

**BANDON RECORDER.**

**BALANCING RESULTS**

THE LAW OF CONSEQUENCES AND THE PROBLEMS OF LIFE.

**Good or Evil in Things is Discovered by Observations of Consequences. Morals are Determined by the Consequences of Human Actions.**

A reaction is the consequence of an action; an effect is the consequence of a cause; a result is the consequence of an antecedent. It is evident that the results of our actions, effect, result and consequence, express different manifestations of our law, usually called the law of causation, though it would be, I believe, more correctly named the law of consequences.

We shall understand more clearly the interactions in human affairs when we recognize that the meaning of the words reaction, effect and result is included in the word consequence. We may doubt the importance of reaction in our affairs, but we shall not doubt the importance of consequences.

We are compelled to give consideration to consequences in the most trivial affairs. One's consequences in view when he strikes a match, sets a pot to boil, plants a seed, pulls a weed, sharpens a pencil, mends a fence. Shall I take an umbrella? I balance the danger of rain against the annoyance of the umbrella and decide accordingly. Shall I change my coat? Take another cup of coffee? Walk or ride? Each question will be decided in accordance with my estimate of the balance of results. In considering possible advantages or disadvantages, gains or losses, we are balancing consequences, endeavoring to anticipate and weigh the results of our actions.

Heaven is usually a reminder of a neglect or misjudgment of consequences, while repentance and reform then indicate a waking up concerning consequences. Our interest, curiosity, anxieties, fears, hopes and ambitions are concentrated upon consequences. We seek advice when we are doubtful about consequences. Prospects and examples, stimulate consequences. We work and rest, eat and drink, scheme and plan, spend and save, for consequences.

The lesson of consequences which the individual often learns slowly and imperfectly the sound business organizations acquire quickly and enforce by discipline. The salesmen in a successful store are characterized by tidiness, promptness and a desire to please the employees of the important railroads are not even permitted to answer insult with insult. The industry that is intelligently managed will avoid misrepresentation and deception, knowing that a reputation for truth and fairness is vital to continued success. The shrewdest manager of trade is built upon the observation of consequences.

That mind is the strongest which has the clearest judgment of consequences. The fools are those who know little about consequences. The child must be guarded because it is ignorant of consequences. What we know of our castles, standards, industries, hygiene, surgery, chemistry, agriculture, mechanics, commerce, engineering, we know through the observation of consequences. The best razor, plow, saw, rotary system, plan of social betterment, is that which produces the best results. Knowledge, learning and experience deal wholly with cause and consequences. The science of astronomy seeks to comprehend the heavenly bodies and their influences upon each other. The science of chemistry explains the consequences of chemical action. The science of political economy aims to distinguish and mark the good and evil results of different systems of land tenure, taxation, trade and finance. The science of government would determine what political system is best for a people. The science of war seeks to know what arms, equipments, forces and manœuvres will insure the greatest triumph upon the enemy with the minimum of expenditure. The science of language deals with the utility of words, pronunciation and forms of expression. And so on through the whole of human experience knowledge seeks to distinguish that which has the best results from that which has inferior or evil results.

Our ideas of right and wrong proceed to the nature of the responses to human actions. How do we know that truth is better than falsehood? Because we are better pleased with ourselves when we speak truthfully than when we lie, because truth is essential to understanding, because we despise lying in others because lying leads to confusion, uncertainty, class, enmity and to other evil consequences. And so we also have formed a just idea of loyalty and treason, civility and kindness, virtue and vice, by their consequences.

Our laws, customs and commandments would not prove to us that truth is better than lying if our own experience did not confirm it. The deontology is effective only so far as nature corroborates it.

Our common conceptions of morality are the results of the observation of human actions and their consequences—of cause and effect, of action and reaction. We know that certain actions are right and others wrong, as we know that bread is good and straw bad for food, that light clothing is more useful in summer than in winter, that cleanliness is better than dirtiness, that the way to walk is for ward, not backward, that truth is pleasanter than grief.

