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

### CURRENT COMMENT.

THERE is only this to be said of Captain Hart's death: He took up the cause of the Cubans long before the rest of us, and suffered because he did.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY is at work on the outline of his annual message. Naturally it will be a beauteous state paper, patriotic and full of wisdom.

ONCE again there are renewed rumors of Boer activity, a certain indication, to our way of thinking, that the Boer war hasn't reached a conclusion yet.

COLONEL QUAY goes to his Florida tepee knowing that when the Legislature meets in January it will only be a question of how large his majority for United States Senator will be. His calling and election are sure.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY has considerably relieved the voluntary cabinet-makers of the difficult task they undertook by asking the members of the present Cabinet to continue in office during his second administration.

GOVERNOR STONE having issued his Thanksgiving proclamation and called upon all citizens to rejoice and give thanks over the general prosperity and good times that have come upon the State of Pennsylvania, it behooves every body to be ready for a glorious time of thanksgiving and praise on the 29th of this month.

INASMUCH as Bryan and his friends, according to the very latest accounts from the vicinity of the Platte, have determined to keep up the fight four years more, we beg leave to propose three cheers for Bryan. Twice he has been beaten, and he was weaker this year than four years ago. And meanwhile he can "lecture" at the same old price.

IN Lincoln, Nebraska, Bryan lost his home precinct by a vote of almost two to one, and the same was also the case in Bloomington, Illinois, where Adlai Stevenson voted. But McKinley and Roosevelt not only carried their towns by handsome majorities, they ran away with the ticket, all of which goes to show that the best gauge of a man is the regard in which his neighbors hold him.

THE Chinese Government is having pretty hard lines nowadays. The powers have not only demanded indemnity, but insist that the Chinese must erect monuments to the memory of the Christians who were so cruelly massacred, and the Chinese peace commissioners have balked at that proposition. But China will take her medicine just the same.

THE New York Presbytery, the Philadelphia Presbytery and the Carlisle Presbytery have all decided against revision, and that the Westminster Confession, with its doctrine of predestination, is good enough to remain as the Creed of the Presbyterian Church. The revision scheme does not seem to have met with much favor among the older Presbyteries probably because they believe in letting well enough alone.

SENATOR-ELECT FOCHT, of Union county, pays his respects to the party of insurgents who invaded his bailiwick during the last campaign, and under the guise of Republicans endeavored to encompass his defeat for Senator. As a consequence, Senator-elect Focht does not say sweet things about this party of destroyers, but he pours hot shot into them from the word go, and he is not to be blamed for being warm. The people of the districts are to be congratulated on Mr. Focht's election, and they will have the benefit of his ripe experience and ability at a time when they are needed in the State.

ATTORNEY GENERAL ELKIN sums up the entire senatorial situation when he says: "The Quay people are satisfied with the result and know that they have enough votes in the Legislature to elect Col. Quay. The anti-Quay people are whistling through the graveyard to keep up their spirits, but their whistle will die away long before Legislature meets and they will find that they are hopelessly in the minority. But they seem to be content, and they are welcome to all happiness they can find in the last election." And that expresses the views of every friend of Senator Quay who knows that he is certain to be re-elected when the Legislature meets.

THE far reaching effects of a single kind remark or an act which denotes sympathy, appreciation and a desire to assist and encourage are seldom realized at the time the words are spoken or the deed done. Yet it is true that lives, doubtless many of them, have been lastingly influenced for good and stimulated to eager and persistent effort to achieve a worthy success by such words and deeds. It is the loving commendation of parent of teacher that reaches and moves the currents of desire and determination in the child. And that spirit needs to be manifested toward masses of adults, who are still children in moral attainment.—Universalist Leader.

### High Masonic Bodies

WILLIAMSPORT will, in a very short time, have become a prominent center of Masonic activity. Last January a Lodge of Perfection, Scottish Rite, was instituted there, and has had such a successful career that the higher Masonic authorities were moved to look with favor upon a request preferred that still higher functions be conferred upon the Williamsport organization.

It is now officially announced that it has been decided to grant dispensation to the lodge to confer, in addition to the degrees from 4 to 14, the degrees conferred by a council, 15 and 16; those conferred by a chapter, 17 and 18; and those conferred by a consistory, 19 to 32, inclusive. There is but one higher degree, the thirty-third, which is conferred only by the national organization.

In due time, it is expected, these dispensations will be supplemented by charters, creating a council, chapter, and consistory there, to exist permanently. The importance that attaches to these bodies in Masonic circles is evident at a glance, and cannot fail to make Williamsport conspicuous in more than one direction, to the decided advantage of the town. At present there are five consistories in the State—at Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Bloomsburg, and Condersport.

