leads to wisdom and to God. Too often, alas has this beautiful art been made to subservise some sensuous theme, but since the great Goddess revealed herself through Beethoven, the redemption of Music is assured. It is a great mistake to imagine that music begins and ends with the limited scale sensed through the organ of hearing. This sense-octave is but one step on the universal ladder, up and down, which pass the "Heavenly Singers." Man catches but an Echo. On either side extends innumerable octaves beyond the scale to which our minds and ears are attuned. The human body is the most perfect musical instrument on earth, but the different organs have gotten out of tune with each other. We may find the tuner within the heart and conscience, ready to adjust every discord." \$2 a year, 20 cents a copy. Address Theosophical Publishing Company, No. 144 Madison Avenue, New York City.

PRISTINE THOUGHTS AND SELECTED GEMS

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THE RIDICULOUS OPTIMIST

BY S. E. KISER

THERE was once a man who smiled Because the day was bright; Because he slept at night Because God gave him sight To gaze upon his child; Because his little one Could leap and laugh and run; Because the shining sun Smiled on the earth, he smiled.

HE SMILED because the sky Was high above his head; Because the rose was red; Because the past was dead. He never wondered why The Lord had blundered so That all things have to go The wrong way here below That ever changing sky.

HE TOILED, and still was glad Because the air was free; Because he loved, and she, Who claimed his love, and she Shared all the joys they had; Because the grasses grew; Because the sweet winds blew; Because that he could hew And hammer, he was glad.

BECAUSE he lived, he smiled, And did not look ahead With bitterness or dread, But nightly sought his bed As calmly as a child. And people called him mad For being always glad With such things as he had, And shook their heads and smiled.

Kind words, kind looks, kind acts, and warm handshakes—these are a secondary means of grace when men are in trouble, and are fighting their uneven battles. DR. JOHN HALL.

Sweet is the pleasure Itself cannot spoil! Is not TRUE leisure The same as true toil? Rest is not quitting The busy career; Rest is the fitting OF SELF to its sphere.

EMANCIPATION

BY REV. DR. BAROCK

Why be afraid of Death, As the your life were breath? Death but annoys your eyes With clay. Oh, glad surprise! Why should you be forlorn? Death only husks the corn; Why should you fear to meet The Thresher of the wheat? Why should it be a wrench To leave your wooden bench Why not laugh and shout— Run home, when school is out? The dark ones left behind, Oh, foolish one, and blind, A day—and you will meet, A night—and you will greet! This is the death of Death— To breathe away a breath, And know the end of strife, And taste the deathless life. And joy without a fear, And smile without a tear; And work, nor care to rest, And find the last the best.

OCTOBER

And, close at hand, the basket stood Filled with nuts from brown October's wood, WHITTIER.—Snow-Bound.

Fairest of all, rarest of all, Queen of the months of the year Bonny and bright, born to delight, Royal October is here.

October's child is born for woe And life's vicissitudes must know But lay an OPAL on her breast, And hope will lull those woes to rest.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

A woman, who will not forgive a man for forgetting her, will almost love him for striving to forget her, for she knows that in this is the essence of remembrance.—Life.

Mrs. Casey (reading war news)—"Wan soldier wor mortal wounded, and his laast words wor 'Gimme whiskey.'" Mrs. Dolan, (whose husband is at the front)—"Hiven help me fatherless childer—that wor Pat."—Harper's Bazar.

Elderly Spinster, (Horriified)—"Little boy, are't you ashamed to go bathing in a public place, in such a bathing suit as that?" Small Boy—"Yes'm, but me mother makes me wear it. I'll take it off, though, if you'll promise not to tell her."—Leslie's.

Pretty Rascal.—Recently a drummer visited an obscure village, in the southern part of Kentucky, and called on the only merchant in the place. "I found him opening a case of axle-grease," said the drummer, who relates the following incident: Soon an old colored man came in, and, noticing the yellow grease in one small box from which lid had been removed, said: "Good mornin', Massa, what's dem little cheeks wuf?" "About 15 cents, I reckon Sam," said the merchant. "S'pose of I buys one you'll frow in de crackers?" "Yes, Sam." Sam fished fifteen cents out of his pocket, and the merchant dipped up a scoop full of crackers. Sam picked up the uncovered box and the crackers and retired to the back part of the store, where he took out his knife and fell to eating. Another customer came in, and Sam was lost sight of for the time being. Presently Mr. Johnson approached him and asked: "Well, Sam, how goes it?" "Say, Massa Johnson, de crackers was all right, but dat was de rascalmost cheese I eber tackled in all my bawn days!"

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