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In the Antipodes.

From the Philadelphia North American.
State Senator Bucklin, of Colorado, who has just returned from Australasia, where he has been investigating the colonial tax system by authority of the Colorado legislature, has brought back an interesting budget of information. He finds that New Zealand is steadily moving in the direction of the single tax. Local option in taxation prevails there, and one district after another is putting its taxes on land values.

The advanced social legislation in New Zealand on various lines is so popular that the progressive party has remained in power through several elections, and now is almost without opposition. There are no tramps and no visible destitution in the colony. Land speculation has been killed. Employment is more assured than with us, living expenses are less and life is "less strenuous and exhausting."

In all the Australian colonies, of course, the governments own the railroads and telegraphs. There is equal service for all, and trusts do not have the assistance of transportation systems in crushing out competitors. There is no disposition anywhere to return to private ownership. On the contrary, the few remaining private roads are going into the possession of the public.

When Senator Bucklin landed at Bluff, on the extreme southern point of the South Island of New Zealand, he sent a telegram to Auckland, 1,100 miles, for sixpence. The message had to go for a considerable part of its journey through a rough and thinly populated country, and it had to travel fifty miles or more by cable.

When Mr. Bucklin got to San Francisco he sent a message to his wife in Colorado, about the same distance, and the cost was 75 cents—just six and a half times the New Zealand rate. The dispatch went by land, over a route that was carrying an immense amount of through business, which was lacking in New Zealand, and the cost of transmitting it must have been much less than in the antipodes.

New Zealand and Colorado have a good deal in common. The women vote in both, for one thing. Perhaps when Mr. Bucklin's report is read Colorado may introduce some more New Zealand experiments in this country.

Shutting Off Steam.

"Shall we stop our advertising for a while now?" This is a question that some business men are apt to ask themselves occasionally. Suppose your engineer asked you: "Shall I stop putting coal on the fires, sir?" What would you reply? "Why, no—unless you want the engine to stop!"

The advertiser who thinks he has advertised so long and so steadily that "our name and specialties are well known, and we intend to advertise again when business is better in our line than it appears to be now; the meantime our business won't stop," should pause and think awhile.

The engine does not stop the minute the men suspend shoveling in coal. The point is, however, that when the engine is to be started again, ten times as much will have been lost in power as has been saved in fuel and feed. Using up reserve force never pays. It is a loss, however it may be looked at.

The buying public is prone to forget. It is, moreover, much more difficult and much more expensive, to regain a lost customer than to prevent his straying away.

Are the trusts good for workingmen? Well, the steel trust paid \$400,000 to the proprietors of the Joliet steel mills for shutting down and throwing 2,300 men out of work. The proprietors had the \$400,000 and the men had to face starvation.

We believe it was the trouble of Mr. Carnegie's works that spelled the chances of Mr. Harrison's re-election, and it looks as though the history of eight years ago will repeat itself this fall.

A VAST ARMY.

Men Employed in the Minnesota Pineeries This Winter.

Contracts for the delivery of about 600,000,000 feet of pine logs to mills in this section by railroad have recently been closed. This is in addition to the enormous quantity that will be handled on logging railroads owned by the companies that also do the logging. Of these contracts the Wisconsin divisions of the Northern Pacific Road has closed a total of about 250,000,000 feet, part of which will be delivered at this city and part at Ashland, The Duluth & Iron Range Road will haul 150,000,000 feet to this city, and the other iron range roads about 100,000,000 feet. These contracts are for deliveries during the coming winter, and are an indication of the activity in the pine lumbering section at the head of the lakes. As much more will be handled in the northeastern part of Minnesota and the Ashland, Wis., districts this winter on roads owned by distinctively logging corporations.

In Northern Minnesota alone an army of 15,000 men will attack the standing pine, assisted by thousands of horses and oxen. These men will receive an aggregate monthly wage of about \$400,000, and they will be employed till the spring breakup. Lumbermen look for a continuation of the present era of activity and high prices for a long time, indeed they expect never to see the low prices for pine of the past few years. The supply is becoming more and more limited year by year. New forests are entered by such an army of choppers, and the standing pine yet remaining uncut is rapidly becoming the property of manufacturing corporations large enough to hold till they are ready to cut, while the demand is increasing at a rate faster than the capacity of the mills. A very large share of lumber cut in this region, especially in lower grades, goes into boxes and packing cases, and that the price of these grades should have advanced 50 per cent in the past nine months is an indication of how tremendous the demand for boxes has become.

