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Louis during the closing days of the civil war he was thought to be the wealthiest man in the town. He owned extensive tanneries and other business enterprises. The house of How was on Laconia avenue, and next door—1327—was the Filley residence. The two men were bosom friends. Mr. Filley trusted How as only one man gives himself to another in whom he believes. Both were on the high road to riches, for each he could not seem to be brighter. How needed ready money. He appealed to Mr. Filley for aid. Mr. Filley instantly indorsed his notes for amounts that in the end aggregated \$800,000. A little trouble over one of these notes led Mr. Filley to investigate the standing of his friend. How, he learned, had been lawfully responsible for every dollar paid on the notes he indorsed. He accepted the situation.

His friends urged him to go into bankruptcy and settle for 50 cents on the dollar. This he refused to do. He drew on the resources of the Excelsior company to meet the notes. He never compromised with a bank which would accept nothing but a compromise and one possessed by the late Captain Eads, who would take but 50 cents on the dollar. The other notes with interest were paid in full—all but a few. Death intervened and prevented his payment. The interest on the notes in the thirty-five years aggregated over \$500,000, but Mr. Filley made no remittance. His business prospered for a time. Up to 1880 and 1881 he was able to keep abreast of his misfortune. Then a fire and a strike cost him \$250,000. Still he recovered from this until three years ago, when a change in the conditions of the iron trade seriously affected his company. He had no reserve capital to draw upon. His life's work was represented by the canceled How notes. He breast the rising tide as best he could, meeting payment after payment. Last month he could no longer command money and the end came. Now he is in his grave.

How after his exposure and flight appeared in Arizona, where he led a dog's life. He returned to St. Louis in time, but was coldly received. He offered no atonement to the man he had wronged. Going from St. Louis to Montana, he died there, friendless and a pauper. The amount of his indebtedness yet unpaid by Mr. Filley when he died was \$130,000. Mr. Filley is settled in the final winding up of the firm's affairs. So that although the brave old man was forced to quit before he could do all he intended to, the How indebtedness will be wiped out by what he built up and his name be stainless forever.

### THE RUBONIC PLAGUE.

We hope that the bubonic plague will not be a judgment in this country, and feel sure that it will not if the officers of the marine-hospital service can prevent it, says the New York Medical Journal. There certainly is no imminent danger of it doing so, but that is no reason for being blind to, or denying, its possibility. The danger, "in time of peace prepare for war" is as applicable to sanitary as to military operations, and when a pestilence rages in one part of the globe the people of the rest of the world should put themselves in a state of defense against it by every means that an intelligent foresight can provide. We have an immense coast line and other borders, and it is pretty certain that all immigrants to the United States do not come through ports of entry. In the case of the Chinese this is somewhat notorious. Some infected Oriental may thus find entrance to the country and transmit the disease to others of his race. Were this all, the pest might be stamped out by isolation and quarantine; but, where human beings contract it, the ubiquitous rats and mice also become affected with it, and they can neither be isolated nor quarantined. They tend to spread the pestilence further and further.

Now, though human beings must not be killed, but may be quarantined, rats, which can not be quarantined, may and ought to be killed. If we had the bubonic plague with us, a war would immediately be waged against the rodents. Once they were hunted, however, they might disseminate the pestilence faster than they could be destroyed. Why wait until the danger is present before beginning the destruction of these vermin? The present period of peace is the best time to inaugurate a warfare against them. It may be done, we think, without causing public alarm, and there are no superstitious to overcome here as in India.

The extermination of rats is not quite so easy a matter as that of mice. Any simple trap, persistently used, will keep a house free from mice; but, when rats infest a neighborhood, they must be trapped in such a way that

President Jordan, of the Stanford university of California, declares that war weakens a nation, physically, mentally, morally, and in other ways. This is true to a certain extent, but those who are not in position to defend their own will get robbed, and it seems necessary to fight now and then to maintain our rights. This is true in the case of individuals and also true of nations. It is a condition that confronts the people of the earth, not a theory. It is wrong to fight, but ideal truths are not always to be defended in this most practical world of ours.

### A DEBT OF HONOR.

Giles F. Filley was buried in St. Louis a few days ago. The same Mother Earth that took to its bosom years ago John How, the man who ruined him, has received this Jean Valjean of modern days, and both are at rest. The story of Giles F. Filley is as old as the eternal hills—confidence, trust, betrayal by a friend, rigid adherence to duty, and ruin for so doing. This man for thirty-five years gave his brain, the sap of his strength, the soul of his honor to the effort of discharging a \$1,350,000 obligation, every dollar of which morally and legally should have been paid by John How, but which legally Mr. Filley was bound to discharge. He never complained. He never said that such punishment was unjust. Year after year until the fall of his city, whose name was respected as are few, for thirty-five years of that period he had been wiping out the dishonor of a friend. Little wonder that he was weary nor wonder either that with the closing of his establishment, his debt of honor still not wholly discharged, the heart strings should loosen, the cord of life snap and death come. Such a story seems unreal, a bit of romance, because it is so real, so absolute a matter of fact.

When John How was mayor of St.

### WE MUST GROW OLD.

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Sometimes, alas! the years they go As if with leaden feet, so slow We loiter from pain. We cannot know Wherefore of woe, but we grow old!

Each vanished year its own sad tale Of disappointment, we are told, Adds to the score, until we fall. Since we grow old! We must grow old!

The broken links of life's short chain Can never find their place again. The heart will bleed when pierced with pain. When loved ones die, and we grow old!

Into the dark unknown we take The hopes and fears of the young of today. Where all is well when we are old, We only know that we grow old!

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The democrats are surely getting together. It is now announced that David B. Hill will head the New York delegation to the national democratic convention. Among the delegates will be ex-Judge Augustus VanWyke, Richard Croker and Edward Murphy, and others who did not support Bryan in 1896, but are for him now. There is even talk of Judge VanWyke for vice-president. These politically-wise people feel that it is time to climb into the band wagon of the Bryan democratic chariot, and they are just simply proceeding to do it. Croker, of Tammany hall, was the first to set the example and any number of others of the old leaders of the democratic organization have done and are doing likewise.

President McKinley is a politician, more than he is a statesman. He would rather be re-elected president than be right. He has had eyes open to the

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