

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Does it soothe your agony at all to know that coal costs \$14 a ton in France?

Two street cars collided and Kazymierz Jasynski and Maryanna Iwaszkawicz were married in Chicago—all in the same day.

The New York Journal uses the word censusitis to describe the disorder of those cities dissatisfied with the official count of their population.

The latest Armenian atrocity reported is the vandalism of the lecturer from Armenia who has been caught in the act of tearing valuable engravings from books in the New York libraries.

Twin sisters married twin brothers in West Virginia with triplets as results in both families. This, says the Kansas City Times, is the first recorded instance where the double rule of three was brought into requisition in accumulating population.

A novel advertisement for American manufacturers is given in the statement that the Witwatersrand mines have, through motives of patriotism, placed a large order for coal cars in England, though American firms offered to supply the cars for less money and in a shorter time.

About half of all the cotton goods we sell abroad goes to China, which purchased last year over \$10,000,000 worth of our sheetings, drills, jeans and other grades. They are landed in Shanghai, and 90 per cent of the goods is forwarded at once to Chefoo, Tien-tsin and Newchwang for the North China markets.

This is an age of freedom in dress and appearance. The story books of our grandparents spoke of the eccentricity of a man who allowed a beard to grow on his face. Of twenty-two contributors to a new encyclopedia, whose portraits have been recently published, all but five are strangers to the razor. The familiar group of portraits of our Presidents shows no well-bearded man until Abraham Lincoln's time.

A capacity for taking pains in business plans and products is more and more a condition of success. Australian butter-packing may serve as an example. Shipments are secured against deterioration by placing the butter in boxes made of plates of window glass, the edges being closed by applying gummed paper. The boxes are covered with layers of plaster of paris, and then wrapped in specially prepared waterproof packing paper.

A St. Louis man, who was young, had work and a future that might have been successful, bought a bunch of roses, arranged them on his breast and drank a fatal dose of morphine. He had repeatedly told his friends that life was not worth living. This is but one case showing the prevalence of the pessimistic spirit. Every day or so the newspapers record the deaths of persons, frequently young girls and even children, who had become imbued with that disgust of life which destroys hope and faith and courage.

In an address on "Right Living" before the Chicago Ethical Society, William M. Salter said: "To simply eat and sleep, that is not life. To be the slave of work—of work that takes the joy and serenity out of life—that is not truly to live. To have no time to think, to have no days to ourselves, to never let our minds expand under the influence of great thoughts, that is not to live. Nor is it living never to enter the atmosphere of principles and feel their compelling and transmuting power."

and whose soul contracts as his wealth expands—that man does not know how to live, and when he preaches the gospel of what he calls work he is guilty of cant. Agassiz once remarked that he hadn't time to make money. He was too busy working. Money getting is only one kind of work. The work of life is serving one another.

The census office at Washington has announced the total population of the United States to be 76,295,220, a gain of 13,225,404 over the 63,069,756 enumerated in 1890. The number is greater than the conservative estimates calculated on a study of the rate of growth, although far short of some exuberant predictions wholly based on a patriotic desire to astonish the world.

Florida with 35 and Texas with 37 per cent, while Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee fall behind it. The New England States are not all slow of increase. Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island being above normal, Massachusetts with 27 per cent gain. Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, however, show but 5, 9 and 3 per cent advance, respectively.

Upon the present basis of representation the national House of Representatives would be increased so as to be unwieldy. Probably a new basis of representation will be decided on. The Hurry-Scurry Race. In the vicinity of Montreal no regatta program is complete without a hurry-scurry race. Of course, writes a contributor to Association Men, such races are not omitted from our Y. M. C. A. camp sports.

Each canoe is anchored from twenty-five to fifty feet away from the starting-place. At the crack of the pistol the contestants dive into the water and swim to their canoes, get in, cast loose, and paddle for dear life for the turning buoy, one hundred yards away. In the midst of their struggle the pilot bars. Every man throws his paddle overboard and follows suit himself, then returns to his canoe and continues paddling until the next shot, when the same performance is repeated. The first man home is the winner.

The novice swamps his craft on the first attempt, but the expert will often finish the race with but two or three gallons of water in his canoe. The event is made much more difficult by compelling the men at the second shot to upset their canoes and right them again. A Montrealer has succeeded in doing this in three and three-fourth seconds, turning his canoe completely over and shipping only a few quarts of water in doing it.

Another feature is to swamp the canoe, filling it to the gunwale and then emptying it. This has been done in less than one minute. Those latter tricks, however, are not often tried in this race, as they make it too difficult. Original Greening Apple Tree. The American Cultivator says that the original Greening apple tree is still standing on the farm of Solomon Drowne at Mount Hygeia, in North Foster, R. I.

Most of life's shadows result from standing in our own light. The Closet's Secret. Mrs. Du Byous—I just know that there is a skeleton in the closet of the Cooleys. Mr. Du Byous—No, there isn't, but Cooley keeps in there a demijohn with the most ghostly case of coffee nails that I ever tasted.—Denver News.

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SUMMONS. In the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Multnomah, Department No. 3. J. H. Hooper, plaintiff, vs. Mary A. Hooper, defendant.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. Notice is hereby given that I have filed my final account as executor of the estate of F. H. Ramsey, deceased, in the office of the county clerk of Multnomah county, state of Oregon, and 9:30 o'clock on Monday, the 12th day of November, A. D. 1900, in the court room of said court, has been fixed by said court as the time and place for hearing said final account and the settlement hereof.

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