As the value of a machine or implement is shown in its working and the value of a tree by its fruit, so the merit or demerit of food, drink, medicine, acts and thoughts is determined by their results, reactions or effects by their consequences. Eden (Edenism). The Fundamental Verity. by Orlando J. Smith.

**The Tibetan Bible.**

The Tibetan Bible consists of 108 volumes of 100 pages each, containing 1482 separate books. Each of the volumes weighs ten pounds. In addition to this there are 225 volumes of commentaries, which are necessary for the understanding of the Scriptures. The type from which the Bible or Kabgyuri is printed requires rows of houses like a city for storage.

**General Interest.**

**GENERATES ELECTRICITY WITHOUT A DYNAMO.**

At Montello, Nev., the Southern Pacific Company has an electric dynamo for charging batteries for the signals at the tunnels. While two electricians were at work there a young country lad with sunburned face and very combed appearance stood at the door of the room and seemed very much interested. Finally he asked if he could step inside. He was invited in. He said that he had never before seen a dynamo, but that he had some books on electricity, and had studied the subject some. He immediately astonished the men in charge by naming its different parts, and showed that he had a thorough understanding of the system. Upon questioning him the electricians learned that he lived about six miles from Montello on a ranch. He said that he had devised a plan whereby he utilized electricity from an underground sufficient power to run a half-horsepower engine with which he pumps water for his father's ranch, and that he also could run a sixteen-candle-power incandescent lamp. He also told them of new and evidently practical experiments in wireless telegraphy and telephoning which he had made.

The manner in which the young genius extracts electricity from the ground is very simple. He places a negative plate on the ground; a short distance away he places a positive plate and connects them with a wire, thus forming a circuit.

The simple, straightforward manner of the lad and the evidently wonderful discoveries of which he told deeply impressed the young electricians at the Southern Pacific plant. When the rancher's son left he gave them an earnest invitation to visit him and see his experiments.

The electrician who gives up this information says that he is going to investigate the matter as soon as he can. He says that he believes the lad, because his manner was honest and unaffected.—Elko Free Press.

**ENGLAND'S NEW SPORT.**

One of the new sports in England is falceny with motor cars. The sportsmen go out in their motors with falcens and goshawks on their wrists and await the advent of the game that is driven toward them from the coverts that the roads adjoin.

**MISDIRECTED ENERGY.**

Fourteen acres of onions in Indiana yielded a profit of \$10,000. And yet a large part of the Hoosier population puts in its time writing historical novels.—Kansas City Journal.

The Public Library of Boston has just received a gift of more than 1,000 manuscript letters of some of the most prominent scholars and statesmen of New England. The gift was made by the estate of the late Charles W. Folson, through Mrs. C. Norton Folson.

**POLLY LARKIN**

Don't look for slights, don't strain your ears to hear things that are not intended for you, and then imagine that what you have heard is well as a good deal you have failed to catch, is derogatory to you. That you are the subject of their remarks. You can live an unhappy and a very unenviable life if you pursue such a course. You are not only miserable yourself but tend to make everyone else in your company thoroughly uncomfortable. I heard a lady give one of these atrocious sensitive little bodies some good advice the other day. The young lady was diffident, always fearful that she did not look quite as well as some of the other girls, conscious that she had two of those three little freckles on the bridge of her nose, and I liked they drew attention to her face, her hair was a beautiful shade of Auburn, but she was overemphatic with her at the time of red which any other girl would have envied, and spoke of it as being nothing but a warthog, and the minute she entered a room everybody was attracted by her red head and freckled nose. She was really a very pretty girl, and would have been very attractive if she had not been so self-conscious that it made her appear awkward. The lady who gave this young lady the advice which I have given her here had been watching her for some time, and made an effort whenever she met her out of an eagerness to pay her the little attentions that every girl likes, and to draw her "out of her shell" as she termed it, and make her forget herself. It was hard work at first for the young lady was more disposed to get off in a corner by herself and brood over her imaginary slights.

