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A COMPLEX PROBLEM.

No doubt the argument that the income from the liquor tax is essential to support of government will be ridiculed by prohibitionists; yet it is an argument that has a very practical The tax on the manufacture brings into the Treasury of the United States \$150,000,000 a year. What form of taxation would take its place? Direct taxation, undoubtedly, of some kind, which would fall on a class of people different from those who ultimately pay the liquor tax; yet this class has already plenty of taxes, direct and indirect, to pay. But the Government tax on manufacture, great as the sum produced by it is, yet is but a bagatelle when compared with the municipal taxes collected from the sale. This runs into hundreds of millions. The little city of Portland liquor taxation were abandoned, would be added to the direct taxes.

The financial side of this subject is not to be ignored in the discussion of general and total prohibition. It will force itself on general attention and will prove no unimportant factor. Revenue from taxation of liquors, malt, vinous and spirituous, is an important part of the revenues of every great country. The harm done by abuse of liquors is everywhere patent, but in the common sense and judgment of the world there is difference between use and abuse, and taxrayers will not wish to take on themselves, for a sen-timent which all do not share, the vastly additional burden of taxes that loss of revenues from liquors would impose on them. This consideration will certainly be a prominent factor in the debate and in the formation of final opinion. And while it will be said that if sale and consumption of liquors were wholly stopped society would have fewer burdens to carry and fewer charges to meet, it won not be wise to depend on this argument, since, in the long run, the operations of government will be found as expensive as ever. The official system

On the economic and industrial side, too, there will be much loss. We are hopgrowers and vineyardists and producers of cereals; we are makers of bottles and barrels and cases; we are carriers by water and rail. Thousands of employers are in these lines of industry and business. Owners of real estate, in large numbers, also have an its striking employes that the treasinterest, direct and indirect, in one part or another of this great economic, the time for declaring the regular problem. quarterly dividend arrived. But the industrial and financial These facts are mentioned merely to remind such as wish to think of it other corporations which have an irhow important and far-reaching the general problem is. Recalling these ities, was undismayed by the shortage various facts, we do not think the in the cash box and the dividend was people of the United States will, as a culities, where men vote for prohibition, yet go off at intervals "for a tion, yet go off at intervals "for a claim of the claim o where, in the larger towns and great cities, for multitudinous reasons of which we have recounted, it will not ir: the industrial question is in it; the dence is in it. There always will be hance the theoretical value of the peace and make his speeches as scanmultitudes of persons, especially in the larger town: and cities, who will be The experience of all trusts, from unwilling to put themselves in leading Standard Oil down or up to Chewing strings to the state. And all over Gum, has shown that whenever the the state there will be other multi- dividend began to assume formidable York, about 19,000 applications for tudes who, while willing to join in local prohibition, will not vote for gengive a majority for prohibition in Benton, but will not east a majority for prohibition in Multnomah. The reason | bilities of this endless chain system | delayed or neglected business a strong

opinion that prohibition, as a state grower, who, with mathematical cerpolicy, would not carry in Oregon. tainty, figured that in twenty years crease is now urged in order that this It believes such proposition would be the natural increase in his flock of greater volume of delayed business defeated by a heavy vote. We do not chickens would give him something may be brought up. Perhaps if the overlook the fact that it has carried in several of our great Southern my duty to humanity," said he, "and ment employes are required to work states. That, however, is due to the presence therein of a very heavy negro | would ultimately reach such vast propopulation, which it is desired to keep portions, I took a hatchet and under control. But it constitutes the moved very reason why the people of other birds." moved the head from each of the states, who feel able to control them-Now, if Western Union should folselves, do not want it. Yet in all these low out the system of paying dividends states there are large districts which with stock and increasing stock for will enforce prohibition for themselves | the purpose of paying more dividends through local option. They wish and it is difficult to foresee the conse-intend to cut out the saloon at home, quences. Someone should apply the because it has been conducted in such hatchet before it is too late. a way as to make itself a ruisance. Yet multitudes who vote against the saloon order for themselves from the

city such liquors as they want.

the traffic in liquors within closer

bounds and regulations than hereto-

fore. It has been too loose, too free

and too easy. It has fallen too much

into irresponsible hands. Abuses of

the saloon, abuses of "treating," with

try to an extent elsewhere unknown.

