What Theosophy Is.

There are undoubtedly many of our readers who do not understand the true meaning of the word "Theosophy" as applied to the Theosophi cal Society. By request we publish below a few extracts from Dr. Allen Griffiths' lecture, delivered in Medford a few weeks ago:

Theosophy is not new, but as old as man, and was taught by all sages of the past, including Krishna, Zorouster, Buddha, Jesus, Plato, Bohme, Paracelsus, St. Martin and Blavatsky, all were initiates of the Mysteries, and in different times to different people the same basic ruths of man, nature and Deity. All Bible and philosophics of whatever time, when their inner meaning is understood, are identically the same. Our religious differences are superficial, and philosophies of whatever time, when their inner meaning is understood, are identically the same. Our religious differences are superficial. If we sought to discover the similarity that exists between our religious, instead of magnifying the superficial differences, true brotherhood, progress and happiness would reign among men. One of the objects of the Theosophical Society is to discover the similarity existing be tween religious, demonstrate that all have the sime source, that men are brothers in truth, having the same origin, age, and possible destiny as to their physical, mental and spiritual development. This knowledge has ever been taught by Adepts, by whom it was imparted to the race in the present and all last quarters of past centuries. The Theosophical Society is the organization chosen at this time by which added knowledge is given to mankind, and similar bodies of men existed in the past, as a knowledge of history demonstrates. Cycles of activity and rest sway throughout Cosmos, and the last quarter of each century is a minor period of activity. It is the world's springtime, when seed is sown that in the remaining parts of the century shall grow and produce the harvest.

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1st. To form the nucleus of an universal brotherhood without destinction of race, creed, sex or color.

2nd. To promote the study of Oriental literatures, religious and sciences, and demonstrate the importance of that study.

3nd. To investigate unexplained laws of nature and latent powers in man.

A maxim of Theosophy is: "Believe nothing on authority, heresay, or because of source, but rigidly investigate before accepting or rejecting anything." Each individual's experience differs from that of every other. Truth is many sided, and each one's attitude relative to the one central truth also differs, hence there can be but one authority, and that is the individual conception of truth itself. Therefore, is absolute toleration of the views of others insist ed upon by theosophists.

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Man is not an exception to the universal law of perodicity, but governed by it. His periods of activity are the many earth lives he lives; his periods of rest, death or interims existing between earth lives. The Soul, the Thinker, of each man is eternal as to past as well as to furre, though the personalities as separate earth lives are called, are only transient phases of the Thinker and perishable. The Thinker is one and eternal, the personalities are many and transient. Like an actor, the Thinker plays many parts, and each earth life is a part played in the drama of existence for the purposes of evolution. In each life wisdom is involved through experience which on death of the body is added to the store involved in all previous through experience which on death of the body is added to the store involved in all previous lives. The Soul, or Thinker, is possessed of in minite capacity for development, for it is for the essence and potentiality of its source and goal. Delty, the Absolute, and requires infinitudes wherein to satisfy that capacity. This earth affords vast opportunities for that process, but one earth life is inadequate wherein to effect the end. Furthermore, earthly existence alone affords opportunities for the Soul's development in view of its present status and requirements.

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Therefore it repeatedly returns to carth, and will continue to do so until it has exhausted all earthly possibilities for advancment; then and not until then, will it rise to higher spheres to continue its increasing progress. There are no insalities, and eternity is constituted of infinite opportunities for expansien of the Soul's infinite capacity. Each earth life is an advance upon all past lives. There is no retrogression. On death of the body the Soul never enters an animal or any lower kingdom of nature, but reincarnates in another human body in an environment suited to its further growth. The body and condition in which it shall reincarnate, are determined by its thought and action of past lives. This is the law of Karma, and explains apparently unjust sufferings of many, and the seemingly unmerited happiness of others. The former in past lives violated law, and now suffer the latter violated no law then and there, and are now happy as a natural consequence.