One evening they met at a little social gathering at a friend's house, and before the evening was half over she found this unhappy young lady seated in her customary corner, and when she attempted to draw her out and let her mingle with the rest of the young people, she said she preferred to remain where she was for her feet were so big that they were in everybody's way, and they were constantly stepping on them. The little lady almost lost her patience, but her lip curled and she tried to read the girl and find a way out of the shroud of despair she saw before her. "Come with me into the conservatory, they cannot stop on our feet there, it is cool and pleasant, and we can have a little talk all to ourselves." I would like that," replied the young lady, "for then I'll be out of the way." "Married again?" thought the friend, although she did not give expression to the words. "Now, my dear, I have been wanting to have a sensible little talk with you for some time, and put you on the right track. I have the greatest sympathy for you, for I used to be the same unhappy girl that you are today, and my, but what good times I did miss while I chum to my little corner and watched with envious eyes and longing heart the frolic, joyous, carefree of the other girls, and longed to enter into all the frolic and merry-making of the young people. They would so homo radiantly happy, and their eyes sparkling and a song in their hearts. In my heart there was a dirge and a lament that it had been ordained that I should always be an old maid at a tender age. My eyes were heavy with unshed tears, and I stammered my feet as if they were lead. There was no buoyancy left in me. I was too bitter to cry after I got home, but would turn and toss on my pillow, wondering why fate should have ordained that I should always be unhappy, so the first night I met you. I recognized the same sensitive spirit that had ruled me for so long, and I determined to try and save you from the misery and unhappiness that followed in the wake of my young life. I might as well be every girl's portion in life, for there is enough that comes afterward to make the pathway rugged and your feet weary."

Now, I am going to tell you what saved me, and I believe it will help you if you will listen to me kindly, and accept what I have to say in the spirit that it is intended. If you do, then I promise you that you will find that you have just commenced to live. In the first place forget yourself entirely; for the time being you are some one else—not the little diffident mortal that only excites pity, for a strong mind absorbs pity, simply raises yourself right out of the "pit" that you have fallen into. Look about you and see if you cannot find someone slipping off by themselves who have the same little melancholy strain running through them, so go and talk to them, if you only say it's a pleasant evening, break the ice some how, and you will find that they are glad to be noticed. Move from one to another, and you will discover that you are not exciting half the attention that you do when you are sitting mute in your corner. You will find that person and that one, who did not notice you before, giving you a smile of recognition as they pass, for they will discover that the lovely butterfly is at last coming out of its chrysalis. If they sing some little catchy air, join in the chorus with the rest. If you are invited to join in a game, even though you don't know it, you can learn to play, just as the others had to do before you. The evening will have gone by before you know it, and

**WASHINGTON LETTER**

When Mr. Moody entered the department of justice from the navy portfolio it was believed that he would not remain for a long time in the cabinet and that he would probably return to Massachusetts and resume the practice of law after the 4th of next March. The president, it is said, will try to dissuade Mr. Moody from this course and will seek to have him continue in his present position indefinitely.

The talk of the retention of Mr. Moody in the next cabinet is part of the discussion that is going on as to probable changes in the cabinet after the 4th of March. It is not thought there will be any change before that time unless it is the entrance of Mr. Cortelyou as postmaster general to succeed Mr. Wayne, regarding which there is already talk of another cabinet place. There is some gossip to the effect that Secretary Shaw may not want to remain in office much longer and Secretary Hilditch is also supposed to be having a desire to retire to his business in Missouri. Among the men slated for places in the cabinet some time in the future is Mr. Garrison, who is known to have the esteem of the president.

**Regret For Cockrell.**

President Roosevelt has been greatly pleased with the fact that Missouri has not been in the Republican column in the election. At the same time there is genuine regret at the White House and among the callers there that the result in Missouri will probably mean the retirement of Senator Cockrell. The feeling was fully expressed by Senator McComas of Maryland, who had a talk with the president about the situation in Maryland. "You really are a good man," said the president, "and you are a great help to the country. You are a splendid, clean, able man, full of patriotism, and his work on the appropriations committee has saved the country millions of dollars. It is a great pity that he is to be retired, as no other man would be sent to the senate from the state."

