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TEMPTATIONS BESETTING YOUNG MEN.

The Sunday Sermon as Delivered by the Brooklyn Divine,

TEXT: "Surely, in vain the net is spreas In the sight of any bird."-Proverbs 1., 17.

TEXT: "Surely, in wain the net is spread in the sight of any brid."—Proverbs 1, 17. Early in the morning I went out with a fowler to eatch will piecons. We hastened in the sight of any brid."—Proverbs 1, 17. The second state is a second state of the second state is a second state of the second state is a second state in the second state is a second state of the second state is a second state wings flapping, in invitation to all fowle of heaven to settle down there. We restrict into a booth of branches and leaves and whited. After awhile, looking out of the floor of the booth, we saw a flook of birds in the sky. They came nearer and nearer, and after a while were about to swoop into the net, when suddenly they darted away. Again we waited. After awhile we saw another flook of birds. They camenerer and nearer un-til just at the moment when they were about to swoop they darted away. The fowler was very much disappointed as whell as myself. We said to each other, "What is the matter?" and "Why were not of a tree part of the net had been conspicu-ously exposed, and the birds coming very mear had seen their peril and darted away. When I saw that I said to the old fowler, "That reminds me of a passage of Scorpture: "Surely in values the net say been conspicu-ously exposed, and the birds coming very mear had seen their peril and darted away. "That reminds me of a passage of Scorpture: "Surely in values the net say been in any text at a the of the net had been conspicu-ously exposed, and the birds coming very mear had seen their peril and darted away. "That reminds me of a passage of Scorpture: "Surely in values the net say been in any text at a the of the meat and the sent in any text at a the and bar of a taken present in any text

Surely in vain is the net spread in the sight of any bird." Now the net in my text is and for temptation. The call bird of sin tempts men on from point to point and from branch to branch until they are about to drop into the net. If a main finds out in time that it is the temptation of the devil, or that evil men are attempting to capture his soal for time and for eternity, the man steps back. He says. "I are not to be caught in that way: I see what you are about; surely in van is the net spread in the sight of any bird." There are two classes of temptations—the above ground, those underground. If a man could see sin as it is, he would no more em-brace it than he would embrace a leper. Sin is a daughter of helly yet she is gar-landed and robed and trinfered. Her voices is a warble. Her check is the setting sur. Her forchead is an aurora. She says to shymed and allows of the hanging ga-duing and allows of the hanging ga-duing and allows and the air is be-witched with the odors of the hanging ga-duing and all you have to do is to drink them of handways and carysop aux. Sur is a daubys and carysop aux and and mobeles that spark with dia-tion and all you have to do is to drink them of handles that spark with dia-duce. It is allowed and carysop aux.

See! It is all bloom and reasts cloud and heaven." Oh, my friends, if for one moment the choiring of all these concerted voices of sin could be bushed, we should see the orchestra of the pitwish hot breach blowing through flery flute, and the skeleton arms on drums of thunder and darkness beating the chorus, "The end thereof is death." T want to point out the insilions tempta-tions that are assalling more especially our young men. The only kind of nature com-paratively free from temptation, so far as I can indig, is the cold, hard, stingy mean reemperament. What would stan do with such a man if he got him? Satan is not an-ious to got a man who after awhile may di-pute with him the realm of everlasting meanners.

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PENNSYLVANIA NOTES.