Lumbermen of this district have never before made such a large amount of money before late in the winter, or until sawing began in the spring. But last week sales were made here of 30,000,000 feet of the lowest grades of the cut to be made after next April at top prices. Several mills sold their entire season's cut of these grades, realizing \$10.50 for what was worth \$6.50 last February. \$10 for what they brought \$8.50, and \$8.50 for a grade that in past years has been considered worth almost nothing and that has been figured as about paying the saw bill. Every lumberman who will dispose of his product in advance is being impetuous to do so, and 400,000,000 feet of Duluth lumber could be sold in a week to buyers from New York, New England, Eastern Michigan and Chicago. This would be practically all next year's cut for the mills on deep water in this harbor.

Shipments by water to these Eastern points out of Lake Superior will exceed 1,000,000,000 feet, and a single month's forwardings are more than was sent in a whole summer so lately as 1897. More than 125 ships have been engaged exclusively in the carrying of lumber from this lake to the East this year, and at prices that have paid profits that would buy the ships at last spring's values. Many a ship contracted last spring for the season with a forwarder at the lease might buy water in the year at a then agreed figure has already been bought under the option out of its own net profits for the summer. Rates have been more than double the year before, and for most of the season there have been half a dozen cargoes for every available vessel.

For the first time railroads have invaded the cargo market and have carried scores of million of feet of timber from here to points as far East as Pittsburgh and Central Pennsylvania, making rates satisfactory to themselves under those the ship interests would accept.

Timber lands have doubled and trebled in price the past season, and are still advancing, with sales amounting to millions of dollars monthly.—Minneapolis Times.

A Horseless Farmer.

For 30 years William Johnson, a farmer near Kokomo, Ind., has run a farm of six acres and never had a horse on the place. He is known throughout the section as "the horseless farmer." He raises corn, potatoes, cabbage, celery, melons and all kinds of vegetables, all the land being under cultivation. Johnson and his wife work themselves by hand planters and hand harvesters. Even the marketing is all done by hand. He trundles his crops to town in a wheelbarrow, making an average of three trips a day the year round. In the 30 years Johnson and his wheelbarrow have travelled 168,000 miles—nearly seven times around the world. When a horse is killed by a horse, and since then he has had nothing to do with horses.—N. Y. Tribune.

Killarney Lakes Bring \$225,000.

The large hall of the Ancient concert rooms was crowded at the auction sale of the Muckross estate, which includes the Lakes of Killarney. The bidding started at \$25,000, but the price soon jumped to \$45,000. Then the bidding slackened, but crawled up slowly, by \$500 at a time, till it reached \$250,000. The vendor then bid \$51,000, and the sale was adjourned. Three Dublin solicitors were practically the only bidders. It is announced that private tenders for the estate will now be considered.—Dublin Cor. Chicago Inter.

Policeman's Unique Excuse.

Officer Charles Kemble, of Long Island City, N. Y., was charged with being absent from duty for one hour. He excused himself on the ground that he overslept while in a Turkish bath. "It is a fact," said Police Commissioner Abel, "that Turkish baths are very seductive. The next time you go into one insist upon the attendants' rousing you in time, though he perish in the attempt."

The Commissioner, after administering a gentle reprimand to the officer, dismissed the case.

It has been asserted that a captive balloon at Estocout should easily be able to make signals to the balloon at Ladysmith, heliographing by day and flashing signals at night.

HOUSE OF SORROW.

The Traveler Couldn't Expect Very Effusive Courtesy.

The Colonel halted his horse in front of a Dakota dugout and uttered a vigorous "Hello!" and after a minute a half-headed girl of about 16 years of age showed up and looked him over and said:

"Now then, what ye whoopin' fur and who be ye?"
"Can I get anything to eat here?"
"Not a thing."
"Add water for my horse?"
"The spring's gone dry."
"How far is it to the river?"
"Junno."
"Please ask your father to step out."
"Pop's bin on a drink for a week."
"And your mother?"
"She's got the toothache. That's her crying."
"Haven't you got a brother?"
"Yep, but he got snake-bit yesterday and don't feel well."
"Well, what about you?" persisted the Colonel. "You seem to be all right."
"Oh, but I ain't," she replied, as she made ready to disappear. "I was to get married yesterday, but my fellow got shot by an Injun, and it'll take two weeks to ketch on to another. This 'ere house of sorrow, sir, and you will please to ride on and not ask any more fool questions."—N. Y. Sun.