The liquor trade has deeply offended

the people by its intermeddling with

politics. It has been thrown as a solid

orce for or against candidates, and

oon, in many cases, has been permit-

revolver habit" that accompanies

places, and these will be conducted

within strict regulations; else the time

is not distant when there will be no

our old and large cities restrictions

are more closely enforced than in the

smaller ones. It is the small town

or village where the police regula-

responsibility less developed among

the sellers of liquors, that the abuses

are most flagrant. And, moreover, in

such places they are under every-body's eyes. About the fringes and

outskirts of large cities prohibition by

local option makes progress, yet those who do not want saloons in a resi-

dence district will not vote for prohi-

bition in the whole city. All these cir-cumstances are part of the whole

problem; and there are many more.

It is a fiscal, economical, social, po-

litical, moral and financial problem,

with us yet awhile, and perhaps in-

AMERICA'S DELINQUENCY.

garding the scaling interests. The

its sealers while the Americans were

not protected, they promptly sought

Settlement of this claim by the Rus-

slans leaves nothing unpaid except the

claims of the American sealers who

were seized by American cutters.

the American sealers has received lib-

eral payment for damages, the last

dollar has ever been paid an Ameri-

can schooner owner who lost his prop-

erty under identical circumstances

the Canadian schooners. This dis-

graceful sealing policy has afforded

the world with the extremely rare and

humiliating spectacle of the repudia-

tion of the American flag by the

American Government. This final set-

tlement by the Russian government.

after fifteen years' wrangling, how-

ever, may be encouraging to the

Americans who had their property il-

It required ten years of almost con-

tinual "prodding" to force this Gov-

ernment to pay the Canadians, and,

now that there are no debts outstand-

ing on sealing account except those

due Americans, some favorable action

may be taken on them, thus permit-

ting the close of a very disgraceful

The Western Union spent so much

money in its recent effort to vanquish

ury was somewhat bare in spots when

Western Union, like a good many

revocable "cinch" on our public util-

that the public has been taught the

when the dividend date arrives.

duction in the dividend.

chapter in American maritime history

legally seized by American cutters.

shelter under the British flag.

will be

all in one; and therefore it

tions are less strict, and the sense of

public drinking places anywhere.

has provoked just retaliation. The sa-

Someone should apply the IS FRANCE DECADENT? be frank about this business and avoid cant and humbug. The people of the United States, speaking at large, do not want prohibition. Nor will they

The problem is one which has been engaging for years the attention of ob servant thinkers. Rightly do the his torians of France descant on the glorious part she has played in the general work of civilization, of the sympa-thetic genius which has seized and have it. But they do intend to keep translated for the world the ideas of reason, justice and all the theory of life, private and public; of the idealist perseverance whose experiments have saved the world so much suffering and "made of her follies the wisdom concomitants of gambling and other of other nations." It is the idea of vices, have been carried in our counthe brilliant French historian Michelet that his nation died upon the cross in her "Great Revolution," to explate the sins of the whole world. It is an idea, certainly, of deep significance. "All nations had sinned in her way though not indeed to the same extent. France can even boast, in her fascited to be the resort of disreputable characters. "The lid" is going down nating fashion, of having pushed logical tendencies to their vicious exfast on all these abuses, and on "the tremes in order to show us the danger attending them. The types she has them. There will be fewer drinking thus set up dominate literature and thought. In her we may see ourselves—as we should be, and as we might have been "

The vital statistics again call attention to the fact that her population makes virtually no gain in numbers. Last year there were only 806.847 births, while thirty years ago the number was 960,000. What these figures mean can be seen by comparing them with those of Germany, where the excess of births over deaths last year was 792,839; or Austria, where it was nearly half a million; or of Great Britaln, where it was 493,878. Germany's present rate of increase is fourteen thousand, while thirty years ago it was only twelve a thousand. France is short of 400,000 births a year to meet the proportionate increase of other countries. This is the more extraordinary, because while the rate in 1906 fell 34,000 below that of the preceding period, the marriage rate rose by more than 10,000. The divorce factor appears to be unimportant, the number of divorces in 1906 being only 2500 in excess of the aver-

A Victoria dispatch in yesterday's age during the preceding decade. regonian announced the settlement France, then, is becoming sterile by the Russian government of the The causes lie in the Great Revolution ng-standing claim of a number of and in its consequences. Bodley, in Victoria scalers seized in 1892. Jus- his great book on France, explains tice in this case moved with leaden that the determination of the peasants footsteps, but this belated acknowl- not to have many children, primarily edgment of a commercial crime is so due to the law which enforces the dimuch better than anything that the vision of real property among off-American Government has done in this spring, has become a habit and has encouraged the idea that the land is line that the Russians are really entitled to much credit. Among the incapable of supporting even those four vessels which will receive the who already dwell upon it. In nearly \$82,000 damages awarded by Russia three-fourths of the departments of was the schooner Rosie Olsen, and the France the population is decreasing. Only the large cities hold their own, case of this particular craft is an ex-

