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THOMAS BRACKETT REED.

Many instructed persons will give room for the thought that the late Thomas Brackett Reed, deceased Sunday morning at 12:10 o'clock, was the greatest American at the time of his death. Quite naturally, the proposition will be debated. Other men will be offered by some as greater. Yet those others will be few, will be counted upon the fingers of one hand. In determining Thomas Brackett

Reed's intellectual status, it will be necessary to consider the elements of power that went to make up his mental furnishment, and to compel for him a place among his fellows.

Mr. Reed was a good lawyer. He was not a great lawyer, as lawyers such as George F. Edmunds go, nor was he so great a lawyer as Benjamin Harrison. He must class below the grades that run from Edmunds to Harrison. Yet, he was an able lawyer, instructed in the philosophy of social goverance and weak in no one branch of practice. Given the other prereqtrisites, the greatest man must have knowledge of the law as the foundation for their careers.

Mr. Reed was one of the able exponents of literary art. He was not comparatively great in this line of effort. There were many above him, Nevertheless, he was a master of English, a writer of lucidity, of pungency, succinct and brief and clear-cut In his forms of expression, with bravery and accuracy to make his writing forceful. There is no doubt that, had he lived, Thomas Brackett Reed would have risen to a place among the recognized literary characters of his day. He did not prove false to the promise of his youth, when he won honors for proficiency in English composition during college days at Bowdoin, his alma mater. Since abandoning the areana of politics, Mr. Reed was devoting time to letters, and was rapidly winning the place that comes only to those who rise above the level of mediocrity and impress the world

with thought and expression. He was not a great orator. He was a strong speaker, able to hold attention and to express himself to the understanding alike of sage and peasant, savant and underling, aristocrat and plebian. He was never eloquent. There was no fire in his delivery. There were no beauties of rhetoric. There were no rounded periods. There was no romance, no playing upon the chords of one's nature, no arousing of the human symphonies and compelling the listener to join with him in the accord of thought. His speaking was direct, pungent, like his writings. It was lucid and clear. It was merely the speech of a man of convictions. It was the arising of one who had something to say upon a mooted question, and who wasted no moments in stealing upon the hearer with subtleties and tricks of oratory.

The one quality that gave him power with an audience was this obvious sincerity, coupled with wisdom that was apparent, and knowledge that was easily demonstrable, and backed with a courage that permitted him to face a world if he faced it alone, with never a flinch nor hesitancy.

Thomas Brackett Reed was a statesman and parliamentarian. Herein were his elements of chief power. He was great in his conception of economlcs, masterful in securing recognition for those conceptions.

These two abilities are prerequisites of statesmen. There must be first something great to offer to a people, to accept it. The two abilities are ar- sue of issues for the year would be

ticulated in the ideal system of thought.

There have been three great speakers presiding over the national house -Clay, Carlisle and Reed. Which finance, and strong before an audience, sult. and Reed was a master of economics and masterful in compelling recognition for his concepts.

Reed was not of the judicial temperbetween them and him, history will accord to them the greater height of atgreater presiding officers of the naas for ability to bring things to pass the school of economic thought which he represented, Reed has had no equal since American government be-

Democrats will not hesitate to accord to Thomas Bracket: Reed the credit due him for evolving a system of rules that have solved previous problems of obstruction of legislation, obstructionary tactics that had been resorted to by representatives of both parties whenever in a minority.

We may denominate them "Czar Reed rules," as we may. Nevertheless, no other will permit progress in legislation under the involved conditions of our latter day complex social organization. Thomas Reed was the one man who saw that the time had come to revolutionize the rules of the house -the branch of government closest to the people and therefore needing conditions that make possible quick carrying out of the will of the voters as embodied in Representatives elected to that body.

Able lawyer, distinguished literateur, conomist. Thomas Brackett Reed was withal a patriot, an honest man, a sincere thinker, a brave man in expression of his thought. He was great enough to eschew political preferment that he might remain true to his convictions. How few men in politics have such bravery? How few men are able to withdraw the hand reached out to seize, the laurel wreath that is offered by the people to him who will humor their foibles?

