

**GOTHAM'S DEBT IS MORE THAN NATIONS**

New York, Feb. 2.—That Father Knickerbocker has at last succeeded in contracting a municipal indebtedness exceeding the national debt of Uncle Sam is the startling situation revealed by the report which the comptroller has just submitted to Mayor Gaynor. This report shows that the gross indebtedness of New York City now amounts to the enormous sum of \$1,027,811,718, which in round numbers is \$20,000 more than the public indebtedness of the United States government. That an income far greater than that enjoyed by any crowned head is necessary to provide for the municipal needs is indicated by the fact that during the past year the city's funded debt was increased by the tidy sum of \$71,000,000 of which more than \$44,000,000 represents bonds issued for rapid transit work and the great new water supply system. Enormous as is his financial indebtedness, however, Father Knickerbocker's situation is not so involved as might appear on the surface. While the total debt exceeds a billion dollars, the net debt is considerably less than that sum by reason of the fact that about \$450,000,000 of the indebtedness is represented either by bonds held in the sinking fund or by self-sustaining bonds which are exempt. These factors reduce the net debt with contract obligations outstanding to \$660,000,000 and leaves the borrowing power of the city at \$125,000,000. Even these ameliorating figures however, cannot disguise the fact that in its financial operations this city within a comparatively few number of years is practically certain to far outstrip the national government.

**LOST IN DESERT STORMS. FIND REFUGE IN CABIN**

Two instances where bewildered persons stumble upon more than welcome shelter. Goldfield, Nev.—There have been several cases of people being lost on the white expanse of the desert during the winter snow storms. On a recent evening Tom Rea, who lives in a camp near Mount Jackson, was disturbed by loud knocking on his cabin door. On going outside he found two prospectors who were on their way to Lida, but who became lost in the blinding blizzard. On the same evening, about an hour later, Rae again heard loud knocks at his door. He went out to find Mrs. Pat O'Hara begging for admittance. She informed Rea that she had started from her home in the Tule Canyon early the day before and had lost her way. With her horse and buggy she wandered aimlessly about in the snow until she espied the tracks leading to the Rea cabin. The men and women remained at the Rea cabin until the storm had subsided and they had fully recovered from the effects of their thrilling experience. But for discovering the cabin they would have lost their lives.

**MORGAN OWNER OF PROVINCE IN CUBA**

No Wonder Financial King Can Procure Such Mammoth Black Cigars. New York.—The most startling feature of the "Life Story of J. Pierpont Morgan," written by Carl Hovey, is the assertion of the author that Mr. Morgan owns the province of Santa Clara, Cuba. Mr. Hovey dismisses Mr. Morgan's alleged ownership of one of the richest provinces of Cuba with the bare assertion on page 321: "Mr. Morgan owns the Santa Clara province in Cuba, where a particularly dark and fragrant variety of tobacco is grown; his cigars are made for him out of the special leaf and these large, black cigars of his figure in innumerable anecdotes. Hovey man mean "plantation" instead of "province."

**SEES HIMSELF AND OTHERS FOR \$331,231 COMMISSION**

As a Stockholder Defendant He Will Presumably Try to—What Will He Do, Anyway? San Jose, Calif.—Upon the heels of an action covering the identical case which was filed about a month ago and to make assurance doubly sure, A. B. Campbell, a real estate dealer here, has filed suit in the Superior Court against more than 100 stockholders of the Monterey Coal Company, each as individuals and collectively as a corporation, for \$331,231.50, which he claims as commission on the sales of stock in the company. Campbell called to his assistance the stockholders liability statutes and is taking no chances with the fact that the defendant is a foreign corporation. Setting up a written contract made in 1908, whereby he was given the agency for Southern California for two years for the marketing of the stocks of the company and was promised a commission of 2 1/2 per cent on all sales, Campbell declares he has sold 900,000 shares at \$1 a share and demands his money, with interest. As a stockholder Campbell includes himself as a defendant and figures that he owes himself \$44.81 as his pro rata of the indebtedness of the corporation.

**WOMEN'S TIGHT SKIRTS SURPRISED FREED CONVICT**

Immured for Twenty Years, Is Shocked by What He Sees, "and They Are Voters, Too," He Says. Los Angeles, Cal.—Charles Miller walked about the streets of Los Angeles dazed by the wonder of what he saw. Miller had been released from San Quentin prison sixty hours previously, after having been shut out from the world for twenty years. "For the love of Mike," he exclaimed in shocked tones, "look at that." He pointed to a lovely young woman in a blue velvet hobble skirt and a black picture hat decorated with white ostrich plumes.

SCENE FROM "FAUST"



At the Oregon Theatre Tonight.