### DO NOT FORGET THE LAW

UNDER a recent law of Pennsylvania, teachers of the public schools are charged with the performance of a public duty not even second to that of education of their pupils. Knowing their opportunities and believing in their intelligence and public spirit, a sovereign Legislature has instructed them to act in harmony with the local Boards of Health in the quick suppression of all contagious diseases.

This duty may briefly be told. In the performance of their regular work the teachers frequently obtain first information of the outbreak of contagious diseases in their respective communities. Instances are upon record in which they were aware of the prevalence of diphtheria many days before the fact was reported to be the Boards of Health. Either through carelessness, favoritism or other cause, the attending physicians failed to report the cases, although they were a matter of school gossip. The request of the State is that teachers shall themselves notify the several boards of the existence of such diseases the instant that knowledge becomes theirs.

Surely there is nothing unreasonable in that request. The teachers, no less than other citizens, desire the motion of the public health, and being a position where they can often ascertain the facts before any one, ought to take it as one of the highest duties of their profession to comply with the provisions of the law.

### TURN THE TIDE OF HUMANITY

IT IS A MATTER of sore regret that this week the news columns of the Post are compelled to note the fact that the population of Snyder County has decreased during the last ten years, year for the last 20 years. The reports of births and deaths published in the Post from time to time show that the number of births exceed the number of deaths every year by about 100 persons. Hence the loss is due to emigration. Why can not these people be kept here? This is a problem we wish to put to every thinking man in Snyder county.

In 1860 the population of Snyder County was 15,035; 1870, 15,606; in 1880, 17,797; 1890, 17,651; and 1900, 17,304. Since 1880 the population has been on the decrease. We have lost 347 persons the last ten years, and figuring that we have had 100 more births than deaths each year, we must conclude that our total loss has been 1,347 in ten years and counting the loss between 1880 and 1890 which was 146 and 100 for each of the ten years and adding to the above loss for the last decade, makes a total loss for 20 years of 2493 persons. What does this mean? Thinking people, more especially, business men, does not this appeal to you for a remedy for this wholesale emigration? The Post proposes a remedy and invites discussion.

It is the most natural taste of mankind to remain near the scenes of his childhood, even if remuneration is less than elsewhere, but if he has no employment and no means of support, he will go where he can provide the necessities of life. Let us establish more industries and build more houses. Middleburg needs more houses now. Why do not the capitalists put them up? Give the people employment and they will stay here. Industries should be established all over the county. What are the monied men going to do about it?

AMONG the applications for advice and assistance in managing woodlands which have recently received by the Division of Forestry of the U. S. Department of Agriculture is one from the Great Northern Paper Company of Maine. This company owns a tract of 300,000 acres on the Penobscot and Kennebec rivers, chiefly spruce land. It is undertaking to lumber in such a manner that the same acres can be cut over repeatedly with good profit, and is making use of the aid and advice of trained foresters in order that its estimates and the plans and methods which it adopts may be reliable and best adapted to the ends in view. The surveys and measurements on which the Division of Forestry will base the working plan to be submitted to the company will probably be begun next spring.

### PRISTINE THOUGHTS

#### SELECTED GEMS

Collated and Arranged Expressly for The Post

#### THE SYBIL, ANCIENT AND MODERN

##### A PROPHECY

TODAY, proceeding from the series of the East, resounds a voice, but Europe, in her mad course towards the abyss, heeds it not. Everything gets ready for the great struggle between these two races; the haughty science of the West has denied her direct sire, Eastern Occultism! The current is becoming irresistible. For the villager, the workman at the mill, the fatal day is fast approaching when the gigantic machine, exhausted, and tired of work, will stop its wheels, leaving a formidable industrial army thirsting for life. What answer is our modern science now prepared to give it; aye that science always pre-occupied with the discovery of new means to destroy one's neighbor? It is then that will appear in their majesty the Sybills of our race, who will teach through the REVEALED science and the sacred oracles, the elements necessary for the restoration of Humanity to its proper groove.—The Theosophist, Vol. V.

