

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Baron Fava, Italian minister to the United States, has left Rome on his way to Washington.

Fred Atkins, age 30, a civil engineer on the Astoria & Portland railroad, was drowned in York's river.

The Anglo-Scottish mills and lace factories near Nottingham, England, were burned Friday. Loss \$500,000.

The Pacific conference of the United Norwegian Lutheran church of America is in session in Port Townsend.

The export firm of Schiffmann & Mayer, of Hamburg, was marked with liabilities of about 1,000,000 marks.

The Eureka mine, in the Carson river in Nevada, was destroyed by fire Monday morning. Loss, over \$100,000.

A cyclone struck the village of Browns, Kansas, Sunday, destroying the fine school house and many other buildings.

George H. Painter of Chicago, has been sentenced to death on June 24 for the murder of his mistress, Alice Martin.

It is announced that Commissioner Carter, of the general land office, will probably resign about the end of the fiscal year.

Murder in the first degree was the verdict given in the case of Salvador Pisci, charged with murdering his friend Salvador Conchilla at Tacoma.

The store of O'Connell & Glass and A. J. Lenthwaite in Oregon City, Oregon, were robbed by burglars Saturday morning. The robbers escaped.

While picnicking on Chickamauga Creek, Saturday, three members of the middle class of the high school of Chattanooga, Tenn., were drowned.

The spring and summer meeting of the St. Louis Jockey club opened Saturday, and will continue until June 24, giving 48 consecutive days of racing.

The building containing the colossal panorama of the world's war, at the great painting in a complete ruin.

The body of Louis Schmeiz, sheriff of Brown county, Minn., was found in the river Monday morning. He had been drowned, and no doubt suicide.

An incendiary fire Friday night in the Parker block, in New Bedford, Mass., badly damaged several hundred pounds of Arctic and Northwest whalebone.

Mrs. Florence Ethel Osborne, who was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment in London for the theft of jewelry from a friend, has been released from jail.

Otto Sevier, a young farmer of Tekoa, Wash., hung himself Thursday because a young German girl refused to marry him after he had sent her money to come to him.

A frame residence valued at \$10,000 was destroyed by fire at Seattle Monday night. A. J. Anderson, the owner, jumped from an upstairs window to save his life.

Indian troops formerly stationed at Fort Sherman are now marching to Fort Walla Walla. The order to march on foot was not to the liking of the redskin soldiers.

The schooner Plymouth, in tow of the steamer Arizona, parted her tow line in a gale Thursday in Lake Superior, and is supposed to be lost with her crew of eight men.

E. T. Thomas, signal service officer at Port Angeles, Wash., committed suicide Thursday by shooting himself. Family trouble and an excess of stimulants was the cause.

A car on the San Francisco & San Mateo railroad, the new electric motor line, jumped the track in the outskirts of the city Monday, and three passengers were fatally hurt.

Lifting set fire to an oil tank at Bradford, Pa., Tuesday night. The tank contained 36,000 barrels of crude oil, and the flames from it set fire to several others in the vicinity.

Policeman Kane, who was stabbed on Saturday night by Thomas Kelley, died in New York Monday morning. His brother Harry, who was stabbed at the same time, also died.

The Cheyenne Indians in Oklahoma are becoming troublesome, and threaten to kill all whites who should take claims next to them. Troops have been ordered to the scene.

Every lumber mill in the LaCrosse district, Wis., closed down Thursday and will probably remain so until the labor troubles are settled. Two thousand men are out of employment.

The missing schooner Glenora of St. Louis, Mo., was reported lost in last Thursday's storm, has turned up safe, having gone aground on the Ontario shore. The crew is safe.

Architect Emory J. Mills of Chicago has been indicted for manslaughter. He planned the structure on Pearce street which collapsed recently in a storm, killing a number of people.

Representatives Geary and Cutting had a personal encounter a few days ago in Washington over a trivial matter. A duel was prevented by Henry Watterson, who acted as peacemaker.

Ralph K. Paige, cashier of the wrecked Palmetto bank, pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery in Cleveland, Ohio, Monday. The judge withheld sentence in order to examine the case.

An Indian known as Peter was shot and killed by James Lacy, a rancher near San Jose, Monday. Lacy stated that Peter was drunk and insulted Lacy's mother, who is 80 years of age.

A cult near Lincoln, Neb., washed out by Sunday night's storm wrecked the east bound passenger on the Burlington. Fireman S. P. Shriner and two tramps, who were stealing a ride, were instantly killed.