**Miss Roosevelt's Friend.**

Miss Alice Roosevelt is having a quiet time, being much in need of rest after her social trips of the spring and summer. She may go to New York the middle of the month. The story of failing friendship between Miss Roosevelt and the Congress is entirely unjustified, as the incident has been reported. The Washington society is deeply grateful that the difficulties between the Rispain ambassador and his adopted daughter have been adjusted, though on what basis no one seems to know.

**GENERAL INTEREST**

**CHIEF JUSTICE FULLER.**

Chief Justice Fuller of the United States supreme court will be seventy-two years old next February and will then be entitled to resign. There is a rumor that he will do so shortly after this. He will be entitled to a yearly salary of \$10,500 off the bench, and it is stated that since the death of his wife he is not inclined to continue participation in the social affairs of the court. He is expected to retire in March as the time for the resignation, and there is a revival of the talk that his successor will be William H. Taft, secretary of war. There is little chance that Mr. Taft will be offered the position in case it is made vacant. Mr. Fuller was appointed as a Domiciliary April 29, 1888, and four times administered the oath of office to presidents. Harrison, Cleveland and McKinley twice. He never resigned from the supreme court, but ever resigned from of his sitting until death.

**Goldfish in Winter Quarters.**

The pretty gold at the east entrance of the White House was emptied of its water recently and the goldfish and water lilies taken to warmer quarters for the winter. Between four and five hundred were removed, being taken to the fish commission. At the beginning of the summer a comparatively small number were placed in the pool, but they have multiplied fast. The lilies, many of which come from tropical regions, the most beautiful being from Mexico, were taken to the propagating gardens, where they will be warmly housed during the winter.

**Refreshing Departments.**

Advancing his inquiries to the absence of the secretary and his assistants of the interior department to re- lay the carpets in the various offices of the main buildings of the department and to put the place generally in shape for the winter. It is the custom in all the branches of the government service to refurbish the rooms twice a year, in the spring and fall.

**Department of Commerce.**

Average Secretary Lawrence Murray of the department of commerce and labor has made public the estimates of appropriations for the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1905. They have been forwarded to the secretary of the treasury for transmission to congress. The estimates aggregate \$14,238,520, being \$594,425 less than the estimates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1904. The estimates for the fiscal year of the next year are \$14,218,444. CARR SCHOFIELD.

**Silent Japanese Women.**

Japan has its communities of silent female recluses. There is a convent at a place called Yamakawa, about seven miles from Hakodate. A man of some fifty years presides, and her instructions are implicitly obeyed. The women are all young, ranging from sixteen to twenty-seven, and some of them are described as very beautiful. The building stands in a farm of some 250 acres, but the women do not engage in any agricultural work. They spend most of their time indoors, and they observe a strict rule of silence.

**CHOICE MISCELLANY**

**The "Paving Habit."**

Said the woman as she escaped the friendly chivvies of the cross walk policeman and reached the curb in a state of mind: "I can cross any street in Albany at any hour of the day or night without assistance. I am young and athletic, with good eyesight. I can hear a cow coming as far as the next one. I am active on my feet. I do not suffer from heart failure, swooning or epileptic fits, and I would not allow any other man, much less any natural born idiot by fastening his paw to my elbow and shoving me across a street as if I went on wheels and needed motive power."

Courtesies are dear to the heart of woman. She wants all her rights, but she will sacrifice none of her privileges, and no one will blame her for that. Women who wear street dresses of walking length and sensible walking shoes do not require the same assistance in dodging vehicles or getting on or off street cars as the women of a few years ago, who went about wearing high heeled boots and long trains to their gowns.—Albany Argus.

**London Lodging Houses.**

John Burns, the famous London laborer, recently stated that the county council had a determination of a new city lodging house for 700 men.

"These huge lodging houses," he said, "are a social and moral danger. It is not for the council to put a premium on idleness by building hotels in which provision is made only for the single man."

"These aggregations of single men attract the most sordid loafers and waifs, who from being canty louts become the gutter, to be picked up and taken to Salvation Army shelters for soap."