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In Good Condition-Financially

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so far has been kept within the '50 or thereabouts. \$1000 per month appropriation, and the committee expects to preserve unused the government funds to Interesting Items Picked Out from the the end of the year. This will leave a stipend of about \$5000, with which a hospital for the home will probably be built."

Josephine Ought to Thrive, Financially

From the Grants Pass Courier

L. Zeigler, who beat his wife a few weeks ago and was fined \$50. repeated the act last week and at peace and not a single white man cheerfully paid \$100 more to the was killed by them for a year. county treasurer. The family left for Roseburg last week, hoping evidently to find some bourne where his retirement from the service for havfamily quarrels don't come so high as in Grants Pass. When the officer went to arrest Zeigler the second time, Mrs. Z. remonstrated and said: "It's nobody's buisness if me and my old man fall out." It is seven children.

Team and Giant Powder Took a Drop.

From the Kirby Union. Last Thursday as the freight coming over the mountain, one of adequate protection for the remnant of the horses became frightened and the seal herd. throwed the whole outfit over the grade. The wagon was loaded with freight and giant powder charged with contunacy and willful there being 1000 pounds of giant disregard for the presbytery, has been powder on the wagon. The powder found guilty by the church judiciary. boxes all to pieces, but did not sition until he gives satisfactory eviexplode. It was a very lucky acci- dence of his willingness to submit to dent for it is a mystery that the the authority and decision of the prespowder did not explode. One of the horses was killed.

MINES AND MINING.

G. W. Lance, a Foots creek miner, was in Medford this week upon business. Himself, brother and father are extensively engaged in mining in the Foots creek district and are right now making ready for an extensive winter run The gentleman reports the prospects never better than right now, notwithstanding the fact that mining has been carried on extensively in that locality for many years.

Jos. Chapman was in from the Applegate mining district this week. He reports that Dave Fry, the printer, and himself are taking out good wages in gold and the ground growing better with each day's work. They have but recently shifted their work to other parts of the claim, where water and gold are more plentiful. These gentlemen deserve | time road. all the success that can conveniently come their way,

Frank F. Wilkins, of the Coeur d'Alene country, with a party of prospectors, has made a rich strike, so it is reported at the railroad pass, near the head waters of the left fork of Evans creek, this county. On the 10th of October they discovered a large porphyry reef, some 75 to 100 feet in width, which, when they come to test it, it proved surprisingly rich, getting as high as \$1 to \$1.50 from a single morter full. They are very much excited over their fortunate find and are endeavoring to keep it shady.

FEADS OF GOLD DUST AND NUGGETS.

From the Daily Oregonian. A handsome display of Oregon \$10,000, was on exhibition vesterday at the Portland Safety Deposit Company in the Chamber of Commerce building. It consists of coarse and fine dust, and nuggets, running in value up to \$110, and is president and superintendent. The mine is situated about eight

miles south of Jacksonville, in the gold belt which produced sevilution provides for a memorial to coneral millions in early days, and has gress asking for the passage of a law been worked for 17 years. The which will admit ex-Confederate veter-company runs two "giants" and ans to national soldiers homes on the has a claim on the bed of a prehis- same footing with G. A. R. men. toric river. The bank worked this The Northwestern railroad has introfor twenty years. The largest nugsize, came from the bedrock, 70 regulation fare is charged. From the following dispatch, feet below the surface. Last year Several boys were teasing an old man from Salem, it will be seen that the after the clean-up at the mine was named Wilson at Ukiah when he be-Soldiers' Home at Roseburg is being conducted in a very different was displayed in a show window. The blow was a second with his manner by the present board than by the old one: "The executive committee of the Soldiers' Home a short time since, many persons ward of Mendocino county and was a board here audited expense bills of were inquisitive about their clean-up bright pupil in school. Wilson has been that institution amounting to and wanted to see some of the gold, arrested. \$760.28. At the quarterly meeting, and to gratify them the display in Roseburg last week, \$215.43 in was made. Of course they do not asked the United States circuit court bills were passed upon, making the total expenditures for September, amounted to, but they say it was \$976.71. This includes the travel-very satisfactory, and it is runnored to the proposed 8 per cent reduction to the proposed 8 per ing expenses of the committee to and that some 500 ounces were sent to of grain rates which were fixed by the from Roseburg. There are now 62 the mint a short time since. There Southern Pacific's California tariff of inmates of the home. By virtue of was a crowd around the window all Dec. 29, 1894. The corporation seeks United States statue providing day long, and many said the sight also to have the commissioners enfor the maintenance of veterans put them in mind of the palmy joined from carrying into effect the kept in a home provided by the days of gold mining in Oregon, state, about 50 of these are entitled "the days of old, the days of gold, to \$100 per annum. The expense the days of '49," and the spring of

