

BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

The General Trade is Confined to Staple Lines. New York, Aug. 24.—Bradstreet's weekly trade review says: General trade throughout the United States is practically confined to staple lines.

The total business failures in the United States is 244 this week, six more than last week, seventy-two more than in the week a year ago, and thirteen more than the third week of August, 1894, the period of extreme depression after the panic of 1893.

MODIFIED THE ORDER.

Railroads May Carry Certain Letters Without Postage.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Acting Postmaster-General Neilson today modified the recent order of the postmaster-general prohibiting railroads from carrying, without payment of postage, mail relating to railroad business.

The attorney-general held first, that a railroad company has the right to carry letters without payment of postage, that are written and sent by the officers and agents of the railroad company which carries and delivers them, concerning its business, and these only.

AN INFANT MONSTROSITY.

An Eight-Month-Old Male Child Dies of Old Age.

St. Louis, Aug. 24.—Sherman Robert Eurch died of senile debility at the age of 8 months. The child was born last December, and on Monday died of old age.

The face and head of the child made a striking feature. The head was wedge-shaped, broad at the top and tapering to a point at the chin. It was surmounted by a crop of dark brown hair, rather scant, but strong and of full size.

As Ignoble Red Man. Olympia, Wash., Aug. 20.—Jimmy Sam, a well-known Indian about town, some time during last night stabbed another Indian, named Jackson, from Lewis county, five times in different parts of the body.

Why They Are Fighting. Madrid, Aug. 24.—Senor Sagasta, ex-prime minister of Spain, in an interview, said it was proposed to send a dispatch containing a memorandum upon the Cuban war to the United States government.

The grandfather of the Rothschilds is said to have been a poor man in 1800. Troops for Cuba. Madrid, Aug. 20.—The first embarkation of 14,000 troops for Cuba will commence at Santander on August 28, terminating on August 28.

The Atlas-moth, a gigantic furcated night-flying insect of Central Brazil, is said to be one of the very largest winged "bug" in the world. He measures 14 inches from tip to tip.

RELICS OF THE PAST.

Interesting Discoveries by Pennsylvania Mound Excavators.

Pittsburg, Aug. 24.—Great interest is manifested over the discovery of implements in a mound at McKees rocks, which is being excavated for scientific purposes.

A tomahawk, which Mr. Harper regards as being not less than 1,000 years old, was found. The same kind of weapons are also found on the British Isles.

CALIFORNIA MINES.

Transvaal Operators Looking Toward That State.

San Francisco, Aug. 24.—If present indications can be relied upon, the recent political troubles in the Transvaal, South Africa, are likely to have a beneficial effect on the mining industry in California.

TO SHOW AMERICAN GOODS

Southern Republics Do the Right Thing by Manufacturers.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The president of Argentina has issued a decree, a copy of which has been forwarded to the state department, remitting all duties on articles sent from the United States for the purpose of showing the manufacturing and commercial industries of this country.

A new phase of the long contest between Chile, Bolivia and Peru is reached by which Bolivia is promised a coast line on the Pacific. More than a year ago the treaty was made by giving Tacna and Arica to Chile, thus leaving Bolivia cut off from access to the ocean and one of the few countries situated like Switzerland, entirely without a coast line.

A Bicycle Combination. New York, Aug. 24.—The World will publish the following: The big manufacturers of bicycles have formed an association to promote sociability and good understanding among its members.

Manitoba School Question Settled. Ottawa, Aug. 21.—It has been ascertained on good authority that the Manitoba school question is as good as settled, and there will be any necessity for remedial legislation.

Concerted Action Not Justified. New York, Aug. 24.—A conference of bankers, headed by J. Edward Simmons and Frederick D. Tappan, to facilitate gold importations, was concluded today.