There have been Websters and Clays and Blaines who were great, yet could not be presidents. Reed belongs in their class. He is one of the few men who will be written at the top of the scroll of fame, with intellect and sincerity and brilliant achievement as the record of his life. One of America's great men passed away at 10 minutes after midnight Sunday morning, perhaps the greatest American of his day of death.

"LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE."

"Let well enough alone," is the sole answer of the anti-vevisionists to the demands of the people. "To amend the tariff laws," says Senator George F. Hoar of Massachusetts, "would unsettle business relations." should be no revision of the tariff." remarks Senator Hale of Maine, "for the reason that it would cause losses to some of the industrial institutions of the country." "I want no alteration in the tariff schedules," is Senator Allison's statement, "for revision would disturb commerce."

Senator Hanna, chairman of the national Republican committee, does not mince words, but says flatly: "There will be no revision of the tariff so long as I can prevent it, and while I am in the United States Senate I will fight the proposition to the last ditch." Senator Hanna gives no reason, and could do so only by confessing his loyalty to the unduly fostered concerns that have fed from the high protection crib for the past generation.

"Let well enough alone" is a motto that pleases the Devil immensely. And not 40 "Let well enough alone" has always troubled his Satannic Majesty. Not to "Let well enough alone" has been to march along the highway of progress. To "Let well enough alone" has always been to be content with existing evils.

It is the essence of ultra-conservatism. It is the plea of the man who wants no interference with his selfish plans for his own advancement. In proportion as the nation has let well enough alone, have abuses continued. In proportion as the people have not let well enough alone have wrongs been righted.

The answer to the beneficiaries of the too high tariff is not adequate, to the whole mass of the people, notwithstanding it seems to be sufficient to the men who control the Republican organization.

OREGON'S ELECTION DATE.

A proposition to change the date of Oregon's state election from the first Monday in June to the first Tuesday ofter the first Monday in November. will be presented to the Legislature, to be submitted as an amendment to the Constitution. There are numerous reasons why the amendment should be adopted. There are none why it should not be.

Oregon in a year when the presidential election occurs passes through two periods of trial. Elections disturb business relations, interfere with social amenities and mix up things generally for weeks in each instance. Besides the actual cost of conducting elections and the preceding campaigns, all elections entail expense in these disturbances that come to the body political and social. Elections are necessary, but are not so desirable as to make it profitable to have two during any one

year. Were the state and Congressional election to be held upon the same date and then skill in inducing that people as that of the national, the entire tis-

settled at one time and there would be eliminated much of the needless bother

and expense that now occur. In the event the proposition come to the Legislature, it should be submitted was the greater? Each was different to the people for their sanction, and from the other. Clay was a marvelous then the people should endorse it at student of economics and an orator of the election of 1902. Proper agitation grandeur, Carlisle was a master of of the subject would secure such a re-

There is discussion of the status of matters at Salem during the session of the Legislature, with reference to the ment of either Clay or Carlisle. As relations between the governor and the assembly. Let it be understood that the people elected George E. Chambertainment and therefore that they were lain as chief executive, and that the executive is a co-ordinate branch of tional House of Representatives. But, the state government. Respect is due to the governor as the choice of a mafority of the people. - Partisanship meddling with the functions and prerogatives of the governor's office will be resented by voters in the future. They intended to make George Chamberlain their chief executive and that he should perform the duties of the office as determined by precedents. Furthermore, it is mildly suggested that not all of the power of state government is vested in the Legislature. The governor might retaliate, if the other branch of the government were to be too mean. The suggestion is made solely upon The Journal's own initiative, and is not at the instance of Mr. Chamberlain.

Thomas Nast, who died Sunday at Guayaquil, was the greatest cartoonist of his day, and, probably, the most potent newspaper artist of all who have drawn caricatures for the public prints. He was a large part of the power wielded by Harper's and exerted incalculable influence during the prewar times and during the progress of brilliant parliamentarian, profound the Civil War, in the interest of the cartoonist, and may some time be the equal of Nast. He has not yet reached the position Nast won in that field of art. Davenport, however, is the greatest of these days, and is not losing any of his prestige.