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Daily Disputches. Ex-United States Senator William

Mahone of Virginia died at Washington some days ago, in his 69th year. Secretary Herbert has returned to

Washington from Alabama, where he has been making speeches on the financial question. The Indian population of Arizona is

estimated at 57,000. The redskins are

Captain George A. Armes, arrested on the order of General Schofield before ing written the general an insulting letter, has been discharged by Judge Bradley of the District of Columbia

court. The case will be appealed. Joseph B. Crowley, United States treasury agent in charge of the seal islands in Bering sea, has arrived at Sesaid the money paid for the fines belonged to his wife. The pair have seven children.

attle with the patrol ficet. He says the seals have approached to closely to extermination that they can now almost be counted. Naturalists from all parts of the world, anticipating the herd's extinction, are clamoring for specimens. Crowley believes that this winter measures will be adopted by the United team on the Crescent City road was | States and Great Britain to provide

Rev. B. E. Howard of the Westminster Presbyterian church, Los Angeles, fell about 60 feet and smashed the He was ordered suspended from his po-

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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

THE GIST OF THE WEEK'S HAPPEN-INGS AS TOLD BY TELEGRAPH.

Interesting Items From Europe, Asia, Africa and North and South America, With Particular Attention to Impor-

The last steamer from Honolulu had reports that the cholera has disap-

It now seems settled that Corbett and Fitzsimmons will fight at Hot Springs, Ark., on Oct. 31. Arrangements are all made and protection is guaranteed the

Gold was lately discovered a few miles north of Neihart, Mont., the ore assaying from \$100 to \$3,300 per ton. Business in the town has been deserted for locating claims.

The Denver and Colorado Southern Railroad company, lately incorporated, proposes to connect Denver and the Cripple Creek mining region, Florence, Cauyon City and Silver Cliff by an air

F. L. Pope of Great Barrington, Mass., electrician and scientific writer of some note, was killed by a shock from an electric lighting apparatus in the cellar of his house. Three thousand volts entered his body.

At the meeting of the Indian association at Lake Mohonk, N. Y., Dr. Streby, secretary of the American Missionary association, read a paper on Scotch Highlanders and American Indians which aimed to show that these two races are closely allied.

The sultan has agreed to the appointment of a commission to inquire into the recent arrests of Armenians at Constantinople and has promised the European powers to deal severely with any Turkish officer who may be found to have tortured the Armenians in prison.

A. L. Thomas, a Seattle barber, has been acrested for refusing to shave a colored man who came into his shop. gold, amounting in value to about The question of civil rights is to be tested in court. There is a law in the Washington statutes making refusal to afford equal rights to all citizens punishable by imprisonment.

Joseph F. Thomas, an educated colored man who has been working as a clerk in the railway mail service bepart of the clean-up of the Sterling tween St. Louis and Texarkana, Ark. Mining Company's mine in Jack has been arrested and charged with son county, of which Vin Cook is stealing money from letters. He conpresident and Harry Ankeny vice. fessed that he had opened letters for the past two months.

Custer post, No. 6, G. A. R., of Tacoma will act on a resolution which has caused widespread attention. The reso-

season was 70 feet deep, and there duced a good scheme to protect its is pay ground on the claims to last patrons from exorbitant cab rates in Chicago. The company has leased to responsible parties cabstand privileges get, worth \$110, was taken from in front of the depot. Persons wishing within a foot of the surface, and cabs can purchase tickets in the depot the next largest, nearly the same for any part of the city and only the

The Southern Pacific company has resolution of Sept. 12, by which it is proposed to make an average reduction of 25 per cent in all the rates of the railroad in effect Dec. 1, 1894.