William Maskekyne, the old-time turfman of Walla Walla, who was recently released from the Medical Lake asylum, has again become insane, though he appeared for several days to have been completely cured.

There is no improvement to be noticed in the condition of the San Francisco coal market, the situation being weak and depressed. Stocks on hand are extremely heavy, and receipts from Northern collieries are liberal.

Fire in Pittsburg, Pa., Saturday, destroyed the building occupied by the Roberts wholesale paper company, and damaged a number of other buildings. The total loss is 300,000.

The Fox and Illinois rivers have overflowed their banks at Ottawa, Ill., and have done a great deal of damage. The Illinois valley from Kankakee, to La Salle is inundated. A Swede was drowned while trying to save stock.

The inhabitants of Langcaec, France, are much excited over a number of fires of incendiary origin, which are laid to anarchists. Six houses were burned Thursday, and another was wrecked and burned through the explosion of a bomb.

The 4-week-old child of W. D. Day died on the train Tuesday near Grant Pass. The parents were from Eugene and on their way to Hornbrook, Cal., and were almost destitute. The conductor raised \$40 among the passengers for them.

Last Tuesday Dr. G. H. Horn of Van

Buren county, Ark., was killed by Wm. Hatley. An old feud has existed for years between Horn and the Hatleys, and they have had several shooting encounters, and two or three have been killed.

The dreibund treaty stipulates nothing concerning the number of the Italian army, therefore the report that the object of King Humbert's coming to visit Berlin is to secure a relaxation of the conditions of the treaty in that direction is unfounded.

Fifty deputies are still guarding the Illinois headquarters at Dayton. "Agitators" there have threatened to raid the town Saturday and force the Monagolians to depart. No serious trouble is apprehended, however, by the people of Dayton.

A negro, name unknown, outraged an 8-year old child, the niece of Sheriff Anderson, of Sunflower county, near Indianola, Miss., Thursday night, and Saturday night the brute was lynched by a mob of citizens not far from the scene of his crime.

Nearly 100 heads of families left Montreal Thursday night for the Canadian Northwest, to found a Jewish colony. This contingent is composed of 2000 Russian Jews who arrived in Canada this spring. This scheme is backed up by Baron Hirsch.

Recidity in art, with extreme meanness or worse, is shown by this year's Royal Academy exhibition in London. Over 6000 works have been rejected, yet the exhibition is very poor in quality. Many of the canvases hung are also entirely unattractive.

Judge Parker of Fort Smith, Ark., has passed a sentence of death upon John Thornton, for murdering his daughter, John Pointer, for killing Sam Dever, and William Bolding and John Brown, for the murder of Joseph Forbooy and Thomas Whitehead.

A negro uprising is reported from Trinidad thirty miles from Port-au-Prince, Penn. The news of the lynching of Eph Grizzard caused the negroes to band together. They are said to be in complete possession of the town, and have already killed the white men.

Edna Mitchell, a little girl 8 years of age, was horribly mangled by a cable-car in Tacoma Wednesday. Her face was torn so badly that her features are unrecognizable. Recovery is almost hopeless. She is employed by the Portland Motor Company.

Thomas B. Knaggs has filed a petition in the court in Indianapolis asking that his name be changed to Thomas B. West. His reason is that he is so shocked at being introduced to ladies in his name that he wishes to change it.

It is officially announced that the great safe manufacturing houses of the country, namely, Herring, Hall and Marvin, have combined. The new company is incorporated as the Herring, Hall and Marvin Company, and will begin business June 1, with a capital of \$3,300,000.

Secretary Noble has requested the secretary of war to send a detachment of troops to the Colville Indian reservation in Washington to remove undesirable elements from the reservation.

The trial of ex-Premier Mercler, Hon. Charles Langlier and Ernest Pecard for conspiracy in connection with the Langlais contract, was commenced in Montreal, Canada, Tuesday. All but the prisoners, counsel and witnesses were excluded by order of the judge, and great indignation is felt at the action.

The backbones of the disastrous strike at Durham, England, was broken by the action of the miners who voted in favor of all men not connected with the pits owned by members of the Miners' union.

Two additional persons are reported missing in the Philadelphia theater fire, making nine people who cannot now be accounted for. Their names are Gen. E. Thatcher, a machinist, and Frederick Atper, a boy 12 years old, of Manyunk. Both the Times building and the theater will be rebuilt.

