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VENEZUELA IS QUIET.

Minister Loomis Reports an Era of

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 .- Frank Loom is. United States Minister to Venezuela, has arrived in Washington on leave of absence from his post, Mr. Loomis says that when he left Venezuela the country was perfectly quiet so far as politica conditions were concerned. Commercial ly there has been a great improvement in affairs, and the rising price of coffee promises a period of great prosperity. American capital, he says, is going into

Venezuela in increasing quantities One corporation has just undertaken to supply Caracas, the capital of the country, with Illuminating and heating gas, manufactured at the seaport of La Guayra, 12 miles distant. Gas coal in Caracas costs \$12 a ton; at sea level the price is M, hence the projected pipe line. Another American enterprise under way la Gusyra to light Caracas by long-distance

mission of power. Loomis says that the conditions across the line in Colombia are, politically, in confusion and this has affected business unfavorably.

Just before Mr. Loomis left Caracas the two commissions appointed to delimit the boundary line in the disputes between and Great Britain Venezuela and Colombia arrived and entered upon their work. It is believed, mis said that under the award of 1896, when Spain acted as arbitrator between Veneguela and Colombia, that Venexuela will lose almost one-seventh of her territory, being almost the entire strip of country west of the Rio Negro.

Colombia-Costa Rica Boundary. PARIS, Sept. 15 .- President Loubet, actng as arbitrator in the boundary dispute between Colombia and Costa Rica, decides that the frontier between the two republics is formed by the cordillers of the mountains setting out from Punta Mona, on the Atlantic, and crossing northwards the valley from Rio Tarina to Rio Sixola, then by a line drawn at about the ninth degree of latitude be tween the Atlantic and Pacific. After wards the boundary follows a line be tween Chiriqui Viejo and the tributaries of the Gulf of Dulce, ending at Punta Buryea, on the Pacific.

The islands east and southwest of Pun-a Mona, near the coast, belong to Colombla, and those further away from the continent, lying between the Mosquito const and the Isthmus of Panama, are also Colombian territory, as well as the islands situated east of the Buryea Is-lands, including them. The islands west of this point are assigned to Costa Rica.

Havana Customs Receipts.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15,-The Division of Customs and Insular Affairs of the War Department has given out for publication a statement of the receipts at the ceipts for the month were \$581.926.

HIDING IN MONGOLIA Empress and Emperor Watching Events in Pekin.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 .- A dispatch to the Herald from Pekin says the Empress Dowager and the Emperor, with 8000 troops as a guard, are now staying with a Mongolian Prince in Mongolia, 150 miles westward of Pekin, watching events here. No pursuit of them is intended by the

If Pekin is to be held, immediate steps must be taken to meet the problem of a food supply for 500,000 population or else there will be certain starvation next Winter. The yearly contribution of the south-ern provinces of 100,000 tons of rice for the Pekin Manchus is stopped by the military operations, and part of it has been con-iscated at Tien Tsin.

The Russians are keenly pushing their interests. There are 8000 of them here now. In Manchurla they report fighting everywhere with Chinese troops, pointing to a permanent occupation down to the great wall at Shanghai Kwan. The Japanese have 10,000 men here. They occupy the whole north part of the city, the largest and richest share of all.

Shanghai Calls It a Mistake SHANGHAI, Sept. 15.-News of the contemplated withdrawal of the allies Pekin has caused a sensation, and is regarded as a great mistake, which is like ly to eventuate in disturbances in other parts of China, where the people are certain to attribute the evacuation to a dethe Chinese as a whole do not believe that the allies ever reached Pekin. They think the story a fabrication. Competent ob-servers believe that a lesson must be

Forecast of Peace Terms.

brought home to China now in order to

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.-A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Press dispatches are filed with forecasts of the peace negotiations at Pekin, and the conditions which Russia and other powers are likely to impose. The demand for the return of the Emperor to power is accurately stated without doubt, but this leaves the question of the Empress unsettled, and that lies at the the present complications. The leaders of the Boxer revolt and of the Imperial Army can never be punished if she retains any influence at the palace.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 15.—Sy-brant Wesselus, as chairman of the committee on organization, today sent out a call for a meeting to be held in Chicago, September E. at which time the American Transvaal League is to be launched as a National organization. The objects as set forth are "to promote and secure peace for the South African Republics; to spread information regarding the cause and create sentiment against the war; to raise funds for the cause and to procure a ten-Havana Custom-House for the month of funds for the cause and to procure a ten-August, 1966, showing that the total reend the war."