"You take that skirt, for instance, and one that I saw last night divided like trousers. "Why, if a woman had worn a thing like that before I went over the road they would have had her locked up in a dippy bazaar in twenty-four weeks. "And they're voters, too. On the square, do you think it will stick? Are they going to work at it or is it just some new-fangled idea?" The moving picture shows, electric cars and automobiles, likewise amazed and appalled Miller.

**U. S. LOOKS UP TITLE OF ISLAND CLAIMED BY BRITISH**

Palmyra, 600 Miles From Hawaii, Was Discovered by American in 1852—Proclaimed Part of Kingdom. Washington, D. C.—Rumors that Great Britain intended to take possession of Palmyra Island, (in reality a group of fifty islets), lying about 600 miles southwest of Hawaii and almost in a direct line between Australia and the Panama canal, resulted in the subject being made a matter of inquiry unofficially at the state department today. Officials professed ignorance of any issue being raised as to the ownership of the island, but admitted that the title was vague. Palmyra Island was discovered in 1852 by an American shipmaster, was proclaimed part of the kingdom of Hawaii in 1882 and was annexed by Great Britain in 1889. The question at issue is whether the British annexation cancelled the prior Hawaiian title, for if it did not, then Palmyra Island would probably be held to have been annexed to the United States in 1898.

**Pastor Kills Self in Jail.**

Long Prairie, Minn.—The Rev. R. T. Guernsey, pastor of the Baptist church of Long Prairie, committed suicide by hanging himself in a cell in the Todd county jail. The Rev. Mr. Guernsey was dismissed from his pulpit by the trustees of the church a week ago and was arrested Saturday night and sentenced to imprisonment for ninety days on complaints filed with the county authorities by several parents. He had hanged himself by making a rope and noos eof his bedclothing and tying one end to the bars of his cell door. The dead man was about 55 years old.

**4 DIE, 5 HURT IN FIRE AT FAMILY REUNION**

Blaze Breaks Out in the Home of Curtis Hale, Claytonia, Pa., in the Early Morning While Relatives Are Guests. Butler, Pa.—Four persons were burned to death or died from suffocation and five others are in a serious condition as a result of a fire at the home of Curtis Hale at Claytonia, a mining town ten miles from here. A family reunion was held at the home of Curtis Hale. An overheated stove or the explosion of a lamp is thought to have been the cause. The dead: Miles, Earl, aged 35, son-in-law of Curtis Hale. Miles, Mrs. Pollie, aged 35. Hale, Mrs. Belle, aged 28, wife of James Hale. Hale, Scott, aged 18, son of Curtis Hale. Hale Curtis, his wife and children, David, James and Sadie, sustained burns about the head and body. Men from a near by coal mine assisted by neighbors, extinguished the fire, provided for the injured and recovered the charred bodies of the victims. The damage to the house was less than \$1000.

**AUTO PARTY CROSSES LAKE ERIE ON THE ICE**

John P. Cagney Takes Friends from Put-in-Bay, Ohio, to Opposite Shore and Back in 3300 Pound Machine. Put in Bay, Ohio.—An automobile trip across ice-covered Lake Erie and return was completed here by J. C. West, John Darr, Captain W. E. Smith, L. B. DeWitt and John P. Cagney of Catawba Island.

Cagney was the host of the party. The trip was made in a 3300 pound machine. The party went first to Pelee Island. Then it proceeded to Leamington, Ont., where the night was spent. A Mrs. McCormick and Dr. Van Epp, both of Pelee Island, were brought from Leamington to Pelee. Thence the autoists made their way to Catawba Island, arriving at 1 o'clock this afternoon. According to the members of the party, the ice was in fine condition for motoring between the Bass islands and Pelee Island. Between Leamington and Pelee island, however, they encountered a dangerous crack which had to be bridged with planks taken along for such a purpose.

**THREE HAZERS STABBED.**

Hiram College Boys Wounded in Fight With Star Football Player. Hiram, Ohio.—Three Hiram College students were seriously injured here in an attempt by varsity football men and their student sympathizers to haze Earl R. Thomas of Youngstown, the star halfback on last year's eleven. Earl Cook of Youngstown, a varsity man, was stabbed twice in the abdomen, but physicians say he will recover. William Oldacre of Warren was cut and bruised on the head and John Maus of La Follette was cut in the back.

**BABY WEIGHS 1 1/2 POUNDS.**

Richmond Child is Healthy Despite Unusual Smallness. Richmond.—The smallest baby in Richmond's history was born to Mrs. M. Burke, wife of a well known hardware merchant. The child is but a wisp of humanity weighing a pound and a half. According to the attending physician, Dr. Cunningham, the child is healthy and will live. The mother and child are at a local sanitarium.