The Canadian steamer Glenora, with the schooners Glaskin and Glenora in tow, encountered a fearful gale off Lake Superior Thursday. The steamer went ashore and was wrecked. The Glaskin made harbor safely, but the Glenora is supposed to be at the bottom with her crew of 10 men.

The Commercial bank of St. Paul closed its doors at noon Wednesday and put a card in the window announcing that business was temporarily suspended.

The cause was a heavy run on account of the St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company. The directors state that all the deposits will be paid in full.

In the British house of commons Wednesday the second reading of the woman suffrage bill was defeated, the vote standing 155 to 175. The smallestness of the majority caused the surprise. The most noticeable feature of the debate was the attitude of the liberals, whose programme included a great extension of the franchise.

Samuel Fleischman, the California painter and composer, who was killed to appear at the Metropolitan temple in San Francisco, rushed away from the house before the performance began and was found hiding in his cellar. The doctor who examined him, said that he was suffering from an attack of stage fright. A large audience was disappointed.

The pope has confirmed the decision of the propaganda in favor of the plan advocated by Archbishop Ireland, allowing American Catholics school instruction by state teachers. Religious instructions will be given after school hours, the object being to relieve the Catholics of the burdensome expense of supporting separate schools.

Minnie Tracey, aged 14 years, committed suicide by taking strychnine. She was left an orphan about ten years ago and has since lived with Mrs. Valentine Matthews. Mrs. Matthews took occasion to scold her for some trifling matter in the presence of a companion, which so irritated her that she concluded to take her life.

A man named Dey, an engine wiper, was brought to the Walla Walla hospital Wednesday evening from Dayton, with a second hand. The unfortunate man was taking the place of the brakeman in switching on the Hunt line, and was attempting to couple the engine and baggage car, when the bumpers caught his right leg, mashing every bone in it up to the wrist.

A Mohammedan fatalist named Maher Baix, a waiter on the British steamer Angerton, which arrived in Philadelphia a few days ago, jumped headlong into the huge furnace of the ship, under the delusion that his time had come. He was badly burned, but would have recovered had he not refused to take food or medical treatment in order to meet his appointed fate.

The fire in the Cayuga flats at 190 and 111 West Twenty-third street was more serious than at first supposed. The names of the two people who were found burned in the ruins were Mrs. William Alexander and her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones. Their bodies are unrecognizable.

The injured Dr. James Briggs, who was so badly burned that he will probably die, and Miss Catharine, whose

chances of recovery are slight from being badly burned. A fireman was also burned, but will recover.

Wanted, an Open River. From the Pomerey Independent.

Part of three of the most productive areas in Washington, Idaho and Oregon—in this union and interested in getting that congress open the Columbia by portage railway at the Dalles. There will be between 30,000,000 and 35,000,000 bushels of grain to ship this year.

The area drained by the river named and upon whose basin that grain should go to sea. That 1,000,000 tons of grain would cost about 30,000,000 to ship to market. With a portage at the Dalles this rate would be reduced to one-third, and thereby leave \$3,000,000 in the pockets of the people that now goes into the coffers of the corporations to aid them in buying our congressmen off from urging approval of the portage railway, as the state of Oregon has done at the Cascades of the Columbia, and thereby saved tens of thousands of dollars to the people on the lower river, whose products are not a fifth compared to the products of the upper Columbia and Snake river basins.

He Never Paid the Money. Miss Bertha Street is one of the belles of San Joaquin county, Cal. James A. Spencer was deeply in love with her last winter, but Charles Willett was so warm a place in the young lady's heart as to rouse Spencer's jealousy.

While returning from a dance one morning in December Charles Willett was followed by a man named Spencer, who showed that Spencer had employed Wyatt to murder his rival, agreeing to give him \$42 if he did the job. At the present term of court Wyatt entered a plea of guilty to the murder of Spencer, and was sentenced to ten years. Spencer is now under indictment as an accessory before the fact and is in jail, where he will wait the fall term for his trial. Wyatt began his ten years' term today. He says Spencer never paid him the \$42.

A Woman's Mad Act. A sensation was created in the front of St. Mary's Cathedral at Pittsburg, Sunday, by Mary Cameron, a crazy woman, assaulting a priest with a hatchet. The woman struck the priest with the hatchet, but he warded off the blow and seized her by the arm. She fought like a tigress and tried to stab him with a knife. Father O'Connell drew a revolver, but assistance arrived and the woman was arrested. Many years ago Mrs. Cameron lost her property through litigation, and the priest testified against her. The loss earned her a reputation for being an antipathy to priests ever since. She was placed in an asylum.

