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I have invited all the preachers and priests, all the joss house men and sky pilots in Ok-land, Alameda and San Francisco to my funeral. I have written the funeral address myself and they are to draw cuts to see who shall read it at my cremation. Yes, the people are invited too and if the funeral takes place on a school day, I have arranged to have the school children there also, to enjoy the holiday. I love the children and they love me, and come up to my den by the hundreds to listen to me read. I have never caused a child to shed a tear. All the mean things I have ever been guilty of have been directed against grown-up men.—Joaquin Miller.

WILL SCANDALS BE HUSHED?

It is intimated that all sorts of interesting information about the post-office investigation will be given to the public—before long. At present, however, there is nothing to say.

It is rather noteworthy that before President Roosevelt came out of the West, full of ardor for reform, things were happening all the time in the postoffice department. Air was blowing into musty closets, dry bones were rattling, heads were dropping, and there was a race between indictments and resignations. On the president's return all this stopped short. Since he took charge there have been no resignations, no indictments and no new revelations.

This change, we are told, means that the work of investigation is proceeding with redoubled energy underground. Justice has temporarily laid aside her sword and gone to burrowing with a diamond drill.

There is every disposition to credit this explanation. Only it will be well for the administration to remember that at some stage of the proceedings it will have to come to the surface and resume friendly relations with the force of publicity. Failing in this, the people will begin to say things that might have an unpleasant effect upon the president's campaign for re-election.

AMERICA'S BEER BILLS.

Fifty-two years ago the average American drank 4.98 gallons of various things that aren't water but are more or less alcoholic. More than half—2.23 gallons for every man, woman and child—was whiskey or brandy.

Now only 1.36 gallons per head of distilled drinks are used, but the increase in beer and light wines has brought the total of alcoholic drinks up to 19.48 gallons. Beer alone accounts for 17.49 gallons. The American of today gets not quite as much pure alcohol as his grandfather, but he takes more malt and hops and water mixed with it.

Illinois makes more whiskey than any other state, but New York is long on beer. This state brews almost three times as much of the amber fluid as Wisconsin, including of course, Milwaukee.

"Imported wines" are far more largely drunk than they were 10 years ago, if you trust the restaurant "programmes"; only they aren't really imported. The imports of foreign wines in 1893 were worth \$10,000,000, in 1902 only \$8,000,000. Ask California why this shrinkage.

RUSSIA'S ARGUS EYE.

In the Russian postoffice a watchful eye is kept on all newspapers and magazines, and any matter of-

ficially considered objectionable is ruthlessly "blacked out." A similar surveillance is extended to private correspondence. The task thus undertaken is a gigantic one, but the Russian official system has proved itself equal to the undertaking.

In every postoffice of importance there are officials who form what is called the "Black Cabinet," whose duty it is to examine the letters received. According to the system followed in the Moscow postoffice, all the letters are handed over to the "Black Cabinet." Then one official sorts out all those which are addressed to suspected families, another all those addressed in suspected hand-writings, while a third arranges the remainder in little heaps, and then draws at random several letters from each heap. All the letters selected in these various ways are then opened and examined.

In this ingenious way the Russian government strives to keep a continual check on the free intercourse of its subjects, and it is not surprising that "underground" means of communication have been developed.

The June number of the Home-maker contains the following bitter arraignment of the land transactions of the government, during the past year: "About 25,000,000 acres of public lands have passed from the government into private hands during the present fiscal year ending June 30th. It has been stated that fully three-fourths of the entries under the laws named are of such a nature that they would not bear close inspection. Considered in the light of the spirit in which our land laws were enacted, they are frauds. Many of them are the grossest kind of steals. Here, then, are millions of acres of the government's best land acquired through fraud and perjury, irrigated and made into homes for American citizens it would be of inestimable worth to the nation."