> Is there any sincere desire by Ore goffians to bring to pass election of Senators by direct vote of the people? Apparently not. The last state election put it to the test and the people voted in a majority for T. T. Geer. Oregon is that the Republican party always protesting that it favored election of Senators by direct vote, falled to prove it by nominating a Senator in state convention. This the Democrats did and named a very excellent gentleman, C. E. S. Wood. The net result is to place the state Democracy in a position of advantage before the people of the commonwealth.

Open and avowed partisanship will probably prevent the admission of the territories-Oklahoma. New Mexico and Arizona-because they would add to the Democratic list of Senators. There was favorable comment by national Republican leaders on their admission until it was learned that the territories were divided so as to return Democratic Legislatures to elect Democratic Senators.

Senator Hanna seems to have been able to make good his promise given end of the Buzzard Bay conference last summer-that the tariff will not be revised. Hanna apparently has | equipped home. not lost his potency as a dictator of Republican policies.

THE TABASCO COLUMN.

Prof. Garner has written a very long magazine article to show "how monkeys reason." We diffidently but strenuously recommend the matter to our esteemed fellow citizen-Jack Matthews.

When the new White House warming came off, it was a dream of yellow chrysanthemums, and, it might be added, that to protect the color scheme, Booker Washington was not there.

When you read the names of the literary celebrities attending Mark Twain's birthday dinner party, you can realize that he has not forgotten his humor Mark Twain, at his birthday dinner,

aid a splendid tribute to his wife. Now

the reading public has to wonder, "was he joking? While Congress is monkeying with the

canteen proposition, it might abolish the system in the Capitol and see how it Here is a prize puzzle: Which does a

man like best, his wife, his children or his dog?

The beef combine now has \$100,000,000. This ought to put it in the tenderioin district.

Tact is the thing that makes you shut your mouth before you say anything.

NO FIELD FOR AMATEURS.

(New York American.). Dr. John L. Elliot, as assistant lecturer of the Ethical Culture Society, addressed a large audience in Carnegle Hall yesterday morning in the absence of Dr. Felly Adler. He chose for his subject "The Slums of New York," and pictured to his hearers the conditions which exist among the poor of the city. He said:

What are the remedies for the conditions in the slums? In the first place, the slums are not a field for amateurs. There is not the place for those to go and do good who look for 'amusement' only. Their friends may say it is all right for them if they desire 'amusement' but how little good they do with them whom they intend to help! During the past 25 years have grown up the settlement workers, who make a profession of aid-

ing these people. There is a growing social conscience This is of inestimable value. How many of us could enjoy our tables or sleep well in our beds if we knew some one siums was starving for the lack of the very things we have in abundance? the other hand, how many of us feel the same moral suffering which is allied with physical suffering? The social conscience feels and guards against the moral star-

JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES.

BY K. K. K. Yesterday was the first meeting of the Indo-American Woman's League since the new rule was adopted fixing the opening hour promptly at 2:30, and almost every member present thoughtfully remembered and conformed to it.

The parlors of Mrs. E. P. Fraser, 580 First street, had been thrown open to the ladies and there Mrs. S. M. Kern, Mrs. David Daigleish, and Mrs. Stone carried out the program they had arranged. Selections showing the armost hopeless condition of the poor little child wives of India were read from different volumes of the league's circulating library. In this way the subject was presented by the very best authorities and the indies had the concentrative and the reader. had the opportunity of getting more fa-miliar with the volumes in the library. Not including the pamphlets there are now on the shelves for general circula-tion: The Wrongs of Indian Womanhood, author, Mrs. Marion B. Fuller; Lux Christi, author, Caroline Atwood Mason; Child Wives and Widows of India, compiled by Mrs. Sarah K. Taylor; Childhood in India, published under auspices of the Mrs. Stone read a letter from Mrs.

Holmes, the sister-in-law of the founder of the league. It was unanimously decided to take up a careful study of Lux Christi for the coming year, and the first chapter was set aside for the next meeting. Mrs. ore, a newly elected member, and s. Fraser are to prepare ac-count of that most wonderful tomb, the Taj Mahal. This next meeting is to open Jahuary 5th, with Mrs. Abigall Scott Duniway, 402 Market street. THE YEAR ENDS.

