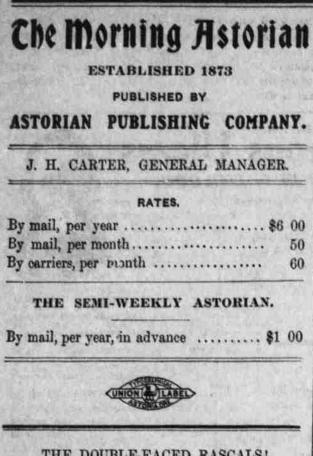
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THE DOUBLE-FACED RASCALS!

In the closing days of the last congress leaders of the two parties proved by statistics: first, that the congress had been prudent and economical, and, extravagant. With the same supply of figures to draw from the republican spokesman and the democratic spokesman produced totals that varied almost \$100,000,000.

We have before us half a dozen statements losses suffered by this country from ravages by bugs, from the sprightly grasshopper to the much exploited boll weevil, says the Saturday Evening Post. Four hundred millions of dollars is writ down as the sum stolen from us by the insects every year. And this does not include the hundreds of millions that may be calculated from the devastation of flies, mosquitoes and other small destroyers. In deed, as we add together the extraordinary figures we get into the billions without hardly scraping an acquaintance with entomology. Before we realize what we are doing we exceed the producing power of our population and make the national debt look 30 and some odd cents.

When the trust capitalizations were rushing to their flood a few months ago, and millionaires were being made faster than automobiles, interesting totals were widely published. It was found that the new corporations had in bonds and stocks more figurative money than the world ever contained that, literally, if their printed values had been cashed in, every penny on earth would have been used and hundreds of millions of new money would

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1900. This is obvious from the fact that the specie holdings alone of national banks-most of it goldhave increased \$100,000,000 since a year ago and Arizona Maiden Going to China With nearly \$200,000,000 since 1900; and from the further fact that the percentage of legal reserve to. deposits on June 9 was 23.07.

As was to be expected from the recent rapid growth of those institutions, the aggregate capital of national banks has also increased. It now amounts to \$767,000,000-an increase' of nearly has she attempted to decorate it with \$24,000,000 in the last year and of nearly \$150,000,-000 in 1900. This is accompanied by an increase of nearly \$40,000,000 in surplus and undivided profits, the aggregate of these items amounting to \$580,000,-000 or more than 75 per cent of the total amount of the capital of national banks-a fact that should constitute an ample safeguard against losses.

THE SINS OF WEALTH.

In his baccalaureate sermon last Sunday President Harris of Amherst college dwelt at some length on the shortcomings of the rich in these days. He pointed out that public office is "bought by money"-the inference being, of course, that it is the money of the rich with which the price is paid-

and that legislation is shaped by corporations, 'which give millions of dollars to carry elections." He declared that the fashionable society of our with her own herds into Phoenix. second, that the congress had been heedless and cities is the society of the wealthy. "The rich," he said, "vie with one another in the expensiveness of food, drinks, clothes and decorations. Their moral the little corners of the world in which standards are low. Divorce does not read a rich they lived, all Arizona was Lee Kue's man or woman out of fashionable society. They are to wander over. Her sisters covered the degenerates of the cities."

> And then he proceeded in the regulation way to admit that there are exceptions, to show that not jokes with them, quarrels with them all the rich are necessarily vulgar and sensuous, but and bargains with them shrewdly. that many among them devote their means to art, While her sisters toddle on their uneducation, philanthropy, religion and so on.

It is seriously to be questioned if pulpit teaching of that sort bears practical fruit, if indeed it makes any moral impression worth the effort that

it costs, comments the New York Commercial. The books to the Chinese girl of 20. Most Amherst graduating class of 1904 is composed of of the markets in Phoenix are prointelligent young fellows, of course, most of them vided with fruit and vegetables from sensible, with fairly well-trained minds, observant, her ranch. When the cattle were not ambitious; probably at least four-fifths of them rise before dawn and drive a fourhope to be rich some day-and it is much to be horse wagon loaded with produce into doubted if President Harris' parting discourse has town.

changed the life plans of any one of them or in the slightest degree modified his aspirations or oblique eyes there is nothing in her sharpened his moral point of view. They all know appearance to distinguish her from the well enough that sin is no respecter of persons, that conventional Chinese girls cooped in vice is quite as common among the poor as among arbors of lilles and occupying their the rich. To point out to them that lying, bribery, time in wondering how the street bevulgarity and divorce are to be encountered among of Arizona is on Lee Kue's cheeks and red-headed men would quicken and stir their moral now years of indoor life would never

CHINESE CATTLE QUEEN.