cellent example of the monstrously un-fair policy of the United States re-Again, there is the moral a Again, there is the moral and psy chological result of a people Rosie Olsen was built at Astoria, and, never yet has found a political govin company with a number of other ernment to soothe and weld together sealing schooners, sailed under the the elements unsettled by the great American flag in the early days of upheaval. Factions in France are en- he is certain to put all his energy the industry. But when the first seiz- emies of each other, to an extent eise- into a work that he loves, ures were made in Bering Sea and her where unknown. All are intensely deowners realized with deep chagrin that voted to France, but co-operation among them is impossible

LETTRES DE CACHET.

It would be absurd to take Mr Tillman more seriously than he takes himself. The vehement South Carolinian is by no means a fool; hence it stands to reason that he knows all Every Canadian schooner seized with about the element of vaudeville in his speeches and conduct and values it as an advertisement or for something payment by the American Government else. Perhaps he plays low comedy amounting to \$425,000; but not one because he likes it, which, after all, is the very best of reasons. In his latest Senatorial dithyramb he raves at Mr. Roosevelt because the President with those attending the seizure of has not yet put any of the border rufflans of finance in jail.

Of course, Mr. Tillman knows very well that the President has no power to put anybody in jail but when a to do for a number of years. abusive one reason serves his purpose as well as another. All he needs is a text; the sermon then takes care of as if Mr. Roosevelt could issue a lettre de cachet whenever he liked and hale a trust magnate off to a dungeon every minute in the day if he was so disposed. Perhaps it is unfortunate for the country that he has not this prompt remedy at his command. It would not only be most wholesome when applied to the freebooting fraternity who find the courts so sympathetic, but it would also be useful at times in shutting up certain mouths which pour out a superfluous strea. of sewage. How long would Mr. Tillman remain at large if the President had the power to shut his opponents and critics up in j 11?

This is not written to urge that the President be clothed with power to issue lettres de cachet, but one can imagine cases when it would be most refreshing to see him own and exercise it. Such a case would arise when some Senator, say Mr. Tillman or his declared and paid-not in cash, but blood brother, Jeff. Davis No. 2, arose whole, accept the prohibition pro- in "stock" which had remained un- in the Senate and delivered himself gramme. It will prevail in many lo- sold in the treasury. This transaction of a stream of vituperation for no opens up a world of possibilities, now possible reason except to make a sensation; or when some trust the possible percentage being limited these one almost regrets that Mr. only by the amount of stock on hand Roosevelt has not the power to put people in jail and keep them there Naturally a good big dividend, such until they learn to behave decently. as would be possible with plenty of But he has not, and for that reason question of free choice and indepen- stock with which to pay it, would en- Mr. Tillman may possess his soul in

stock on which the dividend was paid. dalous as he chooses. As shown at the recent International Congress proportions it was the part of wisdom patents on various devices await acor caution or rascality to authorize an tion in the United States Patent Bu-Benton County will additional issue of stock, which, of reau. Five years ago the number of course, would cause a proportional re- cases, thus held up aggregated 9397. The possi- To relieve this enormous volume of is obvious. Country life and city life of financiering are bewildering in plea was made for a five per cent have different conditions. They are remindful increase in salaries and office force The Oregonian therefore is of the in a manner of the amateur poultry in the Pensions Bureau, which plea law.

Congress allowed. A much larger inwere increased to a reasonable limit, and superannuated men and faggedout women who hold positions under civil service regulations were superseded by active, effective, competent workers, the desired end might be attained without a horizontal increase in salaries or doubling the number of employes. If all hands could be inemployes. duced to work for three months, as the accountants in an ordinary wholesale hardware house that is doing a heavy business, this great volume of delayed patent business would doubtless disappear.

Very appropriately, the Rallway Critic, published in the interests of he transportation companies of America, remarks that there is a great deal of the "friendly" in the case of the "ity Railway, Company of New York. It was reported that a "friendly" creditor applied to a "friendly" court and ecured the appointment of a "friendly" receiver. No doubt the "friendly" receiver employed a "friendly" lawyer and the bonds of friendship among those on the inside were unbroken. It was this "friendly" attitude among he managers that made the mutual robbery operations possible. It is quite to be expected that the contined "friendly" relations will permit the robbery to go on in the future and cover up and protect the thefts of the The chief cause for regret is that the court became a willing party to the "friendly" arrangement and lost lts essential characteristic as an impartial tribunal. But New York is ong way from Oregon and we need have no fear of "friendly" receivers who employ "friendly" attorneys.