There is apparently no doubt of a professional baseball league in the Pacific Northwest next season. Applications for membership in the league have been received from half a dozen cities, but only three have been definitely decided ngon. These are Portland, Tacoma and Seattle. Vactoria is at pre ent the choice for the fourth city to complete the circuit. The intention is to organize the league on a percentage basis and have a sinking fund established. Each city will be called upon to deposit \$500 with the president of the league as a guarantee of good faith.

State Veterinarian Scott of Wisconsin has discovered that under the yellow blossoms of the golden rod flower for the wholesale poisoning of children there lurks the germs of the most dangerous disease to horses which has ever been discovered. Like consumption it is incurable and it affects the animal in much the same way as that disease eats away the life of a man. The horses explanation for the crimes that she which eat the tempting plant go into a gradual decline, the blood is destroyed. the tissues waste away and the animals die in from three weeks to as many months. Thousands of horses have perished in the pinewood regions of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin from the

Mrs. John A. Grover died recently at Laramie, Wyo., of starvation. She had taken no nourishment except a little pounds in weight she wasted away to solutely to perform its function for several weeks prior to her death. Physicians offer explanations that some brain disorder interfered with the natural processes of the body. She lost her power of speech and apparently felt no pain from her disorder. Mrs. Grover California with Senator Sharon.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

Vicious Acts of Lawbreakers and Losses by Fire and Accidents. Four people were burned to death

while fighting prairie fires near Winnipeg, Manitoba. One hundred people were drowned near the village of Ozery, Russia, by

the capsizing of a large raft on a river. By an accident on the Carnegie section of the West End traction road at Pittsburg, three persons were killed and 12 badly injured.

Fire destroyed a warehouse and its contents at Portsmouth, Va., One life was lost. The property damaged was valued at \$300,000.

An explosion of gas occurred in the Dorrence mine at Wilkesbarre, Pa., and eight men lost their lives. Many others were badly injured. J. J. Mosely, a liquor constable of

Greenwood, S. C., was shot while seizing liquor on a train. Four negroes have been arrested. Owing to the severe illness of Attor-

ney Eugene Deuprey, one of defendant's counsel, the Durrant case has been adjourned to next Monday. Three city employes of Buffalo, N. Y., are under arrest for robbing the muni-

cipality of a large amount of money by padding the payrolls of the street department with dummy names. A gas cylinder exploded in a theater at Corsicana, Tex., while the stage employes were preparing the scenic effects

for an evening performance. Two men

were killed and several injured. The harness shop of the Missouri penitentiary at Jefferson City has been destroyed by fire. Damage on harness and supplies, \$35,000; fully insured. No insurance was on the building and the loss is \$20,000.

Near Milner, Ga., Thomas Speer, taking advantage of his wife's absence, gave poison to his eight children and they died. Speer was jealous of his wife and it prompted him to do the deed. He is in jail.

Harry Harvey, a well-known bicyclist, was killed by an electric car near Haywards, Cal. He attempted to cross the track ahead of the car and was thrown from his wheel. The car ran over him, killing him instantly.

J. B. Errington of Napa, who shot and killed H. C. Jones at Los Angeles while he was with Errington's wife on the street, has been acquitted by a jury which declared that he had acted in self-defense by shooting Jones. Charles E. Wood, chief deputy in the

county clerk's office at Fresno, has disappeared. He took several hundred dollars belonging to a case in court and mortgaged a piece of property owned by his mother-in-law on which he secured \$600. Harry Hayward, condemned for the

muraer of Catherine Ging, attempted to escape from jail at Minneapolis. He had secured duplicate keys in some manner and he was caught unlocking It's a Beautiful the door. It is believed he bribed a turnkey to get the keys made for him. Charles Moody, an undertaker's em-