When a man who makes \$70 a month quits spending \$80 the financial question will solve itself. Children Derail a Train. Canton, O., Aug. 24.—A thorough investigation was made this afternoon into the derailing of engine 49, which was hauling a work train last night, near Carrollton, the locomotive rolling down an embankment and killing Engineer Joseph Kirk and Fireman John Hardesty, of this city.

AGRICULTURAL NEWS.

THINGS PERTAINING TO THE FARM AND HOME.

A Good Dairy Cow Will Yield Nearly 5,000 Pounds of Milk Annually.—Thrashing Damp Grain—Have a Room for Harness—Farm Notes.

Average Milk Yield. An Agricultural Department bulletin says: A very good annual average yield of milk is 5,000 pounds instead of 3,000, and 200 to 225 pounds of butter per cow instead of 125 pounds.

Thrashing Damp Grain. It is quite likely that much grain will be threshed while damp this year, as wet weather in harvest time caused it to be wet in before fully dry.

Small Versus Large Celery. It is quality in celery rather than quantity that counts. There was for a time a desire to get the largest varieties, but it was soon found that those were generally coarse and lacking the fine nutty flavor of the medium-sized sorts.

Canada Thistles Without Seed. It is often the fact that thistles which grow very rank on rich ground are destitute of seed. Nature finds so little obstacle to the roots of the weed by its underground roots that she neglects to provide the female flowers, which furnish the seed.

A Special Room for Harness. A great many farmers continue the practice of hanging up the harness on the pegs behind the horses, where it is exposed to the odors which come from their excrement, and it is quite often knocked down and trampled in it.

Guinea Hens. The reason so many people fail in rearing guinea fowls is because they insist on keeping the hen under a coop. Guinea chickens are peculiarly dependent on natural food, and they cannot get enough of this unless the old bird runs with them.

The Difference. There are hundreds of farmers who are skeptical of the merits of pure-bred swine. With them a hog is a hog, and they insist that with plenty of food and under like conditions one will gain as much weight as the other and make as much profit.

Notes from the Garden. Whether you think it bugs or not, give your potatoes a dose of bordeaux. There are 338 distinct varieties of raspberries growing in the United States, besides a number of new varieties now on trial which have not been named.

Feeding Corn and Peas. An extensive cattle-feeder of Nebraska, who feeds 1,900 acres of corn of his own raising and 100 tons of peas a year, has kept careful accounts of his operations for the last ten years.

From that record the following facts are given:

For the first nine years the cost per head ranged from \$14 to \$32.50, but in 1883 he began feeding beets and corn, which had been cut and cured in the shock and then run through a shredding machine, ear, stalk, and blade, all of which is by the machine reduced to the condition of coarse hay.

Burning Potato Vines. Wherever rot or blight has prevailed in potatoes no time should be lost after the potatoes are dug in burning the tops. This will prevent the spread of the fungus, with which the tops will always be found filled where disease prevails.

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TRUMPET CALLS.

Ram's Horn Sounds a Warning Note to the Unredeemed.

THE best business for anybody is God's business. It is better to starve and be right than to feast and be wrong.

The man who is on the side of the sabbath is not on the Lord's side. All of our future will depend upon the stand we take to-day for Christ.

Without the shedding of blood the name of love could never have been written. So far as this world is concerned a little child is the biggest thing God ever put in it.

The man who would be a leader must be ready to star before the procession is formed. Commanding an army is sometimes small business compared with holding the hand of a child.

Drive the devil out of the church at one door and he will cover up his cloven hoof and walk in at another. If we have on the whole armor of God we can count upon the Lord for victory every time we go into battle.

If preaching were only done when the preacher felt like shouting, church doors would stay shut most of the time. When the mountains are carried into the midst of the sea the safe thing to do is to trust God for ground to step on.

IF ONLY those obeyed God who were caught up into the third heaven, righteous men would still be as scarce as they were in Sodom.

PRESIDENTIAL BILLS.

France Pays Much More than We for Her Chief Magistrate.

