COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS by the strength of Paris, and reports of a se-

Spring trade was very much in evidence dur- | ing the latter part of last week, and if the new month maintains the commercial pace with which it started, it will make a much more favorable showing than its predecessor. Shipof wheat were quite large last week, ad there will be a fair amount moved during will be a period of light business, on account of a mearcity of ships, and the disinclination of Liverpool markets. The springlike weather had the effect of reducing prices in some lines, point reached in three months, with receipts olding up fully as large as they have been any nning from 10,000 to 15,000 sacks per steamer, and the San Francisco market does not absorb em as readily as it did a short time ago

bregon butter could no longer withstand the Sheepsking Shearlings, 15@20c; short-wool, 23 games on this market and of the stock which California has been \$25c; medium-wool, 30@50c; long-wool, 60c@\$1 Oregon butter could no longer withstand the the week prices declined to 50 cents for best grades of creamery, with seconds dull at 45 Nearly all of the receipts of California have been sold at less money than they cost laid down in Portland, and unless prices aid go much lower in San Francisco, there will be but light receipts from that quarter from now on. Eggs shared in the weakness of butter, and prices declined all through last week, and on Saturday sales were made as low as 11 cents, with prospects favorable for their reaching 10 cents this week. Veal and pork were a shade weaker on more liberal receipts. A few spring lambs came in last Saturday, and sold at prices almost too high to quote In the grocery markets prices ruled firm throughout last week, although there was a

WHEAT-With no more ships in port to fill and most of those anywhere near at hand pretprovided for, wheat in Portland seems inclined to drop back to about export values, and on Saturday 52 cents was about the beion for Walla Walla, with a few dealers giving out 51 cents as the limit. The European market toward the close of the week to present many encouraging aspects, and with continued stiffness in freights, there is very little inducement for exporters to do anything at present. The demand for flour entinues heavy, and the mills are accordingly buying a little all the time, but the sales in ie aggregate last week were less than half as large as they were the week previous. Valley continues to trail behind Walla Walla, and it required pretty good stock to bring 52 cents on

Reviewing the situation from an Eastern andpoint, the American Agriculturist last Saturday has the following:

Speculative interest has been listless, opera-ors apparently waiting for new incentive. can be said of crop conditions, anything dong this line being little better than guess work, so far as the Northern Hemisphere is concerned, during the month of February. In our own winter wheat territory we know the has been indifferently protected, and there plenty of time for frost damage. The month of March will prove an interesting one, and con ditions will be closely watched.

Our export trade in wheat and flour is con siderable in the aggregate, but just now seems powerless to help prices much. It is inter-esting to note, however, that while the market hows more or less duliness and occasional periods of heaviness, there is no concerted ef-ort on the part of bears to force prices to a lower level, the market meanwhile maintaining ething of a walting attitude. Cable adorth few developments, of special Argentina has a considerable part of her crop still to whip to Europe, but other cheat-producing countries are not just now ularly forceful competitors of the Ameri-coducer. Crop conditions on the continent of Europe are somewhat uncertain, news often Some recent advices continue to insist that crop conditions in India are bad. But that country has not been an important exporter of wheat in recent years.

Saturday	Bank	Clearings.
fortland eattle Secoma pokane		320,407 96,858 110,786 20,780
The bank clear	or the we	rings. the principal cities sek ending Saturday,

390,402 \$167,841 390,240 104,980 416,118 141,368 262,572 262,242 361,456 311,624 257,983 . \$1,876,064 \$2,246,630 \$834,440 The totals for the corresponding weeks in former years were as follows:

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc. Wheat-Walla Walla, 51@52c; Valley, 51@62c;

Flour-Best grades, \$2 70@3; graham, \$2 50; uperfire, \$2 10 per barrel. Outs-White, 35@36c; gray, 33@34c; stained, Burley-Feed, \$14@15; brewing, \$17@18 per

Milistuffs-Bran, \$12918 per ton; middlings, \$18@19; shorts, \$13@15; chop, \$14. Hay-Steady; timothy, \$9@10; clover, \$7@

7 50; Oregon wild hay, \$667 per ton. Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Vogetables—Parsnips, \$1; carrots, \$1; turnips, \$0c; oniona, \$1 50@2 50 per cental; cabbage, \$0c@\$1 per cental; pointoes, 50@70c per sack; sweet potatoes, 25,62%c; peas, 65c; beans, 10c

per pound.