ploye, committed suicide at San Francisco after trying to kill his wife. It is said that Moody became incensed at his wife because he claimed she stayed away from home and associated with Watches, Scarf Pins, bad characters, neglecting her child. Four men were killed and seven in-

jured in an accident in a rolling mill at Cleveland, O. The furnaces were carrying heavy fires and the casting department was working a full force. Without warning and unexplainably B. N. Butler, Seventh street ... Lumber made on ap All work gauranteed. the casting house collapsed, several men in the wreck. Thomas and E. C. Ehstromer, said to

be members of a noble family in Sweden, who have been living in princely style at a Chicago hotel, were arrested recently. They had posed as agents of the Illinois Humane society and secured more than \$6,000 by bogus checks bearing the forged signature of President Shortall of the organization.

While Mrs. D. Mothern, accompanied by her two children, was returning to came into collision with a four-horse freight team which was running away down a grade. The mother and children were pitched over a high bluff, all being severely bruised. The youngest child, 4 years old, will die.

ity of New Bedford, Mass., the other evening. The police while searching for the murderer passed within sight of Gray Gables, President Cleveland's of Gray Gables, President Cleveland's Does General Contracting in all Lines. served by country people and it is supposed they caused the circulation of the rumor that the president had been assassinated and the report was transmitted throughout the nation.

A woman named Gaeatna Stomoli has been arrested at Catania, Sicily, with phosphorus. She gave the poison by mixing it with wine and prevailing upon the children to drink it. Her victims number 23. They all died in feartwo children who had been bewitched. A crowd of people tried to lynch the woman, but the officers saved her.

A. L. Atkinson has been making a business of inducing the sons of Englishmen to come to this country and work on Kansas farms, promising them that they would acquire large estates in a few years. It is claimed that Atkinson made contracts with the youths milk for over two months. From 200 by which they agreed to work for \$5 a month for a year's time, and he then 75 pounds. A peculiar circumstance hired them out to Kansas farmers. The was that the alimentary canal failed ab- authorities are looking for Atkinson to cause his arrest for violating the alien contract labor law.

The United States government lost recovery of a large amount of money was a half-sister of Mrs. David S. Terry, loaned years ago by the government for railroad construction. The case will be Correspondents: brated through a marriage contract in appealed to the supreme court of the Ladd & Bush, Salem. Anglo-California Bank, San Francisco.

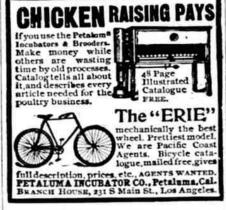
POLITICAL PARAGRAPHS.

Senator Manderson of Nebraska and some Western politicians will use their influence to have the Republican national convention held in Chicago rather than in behalf of San Francisco.

At the Indianapolis city election the Republican ticket was badly beaten by the Democrats. It is said that the Republican managers are surprised by a threatened disruption of their local

The Denver Trades Assembly recently adopted resolutions calling upon the federal government to recognize the Cuban insurgents as belligerents.

Governor Hughes of Arizona has sent his annual report to the secretary of the interior. It is devoted to a review of the conditions of the territory. As to population and statehood the governor says: "I believe the territory is safely Democratic when the two standard parties are in the field. The people of this territory are a unit for statehood and of all others it is the most important issue with us. We have earned this right by the conquest and civilization of this region; we have every condition necessary for self government; population, wealth, resources, commercial, industrial, educational, moral, social and religious institutions are all well established. The progress of the last year and the present conditions all confirm Arizona's qualifications for assuming the responsibilities of statehood."



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ical Association of Buffalo, N.Y., on receipt of six cents in stamps, to pay postage.

Consumption, as most everybody knows, is first manifested by feeble vitality, loss of strength, emaciation: then local symptoms soon develop, as cough, difficult breathing, or bleeding from lungs, when investigation proves that tubercular deposits have formed in the lungs. It is earnestly advised that the "Discovery" be taken early and the latter stages of the disease can thereby be easily avoided.

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