A slave of the liquor habit, a mother forgetful of her maternal duties and a wife faithless to her marriage vows. human wreck to whom honor and decency are closed ports, Mrs. De Reign, the woman in the Burner suicidal case, is mildly determined to take her own life. To prevent what is mistakenly supposed to be a catastrophe, she has been committed to the insane asylum. According to the law of humanity as interpreted today, everything possible should be done to prevent this woman from taking her own life. A mistaken estimate, indeed, where death is the only solution left for the ills that beset this perverted life-the only mantle that can cover this wretched woman's shame.

How the foreman of a logging crew eat a three-card monte operator at his own "brace game" is interestingly told in a story in the last issue of the Saturday Evening Post. The story is not only interesting, but instructive for it may save a few people from loss by playing the game. Then, again, it may save no one. If the effect of the story should be to tempt readers to beating the game, it will have an undesirable result. There may be some tricks in his business that the brace-game operator does not know, but it is a safe assumption that he will learn them as soon as any one does.

In the selection of a director of exhibits the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Fair management is entitled to felicitation. Mr. Dosch is not only well equipped by experience for the important duty, but he has equable temperamentmost important quality in an executive officer who must decide among aggressive rival exh.bitors. Besides

Of course, if District Attorney Mantransactions of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company there are some who would accuse him of attacking industry and destroying confidence. are some kinds of industry and some kinds of confidence that need to be de-

Assessment of all property in the ity of Louisville for the present year s \$160,200,000. Louisville is twice as large a city as Portland and thrice as rich; but her Assessor doesn't know how to assess, or doesn't.

If you please, Mr. Weather Clerk, ve're not asking-for a "silver thaw" this year. Our shade trees were trimmed close enough the last time

Masters of finance spoke Monday light on the monetary problem, each offering a partial solution. For the itself. The rambunctious Senator talks present the plain people acting sanely

> Dan McAllen is clearly neglecting : duty. He hasn't started on a celebraon in honor of the first train into Portland over the North Bank road.

Several fellow-citizens who have been invited to meet Judge Wolverton January 13 may be reminded of an unlucky date.

vedding are what the department store publicity man would call petticoat specials.

presents and you won't have to be patient later on. Denver is a mile above sea level Hotel rates there next July will be still

Be early in sending your Christmas

higher. GOOD WAY TO PREVENT MURDER Arrest and Jall Every Man Found

Carrying a Pistol.

Umatilla County has had a lot of sad paid the bill.

paid the bill.

There is no excuse for a man to carry a revolver in this peaceable country. Any man who does it regularly is a dangerous man. He is not safe to be at large. Any flurry of passion is liable to cause him to shoot somebody, either intentionally or unintentionally and an accidental shot will kill a man as dead

as an intentional shot.

Within the past two weeks a couple of fellows have made the night backenus on Coltonwood street by shooting in the air. A drunken fool is just as liable to shoot into a crowd as into the air and every man who is suspicioned of carrying concealed, weapons should be seized on the street, in saloons, or anywhere he can be found and fixed the full extent of the law. why He Would Be the Most Avallable Candidate. Yakima (Wash.) Republic

The Oregonian says that from now on the minds of Republicans will turn more and more to Governor Hughes, of New York, as the most available candidate for President next year. Scretary Taft was for a while the popular fewerits. r favorite. That we believe, couse Mr. Roosevelt seemed to lar favorite. him chosen. It was not because Mr. Taft had done anything to entitle him to preferment, and it was not because he was especially available. The drift sentiment now is pininly away from

The Oregonian points out the reason in half a dozen words-Mr. Taft representative of controversies in the Republican ranks.

It ought to be plain, and we think it is, that the Republican party cannot afford to name a man for President who would go into the fight with the

bitter opposition of certain factions bitter opposition of certain factions and elements. Mr. Taft could not get away from this opposition, nor could Mr. Cannon or Mr. Fairbanks. Mr. Hughes is a man who has no prejudices to overcome. It is true that he is cordially disilked by the bosses in his own state, but these gentlemen have so far been powerless in opposition to him and will have no choice but to support him if he is nominated. but to support him if he is nominated. Governor Hughes is one of the most remarkable men of the day, and the most remarkable thing about him is that he has won the absolute confidence of the people of the country vithout resorting to the use of methods which usually corrupt ambitious public men, and which have been a blemish on, the career of even Mr. Roosevelt. Mr. Hughes is a man whose integrity is regarded as ab-He is just as much of a regolute. former as Roosevelt, and just as honest as Roosevelt. Besides that he is with-out doubt an abler man in some respects than the President, and he has the wonderful knack of compelling the right things to be done without beat ing the temtom, playing to the gal-eries or "appealing to the people." He is a man of clear vision. He knows what is right. Knowing the right, he stands for it, and is immovable. He He knows makes no mistakes, he asks no concessions, he will listen to no suggestion of compromise. He stands for what is