Her Father's Ashes.

San Francisco Call: Miss Kee Kue, Chinese cattle queen of Arizona, is in town. She arrived unostentatiously and has taken up her abode in the Chinese quarter. As yet she has not shot out the lights of the district nor a carmine streak after the custom of cattle queens of 5-cent fiction. Miss Lee Kue is a most peaceable and refined cowgirl. She left her shooting irons at home near Phoenix, Ariz.

such foolishness. Don't let 'em kid She is here on her way to China as you an escort to the ashes of her father, who died several years ago, and must according to custom, be buried in the great story tellers, and to find a good Flowery Kingdom. While Lee Kue is thousands of years ahead of her own race, she still clings to some of its had won a pile of money.

traditions. Therefore her father's last wish will be religiously carried out. Since she was 15, Lee Kue has had full charge of her father's ranch, which brings an annual income of \$10,000. Every detail of its working was managed by her. With a staff of admiring cowboys she superintended the branding and the rounding up and she rode

Her life contrasted almost grotesquely with that of her sisters here and in China. While they seldom saw even their faces from the sight of men. Lee Kue goes forth among the sterner sex of her own land and of America, certain, pyramid feet, Lee Kue leaps into the saddle of a bucking mustang and rides with the best cattle puncher in Arizona

Farming and horticulture are open

Lee Kue is small and trim. Except

with \$500. These are only the stamp duties, and have nothing to do with the fees to the College of Heralds, and to all sorts of other dignitaries and institutions which amount in each in-

Cannon and Williams.

John Sharp Williams found a tele-

graph message from Uncle Joe Cannon

when he arrived in St. Louis. It read:

vice president and you don't want it,

wire me and I will send you my recipe.

got something that is a sure cure for

"If they want to nominate you for

times three, times more.

southern trip. *

"Yes, I got one."

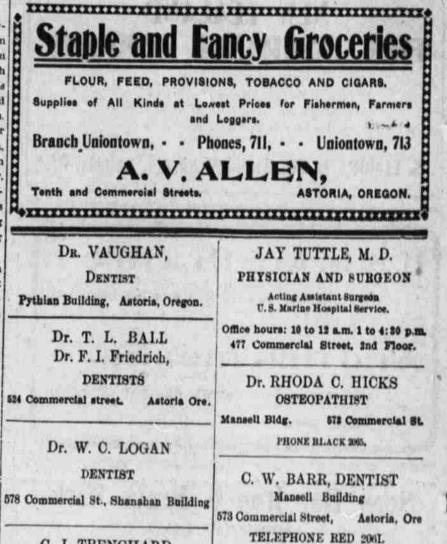
"Tell it to me."

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new story for the other causes the lucky man more pleasure than if he to be such a damn old gossip since you began to think that you are like Abe "John, did you get any good stories Lincoln that a man don't dare to tell while you were away?" asked the a good story to you. With your telling speaker, upon Williams' return from it to Tom, Dick and Harry, a good story is spoiled in abou two hours after you get it. No, sir, I'll keep this one "Not for two days. Joe, you have got for two days."



stance to at least twice, and some

have been needed to balance the ledger.

A practical joker once replied to the question. Do figures lie? by asking the questioner to write very carefully 317 and then turn it upside down We should not say that statistics are either false or productive of falsehood, but it must be admitted that they are wonderfully versatile. We might even do better than that and declare that figures do not lie, but they produce very contradictory conclusions when turned upside down by jokers and jugglers.

And, as a matter of fact, in these days of much figuring there is more safety in honest doubt than in half the statistical tables.

THE NATIONAL BANKS.

troller of the currency showing the condition of urday Evening Post. They also are more and more Charlies. these institutions at the close of business on June coming to have the reputation of being the greatest 9 constitute the most remarkable presentation that money-givers. Aming all these givers Mr. Carnegie has been made by them at the close of any govern- is easily the prince. He has endowed research in ment fiscal year since the passage of the original the great institution at Washington bearing his national banking act.

595,000,000, the highest mark that has yet been subsidized recreation in the gift of two and a half reached in national bank reports to the government. millions to his native city in Seotland; and also That amount is \$198,000,000 in excess of the vol- heroism through the foundation of a five-million ume of loans and discounts that was reported about dollar fund. His entire benefactors exceed one that queer, old-fashioned tax which one year ago, and it is nearly one billion dollars in hundred millions. excess of the volume of loans and discounts even so But Mr. Carnegie is not the only American who increase in these items of resources of national part of American character and life. Not a few banks practically 85 per cent since 1894.