Rejected His Suit.



"Come, my dearest, come, my darling. Turn not from my suit away."

Has a Past That Clings.

"Bob" Palmer, the comedian, had been originally a billiardist, a fact generally known among his colleagues of the stage. One evening, when dressed for the character of Sir Brilliant Fashion, he strutted into the greenroom with the buckles sparkling on his shoes and a fine diamond on his fingers. A brother actor inquired if his gem was real. "To be sure they are; I wear nothing but diamonds," was the reply, whereupon Bannister remarked: "I congratulate you, Bob, for I remember when you wore nothing but paste." Palmer did not take the joke with becoming good humor, and an angry altercation ensued, which was only broken when Mrs. Jordan cried out: "Why don't you stick him against the wall, Bob? Stick him against the wall!"—Argonaut.

Then He Quit.

Dr. Emily Blackwell, one of the pioneers of her sex in medicine, heard a young physician deliver a fierce diatribe against opening the doors of the profession to women. When he ceased she asked: "Will you please tell me one reason why they should not practice medicine?" "Certainly, madam; they haven't the muscle, the brawn, the physical strength." "I see, sir, your conception of a sick-room is a slaughter-house; mine is not."—Argonaut.

Experience vs. Arithmetic.

Teacher—Johnny may stand up to recite. Now, Johnny, suppose I borrow \$50 from your father and agree to pay \$5 a week, how long will it be before he gets his money?
Johnny—Just one week.
Teacher—Oh, think again; that's not right.
Johnny—Yes, it is. I know my father. He'd have you up in the Courts by that time.—New York World.

Its Field.

"I have an invention which will revolutionize the world," said the boaster. "There ought to be a great demand for something like that in Central and South America," replied the matter-of-fact man.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Historical Item.

Tommy—"Paw, who it was it said the voice of the people is the voice of God?"
Mr. Figg—"I've forgotten now, but I'll bet he didn't say it just after getting defeated at the polls."—Indianapolis Journal.

Safe From Drowning.

Winter Visitor (in Florida)—"I should love dearly to go sailing, but it looks dangerous. Do not people often get drowned in this bay?"
Waterman—"No, indeed, mum. The sharks never lets anybody drown."—New York Weekly.

Price of Affection.

The Mother—"I am sure you would learn to love my children."
Nurse—"What wages do you pay?"
The Mother—"Eighteen pounds a year."
Nurse—"I am afraid, ma'am, I could only be affectionate with them at that price."—Glasgow Evening Citizen.

New Version.

It has been said that speech was given man to conceal his thoughts. This is not the true answer. Speech was given to man to prevent other people from talking.—Boston Transcript.

Good Medical Advice.

Graduate—"Now that I have my medical diploma, Professor, where would you advise me to practice for wealth?"
Professor—"In any first-class flash report."—Detroit Free Press.

SAVING SYSTEM.

That of France Tends to Form Habits of Thrift.

The Government report on the operations of the savings banks of France in 1897 shows that the thrifty habits of the French people in the matter of small savings are well maintained. The aggregate amount due depositors at the end of the year was \$661,329,700, an increase of about \$4,000,000 over the preceding year. The number of bank books in use was 6,775,000, representing one depositor for every five and a half persons in the country. Under the law of 1895 the maximum deposit is now 1,500 francs, or \$289.50, and the average deposit less than \$28.

In the number of depositors and in the amount of savings France is, however, in proportion to population, far behind those states in this country in which the savings bank system is established. New York, with 1,805,880 accounts and \$766,684,916 of deposits, and Massachusetts, with 1,384,289 accounts and \$473,918,094 of deposits, lead the list, but in the New England States and in New Jersey, Maryland and California the per capita deposits are far beyond those of any country of Europe. Comparisons based on these figures, however, would be unfair, as the limit of the individual deposit is much higher in this country. In France the savings bank is strictly what the name implies—not a bank of deposit for capital, but a convenient means for the accumulation of petty savings too small to be taken care of in any other way. Accounts are opened for sums as small as one cent per month, and children's deposits are encouraged. Of the total depositors in 1897 the number of millions was 95,588 boys and 92,800 girls.

