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Secretary Luke Wright says Mr. Bryan is not a democrat. It is pretty safe to say that he isn't the kind that Wright is.

Postal savings banks would guarantee their deposits, but it would be perfectly ridiculous for other banks to do the same thing.

If Senator Foraker has done wrong it would seem proper to send him to prison "after the election" to keep the beef trust company.

It isn't likely that Mr. Archbold was in the business of recommending judges when Mr. Taft was first appointed to the federal bench.

The secretary of the interior has made a ruling of vast importance to mining men. It is held that where a tract of land is once held to be mineral in character it cannot be taken under homestead, timber or desert entry, unless it is shown that the ruling secured was through fraud and misrepresentation. Hereafter the register and receiver will mark on their plats that such lands have been withdrawn from entry except for mineral purposes. This ruling, however, allows that it can be shown the ruling was through fraud or misrepresentation, the land can be otherwise entered.

Great as the advance in fire-proof construction has been during the last ten years there has been no let-up in the use of lumber, and both architects and builders find themselves so dependent upon wood today that they are compelled to admit that the forest of the country are likely to be the chief source of building material for many years to come. "The use of cement, terracotta, brick and stone, with a framework of steel, will make it possible soon to do away with wood entirely," is a remark often heard; and, indeed, when one stands on lower Broadway and looks up at the towering skyscrapers, the statement seems to contain much truth. As a matter of fact, however, the popular idea that fire-proof materials will do away with the need of using lumber in a comparatively few years is a very erroneous one. All the various fire-proof materials going into the approved construction of the more substantial buildings are used in greater quantities now than the world dreamed of a few years ago, yet the heavy demand for lumber continues.

Congress will meet in a few days. We look for some stirring times this winter. The democratic members will be quiet until a chance word, or maybe a taunt, awakens them. It is quite possible that something in the president's message may arouse them, for the president is impulsive; any strong emotion is enough to set him going, and it will be just like him to forget that under a quiet exterior the democrats will expect a savage feeling this winter. They expected a victory up to the very last week of the campaign, and they have waited a good while. We do not expect much legislation of value this winter. It will require a good deal of work to pass the needed appropriation bills. The Panama canal will come in for a raking; the new battleships will be held up as failures on the strength of criticisms already published; the growing deficit will be magnified; gross extravagance will be charged; and new legislation will be fought. The 90 days before the 4th of March will be mostly frittered away, for there will be more bad temper displayed than has been seen for 12 years past. The congress that will convene on the 4th of March will have a summer's work before it, for with the unfinished business and the tariff to revise there will be work for months on hand.—Goodwin's Weekly.

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Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

A child that insists upon being always dressed up in his best clothes would be the better for an occasional dressing down.

A boy who isn't just too mean to live has something the matter with him and isn't likely to live long.

A short answer too often has a long range and a wide scope.

The best way to discredit a story that you want to down is to send a known liar out to refute it.

A game man never starts anything that he isn't willing to see the finish of—or, any way, nearly willing.

There must be some to pack around cold, dripping wet blankets or the hot headed one would become extinct from spontaneous combustion.

A deaf and dumb man is a valuable companion, full of words of good cheer, in comparison with the man with a habitual strench.

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Turkey Test

It Was Great, but It Drove One Man to Drink.

HE had been gnawing long and earnestly at the rows of turkeys hanging from the hooks of a stand in Washington market, and the poultryman began to eye him suspiciously. He did not look like a thief, the mild look in his eye denoting anything but the gleam of acquisition. Still, his actions were not calculated to inspire confidence.

Every now and then he would walk up to the rack and feel a gobbler's breastbone, then stand off and take a side look at the fowl, moving around presently and gazing at it from the other side. In this way he would admire it from all points of view and seemed to derive immense satisfaction from the observation.

The poultryman was fast becoming nervous over these strange proceedings, and to put an end to his anxiety as to the man's intentions he approached him and asked:

"Well, sir, what can I do for you?"

The man started and for a moment appeared to be disconcerted, but, recovering himself somewhat, he blushing stammered:

"Why, you see, I don't quite know yet."

"Well, it's about time you did," gruffly replied the poultryman.

"Ye-yes—I suppose so, but I don't want to get a turkey, but I want to be quite sure of my ground before I proceed."

The poultryman looked at him still more suspiciously.

"I dare say you will think me a little peculiar," continued the stranger, "but the fact is my wife is not very well, and she has sent me to buy the



HE EXAMINED THE TIP OF THE TONGUE.

turkey for our Thanksgiving dinner. Now, I never bought a turkey in my life, and I don't want to make a mistake in it. I have full instructions from my wife, but still it requires great care to carry them out."

"Oh, if that's all," said the poultryman, reassured, "I will help you out."

"You will?" asked the man eagerly.

"With pleasure. What's the matter with this one?" And he took down a turkey and held it up to view.

"Does his breast move in or out under pressure?" asked the purchaser doubtfully.

"Try it for yourself."

"It seems flexible," said the man, gingerly pressing his fingers upon the pert mentioned.

"You know, my wife and she told me all about it. Now about the color of the legs. They should be purplish blue, with just a tinge of gray."

"Well, there they are. You couldn't get anything nearer the description unless we painted them for you."

"No, no. I don't want 'em painted. She said the color should be natural. Now about the flesh. I want to pinch that and see that it is elastic."

"Well, pinch," said the dealer.

The purchaser pinched and pinched until there was not an inch of the bird not fairly covered. Then he gave a sigh of satisfaction.

"That seems all right. But there's one thing more—the wings. You don't mind my twisting them according to my wife's instructions? She calls that the crowning test of tenderness." And he delicately turned them around as he would the knob of a door. This done, he opened the beak and looked into the mouth, devoting considerable time to a minute examination of the tip of the tongue. Finally he announced his satisfaction, paid for the turkey and started off with it.

He reached the door, then suddenly turned.

"Great heavens! I forgot to examine the flexibility of the spur, and without being backed by that all other tests are useless."

But the poultryman had vanished into a nearby saloon and at that moment was engaged in toning up his nerves for the next customer.—New York Herald.

The Bearding House Poet.
And when the mistress cometh for my cash
Pray that in wrath I may not be too rash
And, since the turkey long the board has graced,
Urge her, for heaven's sake, to stop the hash!

Old Time.
A thief is Time,
Of conscience void;
With frost and rime,
Is youth destroyed.
Our joys fall swift
Nought his sharp sythe,
And short the shrift
Of laughter blithe.

Old Time's a thief,
He steals away
The moments brief
Of young Love's day;
Leaves in their stead
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