\$200,000,000. Of late, however, such an expansion Home, friendship, associations are constantly causin a 10-month is passed by without surprise-for ing profesional and business men to decline offers the public has seen national bank loans and dis- looking toward a change of work which would mean sort of armorial bearings he is recounts increase in that space of time \$325,000,000 an increase in salary. in 1899, nearly \$335,000,000 in 1901 and \$265,000,-000 in 1902.

But, if loans and discounts have expanded enormously, much more so have individual deposits. Of course, to some extent the increase in these deposits is probably due to the increase in loans and dis- convenient that he should have been compelled to ors are also guite heavy. Thus on the counts, but that fact will not account for the in- wire! crease of \$110,000,000 in deposits that has occurred since June, 1903, or for the increase of \$850,000,000 Anyhow, Mr. Bryan is still the best talker of the an earl with \$1,200, a viscount with in deposits that has ocurred since mid-summer of democratic bunch.

sense quite as deeply as to tell them that these short- make them pale. She belongs to the comings attach to the wealthy. Men and women sin strenuous life.

not because they are rich or red-headed or freckled or poor or because they are bicyclists or physicians or preachers or politicians or traders or teachers. The causes of immortality lie much deeper than her.

these incidents or conditions of life. The ideal Marry a woman who rides astride baccalaureate sermon would be one that pictured the like a "white devil" upon a prancing attractiveness and the power inherent in right livhorse and no doubt has a Colt 45 coquettishly tucked away in her hip ing and that proved-as it could-that a moral, pocket? Not for Ah Kee! Not for Fat upright life plus riches is not only more attractive Sung! Not for any of the Beau Brumbut a greater power for good in the world than a mels of Chinatown! On the other hand, the cattle queen

pure life plus poverty.

AMERICAN IDEALISM.

Americans have the reputation of being the The reports of the national banks to the comp- greatest money-makers of the world, says the Sat-

name with \$10,000,000. He is also endowing learn- hair on men. The fortunate husband On June 9 loans and discounts amounted to \$3,- ing in the form of thousands of libraries. He has will be "all samee white man."

vants to pay a duty of \$4 a year for late as the mid-summer of 1900. It represents an gives evidence that money-giving is a most important each of them. Lord Huntly, who enjoys the distinction of being the

men in America are giving not only 10 per cent of been convicted in Huntingdonshire of premier marquis of Scotland, has just A few years ago an increase of nearly \$200,000,- their income every year to benevolence, but also are keeping three male servants without 000 in a single year in the money loaned by national in cases parting with one-third or one-half of their the government license, granted on the banks would have cause general astonishment and priperty for the equipping of philanthropic conpayment of the statutory tax. He perhaps some apprehension. Prior to 1897 it was cerns and the endowing of philanthropic movements. was fined \$100, besides costs, and was very seldom that the increase in loans and discounts In a western city a physician recently declined to der threats of being penalized for conof these institutions, in a single year, exceeded \$150,- accept an inheritance of \$2,000,000, preferring that tempt, if he did not comply with the 000,000, and such increase never approximated it should go to the next of kin rather than to himself. direction of the court.

There are many of these odd taxes in England, many of them dating from quired to pay a duty of \$5 a year. Despite the struggle for wealth, evidences are while if these heraldic devices are

numerous and strong that Americans are quite as painted on the panels of one's carriage or motor car it means at once much idealists as they are materialists.

And after all, Judge Parker didn't speak! How treasury on the grant of nobility hon-

Though Miss Lee Kue is an heiress, she is not regarded in Chinatown as a matrimonial prize. She is so marvelously "new" that the eligibles fear

would hardly care for them. If she brought Ah Kee or Fat Sung to Phoe-

nix as her husband, his skin might

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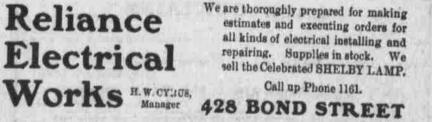
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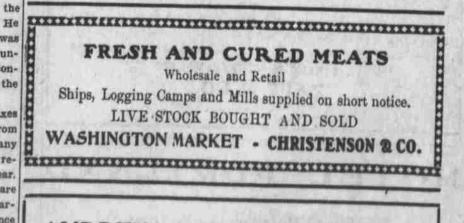
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