It is the care of these savings and of those of the widows which is the special function of the French savings bank system. The system tends to form the habit of prudence and thrift in the young—an excellent thing too much neglected in this land of the free and the happy-go-lucky.—N. Y. World.

BOY'S HEROISM.

Made Him Heir to a Fortune of One Million Dollars.

Cornelius McCarthy, the proprietor of a little cigar store at Sixteenth and Jackson streets, Philadelphia, has fallen heir to a fortune estimated at no less than \$1,000,000. His old friend, John McCarthy, with whom he passed many days as a boy, died a few days ago at his home in Ireland and left it to him. His benefactor had been Postmaster, Peace Commissioner and a man of much influence in the County of Cork.

If he bore any relationship at all to Cornelius McCarthy it was very distant. But the old man had never married and had no close kin. When he returned to Ireland, after a rough but successful experience in the Australian gold fields, a warm attachment grew up between him and young Cornelius, who had then a post boy employed at the office of which the rich man had been placed at the head.

One day the old man tried to ford the river Lee on horseback, and his horse floundered in the swift current and pitched his rider into the river, where he struck his head on a rock and was drowned.

Cornelius, riding by his side, jumped in and pulled him out. This act was never forgotten. When the boy made a resolve to start out himself in search of fortune the old man placed £10 in his hand, and he has written the young man frequently since the latter came to Philadelphia. The newly made millionaire is about 30 years of age and has a wife and little girl. The letter which bore his good luck was from James Hickey, a lawyer in Cork.

Russian Alcohol Monopoly.

The monopoly of the sale of alcohol in Russia, says the Chicago Tribune, was applied January 1, 1896, in four eastern provinces; on July 1, 1896, to nine others in the south and southwest and in 1897 to all the rest. The fiscal result has been most satisfactory. The receipts from taxes were 37,000,000 rubles, while under the new system the Government receives 56,000,000 rubles. Le Monde Economique, in a discussion of the monopoly, asserts that from a hygienic point of view the monopoly has had good results. A better quality of spirits is sold, the number of dram-shops has been reduced, the sale of liquor on credit has been suppressed, and increased deposits in the Government savings banks show that a smaller proportion of the earnings of the peasants is spent for liquor. Finally, there has been a noticeable diminution in drunkenness and in those crimes and misdemeanors which are caused by intoxication.

Schoolgirl's Good Fortune.

Miss Thelma Smith, the eighteen-year-old daughter of a retired farmer, Thomas Smith, has fallen heir to \$1,000,000. Her granduncle, Richard W. Smith, of Glasgow, Scotland, has signed a contract to settle \$1,000,000 on her when she arrives at the age of 21 in consideration of her going to Glasgow to live with him and brighten his last years. She will graduate from the local high school in June, and will go to Glasgow in August next. Her uncle is 92 years old. He is now residing in Chicago, Ill., and Elroy, Wis.—Stevens Point, Wis., Cor. Chicago Inter Ocean.

Huge Panther Shot.

For 10 years a huge wild animal has made its home in the dense undergrowth of the big hills 12 miles south of this place. It has been seen many times prowling around farm buildings at night, but always escaped. A few days ago James B. Woodward, while hunting in the hills, saw the animal in the bushes and succeeded in killing it. It proved to be a big panther. Farmers in the neighborhood breathe easier, as the animal was a continual menace to live stock.—St. Joseph, Mich., Cor. Chicago Chronicle.

Awkward Substitution.

"Father is it a crime to kill an editor?"
"Not before a jury of delinquent subscribers."
"Well, I'll take the chances. Here the Buzzard has gone and published a portrait of that awfully homely Miss Scaggs and put my name under it."
"Poor Miss Scaggs."—Cleveland Leader.

GEORGIE'S STORY.

He Tells How Paw Learned to Doctor the Baby.

"I Like to no," says Paw. "How the hed of a Family Kin ern a Live in the Day time if He Don't git no Rest at nite. Here I am paying fifteen Dollars a Week for a nurse what Don't seem to no Enny more about a Baby than me and Not Haff as much Blame I had two before this one. It's a Blem swindol, all this trained Nurse bizness they go into in the sitty. Look at our Muthers Out in the country. They Didn't Haff to have no Frills like these when the Family was Gittin so Big they Had to Bld a naddishen onto the house Every year or so. But you Got to have a trained nurse now or they won't Let you in Society enny more Than of you Done your own Housework and Didn't go round tellin' Folks it was Becoz you advertised at times for a Hired Gurl and never got a nanser."