President, Mrs. E. P. Mossman; vicepresident, Mrs. Julia Marquam; second ice-president, Mrs. Rose Hoyt; third vice-president, Mrs. A. E. Rocky; secretary, Mrs. A. Gilbert; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Fletcher Linn; and treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Dewey, are the officers elected look after the interests of the School of Domestic Science this year. meeting yesterday morning was well attended. All the committees were ready with reports and they showed what a successful year the closing one has been Miss Voorhees spoke of her interest in the demonstration work she is doing for the school; the fruit committee gave some of their plans for the Xmas sale of dainties they mean to hold; the class work committee told of their course of three divisions they are arranging; the secretary, Mrs. A. Gilbert, gave a full report of the successes and discouragements of the work, and Mrs. Henry Jones, as president, made another report. She said in closing: There is no doubt in the minds of travelers that Americans as a nation are poor cooks. And we our-selves cannot stand with pride and deny the humiliating accusation. For who that has ever once been into the rural districts of Oregon would ever forget the experience there gained? * * * So, my dear co-workers, my word to you upon vacating the chair is, go on. The oppor tunity is yours, the need is great.'

WITH THE WOMEN COUNCIL. The Temple Beth Israel was well filled last night, as much in honor of the Council of Jewish Women, whose annual open eeting it was, as to hear the scholarly r. Voorsanger of San Francisco. Mrs S. M. Blumauer, as president of the council, presided. Dr. Voorsanger won th applause of the avening when he said in opening his address: "Until now I have aiways been opposed to allowing the Jew-ish pulpit to be filled by a woman, but if all the women could fill the position as vote for their admission to the Seminary

After an opening organ number, "Lar-Miss Leonora Fisher, Blaumauer gave a tiny account of the council's work. The spirit of her re-marks was in the opening words: "I only ome to tell what we have done, that w may arouse your interest to help in doing more." In speaking of the philan-thropic work she mentioned that the sewing school under the direction of Mrs. Ben Selling and Mrs. Bernstein has its first graduate this year. The council has aiready put aside \$1,000 toward a building fund and hope in time to combine all the branches of their work in one fully

Mrs. Rose Bloch Bauer filled the church with the glorious strains of Allisten's "A

Song of Thanksgiving."
In introducing Dr. Voorsanger, Mrs.
Blumauer said in a quaintly original way: "To be president of a woman's organnot always all it is cracked up to be, but it has its compensations, and one of these is the honor of introducing to this Portland audience, Dr. Voorsanger of San Francisco."

It is impossible to give a fair account Dr. Voorsanger's address in a few words. It was scholarly in the extreme. While inclined to liberality on all ques-tions, he is in favor of the good old Jewish Sabbath. Such a thing could not fall to appreciate woman at her best, and his tribute was really eloquent. Dr. Wise closed the meeting with some bright remarks much to the point.

MISS SOULE'S RECITAL. Miss Marie A. Soule gave her sixth piano recital at the Marquam Grand last night. The crowded house on such a stormy night was the highest compliment Miss Soule could receive. The artistic-ally arranged stage made a pretty background for the young performers. Every umber showed careful training. of the long selections so mistakenly given on such occasions, the program was made up of shorter numbers, showing the touch and expression just as well. Mar-ion Lawrence a little tot of hardly six years, made the sensation of the evening The dainty pink vision knew how to play, as she soon convinced the audience the beginning of the year, Miss Soule promised medals to the two pupils most faithful in their practice, and last night Lucile Collette and Eva Mitchell were the oud winners. Following is the list of pupils taking part: Misses Brown, Ofner Genevieve Butterfield, Jesse Arm-strong, Mina Walker, Eva Mitchell, Edna Wennerberg, Florence Hollister, Daisy Chalmers, Marion Lawrence, Lucile Collette, Cenneth and Belle Robertson, Eliza beth Koch, Lillie Holmes, Frances Sheehy, May Thomas, Beatrice Hidden, Veda Williams, Elia Connell, Kellogg and AT ST. DAVID'S CHURCH.