A Terrible Revenge. A Herald special from Barquisimeto, Venezuela, says: "Dictator Palacio's alleged threat to kill the 23-year-old son of General Crepo, so soon as the last named comes within a league of Caracas, has reached headquarters of the revolutionists, and excited great indignation. General Crepo declared his son is not to die, and he will be instrumental in putting him in the pen. Mr. Will was posted to Conolly's theatre, and Monday night when the latter put in his appearance at his saloon, he watched him with his stingshot in hand he flashed a pistol in his face and drove him into the street. Later the police took Conolly in, and after permitting him to lay in jail over night made him take the tie-path down the road."

A Row Among Beach-Combers. Noah A. Edgall shot and fatally wounded Joseph Lavelle, at Pay, Tuesday evening. The latter was engaged in the termination of a family feud. Lavelle told a correspondent on his deathbed that on March 27 Edgall met him on the beach alone and fired five shots at him without stopping. The two men did not meet again until Saturday evening, when Edgall came out of Judge Briggs' house and met Lavelle. Some hot words passed between them. The two men drew weapons and fired about the same time. One bullet struck Lavelle in the right breast, and a second lodged in Lavelle's left lung. Edgall delivered himself up to the authorities. Lavelle recovered, and is a well-to-do man, a fellow, and has a large family. Lavelle is a Frenchman and has a wife and six children. He formerly lived at Vancouver and Astoria. Both are ex-soldiers and are what are generally called beach-combers.

Rich Utah Find. Some extraordinary rich samples of gold were brought into Salt Lake City of the desert twenty-six miles from the city, and it is believed the strike is a very rich mine of which Brigham Young knew, but which became one of the lost secrets of the world. The mine was valued at \$2,000 to \$3,000 a ton. The man who brought it in says there is a large vein of the ore apparently equally rich. Tradition says a very rich mine was discovered in 1846, but it was not worked for five years ago by a Mormon, and for some reason Brigham Young forbade the prospector to work the mine or make its whereabouts known. Just before dying he made a will in which he directed in which the mine was to be worked, but his heirs have vainly sought the treasure.

A Peculiar Religious Sect. The good people of Hellen, Michigan, are being troubled by a peculiar sect, the Christians of the Hellen, a peculiar sect which has recently sprung up in that district. Their prophet and leader is called Esther. She lives with a man described as a Jew, but her husband is not seen. She has been joined by the hand of God as were Adam and Eve. Esther claims to talk to God, while Mordecai reads the Scriptures in a rude and unbecoming manner. The prophet has pronounced that the world will come to an end next Tuesday. One of their followers is called Abraham, who claims to be old to say his son, like his namesake of old, had attempted it, but he has been rebuffed. The Lord had changed his mind, and he desisted.

A Horrible Death. A Pennsylvania freight was wrecked near Conowingo, Pa., Sunday, by a broken brake. A west-bound train composed of a mail and express-car ran into the wreck. The locomotive was thrown from the track. Harry Schulz, the engineer, who had been on duty, was caught in the wreck. Martin was roasted to death, and Schulz was terribly scalded. He is in a serious condition. Several express cars took fire and were consumed.

A Belligent Baron. Baron Ludwig von Muller, a direct descendant of King Ludwig of Bavaria, a plaintiff in a suit for \$100,000, which he has instituted against the Broadway railway in New York. The suit grew out of some stepping on the baron's foot on April 22 on a Broadway car, which resulted in the baron's attempting to whip the conductor, who was on duty, and the baron's getting unmercifully slapped, and dumped into a puddle of mud.

Attempted Murder and Suicide. Joe Townes, a bartender of Port Angeles, Wash., attempted to murder his wife and commit suicide last Sunday night. He had been suffering from delirium tremens. About 10 o'clock he pulled out a pocket knife and taking his wife around the neck, stabbed her in the side and then sunk the knife four times in his own side. Mrs. Townes' corset was pierced, and she was badly hurt. Townes' wounds are not considered fatal.

They Want Their Flags. The red flags seized from the Chicago anarchists by the police last Monday promise to become a subject of controversy in the courts. A delegation representing the offending organizations called upon Chief of Police McLaughlin to demand the return of the flags, but received instead a tart lecture. The promise to repeat the demand, and if met with a refusal will swear out a writ of replevin.