right, and thus puts the politicians in the wrong if the e wrong if they oppose him. This remarkable system of playing the political game has enabled him to accomplish remarkable results as Gov-ernor of New York. He has won every fight for popular rights, has carried out great reforms and has brought the political machine of that statemost powerful in the Union-to his He is the most irresistable man who ever occupied the Executive office of New York state, and yet he has favor nor sought a never asked a promise nor made one

HOT SHOT FOR A NOTED AGITATOR. How One Goldfield Paper Pays Its Respects to Vincent St. John.

Goldfield Gossip. A couple of weeks ago there was a shooting affair on Main street, in the course of which, as usual, the innocent bystander got it—this time in the leg; and Vincent St. John, one of the parties in the affair of the shooting, in fact, the man who was shot at, ascaped with a couple of slight flesh wounds. St. John is a stormy petrel; wherever he is there is trouble, either active or brew-ing. He was the leader among the Socialist element of the Wesfern Federa-tion of Miners here during our troubles last Spring, when you remember our stocks were broken in price, and the credit of our mines badly damaged.

St. John will clearly understand we have no personal grievance against him when we say that it was a great pity that the man holding the gun in the recent shooting did not have sense enough to hold it straight. Speaking as one who puts the public good foremost in his argument always, Mr. St. John will pardon us for remarking that he would look much better dead. We will add that we should be more than pleased to attend his funeral and see that the last sad rites were decently obeyed. We will even go a step further and assure him that in the h thing sudden in the shape of a lovertaking him we will cheerfully scribe for a wreath for the coffin, and count it money well spent.

OBSERVATIONS BY MR. FINNEGAN,

BY HIS BOSWELL, J. H. MURPHY.

If Sinniter Aldrich still thinks Gov. ernor Hughes is "unknowable" he might consult Jimmy Hyde.

I see be th' papers that me frind Frank Davey is purty well geared. The only way to understhand Socialism

is to become a Socialist. Says Pete d'Arcy to me: "Political independence is the law of the ple counter where a Dimocrat can't get a doughnut."

Sometimes a man is bigger flown and

out than when he's up and in. If I was the Mayor I'd say to the council: "Be ladies, boys, be ladies; aythur that or th' Juvenile Coort."

Forecast: Threatening clouds followed a forensic blow and San Francisco quick-steps.

een invited to meet Judge Wolverton anuary 13 may be reminded of an nlucky date.

News reports of Gladys Vanderbilt's redding are what the department

The difference betune Jim Finnegan and the president of the Great Northern Railroad, is the difference betune Jim Finnegan and the president of the Great Northern Railroad, is the difference betune Jim Finnegan and the president of the Great Northern Railroad, is the difference betune Jim Finnegan and the president of the Great Northern Railroad, is the difference betune Jim Finnegan and the president of the Great Northern Railroad, is the difference betune Jim Finnegan and the president of the Great Northern Railroad, is the difference betune Jim Finnegan and the president of the Great Northern Railroad, is the difference betune the Arilington Club and a policeman's club. It aim to contain the president of the Great Northern Railroad, is the difference betune the contained of the president of the Great Northern Railroad, is the difference betune the contained of the president of the Great Northern Railroad, is the difference betune the contained of the president of the Great Northern Railroad, is the difference betune the contained of the president of the Great Northern Railroad, is the difference betune Jim Finnegan and the president of the Great Northern Railroad, is the difference betune Jim Finnegan and the president of the Great Northern Railroad, is the difference betune Jim Finnegan and the president of the Great Northern Railroad, is the difference betune Jim Finnegan and the president of the Great Northern Railroad, is the difference betune Jim Finnegan and the president of the Great Northern Railroad, is the difference betune Jim Finnegan and the president of the Great Northern Railroad, is the difference betune Jim Finnegan and the president of the Great Northern Railroad, is the difference betune Jim Finnegan and the president of the Great Northern Railroad, is the difference betune Jim Finnegan and the Jim Finnegan and the Jim Finnegan and the Jim F

Dr. Hinery Waldo Coe says of Mr. Ruse'felt: "I expect to see him nominated; I expect to see him elected; I expect to see him serve out a third term." Aint there something else ye expect, docther?