"I have been up all night for four nights, talking with the people who get a basin of soup and four ounces of bread at Salvation Army shelters. At 3:30 a. m. I have formed one of 1,500 men waiting to get soup and bread, and I found babies, criminals and wretches suffering between the workmen who have fallen in the struggle for bread."

**Money to Make Wanting Claimants.**

The Maine law in regard to public administration of estates provides that when any money remains after paying all debts of a person who dies in testate and without an heir it shall be deposited in the state treasury for a period of twenty years, and that if no heirs appear to claim the same it is forfeited to the state.

The day after a recent history of the state where a large sum of money has been forfeited to the state occurred during the sixties, when \$4,000, which had remained unpaid in the treasury for the period required, was forfeited to the state. At the present time there are two sums of money so deposited in the state treasury awaiting claimants. One is from the estate of the late M. Donald and the other from the estate of George L. Lester. Both were deposited in the state treasury in 1880 by the public administrators who had charge of the respective estates. The total of the two sums is \$800, and there are still fifteen years remaining to claim one or both of the sums deposited. Bangor News.

**Should Wear Clean Clothes in Drinking.**

Should wear clean clothes in drinking the hotch, and many brave men have insisted on dressing carefully on the eve of reversion. Science now suggests that in the case of man-of-war crews it is distinctly "advisable" that clean clothes should be put on just before going into action. The reason is, of course, that pieces of soiled clothing carried into wounds make them more dangerous. The Japanese surgeon in chief of Togo's fleet, whom we are quoting, goes on to say that "there are many examples to show that a pocket notebook, knife, etc. have saved men's lives from shell fragments. We have had a few examples in the present war. I dare say that in times every combatant on board warships in action will wear some kind of protecting mask and jacket."—Westminster Gazette.

**Zola, "H" and Habsreins.**

When Zola was last in London he inquired the opinion of the capital "H" in English as significant of English character. The number of wolf and stray hounds to be seen on the pavement was another.

On this last subject Mr. Vintzlety, who told the story, has returned to the charge. An analysis of some pigeons' nests in London has revealed the hainp as one of the stock architectural materials.

In his argument of the wastefulness of Englishwomen Mr. Vintzlety, says the Saturday Review, might go on to an analysis of the sparrow's dietary, which would reveal as outrageous a waste of bread as of metal.

**A Tax on Theater Tickets.**

Victoria will probably be the first British community to levy a tax on amusements for the support of local charitable institutions. Mr. Bent, the premier, proposes a tax of a penny on every shilling spent in the purchase of theater tickets. The Melbourne theatrical managers are alarmed at this proposal, which they say means a levy of 8 per cent on their gross takings. They have had a long conference with the premier, but did not succeed in converting him to their way of thinking. London Chronicle.

**Commons Case.**

Mrs. Young Lucy (in) afraid I married the wrong man. Mrs. Elder—Don't let that disturb you, dear. Every woman who marries does that. Boston Transcript.

**Unkind Wealth.**

Wagner: They say that old Compton, the banker, has unkind wealth. Gagger: Yes, that's what the tax collector suspects.—Town Topics.

"Contentment gives a crown where fortune hath denied it." Ford.

**HUMOR OF THE HOUR**

**His Bad Break.**

"Talking about fright and gray hairs," said a traveling man, "my hair never came so near turning white in a single night as it did a couple of weeks ago when I was in a town in one of the wildest patches of country in the west. I entered a cafe and started to incantate myself with the boys and was getting along fine.

"There was one old fellow who hung around the bar a great deal and seemed to have everybody scared. I made up my mind that he was a chap I wanted to have on my side, so I started in and made up to him the best I knew how. I told him all the funny stories I knew. Every time he laughed everybody else laughed, and when he didn't seem to like it there was a general attack of the blues. After awhile he told a story himself. I laughed as hard as I could and slapped him on the shoulder and said:

"I've heard of you before."

"You have?" said he, looking suspicious all of a sudden.

"Yes," said I, "and you're all right. You're a hunk."