**PRISON AS PENALTY FOR MARYLAND GOSSIPS**

Annapolis, Md.—A bill designed to protect women from gossip was introduced in the house of delegates by Mr. Phillips of Wilcomico county. The proposed law inflicts imprisonment for six months to three years upon any person who makes an assertion reflecting upon the good name of a woman.

**NOTED RUPTURE EXPERT HERE**

Seelye, Who Fitted the Car of Russia, Will be at the Grand Hotel, Walla Walla. F. H. Seelye of Chicago and Philadelphia, the noted truss expert, will be at the Grand hotel and will remain in Walla Walla this Monday and Tuesday only, February 5th and 6th. Mr. Seelye says: "The Spermatic Shield Truss as now used and approved by the United States government will not only retain any case of rupture perfectly, affording immediate relief, but closes the opening in 10 days on the average case." This instrument received the only award in England and in Spain, producing results without surgery or harmful injections. Mr. Seelye has documentary references from the United States government, Washington, D. C., for your inspection. All charity cases without charge, or if any interested call, he will be glad to show the truss without charge or fit them if desired. Anyone ruptured should remember the date and take advantage of this unusual opportunity. Blamed a Good Worker. "I blamed my heart for severe distress in my left side for two years," writes W. Evans, Danville, Va., "but I know now it was indigestion, as Dr. King's New Life Pills completely cured me." Best for stomach, liver and kidney troubles, constipation, headache or debility. 25c at Keop-pens.

**Auction Sale WALTER PLANTING**

INTENDING TO RETIRE FROM FARMING, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT HIS HOME PLACE 4 1-2 MILES WEST OF PENDLETON, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY. EVERYTHING TO GO TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, ABSOLUTELY NOTHING RESERVED.

**Thursday, February 8th, 1912**  
Commencing at 10 o'Clock a. m. Sharp

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|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 42 head of good work horses             | 5 16 Hoe drills, 2 Superior, 2 Monitor, 1 Empire. |
| 1 Belgian stallion 6 years old.         | 3 3-bottom Canton Clipper gang plows.             |
| 1 five year old Clyde stallion.         | 4 8-horse steel harrows.                          |
| 1 two year old Percheron stallion.      | 1 land packer, almost new.                        |
| 1 black Spanish Missouri jack.          | 1 8-ft. disc harrow.                              |
| 1 driving team.                         | 1 McCormick mower and rake.                       |
| 1 single driver.                        | 2 McCormick binders, 1 6-ft. and 1 7-ft. cut.     |
| 2 saddle horses                         | 1 18-ft. cut steel weeder.                        |
| 1 Holt combined harvester, 20-foot cut. | 1 hack.                                           |
| 19 sets butt-chain harness.             | 1 buggy.                                          |
| 2 sets hack harness.                    | 2 feed racks                                      |
| 1 single harness.                       | 2 hay racks                                       |
| 1 Shenandoah 32 horse hitch.            | 1 bob sled                                        |
| 1 cook house.                           | 1 fanning mill.                                   |
| 3 3 1-2 inch truck wagons, with racks.  |                                                   |
| 4 3 1-4 inch truck wagons, with racks.  |                                                   |
| 1 3-inch truck wagon, with rack.        |                                                   |
| 1 Gilbert Hunt chop mill, almost new.   |                                                   |

Blacksmith tools, stretchers, chains and other articles too numerous to mention.

**Terms of Sale** All sums under \$50 cash; on all sums over \$50 time will be given until October 1, 1912, on approved security 8 per cent interest; a discount of 3 per cent will be given for cash on all sums over \$50.

**FREE LUNCH AT NOON**

Walter Planting, Owner Col. Wm. F. Yohnka, Auctioneer  
E. L. SMITH, Clerk.

**Auction Sale**

The undersigned will sell at public auction at the John Doherty place near Yoakum on

**Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1912**

Commencing at 10:30 A. M. Sharp the Following Described Property

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| 1 Span good Work Mules      | 2 Hay Rakes                                                   |
| 1 Span good Young Mares     | 2 Set of Farm Harness                                         |
| 2 Two Year old Colts        | 1 Land Roller                                                 |
| 1 Yearling Colt             | 1 Milch Cow                                                   |
| 2 Farm Wagons               | 1 Stack of Hay                                                |
| 1 Hack                      | 1 Disc Harrow                                                 |
| 1 Plow                      | 6 Cords of Wood                                               |
| 3 Section Steel Harrow      | Household Furniture and other things too numerous to mention. |
| 1 Garden Cultivator         |                                                               |
| 1 Four Horse Fresno Scraper |                                                               |
| 2 Mowing Machines           |                                                               |

**Free Lunch Served at Noon**

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**John Doherty, Owner** Col. W. F. Yohnka, Auctioneer