The nurse Told paw he wasn't Fit to be a father, and he was agoin' to Talk Back, only Little abert throwed a Tooth Brush at the pupp and nocked a Hole thru one of the Windows, so they drop the Subject.

After Breckfast an Fanny come in, and when she Heard about the Baby being sick she says:
"You must stop given it that kind of food rite away. When my little Florence was born she had the same kind of Trubble, so I fed her condensed milk and she cum thru all rite."

Purty soon Mrs. Rawson and Mrs. Pond came in.
"My good nuss," Mrs. Rawson sed when paw told her about the Condensed milk; "Don't give her That. It would Kill the poor Little Thing. I always Bring my Babies up on Stunley's otes water, and They never Give me a Bit of trubble."

"I wouldn't Dare to give no child of mine that Kind of stuff," Mrs. Pond told paw. "You mite as well feed it Green Cucumbers and be Done with it. They ain't nothink Like Malted milk fer a Baby with the Colick, and if this nurse Had enny sentz she would of knowed it at the start."

They was about Half a Dozen other Ladies Come while paw was Thinkin' about it to tell Him what to be Done, and nearly all of them sed they Had the Best Doctor on erth and paw to change Before it was too Late or we wouldnt Have no luck with the Child.

After they all Got thru paw went to the Basket where the Baby was Sleepin' as peaceful as a Lam, and looked at it a Long time, and then He went out in the Hall, and got little albert's drum and Begin to pound it and Jump up and down and Sing git Your nunnys Wurth.

Purty soon After that the Docketer come, and Him and the Nurse sneaked up Behind and the Furst thing paw new the Docketer was Holdin his arms fast to His side and tryin to push Him into a closet where they wanted to Lock Him up.

"Here, confound it," paw Hollered, "what are you tryin to Do?"
"Be Cam," the Docketer told Him. "We are your friends. We are Goin to putreck it. It's all rite."

"No, it ain't," paw Hollered. "You may think it is, but I ain't Payin You three dollars a Visit to come Here and Try to play Horse with me."

By that ime The Docketer seen paw wasent Crazy so he let go and ast what he ment by makin such a Racket.
"I was tryin to keep the Baby awake in the Day time so it would Give a purty good Chance to sleep a Little at nite," paw told Him.

"Then I Take it all Back," the Docketer sed. "I that the Wimmen what are always Cummen in and Tellen what to Do with the Babies was the Worst fools on earth, but they aint." GEORGIE.
—In Chicago Times-Herald.

An Extinguisher.

Thump, thump! Rattle, rattle, crash! Young Percy Stonebrooke rolled down the steps of the palatial residence of Mr. Goldmonds.

Mr. Goldmonds returned to the house, rolling down his sleeves.
"Papa, oh, papa, what have you been doing?"

This question came in anguished tones from the ruby lips of Arabella Goldmonds.

"Putting out the light of your life," answered papa, who had done a little sand-dropping in the hall the night before.—Baltimore American.

Natural Results.

"I understand that many of the volunteers in the Philippine Islands are getting married," said Cawker.
"It would not be strange if some marriages followed so many engagements," added Cumsno.—Detroit Free Press.

Couldn't Be Disputed.

Hoax—There goes a woman whose husband has had one foot in the grave for many years.
Hoax—Why, I thought he was dead.
Hoax—So he is, but he was a one-legged man.—Philadelphia Record.

An Early Attraction.

Overheard in the Garden of Eden—Adam—Where's your mother? I'm getting tired of waiting for my supper.
Little Cain—She went out about four hours ago, and said there was a bargain sale at the fig-leaf counter.—Philadelphia Record.

Trop de Zele.

Proprietor (to editor)—Well, the first number of our new paper looked well, but here is one thing I don't like.
"What?"
"Why, this communication signed 'An Old Subscriber.'"—Collier's Weekly.

Well Recommended.

He—So Miss Prettyface really married one Moneybags? Whatever induced her to do it?
She—She got out from his doctor that he positively has incurable heart disease.—New York World.

A Leisure Class Ornament.

"What a petted air your cat has, Mrs. Slimmer."
"Yes; she used to catch mice—think of it! But we've fed her so well that she quit."—Indianapolis Journal.

Safe.

"Disgraceful! I should think society would turn him down."
"No danger of that. He's one of the 'high lights.'"—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Spring Announcement!

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