#### REINCARNATION

##### ROBERT FRANCIS

AND NOW THE LAW, a perfect sphere, Revolves through aeons, centuries, years. For all-immortal God and mortal Man, KARMA, the Law, forever stands. The Law of Justice a record keeps of every deed; and says to thee, "As ye shall sow, so shall reap!" And naught can change the Law's decree. So, wing thy way again to earth, Immortal Soul, to mortal birth; Take on, again, the cloak of clay, And labor—learn, and live, and pray. Incarnate life once thou hast known, REINCARNATION is now thy bourne. On earth thou planted'st deep the seed of mortal life and mortal deed; So saith the Law: It ye must keep, And take back with thee, unto man, This pure religion, simple, grand, Teach through the earth, from land to land, From tribe to tribe, from clan to clan; To earth and sea, and shore, and sand, The eternal BROTHERHOOD OF MAN. The great, the small, the rich, the poor, The white, the black, the dusky Moor, Masselman, Christian, Buddhist, Jew; From one root-stock, one Father grew: From the womb of one mother sprang That countless legion, the race of Man.

#### THE WATCHWORD

Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on. "T was not done for you alone— Pass it on. Let it wipe another's tears— Let it travel down the years, Till in Heaven it appears— Pass it on!"

#### TRUE HAPPINESS

##### TRANSLATED FROM THE SANSKRIT

Full of Love for all things in the world, practicing virtue in order to benefit others—this man only is happy.

On first awakening from my sleep, I should pray that every breathing thing may wake to saving wisdom, vast as the wide and boundless universe.

Here is a beautiful description of dawn and the moral deduced therefrom: "The water-lily has lost its beauty. The lotus flowers are beginning to appear pleasant. The owl has become silent. The ruddy goose is happy. The moon sets. The sun rises. Ah! Karma, under the hands of heavy fate, bears fruit in different ways."—Samskṛta, Canto II, Sloka sixty-four. [This may be considered heavy reading, but it is readily understood by those who can read between the lines. It was written by Magha, a prince-poet-philosopher, who died in great poverty, about the end of the tenth century, after giving his vast fortune of untold millions to relieve the starving people of India, his native land, during a long-continued famine, similar to that now prevailing there.—Editor Post.]

#### THERE IS NO DEATH

##### SIR BULWER LYTTON

There is no death! The stars go down To rise upon some fairer shore, And bright, in heaven's jeweled crown, They shine forevermore.

There is no death! The dust we tread Shall change, beneath the Summer showers, To golden grain, or mellow fruit, Or rainbow-tinted flowers.

There is no death! The leaves may fall And flowers may fade and pass away; They only wait through wintry hours, The coming of the May.

There is no death! An angel form Walks o'er the earth with silent tread; He bears our best loved things away, And then we call them dead.

He leaves our hearts all desolate, He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers— Transplanted into bliss, they now Adorn immortal bowers.

The bird-like voice, whose joyous tones Made glad these scenes of sin and strife, Sings now an everlasting song Around the tree of life.

Where'er he sees a smile too bright, Or heart too pure for taint or vice, He bears it to that world of Light, To dwell in Paradise.

Born unto that dying life, They leave us but to come again, With joy we welcome them, the same, Except the sin and pain.

And ever near us, though unseen; The dear, immortal spirits tread— For all the boundless universe Is Life, there is no death.

#### UNCLE EPH—THE PHILOSOPHER

##### NOT COPY-RIGHTED

No sun, no moon, no stars, no cash, no cider, November, dear Capt'g John, Borrowed trubbl has ter be paid back wid a big intrust, Miss Arretho-zsh.

Now, dat de lect'ion is over, Deacon Showdown rises ser enquire how de Democratic renaissance is a-goin to renaso?

I has been young an now I am old, yit I has never seed a pusion what wuz real fond uv green persimmons, Miss Marggoret.

Most folks haint satisfied ter go frew dis world az de good Lawd made em. I has often thought of I cood jest git up sum deoxhun to curl white folks ha'r an take kinks outen a bigger's I cood shake my hoary locks at de gaunt wolt uv thurst an hinger all de rest uv my bawn days; but his jest cant be did, Miss Jo Ann de Ark Angel Cake Parvenu Gundershanks—no indeedy. An' hits sech a grate pity fer you an' I an' other other folks, an' especially fer me.

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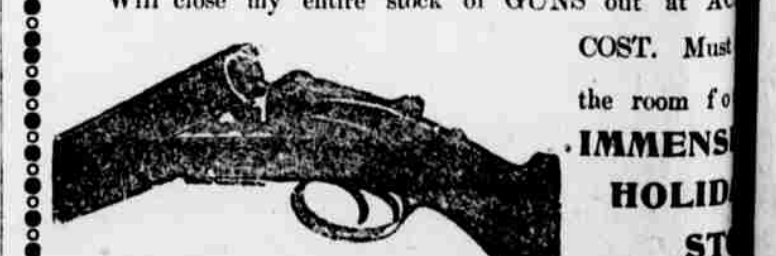
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