A Few Condensations of Evants Occur ring Throughout the State-

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has a building thereon erected valued at \$110,00, which will greatly enhance his property. Workmen at Warren found two dynamits bombs on the railroad and in fear cast them into the river. Joseph Baidwin of New Castle was held up by two men and a woman on a railroad bridge and robbed of \$100 Tueaday night. Wm, H, Dill, ex President of the defonct National Bank and owner of Houtzdale bank was arrested on information made by John R. McGrath, cashier of the Houtzdale bank when it went under. The information charges bill with having on or about the 15th of May willfully and fraudently convert to his own mes \$25,000 belonging to the Houtzdale bank Dill at once gave bail in \$3,000 for his appear ance for a hearing on Thursday. Dec. 10 The other cases against Dill returned to De-cember term of court have been continued A. B. & 0. train ran down a woman nam-ed Margaret Lowry on the trestle near Fin-leyville. She was instautly killed. The residence of Philiph Herman, near La-trobe, was burned. Loss \$1,500; no insur-ance. co fell off 31, 162, 720,09. There was an increases of \$110,546.69 in the cost of collection. The total production of distilled spirits in the fiscal year, exclusive of Truit brandies, was 115,962,389 gallons, an in-rease of 4,685,461 garlons; of fruit bran-dies, 1,904,713 garlons, as against 1,823,810 gallons in the fiscal year of 1800. The num-ber of distilleries operated decreased 3392. There was an increase of 2,393,365 barros in the production of beer. It is estimated that the internal revenue receipts for the current fiscal year will be \$150,000,000. A large portion of the Secretary's report is devoted to the Statistics of Exports and Imports. The total value of our foreign commerce during the year was \$1,729,307, 006, an increase of \$55,695,77, and that of exports was \$884,490,810, an increase of \$26,652,126; exccess of exports over imports \$30,364,614, arxinst an excess in .1850 of \$30,364,151. The excess of exports over imports \$30,364,361, arxinst an excess of \$12,803,461, 155,1562.75. The excess of exports for \$20,654,155; total exports of gold, \$35,695,764,47; total imports of gold, \$35,33,567. An excess of \$183,319 in the imports of gold, \$36,532,654; total imports of gold, \$35,33,567. An excess of \$183,319 in the imports of gold, \$36,532,647; total imports of gold, \$35,33,567. An excess of \$183,319 in the imports of gold, \$36,532,447; total imports of gold, \$35,33,567. An excess of \$183,319 in the imports of gold, \$36,532,447; total imports of gold, \$18,333,567. An excess of \$183,319 in the imports of gold, \$36,332,447; total imports of gold, \$18,333,567. An excess of \$183,319 in the imports of gold, \$18,333,567. An excess of \$183,319 in the imports of gold, \$18,333,567. An excess of \$183,319 in the import of gold, \$18,333,567. An excess of \$183,319 in the import of gold, \$18,333,567. An excess of \$183,319 in the import of gold, \$18,333,567. An excess of \$183,319 in the import of gold, \$18,333,567. An excess of \$183,319 in the import of gold, \$18,333,567. An excess of \$183,319 in the import of

trone, was ourned. Loss \$1,500; no insur-ance. A. E. Alter & Co.'s store at Johnstown was entered by burgiars, the safe blown open and \$100 taken. Fred Getrost, while trying to throw a belt at New Casile Iorn Works was struck on the head with a timber and knocked senseless. He is still living but cannot recover. Governor Pattison issued a proclamation announcing a reduction of the State debt the past year amounting to \$2,533,552. A crank has been pesticring City Treasurer Wright, of Philadelphia, by letter, for \$400, 000 of the City's cash. He has become per sistent since, the Russell Sage incident. Over 10,000,000 fish eggs are in various stages of developement at the State fish hatchery at Erie.

The Fort Worth, Tex., iron works has

CAPITAL AND LABOR DOINGS.

A Few Items of Interest to the Wage-Earner and Others.

The new three-year scale, which was pre-sented to the workmen of the Edgar Thomp-son Steel Works at Braddock, Pa., has been son Steel Works at Braddock, Fa., has been signed by the majority of the parties inter-ested, and all trouble anticipated has been averted. General Manager Schwab stated last night that no man in the mill's employ had been asked to work any additional time, and that the only change that did not please the men was the cutting down of wages, and that had been done only where the men were well able to stand it. The number of workmen at the mill would not be diminished, but rather increased.

The Hancock flint-glass works of Findlay, O., has closed indefinitely, it is said, on count of financial embarassment.

The Executive Board of the United Mine Workers has asked for a per capita tax of 2 cents a week from the members while the strike of the Indiana miners lasts.

A SCAFFOLD GIVES WAY. The Man Killed, Two Frobably Fatally, and Others Scionsty Injured. Bethlehemi, Pa., Dee, 10.—The thriving two nof Lehighton was thrown into great accitement by a scaffolding giving way, killing two men, probably fatally injuring two and seriously injuring several others. While a number of carpenters were engaged in erecting a large ice house, the scaffolding gave way and precipitated all the men to the ground, a distance of 35 feet. The dead are : Thomas Arnes, aged 35, of Franklin, Oscar Heilman, aged 20, of Lehighton. Both were head when picked up. The injured are: Aroon Dreisbach, of Mahonisg, Nathan Heilman, of Lehighton, both probably fa-tal; Henry Schultz, of Lehighton, Levi Hahn, of Franklin, and Benjamin Rucch, of Experiment.