Fruit - Lemons, \$2 50@3; oranges, \$2 75@3

per box for navels, \$2 for ecodlings; tangerines,

\$1 75; Japanese oranges, 75c@\$1 50 per box;

pineapples, \$4 50@6 per dozes; bananas, \$2 56

@3 per bunch; Persian dates, 75@5c per pound;

apples, \$1@1 50; pears, 75c@\$1 25 per box.

Dried fruit - Apples, evaporated, 7 @ 5c per

pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 4@5c; pears,

san and evaporated, 56%; olume, 51%; and sun and evaporated, ögio; plums, pittes, 49 Sigo; prunes, Italian, öligölige; silver, extra choice, 5g 0e; fips, Smyrns, 1225c; California black, 5g:6c; do white, 10c per pound.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc. Butter-Weak, fancy creamery, 45;550c; sec-onds, 42%;545c; dairy, 30;357%c; store, 25;532%c

Eggs-11612c per dozen for Oregon Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$5 5098 50; hena \$4 5095; dasks, \$500 50; geese, \$5 5097 50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c; dressed, 12%@14c

Game-Mallard ducks, \$3; widgeon, \$1 50@2,

teal \$161 50 per dozen. Cheese-Pull cream, twins, 121/2180; Young America, 14c per pound.

Groceries, Nuts. Etc.

Coffee-Mocha, E3g23c; Java, fancy, 28g32c; Java, good, 26g24c; Java, ordinary, 18g23c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18g23c; de good, 16g18c; de ordinary, 16g12a per pound; Columbia, roast, £12 75 per case; Arbuckle's, £14 25; Lion, £10 75.

Sugar - Cube, \$5 85; crushed, \$5 85; pow-Sugar - Cube, to Sc; Crisalen, to Sc; beet, dered, \$5 S5; dry granulated, cane, \$5 S5; beet, \$5 25; extra C, \$4 S5; golden C, \$4 72% net; half burrels, \$10 more than barrels; mapis sugar, Id@He per pound.

Beans-Small white, 3%c; bayou, 4c; Lima, 6c

per pound.

Salmon — Columbia river, 1-pound talls, \$16

1 50; 2 - pound talls, \$262 50; Inney, 1 - pound flats, \$1 5061 75; ½ pound fancy flats, \$5,690c.

Alaska, 1-pound talls, \$1 2061 30; 2-pound talls, \$1 10062 Grain bags-Calcutta, \$767 10 per 100 for

apot, \$6 5086 62% for July-August. Nuts-Peanuts, 64,67c per pound for raw, 10s for roasted; coccanuts, 90c per dozen; waim 10@11c per pound; pine nuts, 15c; hickory m 7c; chestnuts, 15c; Brazil 11c; Charts fancy pecans, 12@14c; almonds, 15 & 174c per

Coal oil-Cases, 21%c per gallon; barrels 1736: tanke, 155c. Rice-Island, 65c; Japan, 55c; New Orleans, 45g55c: fancy head, \$7g7 50 per sack.

Ment and Provisions. Mutton-Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewen \$464 25; dressed mutton, 76714c per pound.

Hogs-Gross, choice heavy, \$5; light, \$4 50, dreshed, 65;615c per pound.

Heef-Gross, top steers, \$494 50; cows, \$3 M 64; dressed heef, 65;67%c per pound.

Veal — Large, 76;65c per pound; small, 55;9

10c.
Provisions — Portland pack (Shield brand):
Hams, smoked, are quoted at 13½c per pound;
picnie hams, 5½c per pound; breakfast bacon,
13½c: bacon, 5½c; backs, 5½c; dry self sides,
5½c; dried beef. 17½c per pound; lard, 5-pound
pails, 16c; 10 - pound pails, 5½c; 50s, 5%c;
tleress, 5½c; per pound. Eassern pack (Hammonds): Hams, large, 13c; medium, 13½c;
smail, 15%c; picnie hams, 5½c; shoulders, 5½c;
breakfast bacon, 15%c; dry self sides, 8½g;
breakfast bacon, 15%c; dry self sides, 8½g; breakfast bacon, 12%c; dry sait sides 8%60%c; bacon sides, 9@10%c; backs, 10c; butts, 8c; lard, pure leaf, kettle rendered, 5s, 10%c; 10s, 10%c

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hope-328c per pound. Wool-Valley, 12213c for coarse, 15230c for best; Eastern Oregon, S@14c; mohair, 27@30c

each.