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Russia's Intentions in China Not Expressed in Her Note.

NEW STATEMENT BEING PREPARED

Dissolution of Parliament Expected September 25-British Liberal Party Leaderless.

LONDON, Sept. 15 .- Lord Salisbury is back at his post. Bir Chih Luh, the Chinese Minister, had a conference at the Foreign Office yesterday with the Premier. The United States, German, French and Russian representatives were also there, yet not one of the great London dailies has a word of editorial comment on the subject that is uppermost in the thoughts of the world's diplomats. It is a striking exemplification of how completely befogged is the public of every European
nation with regard to the purpose of their
representatives. The Associated Press,
however, hears from circles in close touch
with the Foreign Office that a definite exposition of the diplomatic situation and the aims of the powers may be expected early next week, together with some inkearly next week, together with some inc-ling as to how it is proposed to attain the objects in view, but that at present the main point of discussion continues to be the question whether the powers shall or shall not evacuate Pekin. This, it is reasserted, is already provisionally settled negatively by Great Britain and Germany, who are hopeful of gaining the united adhesion of the powers to a temporary post-ponement of the scheme.

In the opinion of diplomats, the way

has been somewhat cleared for the ac-complishment of this by the recent notes from St. Petersburg explaining that Rus-sia's real intent is wholly different from the meaning deduced from the text of the original proposal, as intimating that Russia may compromise. Considerable importance is attached to the semi-official statement that Russia recognizes the impossibility of the allies leaving Pekin un possibility of the allies leaving Pekin un-less the Chinese Government immediately enters, so that there shall be no interval without a government. Additional con-firmation of this view is found in the fact that Russia has resumed sending forces to China. This is entirely contrary to the supposed spirit of the Russian note. and prepares observers for a change of plans after the apparent failure of the policy favored in the original note. Officials in London take little stock in

the carping complaints of the Russo-phobes, though they are fully alive to the possibility of a Muscovite move in some possibility of a Muscovite move in some unexpected quarter, and perhaps also some surprise from Germany. They point out that many allegations of intrigue, founded on the most trivial incidents, and others like the report that Li Hung Chang is traveling under the protection of Russia alone, have already been disproved. They deprecate the attempts to manufacture international friction from such petty

Lord Salisbury's return to England has quickened speculation as to the date of the general diection. Nobody, outside the Premier's political surrounding, knows the date of the dissolution, but the kingdom will be in the throes of an election during the course of a few days. A proclamation dissolving Parliament will, in all probability, be signed at the council which the Queen-will hold at Balmoral Monday. It is likely that the date determined upon

vill be September 25. President Kruger's arrival at Delagoa Bay will suffice as a basis for the British Government to assert that the over, and the Conservatives will appeal to a presumed grateful nation on what is known here as the "khaki issue"; in other words, the military issue. There is keen and increasing activity everywhere on both sides, but even the stanchest party newspapers admit that the Liberals will enter the struggle leaderless and disnewspapers admit that the Liberais whitener the struggle leaderless and dis-united, and in a general state of con-fusion, practically precluding success. To add to the misfortunes of the Liberal physicians have peremptorily ordered John Morley, on account of throat trouble, to refrain from all speech-making for several months. The Liberals on the eve of election, are deprived of the services of one of their most able orators.