GREAT WHEAT BLOCKADE

Dealers Boucht Too Eagerly. News From Manitoba About Wheat. Winfield, Man., Dec. 12.—Freight Agent Kerr, of the Ganadian Pacific railroad, to-day notified the Manitoba Grain Exchange that notified the Manitoba Grain Exchange that there is a tremendous wheat blockade in New York, caused by heavy Northwestern shipments, and that the West Shore railroad would refuse to receive shipments after the 17th. It appears that some of the dealers were so eager to rush wheat forward that they purchased large quanifies and shipped it before knowing where they were going to dispose of it, hoping to peddle it off while in transit. This caused the trouble on the West Shore road. It is said there is a large block m elevators in Buffalo from the same cause. Some Manitoba dealers, who have been buying and shipping since the season cause. Some Manitoba dealers, who have been buying and shipping since the season opened, have not yet sold a bushel of their wheat.

NINE MEN WERE DROWNED.

NINE MEN WERE DROWNED. The Bark Ben Butler, of San Francisco, Wrecked Of Gape Arago. Tortland, Ore., Dec. 12. – The bark General Butler, together with 1,000,000 feet of lumber belonging to the Puget Mills company, of San Francisco, and nine men, was lost about 100 miles southwest of Cape Arago. The boat, containing Captain Porker and five men, was picked upat Cape Arago last night. Second Mate John Willoughby was in charge of the boat, containing nine men which was lost.

WHOLE BLOOK WIPED OUT.

▲ Little Wisconsin Town Visited by a Big Fire, Loss \$75,000. New Richmond, Wis., Ded. 11.—A big fire raged here yesterday. It started early this morning and was not under controt for 8 or 10 hours. A block on the west side of Main street, in the business portion of the city is now a smoking ruin. The loss will city, is now a smoking ruin. The loss will reach \$75,000; insurance estimated at \$45,-000.

000. After Two Cranks. New York, Dec. 9.–Oscar Weyrauch, the bookbinder, who wrote a threating note to was transferred to the insame asylem on ward Island. Just before leaving the statutor five men to hold him. An indictment was formally filed in Gen-erank real estate agent who fired at the key Dr. John Hall, of the Fifth Arenue Presbyterian church. The indictment charges assant in the first degree. Roth is at Belieu Hospital.

Beals Threatened With Dynamite.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 10.-It is reported that David Beals, whose baby was stolen last

copper matte and of \$7,309,473 in suiver m pres and copper matte is recorded. The Sec-retary says: The value of our total trade in merchan-lise with Great Britain and Ireland unouncet to 5340,137.388, of which the value of exports was \$445,414,026 and the value of mports 1849,733,328, showing an ex-sess in exports of \$250,680,764. Our im-port and export trade with Great Britain and Ireland dewith Great Britain and Ireland forms thirty-seven per cent. of unch trade with Month America, head both fifty ive per cent. of such trade with all Europe. Dur trade with North America, head with Gre-many showed an excess of imports of \$4, 50,927, with France, of \$15,995,506. In our otal trade with Europe the excess of exports wer imports was \$44,492,675. Dur commerce in merchandise with North America, including Backico, Central Amer-ea and West Indies, amounted to \$259, 475,508, do which the value of the imports was \$163,226,079 and of the exports \$35, \$40,122, an excess of imports of \$35,676, \$30. Our total trade with South America in

Was shop, 220, 019 and 01 the exports sen-isy, 122, an excess of imports of \$63, 676, 450. Our total trade with South America in merchandise amounted to \$162, 444, 968, of which the value of the imports was \$118, 733, 365 and of the exports \$35, 706, 200, an excess). imports of \$450, 023, 270, 333, an increase of 250, 976, 455 over the exports of domestic merchandise was \$872, 270, 333, an increase of 250, 976, 455 over the exports of the preceding tiscal year, 1890, and was greater than that of any year except 1831. During the last fiscal year the value of imports of merchandise was \$264, 916, 196, an increase of \$55, 605, 767 over the imports of the fiscal year 1890. The value of free mer-chandise imported was \$363, 441, 362, and of dutiable was \$478, 674, 944, an increase in the value of free merchandise of \$100, 572, 733, and a decrease in the value of dutiable goods of \$44, 966, 995, cused mainly by the transfer of sugar and certain textiles from the dutiable to the free list by the new the dutiable of the firse list by the new

tariff. The Secretary notes an increase in exports to Brazil of \$1,307,054. The total number of immigrants arriving was 500,310, an increase of 105,017. Good progress has been made in enforcing the Alien Labor laws. The Secretary commends the Ship Subsidy haw and advises that no backward step be taken.

FIRES AND FAILURES.