Pelts — Bear skins, each, as to vize, \$5@15; cubs. each, \$1@5; badger, each, 10@14c; wild-cat, 25@40c; housecat, 5@10c; fox, common gray, 40@60c; do red, \$1 25@1 75; do cross, \$2.50 G6; lynx, \$1 50@2 56; mink, 30@\$1 25; marten, dark Northern, \$4@8; do pale, pine, \$1 25 G8; mrwkrat, \$ @ 12c; skunk, 25@40c; otter (land), \$4@6; panther, with head and claws perfect, \$1@3; reccoun, 25@50c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, \$3 50@5; wolverine, \$2 50@5; benver, per skin, large, \$0@7; do medium, per skin, \$4@5; do small, per skin, \$1@2; do kits, per skin, 50c@\$1.

er skin, 50c@\$1. Tallow-565%c; No. 2 and grease, 34,94c per

pound.

Hides—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and upward, 15@15½c; dry klp, No. 1, 5 to 16 pounds, 15c per pound; dry calf. No. 1, under 5 pounds, 15c per pound; dry calf. No. 1, under 5 pounds, 15c per pounds and cover, shigher; dry mitted, one-third less than dry fint; saited hides, sound steers, 60 pounds and over, 5½c95c; do 50 to 60 pounds, 865½c; ds under 50 pounds and cows, 7½c95c; klp, 15 to 35 pounds, 7½c95c; do veal, 10 to 14 pounds, 7½c5c; do calf, under 10 pounds, 7½c; green (unsaited), le per pound less; culls (bulls, stags, mothesten, badly cut, scored hair slipped, weather eaten, badly cut, scored hair slipped, weather beaten or grubby), one-third less

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET. Closing Quotations of Bonds and Stocks Saturday.

BONDS. BONDS.

U. S. 2s reg. 103 Gen. Elec. 5s. 129
do 3s reg. 1111, N. Y. Cent. 1sts. 1025
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do 3s coup. 1118, North. Pacific 3s. 605,
do new 4s reg. 1375; Oregon Nav. 1sts. 110
do old 4s reg. 1165; do 4s. 102
do old 4s reg. 1165; do 4s. 102
do old 4s coup. 1175; O. S. L. 6s. 1275
U. S. 3s reg. 1154; do con. 5s. 114
do 5s coup. 1155; R. G. W. 1sts. 575;
Dis. of Col. 3-65s. 115
3. Paul con. 1673;
Atchiron adj. 4s. 823; S. P. & C. P. 1sts. 120;
C. & N. W. con. 7s141
do 5s. F. deb. 3s. 121
Union Pacific 4s. 1045;
do 4s. 95

STOCKS. The total sales of stocks today were 271,400 shares. The closing quotations were

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Atchison ... 22% Union Pacific do pfd ... 60½ pfd ... 60

741 National Lead .

74's National Lead
52's do prd
74's National Steel
23's do prd
42 N. T. Air Brake
76 North American
184's Pacific Coast
16's do 1sts prd
28's pacific Mail
52 People's Gas
57 Pressed Steel Car
10's do prd
60's Pull. Pal. Car
11's Stand. R. & T.
12' Sugar
12's Go prd
12's Tren. Coal & Iron.

| 10 pfd | 20 pfd | 20 pfd | 20 pfd | 20 pfd | 21 pfd | 20 pfd | 21 pfd | 20 pfd | 2

Mexican dollars-481/949c.

Silver certificates-MAGONAC.

LONDON, March 3 .- Consols-10014.

Mexican dollars 47%c. Bonds Government, weak.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 3.—Sterling on Lon-London—60 days, \$4 85; do sight, \$4 88.

NEW YORK, March 3 .- Money on call, steady

ALW 1044. March a.—acony on call, steady at 25, per cent, last loans, 2%. Prime mercantile paper—45,65% per cent. Sterling exchange Sheady, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$8.805,658.80½ for demand and at \$4.82%,64.85 for 60 days, posted

rates, \$4 8194 8414; commercial bills, \$4 829

London Stock Market Inactive.