James R. Keene, who sailed for the United States today, said to a representative of the Associated Press: "I have had a long Summer's relaxa-tion from business, and am going home confident that, after the campaign in the United States, commercial affairs will experience a period of great prosperity. I have talked with President Cassatt and many other Americans and Englishmen, and all were of the same belief that there practically no limit to the possibilities of American trade in Europe: We have so much to sell and can sell so cheaply there seems to be no branch of trade in which we will be unable to compete, believe this includes coal, although, there is a lot of humbug circulating about the amount of transactions al-ready accomplished. The scarcity of English labor, due to the men absent at war, combined with the scarcity of ships, due to the same cause, has enabled mineowners to advance prices, and in due time these conditions will be modified. But England will have to keep a large stand ing army in South Africa, and this will require transports. So, until new ships are built, the present conditions will large

ly prevail, enabling the United States to obtain a permanent footing in the market "My racing experience has been pleas ant, but we have little preference between England and the United States. We intend to send more horses. Racing is more of a sport in England and more a busi-ness in the United States. But it is interesting in both places."

The conference of the Institute of Journalists, held in London the present week, under the auspices of Lord Mayor Newton, passed a number of remarkable resolutions, the results of which are awaited with a great deal of curiosity. For instance, hereafter, if the dictates of the institute are obeyed, editors must refrain from inviting contributions from persons of wealth, position, society, etc. because they thus deprive of valuable space those who are journalists by pro-fession and have no other means of liveli-hood. It was resolved also to form a mittee, whose duty is to investigate charges against papers manipulating items of news or unduly expanding cablegrams. Another committee was appointed to draw up a scheme for the examination of all persons aspiring to a newspaper career.

Dr. Clark Bell, who salled for New York from Rotterdam on the Spaarndam Sep-tember 3, said to a representative of the Associated Press before sailing: "I am by no means dissatisfied with the results of my visit in behalf of Mrs. May-brick, though the Home Secretary has yet brick, though the Home secretary has yet taken no action. The publication of Lord Russell's letter caused a profound impression. Furthermore, I have since learned on high authority that Lord Russell kept his promise to Mrs. Maybrick, and in the capacity of Lord Chief Justice prepared a long statement strongly urging

her release, and concluding as follows: In my opinion, as head of the judiciary of England, Mrs. Maybrick ought to be immediately released.' This letter was shown to Lord Hugh Cecil and others before petition to the Home Secretary (Sir Matthew White Ridley), and in the opinion of the best-informed barristers in England, those representations constituted an official act of the Chief Justice, and the Home Secretary ought so to regard them."

Home Secretary ought so to regard them.

The Times publishes a second article to-day on American competition in small metal goods. Commenting editorially upon the article, the Times arrives at the conclusion that "a protective tariff leaves trade to adapt itself to the special needs of the home market, and to only com-pete with foreign markets with surplus not especially adapted for foreign needs. We shall feel the full stress of German and American competition only when, it ever, the financial barriers which now restrain its pressure are removed.'

regarding the coming of American enterprise and capital to relieve London's traffic. That the metropolis is far behind every provincial center in many things that go to make up a modern city is beginning to be realized by Englishmen as well as by Americans; and a demand is arising for new blood-American or otherwise-capable of solv ing transit problems. One had only to attempt a journey to the city this week to realize the costly delays and vexations to which business is subjected under present conditions. The main artery from Trafalgar Square to the bank is so torn up that it takes cabs and busses 30 or 40 minutes to cover a journey of less than two miles.

Connected with all this congestion is

the great problem of housing the work-ing classes, at which the closest students of London's social problems are aghast, though they readily perceive that the only remedy, as in the case of lessening the congestion of the street, lies in a widespread network of rapid transit which, under the County Council rules must hereafter be subterranean. London therefore will gladly welcome American aid; and there is no lack of indications that Americans are actively seeking in-vestment in this and other directions. There is scarcely a hotel in London that does not contain an important representative of some American industry or en-terprise which he is actively engaged in

There is much gossip over the state ment that Charles T. Yerkes, of Chicago and New York, has secured con-trol of the stock of the Charing Cross, Euston & Hampstead underground rallroad, and it is hinted the denial made in this connection Thursday by Mr. Smith the secretary of the company, as already cabled to the Associated Press, is by no means conclusive. It is pointed out that there are some evidences of truth in these reports and Mr. Yerkes' friends openly declare that he has not only secured this valuable opening, but that his coming to London means that he will control the electrical traction system of the metropolis.