An item from North Yakima tells of a man who raised this year 120 crates of strawberries, which he sold for nearly \$1,500, on three acres of ground. He also raised other varieties of berries and fruit in large quantities. What he has done in this respect, or something near it, many other men can do, on small tracts of land not only in the Yakima valley, but in other localities in the Pacific Northwest. A small tract of the right sort of soil, well utilized, is more profitable than a big grain farm. On Weston mountain, in Umatilla county, the acreage of strawberries has been increased 50 per cent in the past year and a still greater increase will be made next year. Every small farmer finds this fruit to be the most profitable adjunct to the farm.

Umatilla county roads are at the right stage to be covered with straw, now, before the dust becomes deeper. The continued rains of the past two weeks have kept down the dust and a small amount of straw will now make excellent roads for harvest. Very little work applied right now will save a great deal of valuable time later on.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood. It used to be considered that only urinary and bladder troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all diseases have their beginning in the disorder of these most important organs. The kidneys filter and purify the blood—that is their work. Therefore, when your kidneys are weak or out of order, you can understand how quickly your entire body is affected and how every organ seems to fail to do its duty.

FIVE MILLIONS A MINUTE.

In a grimy garret in a London slum there died the other day one to whom Stray Stories refers as "the only man who ever succeeded in losing \$25,000,000 in five minutes time." Stray Stories unfolds the interesting tale in this way: "His name was Henri Thibault. For years prior to his death he had eked out a precarious subsistence as a translator and teacher of languages. Yet 13 years previously he had been the prime mover in the great copper corner, the collapse of which shook off its foundations the French financial world. Thibault's idea was secretly to buy up the world's available supply of copper and wait for the inevitable rise. He came near succeeding. From his office in Paris he controlled through his agents the markets of London, Berlin and Vienna and in all of them he purchased every pound of copper that was offered.

"The result was quickly apparent. On July 1, 1887, 'B. C. B.'s' (best Chili bars) were selling at \$200 a ton. By June 1 they had risen to \$250 and the rise continued steadily until the middle of December, 1888, when the unheard-of price of a fraction over \$500 a ton was being asked and obtained. Then came the collapse. Thibault had sunk all his own money in the venture, all he could borrow, all he could beg, and still, from all sorts of odd and unexpected corners of the world, copper came pouring in. As soon as he ceased buying he had, of course, to commence selling, and this hastened and accentuated the inevitable end. By March 1 the price had dropped to less than it was when Thibault commenced operations. Altogether the gigantic gamble cost him \$50,000,000, of which sum fully one-

half was lost between noon and five minutes past on February 28, 1889, when the bottom dropped out of his corner."

EMPEROR LOSING POWER.

The greatest effects of the German elections must be upon the position of the emperor himself. It must reveal, in part at least, to William II, that his charm and the charm of his ideas for his own subjects are less than had been imagined. He has dis-couraged to them of his divine right, and has been rewarded often with applause; but the applause has never been quite sincere.

The emperor has in effect been saying for five years, "I am the state," and a third of his people now answer, "The state is not to our liking." It is quite possible—for the emperor is able, though he usually learns only from the thoughts which arise in his own mind—that he may benefit by the rough lesson, and reflect less on his grandfather's and more on his father's example. Think what the general vote would have been had the Emperor Frederick been reigning until today and had asked from his people formal approval of his policy. Herr Bebel, at least, would have led no party, and the crown would have carried its measures by acclaim, instead of by little bargains with groups on whose subjects, as in the Agrarian case and the case of the Centre, it secretly looks askance.

If, however, the emperor has not learned his lesson, he will find in the next five years, if not before, that a policy which in a military monarchy breeds socialists at the rate of 200,000 a year has in it none of the elements of permanent success. Courts are like churches—they must make converts or they cannot live. The Hohenzollerns have made them by the million in their past history, but they are not making them now.—New York World.

UNLUCKY PETER.