LONDON, March 4.-While the stock ex-

change received the news of the surrender of General Cronje and the relief of Ladysmith with the utmost enthusiasm, events have en-tirely failed to stimulate business. Although

prices continue firm, there is little doing in any

of the markets, and this is especially true of African mines, which have had little outside support. Rands show a rise of 5-16, but most

others are fractionally lower. Americans have been for several days unsatisfactory and closed below the best figures for the week. Among the declines were: Chicago, Milwaukes & St. Paul, which fell 1%; Denver & Rio Grande preferred, %; Union Pacific preferred, %; Northern Pacific, %; Southern, & Money was

Less Favorable in Berlin,

BERLIN, Murch 4.- The condition of the

London Stock Market.

LONDON, March 3 .- Canadian Pacific, 180%;

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cercals in American and

European Ports. SAN FRANCISCO, March 3.—Wheat, quiet

ot, inactive. No sales of barley. Oats, quiet,

Wheat-Shipping, No. 1, 95c; choice, 90%c;

Bariey-Feed, 70@75c; brewing, 80@85c. Oats-Gray, Oregon, \$1 674@81 12½; milling, \$1 15@1 17½; red, \$1 12½@1 20.

Wheat-Quiet; May, 97%c per cental; Decem-er, \$1 07%; cash, 96%c.

Chiengo Grain, Produce, Etc.

Corn-Large yellow, \$1 021401 05.

Union Pacific preferred, 76; Northern

from 31/2 to 4 per cent. Three months'

figures attracted much attention.

Spot quotations were:

dilling, 9714c@\$1

Barley-No sales.

Drafts-Sight, 17%; do telegraphic, 20c.

European Grain Markets.

em than a year ago, was also an incen

fact that last year excepted, the quantity now in reserve is the largest since 1896. With this encouragement, and backed by reports of 300,-000 bushels cash business done here yesterday,

one bushels cash business done here yesterias, aborts hurried to cover. Foreigners and the Northwest were also buyers here, and the trade generally became animated. May opened a shade up, at 65%6566. The bulge was met by profit-taking sales, which caused a break to CN₂c, but the market recovered quickly. May accepted to 65%6566, and closed strong, 140%cover vesteriaty, at 65%656.

Corn was heavy. Country offerings were bit freer from some sections. The estimates snow, making reserves of corn 151,000,000 but

els over last year, had a depressing eff

Longs liquidated throughout the session. May closed weak, McSic lower. Onts were barrely steady, the weakness of corn having a depressing effect. May closed

Provisions enjoyed a fair trade, and held steady. The corn weakness was felt somewhat, but as peckers were fair buyers, and offerings

were not large, the price did not suffer. May pork closed Sc up, May lard, unchanged, and May ribs, a shade higher. The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

CORN

OATS.

MESS PORK.

LARD.

SHORT RIBS.

May 585 5874 5824 585 July 5874 590 585 5874

Spot quotations were as follows: Flour-Quiet; winter patents, \$3 4093 00; straights, \$2 9093 30; clears, \$2 1090; springs, \$3 80; patents, \$3 1093 45; straights, \$2 600

Wheat-No. 2 spring, 64@69%c; No. 2 red.

Oats-No. 2, 231,0231;c; No. 2 white, 25020c. Barley-No. 2, 38000c. Flaxseed-No. 1, \$1.00.

Short clear sides—Boxed, \$5 95@d 05. Butter — Strong; creamery, 18@24c; dairy.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Flour-Receipts, 15,-719 barrels; exports, 27,245. Market quieter but

firm; Minnesota patents, \$3 70@3 90; winter

Wheat-Recoipts, 41,600; exports, 76,428 bush-els. Epot, strong; No. 2 red, 73%c elevator, 74%c f. o. b. Options opened firm on higher cables, and with an energetic demand from shorts attained positive strength; later in the day damage reports from France exerted consid-erable influence, market closed strong at 4821c.

erable influence; market closed strong at M@le

net advance; March closed at 74%c; May, 72%c; July, 72%c; September, 72%c.

Dry salted shoulders-Boxed, 64,65%c.

\$ 00; bakers', \$2@2 40.

Timothy seed-Prime, \$2 00 Mess pork—Per barrel, \$9 70610 65. Lard—Per cwt., \$5 12466 774. Short ribs—Biden, loose, \$5 7065 95.