Georgeson. The ladies of St. David's Episcopa Church have been busy these days dis posing of the tickets for the organ recital and concert given in the new stone church on East Twelfth and Belmont yesterday evening. It is an unwritten law in most Episcopal Churches that after the dedication of the church admission feet shall not be charged to affairs of this kind. The church has purchased the fine organ used in the old Trinity Church and the idea of displaying this, and raising money for the church pews suggested the concert. The dedication has been ar-ranged for the first Sunday in January, so last night seemed a fitting time. Miss Helen Goss, Miss Marie Conyers, Mrs. Reverldge, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Albert Sheldon, Mrs. Farnsworth were the feminine singers who added interest to Prof Gustavus Esemans' organ numbers.

MISS BREYMAN WINS. When the annual exhibit of the Orego Camera Club opened at their rooms last night, Miss Breyman's picture, "Peaceful night, Miss Breyman's picture, Twilight," was found to have won the Ladd prise,

THE STATE PRESS.

Has Headquarters.
Statesman: Charley Fulton has headquarters at Salem for the Simon has not yet followed **peruo** There is something sweetly retributive in the fact that even being considered as his own suc-cessor. He is mother man who has be-trayed every confidence that was reposed in him. He has thrown down the state and his best friends for his own selfish ends. Long may he be politically dead!

A Corner on Turkey. Junction City Times: Douglas County still holds the usual place as the banner turkey producer in the state. The ship ments to the San Francisco and Portland markets for the Thanksgiving trade were forwarded Saturday and Sunday and aggregated over 11,000 of the juicy birds. Of this number, Oakland dealers handled fully two thirds, that thriving little city having for many years demonstrated its right to hold the title of "Poultryopelis of

To Improve It. Grass Valley Journal: The Hon. Wil-liam E. Mason is expected to keep the Congressional Record of a warm saffron hue until the Hon. William Randolph

Hearst is ready to bring his Happy Hool-

The Vale Chronicle: "Nobody has charged the land officers with fraud or corruption," says today's Oregonian. Well, in the language of the poet, "would'nt that jar you." What can the readers of the Oregonian think of that paper's consistency ?

Moro Observer: Hog killing is now on in Sherman County, and the crop of wholesome bacon, hams and lard will nearly supply the home demand. It ought to do more than that annually. The bacon put up this fall on the Observer Farm is of a quality and flavor that would put Armour or Cudahy packers to shame. The vile stuff sold in the Oregon markets as bacon and ham from Chicago wards is no more to compare with good wholesome meats than slaughter-hous

Now or Never.

Ashland Tidings: Senator Quarles of Wisconsin, has introduced into the United States Senate a bill which repeals the law permitting the purchase of timber under the timber acts of June 3 1878, in Oregon and Washington, and also repeals the desert land act.

Bathing Is Dangerous.

Grant County News: A Cincinnati man was killed in his bath tub a few days ago breaking his neck by slipping in the tub and striking his neck on the edge. That is one case in which the bathing habit is to be charged with the sacrifice of a human life.

A Senatorial Candidate. Rogue River Courier: R. D. Hume, the salmon king of Rogue River, has, it is said, aspirations toward the States Senate. Hume has considerable political strength, has plenty of the "wherewith" and would be by no means

Here's a Reason.

Sheridan Sun-Que reason the Colum-bian government is not in a hurry to let us have the Panama canal is that when we locate in that region the revolutionists will have to be careful where they shoot

Fixing His Fences.

Southern Oregonian: Hon. Charles W. Fulton of Astoria a member of the State Senate, who is one of the leading Repub licans of Oregon, and a prominent candidate for U. S. Senator, has been in Southern Oregon lately. He has been looking after his fences.

Astoria Budget: The indications are that the Legislatures of both Oregon and of freight, idleness of the workingmen employed in such enterprises, and de-Washington at the coming sessions will pass more stringent laws to prevent the starting of forest fires. The disasters in each state during last September have moralization and large extra expenses to the railroads. In Pittsburg thousands of warned the people that something must be done.

Lots More Sand.

The West: By the new irrigation poltcy of our government nearly 100,000,000 acres of arid land will be reclaimed as rapidly as settlers will take the land and repay the government the cost of the irrigating works required for their recla mation.