"I never saw a such a swift change of scenery in my life. The floor was cleared all of a sudden, and all the occupants of the place except the old man and myself were looking up from behind tables. He had a six shooter pointed at me, and if his finger had touched I would have been the subject of a Ernest Wilde, though I had left my piece of poetry then and there. Just then a young girl rushed into the place and threw herself between us."

**Naturally.**

"No, she didn't say anything of the kind. She merely said 'Don't be a fool, old. It didn't mean anything. He ain't heard a word about it.'"

"Then she turned to me and said:

"You want to be careful about how you talk about anything in the town line before you do. He was tarred all feathered week before last. He ain't got over yet, in fact, he won't stand the joke about it, you see."

**Might Better Have Played.**

"My wife always settles our differences by arbitration."

"What is the arbitrator?"

"My wife, of course."

**Reason For Sadness.**

"Don't feel so cut up about it, Mr. Skimmer," said Miss Roxley after rejecting him. "I'm not the first girl you ever passed, nor, I venture to say, am I likely to be the last."

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**Heartless.**

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"The monster," said he, "is not to be trifled with." "What he meant to say," she said, "was that he was so heartless that he sprained his neck."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Extravagant Woman.**

"Really, dear," said the beautiful dandy who was Pan's favorite wife, "I must have a new bonnet."

"What? More expense?" exclaimed Pan. "You must think I'm a regular dust Pan." Philadelphia Ledger.

**His Scheme.**

Rinkler Jones has a scheme to offer Japan.

Rinkler: What is it?

Knicker: To give banana peelings around Port Arthur so as to hasten the fall.

**Pessimism.**

Grevie: It wishes were horses, you know, beggars might ride.

Gray: And he run away with when the first automobile comes in sight. Boston Transcript.

**Still Better.**

De Style: Was her marriage a fall for you?

Gambusta: Yes, but her divorce was a huge success. Pittsburg Post.

**Does For the Dead.**

"What does he do for a living?"

"Nothing. He is an undertaker."—Harvard Lampoon.

**A Crooked Song.**

There was a crooked man,  
And he was a crooked stonemason,  
And he made a crooked million  
By a crooked little stone.

Then he took a crooked horse  
In a crooked thornbush  
And his crooked neighbors swore  
That this crooked man was square.

So he moved his crooked stone  
In a crooked little kirk  
And he crooked his little knees  
And got in his crooked work.

—Tuck.

**Unfortunate History.**

Abdullah had just rubbed his wonderful lamp. "Get me at once!" he said as his faithful genie appeared, "with a breath of fresh air from a New York tenement."

Wondering at his master's imbecility, the genie disappeared forever. Brooklyn Life.

**Ant to Be Elusive.**

"Pa, who are the authorities?"

"They are the fellows who at critical times claim that they have no authority."—Cleveland Leader.

**FACTS IN FEW LINES**

France's literary output last year was 9,074 works.

Yarmouth's herring catch this year is valued at \$2,000,000.

They are now smuggling tobacco across the Canadian border in bales of hay.

The Antioch (Mo.) Presbyterian church recently called its third minister in eighty years.

Heather is decaying to such an extent on Yorkshire heaths and Scottish moors that sporting lessees and book-masters are seriously exposed.

A sarcophagus dating from the year 1000 and containing human remains has been discovered by some workmen while digging a well in the Rue des Gobelins, Paris.

British Columbia Indians have become enthusiastic lawn tennis players from seeing some hotel guests playing near hot fields in which the Indians were picking the crop.

There are about 200 railway companies in England and Wales alone and about twenty-five each in Scotland and Ireland, making a total of fully 250 separately constituted companies.

Michigan has produced some tall men, but now breaks her record by announcing that she has a twenty-year-old youth who is seven feet eight inches tall and weighs a good eighteen inches long.

There is no organized community of Jews anywhere in Japan excepting at Nagasaki. The synagogue there was built by a Japanese woman who had married a Jew. When he died she built the synagogue in his memory.