Cheese-Firm, 12813c.

traights, \$3 40@8 50.

Hope-Quiet.

674@68%c.

10@21c.

.10 62% 10 70 10 60 10 65 .10 70 10 75 10 67% 10 70

over yesterday, at 65% 66c.

inchanged at 25%@23%c

coast, nothing doing; cargoes on passage, buy-ers indifferent operators; No. 1 standard Cali-fornia, 20s 3d; English country markets, weak. ern winter, 6s; No. 1 Northern spring, 5s 1144

Futures, steady; March, Da 9%d; May, Da 8%d;

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN PHANCISCO, March 3.-Wool-Sprin Nevada, 12615c; Eastern Oregon, 12616c; Valley, Oregon, 20622c. Fall-Northern, mount lumboldt and Mendocino, 15@17c per pound. Hops—1869 crop, 11@13c per pound for choice Milistuffs-Middlings, \$17@20; bran, \$12@13

Hay-Wheat, \$769.50 per ton; wheat and oat, \$769; barley, \$5.5067.50; alfaifa, \$567.50; ever, \$768 per ton; straw, 30845c per bale. Potatoes—Early Rose, 754985c; river Burbanka, 10975c; Salinas Burbanka, 80c@\$1 10; Oregon Burbanka, 65c@\$1 per sack; sweets, \$262 15 per cental.

Onlone-\$1 75@2 25 per cental. Citrus fruit—Mexican limes, \$4@5; c. California lemons, 75c@\$1 50; choice, \$ Tropical fruit - Bananas, \$1 50 @ 2 50 per pples, nominal.

19620c; fancy dairy. 17618c; do seconds, 156 18c; pickled. 22624c; firkin, 216:22c per pound. Cheese - New, 8460c; Eastern, 164617c per ound; Young America, 10@104c; Western, 13

614c per pound.

Eggs-Store, 11@13c; Eastern, cold storage, nominal; ranch, 10c per dozen.

Receipts-Flour, quarier sacks, 18,100; wheat, centals, 288,707; barley, centals, 12,45c; do Oregon, 280; beans, sacks, 706; corn, centals, 1200; octatoes, sacks, 2000; bran; sucks, 1500; middlings, macks, 415.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, March &-Cattle-Receipts, Market nominally steady; natives, good to prime steems, \$556; poor to medium, \$464 80; selected feeders, \$3 1564 70; mixed stockers, \$3 405 8 50; cows \$354 25; helters, \$3 1064 10; canners, \$2 3063; bulls, \$2 6064 25; calves, \$568. Hogs-Receipts today, 18,000; tomorrow (esimated), 32,000; 1500 left over. Market closed to choice heavy, \$4 5064 82%; rough heavy, many \$4 6564 75; light pigs, 5610c lower, \$4 606 habit. 4 80; bulk of onles, \$4 TTW84 85. Sheep-Receipts 2000 beat Sheep-Receipts, 2000 head. Sheep and lambs, steady; good to choice wethers, \$5 60@6; fair to choice mixed, \$4 75@5 50; Western sheep, \$5 30 65 90; yearlings, \$696 50; native lambs, \$56

Northern Pacific, %: Southern, %. Money was in good demand, the discount rate ranging Weck's receipts-Cattle, 41,200; hogs, 143,000 sheep, 61,000. OMAHA, March 3. - Cattle - Receipts, 300. Market dull; native beef storm, \$3 8005 40; Western steers, \$3 7064 65; Texas steers, \$3 63 64 30; cows and helfers, \$3 2564 25; canners, BERLIN, March 4.—The committee money market have grown loss favorable. The tightness in money reacted unfavorably upon tightness in money reacted unfavorably upon tightness. Coal and from shares have also \$2 25663; stockers and feeders, \$3 6065; calves, \$467 50; bulle and stags, \$2 7503 85. Hogs-Receipts, 6300. Market shade to 5c higher: heavy, \$4 70@4 80; mixed, \$4 67\604 70; speculation. Coal and from shares have alre-suffered, one cause being the prospect of Amer-lean competition. The sales of American tran light, \$4 025,04 70; bulk of sales, \$4 075,04 70; Sheep-Receipts, 1600. Market strong; fair to choice natives, \$5 7066 10; fair to choice West-erns, \$5 2566 75; common and stock sheep, can competition. The sales of American from last week in England at \$2 below the English

\$4 25@6; lambs, \$6 25@7. KANSAS CITY, March 3 .- Cattle-Re Market unchanged; Texas steers, \$3 256
 50; Texas cows, \$2 5963 10; native cows and helfers, \$2 2564 50; stockers and feeders, \$3 25 preferred, 75%; Atchison, 23%; Grand Trunk, @5 25; bulls, \$2 85@4.