The Christian name of Peter has never been fashionable among monarchs. England, for example, has never had a monarch baptized as Peter and in other countries the Peters have been unlucky. Peter, or Pedro I. emperor of Brazil, abdicated after an uneasy reign and his son, Pedro II was driven to Europe by a revolution and died in Paris in 1891. Pedro the Cruel of Castile and Leon was slain by his brother in single combat. Peter the Great of Russia was guilty of frightful excesses. His grandson, Peter II, reigned only three years and died of smallpox at the age of 15. Peter III was dethroned and strangled by conspirators. Peter I. of Servia, has already a brutal massacre behind him.

DISCONTENT.

I knew a fellow once that had a horse That trotted at a very merry clip; But he was very sad at heart because He had no whip.

I knew a fellow once that found a whip. But he was not content with it, of course. For after that he wished and wished and wished He had a horse!

Now, if the two had met and made a swap. Each would have got the thing he so desired; But neither would have been quite satisfied— Which makes me tread! —Exchange.

An English mayor has handed over his official salary to be divided between the poor and the town hands.

Often The Kidneys Are Weakened by Over-Work.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood. It used to be considered that only urinary and bladder troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all diseases have their beginning in the disorder of these most important organs. The kidneys filter and purify the blood—that is their work. Therefore, when your kidneys are weak or out of order, you can understand how quickly your entire body is affected and how every organ seems to fail to do its duty.

If you are sick or "feel badly," begin taking the great kidney remedy, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, because as soon as your kidneys are well they will help all the other organs to health. A trial will convince anyone.

If you are sick you can make no mistake by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases, and is sold on its merits by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also a pamphlet telling you how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. Mention this paper when writing to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

"NO WAR GOOD; NO PEACE BAD."

President Loubet did not stay long in England, but long enough, apparently, to even up the score recently made by King Edward in France; and now the two nations, officially, are better friends than they have ever been since the time when the memory of man runneth not to the contrary.

Except for the territorial aggressions of Russia, Japan's belligerent bluster, the turmoil in the domains of the Turk, an occasional miniature insurrection in some little Latin-American state, and the long-range contest with the Mad Mullah, the world is not only at peace, but the prospects are better than they have ever been. The world's rulers are learning that Franklin was not far wrong when he said that "there never was a good war nor a bad peace."—La Grande Observer.

No Dessert More Attractive

Why use gelatine and spend hours soaking, sweetening, flavoring and coloring when

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DANNER IS NOT GOING AWAY

He will be here all summer so come in any time and have your picture taken. Stamp Photos only 25 cents a dozen. A large variety of harvest views, also a big line of Indian photos. Cabinet photos only \$3.50 a dozen.

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\$50.00 Given Away

To the first one handling us the nearest correct solution of the two following rebuses, we will give \$25.00 worth of furniture or other goods of your choice from our immense stock, \$15.00 worth to the second, and \$10.00 worth to the third.

The question is, how many different ways can the word "Furniture" and how many the word "Rader" be spelled in the following squares by spelling to the right, or downward, or any combination of down and right, or right and down, but always using contiguous letters but no two times, using exactly the same numerical letters, yet all spell the words "Rader" and "Furniture" correctly. For illustration, the word "Rader" may be spelled by using letters numbered 1, 2,

11, 12, 21, or 13, 22, 23, 24, 33, etc. The solution to be handed in sealed, giving only the number of combinations that can be made of each word, with no name attached, in order that the committee awarding the prizes will not

Grid for word puzzle with letters F, U, R, N, I, T, U, R, E, F

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MUST BE SOLD TO SETTLE ESTATE.

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Grid for word puzzle with letters R, A, D, E, R, A, D, E, R

know who is in the contest. But if requested, each winner must be able to write, numerically, each of the various ways the number of times they claim. In order to identify all solutions we simply number each envelope containing an answer and keep a memorandum of each. No one will be allowed more than one answer. Prizes awarded July 25, 1903. There is no sure thing that the first solutions will be correct. So if you decide you want to change your solution after handing it in you can do so by placing your second in the numerical order we receive the latter. No one connected with the establishment will be allowed to contest.

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Why Send away for a Machine. If you can get anywhere, but a lot cheaper in the grade White or Standard. JESSE FAIRBANKS Near the Bridge

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