Irrigation plans already outlined in California, Oregon and the Dakotas will involve the expenditure in round numbers of \$27,000,000 and reclaim a million acres of land, capable of supporting a population of 5,000,000.

A number of gamecocks in express shipments have passed through New Orleans en route to the cooking mans of Matamoras. It is said about \$10,000 worth of these birds are shipped into Mexico annually from the United States.

The bankers who last spring purchased large blocks of Cuban warrants are said to have cleared nearly \$3,000,000 through the government's paying off its war liabilities. The dealers were bought up at less than 50 cents on the dollar.

In opening a new pier at Menai Bridge, a Welsh watering place, Mr. Lloyd George said that the \$700,000 pier had cost \$12,500 had gone in local expenses. Before a local authority could go to parliament lawyers had to be engaged.

At Plu, Nagris in a recent brochure presented to the Academy of Sciences shows that an important increase in the depth of the sea has taken place since the Roman period, the Mediterranean having risen at least nine feet in about 2,000 years.

Though adopted no more than six or seven years ago, the whole of the German pickering field artillery has been condemned as "obsolete" and is to be replaced by shield protected guns, now existing on their own under. This is the Japanese type of field gun.

Two votes were cast in Georgia in 1860 for Lincoln. One of the voters, Uncle Billy Bowser, is still living in Franklin, Ga., and is nearly eighty years of age. He was born in Georgia and went to the place where he now resides when he was three years old.

Two new meat companies have begun operations in Argentina during the past year, and their refrigerating departments have a large capacity. There are now five large meat concerns in Argentina, and they have a capacity of 600,000 cattle and 7,000,000 sheep a year.

For military purposes a census is taken annually of the number of horses in France. The census of horses this year showed that there were only 90,147 against 91,016 twelve months before, a decrease of 869 in a single year, which is likely to become accentuated.

When a brigade of British troops took the city of Lincolnton, south China, the other day they pillaged and slew for forty-eight hours. So great was their booty that they compelled 1,500 of the inhabitants to help them carry it to the hills, where they joined the rebels.

The longest telephone line in Germany is 242 miles in length and runs between Berlin and Paris. Then follow Berlin and Danzig, 212 miles; Berlin and Moscow, 563 miles; Berlin and Basel, 577 miles. The line between Berlin and Frankfurt is the most used, 485 communications being transmitted daily.

The decree of February last requiring that before celebrating a marriage between foreigners or between a Peruvian and a foreigner in Peru the civil and ecclesiastical authorities should expect, in addition to the testimony of two witnesses, a certificate of bachelor or spinsterhood has been indefinitely suspended.

It has been a tradition since the time of Nicholas I, to name the czarowitzes alternately Alexander and Nicholas, but the murder of Alexander II. caused his name to be considered unlucky, so there will be no more Alexanders on the Russian throne, as there will be no more Pauls or Peters. The czarowitz was, therefore, named Alexis, after the father of Peter the Great. He was a powerful and successful ruler.

An unsuccessful effort has been made in France to revive the fair of Beaucaire on a scale comparable to that of the good old times. These fairs began in the thirteenth century and gradually rose to such proportions that in 1700, for instance, the business transacted amounted to 40,000,000 francs. Before the middle of the last century the railway changed all this, and today the fair is mere shadow of its former self.

**Song.**

"Who goes there?"

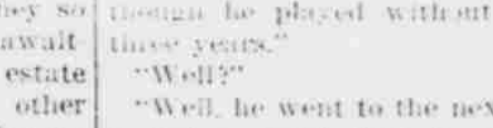
"Goffrey—Goffrey—Goffrey de Bonillon," stammered the young actor with his first two line part.

"Sup, sup!" yelled the unfeeling gallery. Pittsburg Post.

**His Safekeeping.**

Wife—Oh John, you've been playing poker again. You'll become a professional gambler if you keep on this way. John (distastefully)—No fear of that. I'm a rank amateur. Philadelphia Press.

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Knicker: To give banana peelings around Port Arthur so as to hasten the fall.

Grevie: It wishes were horses, you know, beggars might ride.