London the only place where American capitalists are engaged electrical enterprises. The next few days will probably see the completion of plans for the construction and consolidation of a system of 120 miles of suburban lines connecting Manehester, Idverpool, Bolton and a score of small towns of Northern England. This project is in the hands of "Tom" and Albert Johnson, of New York.

American cost and railroad magnates are also busy here. Robert Pitcairn, superintendent of the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, is still with the Carnegies, and President Cas-satt is watching developments at one London hotel, while the Baltimore & Ohlo people have their headquarters at another hostelry. Both parties are con-fident that American coal has found a permanent place on the Continent, if not in England. Every American Consul in Europe has been set to work to supply statistics as to the possibility of finding a market.

"The great drawback," said a promi nent member of the Baltimore & Ohlo syndicate, "is lack of transportation. It Messrs, Carnegie and Pitcairn can equip a fieet of vessels specially constructed for carrying coal, such as our iron ore and oil fleets, and give a through rate from the coal mines to Marseilles and Odessa, the United States would have the European coal market at her feet

When a clear - cut issue is again discernible in the confusion surround-Chinese difficulties, there ing the Chinese difficulties, there may be a reawakening of real interest, but at present China holds a secondary place in the public mind in England. The Parliamentary campaign is in full-swing, but Lord Salisbury has not yet taken the country into his confi-dence as to balloting day; and the consequent uncertainty gives the stump-speak ing that is going on in every constitu-ency an academic tinge. So Great Britain, lacking a more interesting topic, has returned to the consideration of the war in South Africa; and the newspapers are eagerly scanned for signs of the real end of the campaign, as Great Britain is tired of carnage.

President Kruger's dramatic retreat has led the commentators to reannounce the close of the war, but the long list of casualties and deaths in hospital, aggregating 200 a week, which continue to fill up the bulletin boards at the War Office, belle their statements. The claims hitherto made that the British losses in South Africa have been small as compared with those of other campaigns appear to need revision, judging from the recent calcula-tions made by a well-known actuary who finds that of the officers in South Africa 72.1 per thousand have been killed or died from wounds; 30.6 per thousand of the officers have died from disease, while of the men 19 per thousand have been killed or died from wounds, and \$1.8 have died

from disease. These startling statistics not only itlustrate that while the officers and men have suffered approximately equally from disease, the risks of the officers in action have been hugely disproportionate, and also that the rate of mortality in South Africa is much greater than in the Franco-German War.

Kruger's millions are the subject of disrespectful paragraphs and long nar-ratives of dispraise. The lowest esti-mate of his wealth is £1,000,000, invested abroad, while some calculators figure his wealth at £5,000,000: The Transvaal Government is supposed

to have two or three millions in Continental banks, which will be hoarded by the managing committee, Dr. Leyds says for a future rising when England is in As the period to which Lord

Salisbury has extended Lord Paunce-fote's service as British Ambassador expires in a few months, there are many conjectures as to who will suc-ceed him at Washington. Sir Henry Howard, who has been British Ministe at The Hague and Luxemburg since 1836, and who is described in this connection as "a straightforward diplomat, just such with," is rather more often mentioned than others. Sir Henry Howard has served more than once at the British Legation at Washington, and his wife is a daughter of the late George W. Riggs of Washington, D. C. He was born in 1843, and entered the doplimatic service

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Interested Powers Convinced of Harmony in China.

STATEMENT OF GERMANY'S POSITION

Berlin Press Condemns the Placing of the Recent Loan in the United States.

BERLIN, Sept. 15 .- The Chinese situadon is here deemed to be highly unsat isfactory and most complicated, though no sensational events are immediately expected, and isolated action upon the part of any one power is not anticipated. Acording to the opinion here, all the inter-

Versen, was appointed to solicit further

Between Worms and Frankenstein there has been laid bare an immense tomb with prehistoric remains 4000 years old. The skeletons show they are those of a tall, strong race. The bodies were buried in a stooping position.