©5 25; bulls, \$2 85@4. Hogss-Receipts, 5000. Market steady; bulk of mles. 54 85@4 77%; heavy, \$4 65@4 75; pack-ers. \$4 60@4 77%; mixed, \$4 50@4 72%; light, \$4 60@4 67%; Yorkers, \$4 60@4 67%; pigs. \$3 p-Receipts, 500. Market steady; lumbs,

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, March 3,-The brokers' price for lead was \$4 45, and for copper \$16 25. Har

SAN FRANCISCO, March 3 .- Bar silver, per LONDON, March 8 .- Bar silver, 271/d.

Coffee and Sugar. NEW YORK, March 3 .- Coffee-Options closed

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Sugar-Raw, barely steady; refined, quiet.

The Tobacco Output.

CINCINNATI, March 3,-The figures on the product of tobacco for January show an in-crease for Cincinnati and vicinity over last January. The increase in the tobacco output, according to the Western Tobacco Journal, was 6,042,009 pounds, or 37 per cent over December, 1869, and 2,040,005 pounds, or 14 per cent, over January, 1869.

Hops at London. LIVERPOOL, March 3.—Hops at London, Pa-cific coast, dull. £3 5sff£3 15s.

MORPHINE HABIT PENALTIES The Most Destructive of Modern

Nerve Diseases. Boston Herald. That the morphine habit is increasing among the people of this country there is no doubt. is no doubt. Physicians, druggists and the importers and dealers themselves attest to this. In one city 50 per cent of all the morphine used is purchased by persons who use it without a physician's order.

The habit is usually acquired through the victim having first taken the drug to aliay pain or discomfort. The fascination of the change from pain, distress and insomnia to quietness, comfort and sleep is very intense, and over mes all reason and judgment. After a short time of repeated use of morphine th reason is obscured. First the higher ethi-cal brain succumbs, and all sense of right

and wrong glowly disappears. The failure of veracity is the first symp-tom. This goes on to extreme lengths. Asociated with it is egotism, which grows LIVERPOOL March & -- Wheat, firm; wheat with the degeneration of the victim. Often and flour in Paris, etrong; French country marcretiveness and cunning also increase to

an astonishing degree.
Some of the most dangerous among July, 5s Sidd.

Corn—Spot, firm; American mixed, new. 3s forgers and confidence men are morphine takers. Fortunately, the period of great sidd; do old, 3s 9idd. Futures, duli; May, 5s mental acuteness along these lines is of short duration. The unstable brain state to be performed with equal cunning and judgment. While the secretiveness lasts, together with the low cunning and selfishees, it is found after a time that the reasoning faculties become benumbed, so that they cannot originate or adapt them-

selves to new conditions. During its first five years the morphine habit is often practically unnoticed. The patient may be a little odd in some respects—more bright or dull at one time than at another, or perhaps now sensitive and again indifferent. His ordinary occupation may be carried on without noticeable changes. His habits will deteriorate, and he may explain them as due to some

Later, however, more marked changes appear. The business man becomes un-reliable and changeable, and the society woman develops a taste for slander and exhibits unusual emotional changes, and finally retires from society. The workman secomes unfit and uncertain, and is discharged, or maybe detected in some onest transaction. The failure of the higher brain takes away the former consciousness of duty and respect for law and order. Impulses to steal become very

prominent in some cases. Immoralities of all kinds and senseless intrigues follow. Childish lying and foolish concealment, with egotistical boastings, are often com-Sometimes these faults are associated

with much acuteness, and the writings of some authors have been marked by delirious imaginations and egotistical conceptions which for their strangeness and nov-elty have been considered original. Curiously enough, these productions are not uniform and vary widely. They are rare-ly on the same key or of the same quality, and have a decidedly insane ting

Many morphine takers, having good con stitutions, are able to use the drug for many years and partially to conceal the habit. They are likely, however, to be-come invalids, or to seek seclusion, and the erratic character of their brain work and reasoning suggests the disturbances going on. Others become greatly broken going on, down, or imbeciles, criminals, tramps or paupers, and eventually die of some intercurrent disease.