History in the making: First term— Ye'll behave y'rselves. We wont! Second term—Rate bill; \$29,000,000 fine. Usurper, panic-breeder, monarchist, Put him out! Next term-Penitentiary. All serenc.

"Don't be too hard on the man who is, always telling you his troubles," said Uncle Jerry Peebles. "Perhaps it's the only comfort in life the poor fellow

When the Wise Man Fell.

Chicago Record Herald.
He never bucked the tiger and he never bet a cent.
That he could find the cup which held the new could find the cup which held the pea; He never at a circus tried to crawl beneath the tent, Nor tried to pet a fretful bumble bee.

He never hought a gold brick and he never rocked a bont.

He never teased a builded in his life.

He never rushed in madly to lay hold upon the throat.

Of a bully who was runnielling his wife. Of a bully who was pummelling his wife He never pulled the trigger of an ancient

rusty gun.

Just to see if it contained a load or not;
He never, when the gas leaked, started in upon the run With a lighted lamp to and the leaky

He never signed a paper till he'd read it thru and thru. He never skated where the ice was thin; But they coaxed him into Wall street when the sky was soft and blue. And they casually stript him to the skin.

GOVERNOR HUGHES OF NEW YORK. ARE FRENCH DUELS SERIOUS! They May Be If Managed With the Care of a Late Event.

New York Sun

The curious attitude of the French mind toward duelling is clearly illustrated by some authoritative comments on a recen meeting. The affair was very "distinguished," the principals being men of title and well known sportsmen and all the principals being men of the sportsmen and all the sportsmen and al four seconds prominent figures in Paris life. The weapons were pistols and the conditions stringent—four shots to be ex-changed at 25 yards within the space of comething more than a minute, and fo econds to clapse between the final war: seconds to clapse between the final warning "Are you ready?" and the first shot, thus insuring plenty of time for accurate aim. As one at least of the principals was notriously a dead shot these conditions made it extremely improbable that both men would leave the ground uncathed unless they fired into the air. They were guilty of no such mock heroics. Both ware bit at the first exchange. Both were hit at the first exchange. Neither was killed, however, nor, it appears, seriously wounded, though sufficiently disabled to end the encounter.

The Figaro, which is always punctilious about duels and permits no scoffing at them, publishes a long account of this affair from the pen of its collaborator.

M. Leudet, who is a well known authority on sporting matters. M. Leudet winds up his account with the transplant coolerns. his account with the triumphant exchama-tion: "After this no one will be able to laugh at pistol quels." But he has previously made some revelations, such as seldom appear in print, about the inside management of the fight which to some minds may seem to discount his triumpl He states that the pistels had unusually stiff "pulls" and that the surgeon who loaded them remarked, "With such pulls it will be very difficult to hit." Moreover, black powder was used, "which has much less penetrating power than the usual kind." Further, the director of the fight, contrary to the conditions, did not wait four seconds after the final "Are yo four seconds after the final "Are you ready?" but "tried to surprise the opponents by ordering them to fire at once, and the exchange took place within one and a half seconds." The Figaro conand a haif seconds. The Figato congratulates the director of the fight on this violation of the conditions and remarks about the other "precautions" adopted: "The seconds deserve praise for the pains they took to avoid a disaster without in

any way impairing the serious character which every duel must possess it is not to be ridiculous."

Seeing that the principals were provided with stiff pulls and inefficient charges and were ordered to fire at an unexpected moment the foreigner may fall to understand that the content of the low "the serious character of the meeting was not in any way impaired." The Fig-aro would perhaps answer that the principals faced each other's pistols without any knowledge of the "precautio were subjectively exposed to a full mortal

WOMAN IN HARD TIMES.

Most Extravagances, in Flush Times. Are Those of Women,

Chicago Evening Journal, ovember, 1996, there were imp grough New York diamonds and other reclous stones to the value of \$2,751,487 Last November the imports of precious stones totaled only \$924.555, a decrease of \$1.826.792. This change was undoubtedly due to the financial stringency. When money becomes scarce men do not buy jewels and other expensive luxurles for

omen; that is evident. Men's luxuries are cut down, also, but men have very few such extravagances. If a man has a yacht and automobiles, the chances are that he has them, not for his own pleasure, but for his wife's or for that of his feminine friends. The necessary living expenses of even rich men, taken by themselves, amount to very little in comparison with their an-nual outgo. What, for example, does Stuyvesant Fish care about a paince at Newport and another in New York? But Mrs. Fish cares, and so Stuyvesant has s. Fish cares, and so Stuyressent ficer rode up to the singer, sames, and the men of the United States is spent said:

"Madame, if you were not the greatest in the world you would be em-

Consequently, when money is hard to get women have to suffer, whereas men suffer very little, except through sympa-thy. Tolstoi, in the Kreutzer Sonata, calls attention the fact that all the great calls attention the fact that all the great-and splendid shops of the world are al-most exclusively for women, dealing in women's goods; and this is as true in Chicago as in Moscow. But in hard times women cannot make purchases. Doubtless the dressmakers and furriers of New York and Paris town directors of New York and Paris have endured as great losses as the diamond merchants.