Breslau University has changed the con dition of doctorate promotions in philosophy, requiring of the candidates graduation from schools similar to the German gymnasiums.

The British Embassy here knows nothing of the projected visit of Emparor William and the Crown Prince to the Queen of England, as reported by a London paper.

LOOTING IN PEKIN.

Brutal Outrages Committed in Tung Chow.

Shanghai, Sept. 13.-Looting in Pekin con-



JOHN WILSON, PIONEER MERCHANT.

ested powers are too firmly convinced of the importance of continued harmony and solidarity to jeopardise them when no necessity calls for it. It is expected in these in the sacred city. Almost every house is destitute of furniture. General will withdraw their troops hurriedly from Chaffee says he could not have believed Pekin, and it is believed the United States will not be in any greater hurry. Information has reached this city that Russia, in any event, will keep large bodies of troops in China, not only in the frontier provinces of Mongolia, Manchuria and coast districts of Pe Chi Li. The military directors of the allied forces have agreed that under the circumstances it is necessary to strengthen the tactical and strategical position of the interna-tional forces in Pei Chi Li. Russia, too, will finish the railroad from Yang Tsun

Regarding Germany's action, she will, in any case, insist on severe punishment being inflicted on the treacherous Chinese authorities, to which purpose the confession of Baron von Ketteler's as-sassion came opportunely. Germany will not accept Yung Lu as a peace negotiator, if the charges made against Yung Lu that he led the attacks against the Pekin Legations are proved. But Ger-many, though her Foreign Office insists on the principle of severe punishment. does not oppose peace with China, as shown yesterday by Dr. Mumm von Sohwarzenstein, the German Minister to China, accepting Li Hung Chang's visit

The German papers are filled with mail correspondence from China, mostly de-scribing in detail events until shortly before the march upon Pekin. All the letters agree in saying that Germany was the only power not permitting looting, and maintaining the strictest discipline among her troops.

The papers today nearly all condemp the placing of the German loan in the United States, as calculated to humiliale the nation. The Vossische Zeitung publishes figures showing the imperial ernment has 140,000,000 marks on hand,

"Why, then, borrow abroad, thus putting Germany on a par with Russia and smaller and less moneyed countries? The empire would not have found it difficult to raise the amount here, without the

The Boersen Courier, Boersen Zeltung and Cologne Volks Zeitung express them-seives similarly. The correspondent of the Associated Press learns authoritatively, however, that German Government circles have been most agreeably impressed by the manner in which the Geran loan has been taken up in the United States. The correspondent learns from a person who saw Dr. Miquel, the Min-

is highly delighted with the success of

the loan.

A London paper's statement that this is only an installment of a total loan of 200,000,000 marks is disbelieved here. The correspondent of the Associated Press called the Reichsbank officials' attention to the statement, and they refused to deny it. A representative of Dr. Miquel, however, emphatically denied it. Dr_Mi-quel informed him that the Imperial Government's needs are satisfied for the present. The Associated Press informant also contradicted the statement from New York that part of the loan will be placed in Germany. It is understood that the German Government's motive in placing the loan in America was the Berlin high financiers' dissatisfaction because the government placed the 200,000 loan of 1899 through a single bank. The government wanted to show the high financiers that it is independent.

The Socialist party convention will open tomorrow at Mayence. The Socialist Women's Conference will begin the same day. The first convention's chief point of issue is whether generally of issue is whether generally to partici-pate in the Prussian Diet elections.

A meeting of Americans has been held at the United States Embassy here in aid of the Texas sufferers. Resolutions of sympathy were passed and 2000 marks were subscribed. A committee, consisting of Secretary Jackson, Rev. Dr. Dickie and Consul-General Frederick von stronger today.

tinues, both authorized and unauthorized. eupled by foreigners, the palaces and those in the sacred city. Almost every house is destitute of furniture. General Chaffee says he could not have believed that any city would ever be given over so completely to looters, and he earnestly

and other highly placed Chinese personwho blindly followed them.