Just Cold Nerves.

Jefferson Review: A man who has been taking this paper for four years without paying for it, falled to get the last copy and notified us that "if it occurred again he would stop the infernal That's nerve.

For a New Trial.

Pacific Journal: Still further developments in the Paul Underwood case re veals the fact that Underwood's attorneys have amended their request for a new trial on the strength of two affidavits by jurymen on the case that some of their associates were prejudiced and had exconvictions on the subpressed positive ject of the guilt of the accused before the evidence was all heard. In consequence of this other complications are sure to arise and future action will be watched with interest.

Another Opinion. Aurora Borealis: As January approaches, Jonathan Bourne shows some of his hand, and it is filled with lucre. urne's idea has been to keep Geer and Fulton before the public as the two prominent Senatorial candidates. When these two get into a deadlock he will jump into the ring, the only candidate with money to burn.

Brownsville Times: Apostle Reed Smoot, the Utah aspirant for a seat in

What's in a Name?

the United States Senate, may or may not be a polygamist, but a man with a name like that might be guilty of any-Town is Booming. Gervais Star: Gervais is enjoying a right smart touch of a building boom, which this paper has been claiming would

soon follow. No idle men in town and all employed at a good rate of pay per The word has gone forth that we day. are to have a greater Gervais and the fact business men as well. Should Interfere. Asteria Budget: The indignities which

he Turks are inflicting on the Macedoni-

ans are things which the civilied nations

Turks will not desist from their nefarious work the other European powers should

of the world should not permit.

interfere. Humanity demands it. Oregon the Best. Harrisburg Bulletin: People who are complaining of the "Cregon mist" at this time, upon reading accounts of the furious blizgard raging from the Great Laker on the north and all the way down to Texas, should be reasonable enough to cknowledge the corn, and admit

their complaint is of a fictitious nature

and unworthy of a tree Webfoot

NOBLE DOWRY HUNTERS.

The revelation that there is a "Marmotes the marriage of impecualous Eu "nobles" with American help esses, was one of the striking features of the daily news a few days ago. The report was telegraphed all over the coun-"featured" with big headlines and first-page prominence, and attracted wide attention. Here were the descurdants of the old raiding robber barons planning new raids, but planning to carry them out through a "syndicate," and dickering, and haggling over the percentage or the loot-Cupid the victim of cupidity and the whole affair brought to light in a law suit, in which a Baron vot Muenchhausen accused the marriage trust magnates of lying. This pictur esque combination of circumstances brought out a considerable number of editorial comments, but, with few excep ions, they were not up to the occasion In the sanctum of Harper's Weekly the topic was evidently passed around until it reached the desk of the tariff editor,

treated the matter as follows:

"There is evidence enough in plain sight to convince an ordinary jury that an organized effort is being made to invade the American matrimonial market, and with out any remarkable degree of scrupulousto methods, either. By statutory acts we have no especial way of reaching and discouraging the organi zation of such floating companies, and we do not know, on the whole, that we should care to see these institutions punished under any circumstances. nan to his own trade is quite as authoritative a phrase as Chacun a son gout, and the bureau that embarks upon the mere project of bringing the two factors of a successful combination together is not necessarily to be reprehended. What is clear, however, is that in the contest for that hand that possesses wealth we in this country, are beginning to be subjected to a foreign competition which to some degree will serve to impoverish ourselves without bringing to us any measurable corresponding advantage, and against which we are entitled to some protection. We would suggest, therefore, that the tariff experts of Congress take this matter up, and see what can be first, toward putting a tolerably high duty upon unmarried foreign noblemen enter ing our ports, and, second, toward the placing of a heavy export duty upon our heiresses. The Quest of the Golden Girl, as it appears to be carried on today, may be made somewhat profitable to ourselves if it be understood that every titled bach elor from, other climes coming to this country shall pay a 60 per cent duty into the Treasury of the United States, or, falling to do this, shall be sent back home again at his own expense; and if, after the wedding ceremony, the fortunate bridegroom is required to pay an export tax upon his bride of 45 per cent before being permitted to start on his honeymoon, under penalty of having his marriage declared null and void, we shall

not be without consolation in the hour

A FREIGHT BLOCKADE.

