

DECLARE DIVIDEND

Creditors of W. F. Miller Dividend of 132 on Dollar.

END OF BIG SWINDLE

With Sending Out of Checks and Final Order of Court Discharging Trustees in Bankruptcy, Greatest Swindle in Country Will End.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—At a meeting of the creditors of William F. Miller of the Franklin Syndicate, yesterday, it is said that a dividend of 132 on a dollar was declared.

Of the principals, Miller, the originator, is the only one at liberty. He is working in a store store in Brooklyn his partner Edward Schlesinger, is dead and Robert F. Ammon, who was a party to the swindle, and who received a part of the money is serving a term of imprisonment in Sing Sing.

There were 3110 creditors with claims aggregating \$228,000. A former dividend of 15 per cent was declared, making the total dividend to creditors 282 on each dollar.

NOT FOR PRIVATES.

Officers' Daughters of Civil War Organize Society.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Only daughters of officers of the Civil War are eligible for membership in the new patriotic order known as the Daughters of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

The new society has only thirty-six members, but other responses are expected from the six hundred invitations sent out to officers' daughters.

The Real Reason He Was Without Enemies.

"YOU boast of having no enemies?" The philosopher spoke in a tone admirably adapted for declamatory purposes. "Then you have never dared to stand up for the right against wrong, you have never protected the weak against oppression, you have never even dared to defend your own rights. The man who says he has no enemies confesses himself a coward."

The Other Kingdom.

The teacher had been instructing the class about the three kingdoms of the universe, and to make it plain he said, "Everything in our schoolroom belongs to one of the three kingdoms—our desks to the vegetable kingdom, our slates and pens to the mineral kingdom, and little Alice," he added, looking down at the child nearest him, "belongs to the animal kingdom." Alice looked up quite resentfully, and her eyes filled with tears as she answered, "Teacher, I think you are mistaken, for my mamma says that all little children belong to the kingdom of heaven."—Lippincott's Magazine.

Getting Even.

"Madam," said the passenger in the crowded car, "may I ask how far you are going?" "Fifteen blocks." "That's fortunate. I go only twelve. When I get off, if you watch your chance, you may have my seat."

Fraud of Them.

"You've put too much baking powder in these biscuits," said Mr. Younglove. "I know it," said his wife gaily. "They don't taste good, but don't they look perfectly lovely?"—Detroit Free Press.

Wealth.

The Man—We are already rich beyond the dreams of avarice. The Woman—True; but there are so many who are rich further beyond.—Puck.

Easy For Him.

Gerald—I am to play the part of the fool in the amateur theatricals. Geraldine—You never did like hard work.—New York Press.

Darby's Salted Claim.

"WORK," Ben Darby used to say, "is a useless, foolish art. It aches the hands, wears out the clothes and breaks yer back an' a heart."

The same it ain't applyin', though. "To workin' of yer noddle fer to work yer feller men. I hev noticed," he would argue, "that the men as has the dough air the men as didn't earn it, an', that air bein' so."

"Twas business—an' 'twas safer to keep yer clasp closed. A tenderfoot hopped into town one sunny April morn' a-lookin' fer investment, an', sure as yer war born."

Waal, that sucker went to diggin'. In thirty days, b'ing. He'd cleaned up twenty thousand skids, an' then he sold the thing. An' what ye s'pose it fetched him? Half a million planks, by smokes!

A Human Clearing House.



May—They say that Smith, the humorous writer, can't take a joke. Maud—Oh, yes, he can. Then he works it off as his own.—St. Louis Dispatch.

Cautious Man.

Wife (2 a. m.)—John, are you awake? Husband—Yes. Wife—I think I hear a burglar prowling about downstairs. Husband—I thought I heard some one. Suppose you go down and see what he wants.

The Plagiarist.

A teacher was in the habit of giving to her pupils daily a list of words, with their meanings, testing the children's memories the next day. One day she gave the word plagiarist, defining it somewhat obscurely as a literary thief.

Only Needed Prompting.

Teacher—Why, Willie Goode; I'm surprised at you not knowing what a cape is. A cape is a narrow neck of land—now, can you finish the definition? Willie Goode—Sure! A cape is a narrow neck of land rubberin' into the ocean!—Puck.

The Sale of Silks in Burma.

The wooden floor of the stalls is raised two or three feet, so that the buyer, standing on the ground, is about on a level with the seller, sitting in the stall. The stall will be about 8 by 10 feet, and each has at the back a strong lockup cupboard or wardrobe, where the wares are shut at night, but in the day they will be taken out and arranged daintily about the girl seller.

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NOTICE FOR BIDS. Chief Quartermaster's Office, Vancouver Barracks, Wash., January 25, 1906. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received at this office until 11 o'clock a. m., February 24, 1906, and then publicly opened, for the construction, including plumbing and electric wiring, of quarters for two (2) N. C. Officers, at Fort Stevens, Ore. Full information will be furnished on application to this office. Plans may also be seen at the office of the Depot Quartermaster, Portland, Oregon, and at Fort Stevens, Ore. The U. S. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any part thereof. Envelopes containing proposals should be indorsed "Proposals for Building at Fort Stevens" and addressed to the Chief Quartermaster, Vancouver Barracks, Wash.

BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE office of the Columbia River Packers' Association for the construction of Eureka Cannery at Eagle Cliff. Plans and specifications can be seen at the Association office. Bids will be opened at 10 a. m., Saturday, February 10th. Right is reserved to reject any or all bids. Columbia River Packers Association.

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