Compared with those of the President of France, the emoluments of the President of the United States are considerably less. Every one knows that the chief executive of this country receives a salary of \$50,000 a year, but the other expenditures for which the nation allows him people are, in general, less cognizant of. His private secretaries, clerks, doorkeepers and servants cost \$35,000 annually; \$15,000 is at the President's disposal for buying furniture for the White House and for keeping it in repair; \$3,000 is allowed for fuel, and \$4,000 for maintaining the greenhouse up to the mark.

The bare salary of the President of the French republic is \$120,000, or \$13,600 more than this country's total expenditure for a chief executive. In addition to this, the French President is allowed the services of two military and three civil secretaries, a small army of men servants (whose wages and board are paid by the State), house linen, fuel and light. His supply of game not only costs him nothing, but is so plentiful that he can sell nearly \$10,000 worth a year after his own wants are satisfied, valuable preserves in the forests of Marly and Rambouillet being set apart for the President's use. Even his musical and theatrical tastes are paid for by the public, for he has a box both at the opera and the Theater Francaise. If he does not care to use these boxes, however, the President and his family can enjoy the performance at home by telephonic communication.

Origin of Straw Ball. The origin of the familiar phrases, "straw ball" and "man of straw," is a most curious one. It dates back 200 years, when the practice of entering worthless ball was common. The exact methods have not been transmitted to posterity, but in several old English works it is to be found reference to them.

In one of these—Fielding's "Life of Jonathan Wild," the thief catcher—we read that Jonathan's aunt married a man "who was famous for so friendly a disposition that he was half for above a hundred persons in one year. He had also the remarkable honor of walking in Westminster hall with a straw in his shoe." It seems that at one time when English lawyers wished to procure witnesses with elastic consciences or men who would go half for their clients, they went into Westminster hall, into which the principal courts of law opened, and there would quickly recognize the men they wanted by glancing at their shoes, from which protruded a straw or two, thus indicating their calling. Because of this trade mark, so to speak, these professional witnesses or ball-goers became known as "men of straw," or ones who were willing, for a consideration, to enter "straw ball."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

A Mean Man. "He is the meanest man living," said Mrs. Newlywed to a lady friend. "In what sense is he mean?" "When Jack and I were on our bridal tour he was sitting right opposite to us in the car, and whenever we came to a long tunnel he lit a cigar."—Texas Sifter.

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It is estimated that one crow will destroy 700,000 insects every year.

There is more carlism in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure the local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proved carlism to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by J. C. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, Dr. J. C. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists.

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Advertisement for Premium No. 1 Chocolate. Made by Walter Baker & Co., Ltd., Dorchester, Mass., has been celebrated for more than a century as a nutritious, delicious, and flesh-forming beverage. Sold by grocers everywhere.

Advertisement for Battle Ax Plug. "A Scorcher." Tobacco Dealers say that "BATTLE AX" is a "scorcher" because it sells so fast. Tobacco Chewers say, it is a "scorcher" because 10 cents' worth goes so far. It's as good as can be made regardless of cost. For 10 cents you get almost twice as much as you do of other high grade brands.

Advertisement for Feed Hood's Sarsaparilla. IF SILVER WINS and if farm produce double in price, then metals must also double in price. If labor doubles in cost and the product of the mine doubles in cost, Armortors, Pump, Spiral Pipe, Fittings, Cylinders, Tanks and Substrucures, being the product of the mine and labor, must also double in cost and price; therefore, your \$2 now will buy as much as \$4 of the same dollars if silver wins, or if people think it will win, it is 2 to 1. In a week, Armortor prices will not advance unpaired by an advance in labor and material. Our prices on Brass Cylinders are 50% below anything ever quoted. And our other goods are as low as they can be produced. We have our own facilities. A general rule to correct future needs, while \$2 buys so much, may quickly exhaust our stock and compel the advance. Great saving can be assured. IF YOU BUY NOW. Address: AERMODTOR COMPANY, 100 N. 2nd St., Philadelphia, Pa.