ing study in the present freight conges

are not enough cars to hold the freight

offered, not enough locomotives to hau

the cars, and not enough sidings to allow

them to be handled expeditiously. This

situation has the look of prosperity, and

it has resulted in advances of wages to

the railroad employes, but it is also re

sulting in higher freight rates to ship-

pers, the embarrassment of business en

terprises that depend on the movement

men, it is reported, have been thrown

out of work by the non-arrival of ma-

terials, and the Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph says that the freight failure

serious check on the productive energy

and growth" of the city. The Kansas City Star reports that the Western cat-

tlemen can not find enough cars for the

"No one could have predicted five or six years ago that within a half decade

raliroad business would have doubled. Yet such has been the case. The roads

have swamped the shops with orders for

equipment until the output has been sold

for months ahead, and prompt delivery

"Curiously enough some railroads are actually suffering from the abundance of

business. They are working so freat the limit of their capacity that additional trade has to be accepted at a sacrifice.

"The attention of Wall street was called

to this state of affairs in connection with

a report from the Baltimore & Ohio a few days ago. The statement showed

that this road's operating expenses had

increased out of all proportion to the

amount of freight handled. It was ex-

plained that the line was working every

available car and engine. As a result the yards were so congested that it was dif-

ficult to get at desired cars, and delays

multiplied to the great expense of the

railroad. The attempt to handle the ex-

cessive offerings of freight was entailing

an expense that more than consumed the

extra profit. This trouble will be correct-

ed in time, when the roads secure the additional equipment which they need.

"Meanwhile shippers annoyed by th

delays will generally have to find that

source they may in the evidence of the

country's prosperity that comes from the

THROUGH TICKET ROUND THE

(New York Mail and Express.)

Paris lately to make arrangements for a through train service to Pekin by way of

the Siberian Railway. It is said by our

consul at Rouen to have been shown at

this meeting that the trip could be made

from Paris to Pekin by way of St. Pe-tersburg and Siberia in 18 or 19 days,

while the sea route, either by the Succanal or the Atlantic and Vancouver ne

quires from 32 to 33 days. This implies

that the time for going around the world

will be reduced to about 50 days, for if

one can go east to Pekin in 18 and west

from the same point to the same destina

tion in 32 days, the circuit of the earth can be made in the two periods com-

"It as also decided," we are told, "to

rangement is perfected a through ticket

may be bought around the world from New York to New York, via St. Peters-

burg, Pekin and way stations. Doubt

years. A series of the series of the

less reasonable stopover privileges would be allowed, and this may become a popular summer vacation trip. Going around the world seems likely to become an ordinary sort of experience in the next few

Representatives of the leading railroads

continental Europe had a meeting in

WORLD.

transportation of stock, and adds:

of cars is out of the question.

that there is almost a blockade."

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TONIGHT'S ATTRACTIONS. The Marquam Grand—Symphony Con-cert, Miss Elizabeth Patterson Sawyers, The Baker-"Shall We Forgive Her?" Cordray's - 'A Little Outcast COMING ATTRACTIONS. The Marquam Grand-Tuesday night, econd Symphony Concert, Miss Elizabeth Second Symptony College, Alexandra Patterson Sawyers, planiste. Wednesday and Thursday nights— Thomas Jefferson in "Rip Van Winkle." Friday night—"To Hell in a Pullman," lecture by Rev. Norman Howard Bartlett, of Minneapolis.

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A New War Play. At the Baker Theater all next week, starting with Sunday matinee, the popular Neill Stock Company will present the great war play, by Lee Arthur, It is a great play, telling a story for which the late Spanish taken as the foundation, and is told in a most able manner by the author, who has lately dramatized Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn," which has recently been given one of the most elaborate productions of anything that has been seen in New York for years. The cast is a large one and each character is one of special worth. "We'uns of Tennessee" will be given a great production at the Baker next week and the business will be, as usual, packed to the doors

Thomas Jefferson in "Rip Van Winkle." Thomas Jefferson will again pay us a visit with Washington Irving's masterpiece, "Rip Van Winkle," and will be seen at the Marquam Grand Theater tomorrow (Wednesday) and Thursday nights. The names of Jefferson and "Rip have been associated with each other for so many years that they have be-come household words and one is seldom mentioned without the other.

