AN ELOQUENT DISCOURSE.

Subject: "Cling to the Cross"—The Mul-tiplicity of Opportunities For Doing Good That Men of Talent Have Within Their Reach—Brave Stay-at-Homes. TEXT: "Thou art worth 10,000 of us." Samuel xviii., 3.

One of the most wondrous characters of his time was David. A red halred boy, he could'shepherd a fock or earry "ten loaves and ten siless of milk cheese to his brothers in the regiment," or with leathern thong, armor weighed two hundredweight of metal, or cause a lion which roared at him in rage to roar with pain as he flung it, dying, to the roadside, or could marshal a host, or rule an empire, or thumb a harp so skillfully that it cured Saul's dementia—a harp from whose strings dripped pastorals, elegies, lyrics, triumphal marches to a string of the country quietudes and statesmanship, is to fit out a military expedition. Four thousand troops, according to Josephus, were sent into the field. The companies, and the colonels in command of the companies, and the colonels in command of the companies, and the colonels in command to right wing, left wing and center. General Joab, General Abishai and General Ittal are to lead these three divisions. But who shall take the field as commander in chief? David offers his services and proposes to go to the front. He will lead them in the awful charge, for has not a cowardly nerve his stroops go into perils which he himself would not brave, and the battlefield required as much courage then as now, for the opposing forces must, in order to do any execution at all, come up to within positive reach of saber and spoar. But there came up from the troops and from civilians a mighty protest against David's taking the nation. If he went down, the empire went down; whereas, if the whole 4000 of the ranks were slain another army might be marshaled and the defeat turned into victory. The army and the nation practically cried out: "No! No! You cannot go to the front. We estimate you as 10,000 men. Thou art worth 10,000 of us."

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and yet fear that they will soon have to rattle their knife and fork on an empty dinner plate. How many have had—winter and spring and summer and fall—clothing for sixty years, but expect an empty:wardrobe shortly! How many have lived under free institutions all their days, but fear that the United States may be telescoped in some foreign collision! Oh, but the taxes have gone up! Yes, but thank God, it is easier with money to pay the taxes now that they are up than it was without money to pay the taxes when they were down. We want a few men who have faith in God and that mighty future which holds several things, among them a millennium. Columbaus said to his friend, "Defcolus, why are you always smilling?" The reply was, "Becausen on one can take my God from me!" We want more men to feel that they have a mission to cheer others and to draw up the corners of people's mouths which have a long while been drawn down, more Davids who can shepherd whole flocks of bright hopes, and can play a harp of encouragement, and strike down a Goliath of despair, and strike the despair and strike the strike and strike the strike and strike and

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of the derrick and seriously burned and injured. The derrick and sother valuable property were destroyed.

Elmer Fisher, 17 years old, while adjusting a belt at the Rochester cut glass works, at Rochester, had his right arm caught in the shafting and was whirled around three times before being rescued. His arm was almost torn from the shoulder. It had to be amputated.

The safe in the station of the Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston road at California, was blown open the other night, but the burglars did not secure anything of value. This is the third time that burglars have effected an entrance to the station.

A tramp who had been ordered away from the home of M. F. Kelly, a rallroal man at Bellevernon, a few days ago returned and set the house on fire. His act was discovered in time to save the house.

The Washington county courts have confirmed the appointment of Jas. W. Drape, of Pittsburg, as receiver of the Washington Glass Manufacturing Co. of Washington, his bond of \$100.000 having been duly approved and filed on record.

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Joseph Gibbs of Monessen was held up by colored men the other night and robbed of \$90 and a watch.

Edward Donin, aged 25, was nearly cut in half and both legs were crushed from the feet to the thigh by a freight train at Mcadville a few nights ago. In bidding his friends goodby he fell off the train.

Fred Rose, a miner empfoyed by the Berwind-White company, at Horatio, near DuBois, fell down Shaft No. 5 while at work and was instantly killed. He leaves a widow and several children.