It is a fact not well known that a con siderable proportion of the crimes and business failures which disturb the world are the result of the secret use of mor-phine. Scandals in society, intrigues, di-vorces, stupid, unreasoning acts among persons of previously average sense, are often due to this same cause. Trampism, pauperism, prostitution and many other evils are very often associated with the use of morphine and excesses of other drugs. In most cases the use of nar-cotic drugs has preceded these conditions. In some cases the use of liquor leads to induigence in drugs. The narcotism which comes from beer and spirits very often finds ar increased pleasure and relief in morphine, and hence turns to it.

Morph.rlsm is the most fatal and de-structive of modern nerve diseases, and when once contracted is with great diffi-

Taught to 0mtt God.

Baltimore Sun. New York, Feb. 24.—Carl S. Bitner, steward of a German labor union, was a prisoner in Morrisania Police Court today because he persisted in refusing to send his boy Carl. 12 years old, to the public schools, in violation of the compulsory

education law. The boy recently attended public school No. 62. His teacher gave as a dictation exercise an extract from Longfellow: Let us do our work well, both the unseen and

the even; Make the house where God may dwell beautiful, entire and clean. CHICAGO, March 3.—Wheat—In the wheat sleady at 56/10 points set advance; sales, 32 250 pit bullish feeling was awakened early by the firmness of Liverpool and further encouraged gust, \$6 70. Spot. Rio. steady; No. 7, invoice, He said his father had forbidden him to

8 3-16c; No. 7, jobbing, 8 11-16c. Mild, quiet; speak or write the word, as "there was no such thing." The teacher sent him home. In court, Bitner said this was the third time he had been compelled to take his children away from the public schools because the teachers insisted on religious teachings. He said he was an atheist and did not want his children to "learn non-sensical ideas." Magistrate Duel told Bitner if he did not send the lad to school he would have him arrested again. Bitnet consented to let the boy go.

"THE BEST MAN."

Joe Walcott Proves That the Terrier Can Sometimes Whip the Bulldog.

New York Sun. From time to time the Sun has presented the arguments that chanced to point to this or that individual as the most re-markable "man" among men. John L. Sullivan was a wohderful man. So was Jack Dempsey, or George Dixon, or, be-fore them, Thomas Sayers. Barclay of Ury was a wonderful man. Littlewood, who holds the record for six days' going as one pleases, belonged to the same class Captain Webb was another. So is Sandow. The list of physical marvels is long and extremely varied. But last Friday night there appeared in New York an as-pirant for the very top place of all among them in the person of Joseph Walcott. This 5 feet 14 inches of length and 140 counds of weight of negro outboxed Joseph Choynaki, a Polish Jew, who has nearly reached the very first class among heavy weights. Choynski is but a little short of 170 pounds in weight and not far from six feet tall, a man of beautiful physical form and quality, a most accomplished boxer, and, as a fighter, as game as he is practised. But the little knot of Africanism that faced him took his powerful blows as though it was a stone with out senses, and in return rained blows on poor Choynski with such crushing vigor and frightening rapidity that in less than one-third of the time allowed for the con-test the larger man was utterly beaten. When Charles Mitchell, the British heavy weight, an artist of great skill and cars ago, the lightweight Billy Edwards thought that his own unusual ability to hit and great spryness on foot would enable him to beat Mitchell; and so the match was made. In that case it took but a few noments for the bulldog to eat the terrier. Walcott was scarcely bigger com pared to Choynski than Edwards was h

omparison with Mitchell; yet in Wal-oit's affair the terrier ate the buildog. The little man won overwhelmingly. As a human being of metallic duines of the nerves as to pain or shock, yet of the very highest nervous organization as to muscular strength and keen intelli-gence in the use of it. Walcott is an extremely interesting study.

Ehb and Flow.

New York Sun.

On Thursday last two prizes of gold over awarded by the New England Anti-Imperialist League for the 'best essay on

Four years ago a prize was given in San Francisco by an advicate of the Chicago platform for the best essay defending the ee coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to The Sun told the other day how the winner. Mr. C. C. Hutchinson, now repudlates his brief for silver, having onvinced that its philosophy, and hence is argument, was unsound.

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