Thomas Jefferson, son of Joseph Jefferon, and who is now playing "Rip Van Winkle" with great success, comes in the fifth generation of this famous family of actors, whose stage career began with Thomas Jenerson, the first, in London in 1746. The talents of this actor were developed by no less a personage than David Garrick and from sire to son they have been handed down and strengthened with each successor until today the name of Jefferson is a household word and is looked upon for all that is best in dramat-That Joseph Jefferson's great talent has been inherited by his Thomas, there is no doubt. His performance of the lovable happy-go-lucky old vagabond is one of the gems of the American stage and will-live in the hearts of the people for years to come. vance sale of seats opened yesterday,

CURRENT POETRY.

The economic doctrinaire, who can fig-English Lyrics of a Finish Harp. (From the above-named volume pub-shed by Richard G. Badger, the followure out and deveraget the movements of wages, prices, railroad rates, etc., with bencil and paper, will find an interest-TO MY BELOVED. From San Francisco to New Oh, love, my love, is't true that now at York," says the New York Tribune, "the freight yards and sidings are so crowded

An angel visitant has quietie crept Into my lonely heart, and from it swept All griefs and doubts into the darksome

Beloved, is my soul's long-lasting fast. Now broken by a love-feast? Have I

stept In very truth from out the gloom, and dawn from some new sun forth Into B Yes! Yes! I feel some god's smile from above Break o'er my soul, and thrill its latent pow'r, That pain's rough hand had vainly

tried to quench.
But now his rule is ended, O my love!
And if the contest were renewed to

Pain's, not mine, would be the face to blench.

TO MY BROTHER.

Last eve the warring squadrons of the Flung their black tumult o'er the shaking sky—
Through heav'n raged their weird artillery—
Then flash, the crash, were both exultant there. Then, sudden, through a rift, in golden glare Poured from the West the sun's last

harmony; When waned the elemental battle cry, and fied low-mutt'ring to some distant So was at strife within itself my soul, And an my life was dark with battling fate. When a dear voice called low, a hand th stole, ded and helped, until, once more Consoled and helped, until, once more elate, smiled, and blessed him to made me

Thee, O my brothen true of heart and DU BIST WIE EINE BLUMBA (From the German of Heine,)
Thou bud of human springtime
Beautiful, virginal, glad,
I gaze on thy soul through thy lashes,
And my heart is strangely sad.

My hand o'er thy head is a-tremble Mute blessings from heav'n to lure. Praying that God may preserve thee Thus virginal sweet and pure.

CLAY WATER PIPES.

(Washington Times.) One of the regular items of work as-signed to the U street pumping station to clean the fish and eels out of the water pipes. The "fishing" takes place few yards west of the station, where the supply pipes enter the main leading into the building.

This main is protected by a wire creen, and twice each week the squirming multitude gathered there is taken out by means of small dip nets. The fish are generally small, but the eels are sometimes of ample proportions furnish the workmen with food for their

dinners. Some of the fish are so small that they pass through the meshes of the wire grating, and at times get into the pipes pelow, but such instances are rare, and the removal of the fish is necessary to

keep the water supply free.
The fish and eels will be entirely eliminated by the establishment of th proposed filtration plant.

AN OLD ARGUMENT.
It is just an incident of club life.
"Going home?" asked one of the party. "Yes," was the reply.

form a combination with trans-American railroads and trans-Pacific lines, so that round-trip tickets from New York to Pe "What's the use breaking away?" asked kin could be sold at the former city, with the privilege of going by the Pacific and everal. "Be sociable." The young man paused. It's on old, old returning by the trans-Siberian route, or vice versa." That means that if the arargument, and most effective. No one

likes to be considered unsociable, but sociability sometimes makes it necessary "Be sociable," urged the party again.
"I believe I will," said the young man thoughtfully: "in fact, I am convinced

that I ought to be." 'But you're putting en your coat."

I'm going to be sociable