Government for the Year. The annual report of Secretary Foster of the Treasury, just submitted to the Presi-dent at Washington, is almost exclusively a resume of the reports of the subordinate The total receipts of the subordinate The total receipts of the Sovernment for 1891 fel off 85,518,547.92 from those of 1897 and the ordinary expenditures increases t\$7,680,181.4. The receipts for all sources were \$448,544,555.03, and the excenditures were \$4,08,544,555.04, leaving a surplus of \$25,289,702.47; applied to the public debt, \$25,444,763.48. The revenues for the present fiscal year are setimated at \$433,600,000 and the expendi-tures at \$409,600,000 results are \$455,380. The revenues for the present fiscal year are setimated at \$433,600,000 and the expend-tures at \$409,600,000 results are \$455,380. The setimated receipts from customs are \$25,000.000. The setimated receipts from customs are \$26,000.000. The setimated receipts from customs are \$26,000.000. The setimated receipts from customs are \$27,000.000. The setimated receipts from customs are \$27,000.000. The setimated receipts from customs are \$28,000.000. The setimated receipts from customs are \$20,000.000. The boxen and mountees that the anount of the 2 per out and announces the fist on interests of the late Secretary to the fist on interests of the late Secretary Foster. The total internal revenue receipts mount to the administration of the Customs service. The total production of distilled spirits in the fiscal year, exclusive of finit brandies, was 115,902,389 gallons, an in-terease of \$4,005,415,97, and fiscal year is finit brand to the secal year, exclusive of finit brand brandies, was 115,902,389 gallons, an in-terease of \$4,005,415,97, and anounce of the the secal year of the brande

THE TREASURY REPORT.

Review of the Financial Condition of the United States.

Revenues and Expenditures of the

Government for the Year.

The employes of the Crane Iron Works at Catasaqua, Pa., 250 men, have struck for an increase of 10 per cent in their wages.

A SCAFFOLD GIVES WAY.

At Williamsburg, Ia., the principal b ness block of the town was destroyed by fire. Origin incendiary.

Origin incendiary. At Dogeville, Wis., Rudersdorf's Hotel and the offices of the Chronicle, the Sun and Eye and the Sun, a blacksmith shop, a paint shop and several other buildings were burned. Loss, \$40,000; insured.

At Ardmore, I. T., the principal business section of the town and 25 dwellargs were consumed by fire. Loss, \$100,000; insur-surance, \$60,000.

At Blair, Neb., seven business buildings were burned. Loss, 75,000 dollars. At Blissfield, O., J. A. Hule's store. Loss, 5,000 dollars; insurance, 2,000 dollars. In-condarism suspected. At MoBeth, near Scottdale, Pa., the postoffice, store and con-tents, including all mail matter. Loss, 3,000 dollars. dollars.

At Antigo, Wis., the *Republican* office, L. Strasher's and Lee Woote's stores and the Masonic hall, Loss, \$60,000; insurance, \$30,000.

30,000. The Bellefonte, Pa., Iron and Nail com-pany suspended temporarily. The cause of the failure is identified with an important that the second state of the second state of the second states. The Bellefonte mill was constructed on an old pattern and produced the old fashioned ent nails. These have been driven out of the market almost en-tirely by wire nails, which have been made years in this country. The Bellefonte mill hung on to the death, but it could not compete with the finished product of the wire nail mills.

that David Beals, whose baby was stolen last Thankäying, has received a letter from the mysterious "Ralston," who has been evad-ing the police, in which he threatens that unless the hunt for the kidnapper us stopped the residence of Beals would be blown to pieces with dynamite. A heavy guard has been placed around the house by the chief of police.

Six Children Burned to Death. Paris, Tex., Dec. 14.—Since cotton picking, began in this county six children have lost their lives by fire. Most of them were the offsprings of cotton pickers left at home by their parents. The last victim, a 2-year-old child, was burned to death Saturday in a fire built by an elder brotner.

Fireworks Explods. One Man Killed. Boston, Dec. 12-An explosion occurred in a free cracker factory connected with Mar-ten & Well's freworks plant. Andrew Schatz, aged 18, was killed, and three other employes in the building more or less se-verely injured, but not fatally. The build-ing was burned in a very short time.

Twenty-One Sailors Drowned. Genoa, Dec. 14-The boilers of the steamer Calabria, from Genoa bound for Naples, burst ashort distance ont from this port. In-cluding the passengers and crew there were 33 persons on board. Of this number 21 allors were drowned.

No part of Australia is so hot and so onhealthy as to forbid white settle-ment, and if the strip of low lying coast lands in the north be smitted there is no part of it yet colonized in whick Europeans or Americans cannot work.