General Fukushima, the Japanese com-mander, informed General Chaffee that brutal outrages were being committed in Tung Chow. He told the American commander that he had positive information that many women had thrown themselves into wells or committed suicide in other ways after having been outraged, and that there were several authentic cases wherein coolles had been killed under peculiarly atrocious conditions. He requested General Chaffee to investigate and then to co-operate with him to check these barbarities as far as possible. General Chaffee ordered Major Muir to proceed immediately to Tung Chow, and

At a council of Generals today, the Russian General Linevitch said he had received information that two forces of Boxers, one numbering 10,000 and the other 4000, were marching from the south to endeavor to cut the communication the tions of the allies between Pekin and Tien Tsin. It was finally decided that the line was sufficiently guarded, as the allies would certainly receive definite tidings of the approach of the Boxers in time to mobilize at any given point. The council merely issued orders for increased vigil-The telegraph line has been closed against press messages, because of the

NO POWER TO NEGOTIATE. Neither Ministers Nor Commanders

Can Treat With Ching.

enormous government business.

PEKIN, Sept. 7, via Taku, Sept. 13, and Shanghal, Sept. 15.—At a meeting of the foreign Ministers here, it has been decided that they have no power at present to treat with Prince Ching. The Gen-erals of the powers also think they cannot treat with the Prince. The Russian legation, it is understood, has been or-dered to be withdrawn, and this is believed to indicate that the future of China must be decuied by an international com-mittee in some foreign capital. Sir Robert Hart, the director of the

Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs, has informed the foreign Generals that they must be prepared for future hostilities, that the Chinese troops are concentrat-ing and moving on the line of communication between Pekin and Tien Tsin, and that it is thought trouble may be looked for in November, General Chaffee belleves he has sufficient troops to hold out

against any attack. Minister Conger has received reliable news to the effect that all Americans at Pao Ting Fu have been killed. It is be-lieved that eight missionaries were there. Prince Ching informed Minister Conger that the Emperor is to return to Pekin. The Prince says the Emperor and the entire court are in small villages 60 miles away. He will not endeavor to negotiate until the arrival of Li Hung Chang, who is expected here shortly.

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Lieutenant Benjamin B. Hyer, commanding 60 men of the cavalry, was recently attacked near here by 500 Boxers. put them to rout, his force killing 25 and capturing some rifles and treasure. There were no American casualties.

Marcus Daly's Condition.

NEW YORK, Sept, 15.-Marcus Daly, the millionaire copper mineowner of Montana is very seriously ill at the Hotel Netherland in this city. Mr. Daly arrived here on the Etruria a week ago and has since been in condition of much suffering, occasioning anxiety to his friends and trouble. He was reported somewhat

Pioneer Merchant, Scholar and Book-Lover.

BEGAN BUSINESS IN PORTLAND, 1850

Paunder of the House of Olds & King -Owner of the Finest Library In the State.

John Wilson, one of Portland's pioneer business men, founder of the house of Olds & King, scholar, book-lover and owner of the finest private library in Ore-PEKIN, Sept. 3, via Taku, Sept. 7, via gon, died at his residence, corner Fourteenth and Taylor streets, yesterday morning, aged 74. For some time he had been a sufferer from Bright's disease, and he had been confined to his bed for the past four months. Four children survive him-Mrs. W. L. Jones, Mrs. Edwin Caswell, Robert W. Wilson and George W. Wilson.

The deceased was a native of Ardes, Ireland, and came to Portland in 1850 via Cape Horn. In that year he became a clerk in the general merchandise store of the original firm of Allen & Lewis, located then, as now, on Front street. Six years later he formed a partnership with L. H. Wakefield, who was at one time Postmaster of this city, and is now a resident of 3an Francisco. Their trade consisted of general merchandise, as did all of the mercantile establishments of those days, and was conducted on Front street, between Morrison and Alder, until 1871, when the location was changed to Third street, between Morrison and Yamhill. In 1860 Mr. Wilson bought the interests of his partner, and from that time until 1878 he carried on the business alone. Three years after he assumed complete control. He erected a building on Third street, between Morrison and Alder, and it was while occupying this building in 1878 that he concluded to dispose of his oursiness and retire from mercantile pur-suits. He sold out to W. P. Olds and S. W. King, who then established the firm of Olds & King, which has since given place to the corporation known by that