Just Issue Greenbacks.

New York Evening Post. It was inevitable that the old quack rotions about currency should be trotted out in a time like this. Yesterday we saw a bill introduced to "base" money upon cotton. In the proline days of 1893-95 there was a great crop of these "basing" plans. Iron in the mines, coal in sight, hay in bales, etc., were proposed as the transfer. were proposed as the true security on which to issue currency. The simplest way, of course, is that which Tom Watway, or course, is that which Tom Watson urged yesterday upon the President, to "base" your currency on nothing, and just issue greenbacks to fill
every pocket. But this is to overlook
one important difference between the
present Treasury situation and that of present Treasury situation and that of 1893. Then the Government was short of funds: but today it has more than \$200,000,000 of surplus. If greenbacks were "issued," they could only be in payment of Government obligations or purchases of some kind; they are not tossed out of the windows to the crowd, as Mr. Watson seems to suppose. With over \$200,000,000 to the good, the Treasury would look foolish to put out promises to pay. For the to put out promises to pay. For the same reason, it did look foolish in put ting out bonds and 3 per cent certifi-

Chicken Gumbo

Letter from Southerner in New York Sun.

The real chicken gumbo is made by boiling a chicken in a pot of water till the meat falls from the bone. Pick out the bones. Cut in small pieces about one quart of okra or gumbo, which is the same thing, and cook in the pot with the chicken. Season with onion tiust a little). When all is cooked very tender put in the pot a few shripms and overters if in the pot a few shrimps and oysters, if you care for them. When serving put in the soup plate first a tablespoonful of well bolled rice and cover with the chicken rumbs. hicken gumbo.

This is a dish fit for the gods when made right. This with hot biscuit or beaten biscuits will make a very hearty and delegate his most and delectable meal.

High Tide Brings Ruts to Death. Washington (D. C.) Dispatch.

High tide the other day drove out rats from the piers at Boston, and in two hours business men and boys killed more than 1000 of the animals.

The Financial Envoy

Denver Republican.

When the street's last flurry is ended, and the strong boxes open pried.

When the oldest knocker has faded, and the youngest doubter has faded, and the youngest doubter has died.

We shall rest, and faith we shall need it, from the talk that is needlessly him.

Till the Master of All Finances pays off in his coin ever new.

And those that had faith shall be happy—
they shall all in a greenhack chair
And shall play with a bulging canvas that
is filled up with gold coins fair;
They shall find real optimists with them—
J. P. and likewise John D.—
They shall talk for an age at a sitting, and
alwars Prosuctify.

And only Cortelyou shall praire us, and only Cortelyou shall blame.

And all shall be paid in real money—
ossitier's cherica will go in the flame—
And each for the joy of the spending shall neatter his gold near and far.

And shall spend his last deliar—not squeeze it—for the God of Good Times as They Are!

WILLIAM PRUETTE, the baritons with Fritzi Scheff, is descendent of the Scotch poet, Robert Burns, a fact that seemed to have escaped the notice of Portland Scots who very much enjoyed the music of "Mile Modiste." Practic is an accomplished musician, has a repertoire of 120 operas, and his voice was trained in the pure Italian school of vocal music by Ettore Barilli, a half-brother to Adelini Patti. Pruette's smooth emission of tone and correct vocalism are admirable. One of his first professional engagements was with the Mapleson Opera Company, when the two stars were Patti and Nico-Hni, the tenor. The open that Pruette particularly figured in was Councd's "Romee and Juliet," in which he was the Count de Paris.

Now, it so happened that the profes sional wigmaker of the company dearly loved a joke and knowing that Pruette was a stage "greenhorn" at the time, offered to make-up the baritone's face for him. Pruette agreed. White grease paint was used on his face and his cheeks were rouged and whitened to a brimstone degree, etc. It so happend that he and Juliet had to "open" by first walking to the footlights and suddenly guzing upon each other. When Patti saw that bluewhite face glaring at her in the dim light, she recognized that a make-up joke had been played on the young bari-tone, and was so agitated with silent laughter that she dropped her handker-But both singers managed to sing their lines. Patti afterward presented the handkerchief she had dropped to Pruette, who kept the relic until it was burned with more of his personal ef-fects in the New York Vendome are about 12 years ago.