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FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

House.

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY.

The House reversed the decision of the committee of the whole last Friday when the appropriation for the support of the civil service commission was stricken out of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. In committee, where members do not go on record, the appropriation was stricken out by a vote of 67 to 61. To-day when the roll was called the appropriation was restored, the motion to strike out being defeated 95 to 119. The House, by special order, decided to proceed with the consideration of the naval personnel bill as soon as the bill for the codification of the laws of Alaska was out of the way. About seventy additional pages of the latter bill were covered, leaving almost one hundred pages still undisposed of.

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THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY.

The house to-day completed and passed the bill for the codification of the criminal laws of Alaska, upon which it has been working intermittently for a week. An amendment was adopted providing a high license system in the territory with a species of local option. It provides that a yearly license may be issued for the manufacture or sale of liquor in quantities of not less than five gallons, not to be drunk upon the premises, upon the payment of a fee of \$1,000. No license, however, can be issued unless evidence is produced before the court showing that a majority of the white citizens within two miles of a place for which a license is asked shall consent. The amendment prohibits the sale of liquor to minors and gives every husband, wife or child, parent, guardian, employer or other person injured in person and property in consequence of intoxication the right to exemplary damages from the pelon who, by sale, may have caused with intoxication. The sale of liquor to Indians or half-breeds is production.

THIRTY-NINTH DAY.

The House passed the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill without amendment. The bill is the sixth of the regular appropriation bill carries \$1,05,533, \$125,456 less than the estimates and \$46,675 less than the current law. All diplomatic and consular offices in the Hawaiian islands, Porto Rico and Cuba were abolished by the bill.

Mr. Carmack (Dem., Tenn.) delivered a carefully prepared argument in opposition to the policy of the adminstration relative to the Philippines. The President, he declared, was now waging war upon his own responsibility for his own purpose. This war for the conquest of the Philippines. The President, he declared, was now waging war upon his own responsibility for his own purpose. This war for the conquest of the Philippines. The President, he declared, was now waging war upon his own responsibility for his own purpose. This war

Little business was transacted by the Senate in open session. Sixteen bills on the private pensions calendar were passed and a joint resolution extending the thanks of Congress to Miss Clara Barton and other officials of the Red Cross society for their beneficent work in Armenia and Cuba was adopted.

FORTIETH DAY.

In the Senate McLaurin, of South Carolina, took strong ground in a carefully prepared speech against a policy of expansion by this country. He cited as one of the principal reasons why the United States should not assume dominion over people who are widely dissimilar to the people of this coun-

try, the experience of the South with the negro race. He advocated the adoption of the Vest resolution, de-claring that this country could not maintain permanently as colonies such territory as the Philippines, and held that it would be in opposition to the spirit of American institutions to do

Sullivan, of Mississippi, and Pasco, of Florida, discussed the pending Nicaragua Canal bill, the former supof Florida, discussed the pending Nicaragua Canal bill, the former sup-porting it and the letter opposing it.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

In the House last Thursday these nominations for United States senator were made: By Mr. Marshall, of Allegheny, Senator Quay: Mr. Dixon, of Elk, George A. Jenks, of Brookville: Mr. Keater, of Philadelphia, named Congressman Charles W. Stone, of Warren; Mr. Young, of Tioga, named Charles Tubbs, of Tioga; Mr. Allen, of Philadelphia, named J. F. Downing, of Erie; Mr. Randall, of Chester, named Judge John Stewart, of Chambersburg: Mr. Edwards, of Bucks, named Congressman John Dalzell, of Pittsburg; Mr. Alexander, of Clearfield, named Col. E. A. Irwin, of Clearfield, named Col. E. A. Irwin, of Clearfield, Mr. Wilson, of Westmoreland, named Col. George F. Huff, of Greensburg.