Following his retirement he devoted his attention to his real estate holdings, which by that time had attained considerable value. On the quarter block at the corner of Fourth and Alder streets owned by him he erected the Holton House in 1881, the name of which has since been changed to the Belvedere Hotel. At the time of his death he was also the owner of the property occupied by the Blumauer-Frank Drug Company, on Fourth street, between Alder and Morrison, and a strip of the same width extending

through to Third street.

Among his associates in business Mr. Wilson was considered a man of the best qualities in every sense of the word, of the highest order of intellectual ability, and of unwavering integrity in all his re-lations. Although he was of an unpreven-tious and retiring nature, he was kind and considerate to all, and quietly and withthat any city would ever be given over full confidence of all whom he met. With his intimate friends he disclosed more of desires the co-operation of every nation to prevent this. to prevent this.

his innate modesty and dislike of anything approaching display had a tendency plain because the sacred city has not been to hold in check the rich conversational instruct those fortunate en ages who were behind all the trouble hearers. He took a deep interest in adu-should be made to suffer more than those cational matters, and during his many cational matters, and during his many years' service as a School Director here his intelligent and careful work did much to put them in their present high state of efficiency.

> clerk in Mr. Wilson's store for 10 years, had an intimate knowledge of his business and social life, and speaks of him in the most eulogistic terms. "He was does not know intimately," said Mr. Olds yesterday: "one that does a great deal of thinking and a great deal of good. Of the strictest probity, and of unusual capability as a merchant, a man of classical education and remarkable culture, during all his life he had been a great student, and his mind was stored with the choicest learning in every field of knowledge. He had graduated from a the North of Ireland, and had originally intended to enter the ministry. He was extremely unpretentious in every way, and in a quiet way was always a contributor to charitable objects. To his employes he was more than good, and the training they received under him has been of incalculable benefit to them."

W. P. Olds, who was employed as a

JOHN WILSON AND HIS LIBRARY. Sidelights on the Man and His Valua-

ble Collection of Books. John Wilson was one of those quiet, sunny-tempered, prudent-minded men, who belong to the solid, conservative element of the community, his sound judgment in the affairs of life, orderly habits and ready willingness to respect the rights of others making him a most desirable citizen and neighbor. Even up to the closing weeks of his life his genial face, with its touch of ruddiness brightened by the frosty whiteness of his hair and beard, kept its cheeriness. It was a pleasant face to meet on the street or at the door. He was essentially gentle-mannered, with some thing of that old-school formality and courtliness, united with perfect simplicity and naivete which now belongs to a past generation. Seldom was he known to omplain; there was no touch of bitterness, no aggressiveness to his nature, which was practical and serene rather

han emotional His one enthusiasm was for his books. and this remained fresh and undimmed the end. The remarkably wide range of subjects covered by his library, extending into nearly every branch of human knowledge, hore testimony to the catholicity and impartiality of his judgment. It re was any bias to his thought it was in the matter of liberality in matters of religion. He was gently intolerant of all that bordered on the dogmatic, dition of the ages was less to him than his own reason. His library, which ranks righ among the private libraries of America, is peculiarly rich in critical commen-taries on biblical literature. Many of heae are not strictly orthodox, but are

these are not strictly orthodox, but are carefully selected works of the great thinkers of the day. There is no doubt but that the presence of this library in Portland has, unknown to the many, had a broadening influence upon the community, for many clergymen have availed themselves of Mr. Wilson's generous hospitality to do private reading it, and the ideas there absorbed have een sown broadcast from many a pulpit.
Mr. Wilson was by no means a more ook-worm. He had an intelligent apprehension of the purpose and scope of every book that went into his library—and he

was accumulating daily to the end.

Many of these volumes show valuable critical addends and marginal notes, written by his own hand, and these now bear mute testimony to his loving interest in the great and enduring thoughts con-