When Brignoli, the great tener, first came over to this country from Italy, many phrases in the English language puzzled him greatly. He was very potnphrazed nim greatly He was very polariar among his associates in old Mapteson opera days, especially in New York, and when he arrived at the theater for rehearsals, mornings, his newly-made friends said to him: "Good morning, signor! How do you feel this morning?"

This form of salutation, at first, aroused Brignoll's derision, and one day he gave sont to be deaded.

he gave vent to his deeply-seated wrath. He was standing near the stage door, mentally comparing the introacces of the English language with his beloved Ital-ian, when a member of the company passed, saying: "Morning, signor, how do you feel now? Better since you've had breakfast?"

"My health quite well-never better" said Brignelt, in his queer, broken English, "I did not know that you people are a race of physicians." Later when his mistake his mistake was explained to him, he laughed heartily.

Sembrich, the prima donna soprano, who is quite a favorite in this city, possesses muscles which would put the average mun to shame—the result of her persistent piano practice. On one occasion while riding her Barbary mare along one of the Berlin parade grounds, the animal reared and became unrily the animal reared and became and there was a struggle of about five minutes until Sembrich tamed down the animal. Sembrich did not notice that an interested group of persons had assem-bled to watch her taming process, among the spectators being three army officers on horseback. Suddenly, the tallest of-ficer rode up to the singer, saluted, and

soprano in the world, you would be empress of the circus." The speaker was Emperor William of Germany.

When John Follis, 58 years old, died at the home of his daughter. Mrs. Millard Bertram, in Anderson, Ind., a unique character passed away. Mr. Pollis had traveled continually for 16 years pass in old fiddle, and in Mexico played to dances and concerts. Once he dropped his fiddle in the Gulf of Mexico and

his fiddle in the Gulf of Mexica and swam a half mile to recover it. Shortly before he died, surrounded by his children, Mr. Folks had his children open a trunk, and to each be gave a pair of horns from deer, hountain sheep and steers. Then he called for a Mexican gourd that he carried. In it he cause a bole, extracted the seed and equally dividing he gave 13 to each of his chill

dren. "Now tune the fiddle," said the dving man to his oldest son. Mr. Folils was given the fiddle, and as he drew the bow across the strings of the instrument the old fiddler passed away.

Fannie Bloomfield Zeisler, the planiste, has been receiving ovations remarkable for their warmth, wherever site has

A cable message from Paris is to the effect that Ethel Altenus, the young Philadelpila pianist, was very successful at her professional debut there recently. Miss Altenus has been engaged as a solviet for one of the Philadelpila Ordersty connects. chestra's concerts.

Charles Bond, of Roston, who hald for the musical education of Geraldine Farrar, has a new protege in Ada Chambers, for two seasons soprane sobjet with Sousa's Band. Bund will send bies Chambers to Europe, and he expects that he will become equally as famous as

Having quarreled with her husband, Prince Victor, of Thurn and Taxis, of Austria, the Princess Asseptine has joined the singing section of a chorus on Broadway. The Princess says she will take this means of carning her living, she Before her marriage to the Prince she was Mrs. William Pike, of Chicago, and before that was Miss Josephine West. of Jacksonville, Fla.

"Musical America," in a dispatch from Pittsburg, announces that at a recent concert there women were requested to remove their hats. The women who did not wish to comply with the request went to the rear of the house.

Unfriendly relations still exist between Miss Bosele Abott the soprane and Helm-rich Conried, according to the soprano herself. Miss Abott filed a mit against Mr. Conried last Spring, in which she asserted that he had not kept his con-

tract with her. This season it was thought that the legal war had been averted, but Miss Abott says the case will not be settled out of court. The soprano has made arrangements for several concerts in New York City. By the terms of Mr. Confiel's contract such engagements, were to be made only with his sanction. Consequently it is expected that Miss Abott's first appearance at one of these concerts will bring the various issues to the attention

of the court.

Meanwhile Miss About's action for geometric Metropolitan Opera Company for breach of contract and Mr. Conried's retailatory action for an in-junction are on their respective calendars f the Supreme Court awaiting trial,

A new \$20,000 pipe organ, the largest on the Pacific Coox. In being built for St. Dominie's Church, San Francisco, It will have \$000 pipes, and it is expected that Dr. H. J. Stewart will be continued as organist. The opening recital will oc-cur Christmas day.