In the senate last Thursday Senator In the senate last Thursday Senator Cochran, of Lycoming, on behalf of the Democrats, formally placed Hon. George A. Jenks of Jefferson county in nomination for the United States senatorship. This opened the gates, and Republican candidates for the senatorship were named as follows: By Mr. Flinn, of Allegheny. Congressman John Dalzell, of Allegheny: by Mr. Weller, of Bedford, ex-Congressman Charles W. Stone, of Warren; by Mr. Holtzworth, of Philadelphia, E. A. Irwin, of Clearfield; by Mr. Henry, of Philadelphia, Hon. Charles Tubbs, of Tloga; by Mr. Rice, of Bucks, ex-Congressman George F. Huff, of Westmoreland.

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trade has been taken by West Virginia coal producers.

A six-foot seam of coal has been found at Germantown. Ill. A company was formed last spring to prospect this territory. Henry Hoff is president of the company.

Canadian Peat Fuel Co., of Toronto. Ont., is making a fuel which the local paper says a trial on Central Ontario Ry. "proved to be equal to the best coal."

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Henry Arthur Jones is a devoted cyclist, and most of his plays are thought out while the author is awheel.

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TRADE REVIEW.

Americans Investing Heavily Without Recalling
Their European Loan-Markets Firm
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R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade reports for the last week as follows: Contrary to the French saying, the expected has occurred. Raping advance in prices of iron and steel products have had their immediate effect, perhaps not to the lasting benefit of the industry, for there is the same reason for doubt as to its permanence as in 1895, when shrinkage of buying and reaction soon carried prices lower than before. But there is now larger-demand for many other products, and, without unwieldy combinations, all are doing well. Throughout the country was never in as strong a financial position as even governors of London banks admit, one stating that, as London has financed America, heretofore, now, for the first time, New York is financing Europe.

No evidence of weakness is seen in the other branches of industry, nor in those upon which the great excess of exports most depend. Wheat and cotton still go out largely. Europe is buying because it has needs, and New York is lending to Europe nobody knows how many millions, because there is for the present no need to call loans. The receipt of \$2,500,000 gold from Australia is announced at San Francisco.

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Americans are in the humor to invest in their own country, and have a great amount of money to put out without recalling any of their loans to Europe, so that the heavlest transactions ever known in the stock exchange have occurred during the week without the evidences of reaction for which many strong operators have been looking.

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In products also, the position of the country grows stronger. Last year's exports of wheat and corn were far beyond all precedent, but the past week has seen exports of 4,237,686 bushels of wheat, flour included, against 3,216,470 bushels last year from Atlantic ports, and in two weeks 9,452,109 bushels, against 5,086,78 last year, besides exports in two weeks 9,452,109 bushels, against 2,340,000 last year. Meanwhile corn exports have been in two weeks 7,199,313 bushels, against 6,091,578 bushels, last year. It is quite impossible to account for such movements on the theory that at current prices this country is underselling the world, and has great quantities yet to move at similar prices. There was an advance of 114c in wheat during the week, and ic in corn, but without any insignation that supplies are running short, and the western receipts of wheat have been in two weeks 8,649,899 bushels, assunst 5,553,250 last year.

Neither is there evidence of weakness in the great industries, The output of pig iron January 1 was 243,516 tons, against 235,528 December 1, showing a product about 8,000 tons weekly more than has been estimated, with a further decrease of 37,449 tons in stocks unsold during December. But while the Australian order for 32,000 tons is still on the market, with an other European order for 15,000 tons is still on the market, with an plates, the mills are so crowded that prices are, moving up rapidly. Bessemer pig iron is only 100; higher at Pittsburg and gray forge 15c, but plates advanced 10c, angle 5c, and cut wire nails have been advanced 10c by the combination.

Wool is stillly held at the West, although at Boston Ohio XX is quoted at 265c, although much higher at Philadelphia. The woolen industry has been hampered beyond all expectations by the extraordinary stocks yet unsold.