A Pickpocket Killed. Joseph Lamontagne, an ex-convict, was detected pocket-picking in the crowds "ratching Sunday's parade at Chicago. He was pursued by policeman Michael Barry. Lamontagne ran into a deserted street, and after a desperate struggle got the drop on the officer. Policeman Thomas Howard ar-

rested in the nick of time and shot Lamontagne through the head, causing his instant death.

"SPEAKING ABOUT BEARS." Here is a Year About One That Stays a Year and Sailed Away. From the Memphis Appeal-Advertiser.

"Speaking about bears," said "Squire Garvin last evening, as he sat in his well-worn chair at the police station, "speaking about bears, I think I had an adventure with one not long ago that beat the record."

"I was hunting around Shell Lake, over in Arkansas, one morning. I was a dog out alone, and before I went a mile dog. The bear I have reference to made his appearance on the shore and I shot him. When I landed I heard a noise over in the brush, and thinking there might be another bear there, I determined to start in to investigate."

"The bear I had shot lay lifeless to all appearances, but I had my suspicions about him, knowing the treacherous ways of the animal, and before I went away I tied the chain of the boat around his neck and left the dog to watch."

"I had not gone far in the brush before I heard the dog barking, and hurrying back, I saw the bear sitting on the boat climbing a tree and pulling the boat up after him, with the dog sitting in the stern there and barking for dear life."

"The sight almost paralyzed me for a moment, I soon recovered myself, and I saw the bear again, and I saw the dog on the side of the lake, expecting to catch him when he landed, but he was too sharp for me."

"I only stopped long enough to let the dog out of the boat, when he pulled out again before I got in range, and he got in the middle of the lake he climbed into the boat himself and sat on his haunches looking at me. I never recovered my breath at that time. The bear sprang at me, and I saw the water in the neighborhood of Shell Lake of a bear being seen frequently gliding gracefully up and down the lake in a dug-out."

UNDER THE LADDER. A Story Showing That Every Man Has His Price. From the New York Commercial Advertiser.

At 1:30 yesterday afternoon Mr. Fredrick Bond, the comedian, came out of the stage door of Herrmann's in a hurry with the air of a man who is in a hurry.

The door is at the end of a long flight of iron stairs, which run down along the side of the building to the street below."

Just above these stairs there is an enormous bill board, and at the time of Mr. Bond's appearance a gentleman, who had been waiting for some time, was renewing the printing thereon.

He stood upon a long ladder, which reached from the pavement to the top of the bill board, and crossed the stairs close to their highest point. Mr. Bond started fully down the steps. Just as he was about to dash beneath the ladder he stopped and pushed back again.

"Say," he called to the gentleman with the paste brush, "I'm in a hurry!"

"Well," replied the other leisurely laying on a fresh sheet, "who's a stoppin' you?"

"You are."

"Me? Watcher givin' us. Ain't the stairs open?"

"Yes, but there's your ladder. I wouldn't pass under it for anything."

"Then drop it."

"See here, I've passed under a ladder twice in my life, first time broke my arm, second time lost all my money. Won't you move that ladder for a favor?"

"A good deal, then?"

"That's different," said the gentleman of the paste brush, "the gentleman of the paste brush."

He laboriously descended and swung the ladder outward, while Mr. Bond, who had been waiting for some time, stepped over the promised ramp, and flew up the street.

"Holy smoke!" sighed the gentleman of the paste brush, "them actors are superstitious ducks!"

IS IRON BURN A CAUSE OF FIRE? When oxides of iron is placed in contact with timber excluded from the atmosphere and aided by a slightly increased temperature the oxide will part with its oxygen and is converted into very finely divided particles of iron oxide, which such an affinity for oxygen that, when afterwards exposed to the action of the atmosphere from any cause, oxygen is so rapidly absorbed that these particles become entirely red-hot, and in a short time a quantity will produce a temperature far beyond the ignition point of dry timber. Wherever iron pipes are employed for the circulation of any heated medium, whether water, hot air, steam, and the pipes allowed to get rusty in close contact with timber, it is only necessary to suppose that under these circumstances the particles of metal become exposed to the action of the atmosphere, and this may occur from the mere expansion or contraction of the pipes in order to account for many of the fires which periodically take place at the commencement of the winter season.

The Result of a Practical Joke. Dwight F. Carroll, instructor in physics at the Lehigh university, Pennsylvania, has become known from a practical joke played upon him by the students. He is a graduate of the Wesleyan university, and went there a year ago from Wallingford, Conn. Carroll was a good instructor, but very reserved and unobtrusive. His taciturnity was so marked that it became the object of the students' jests.

A month ago the students gave a minstrel performance in which one of the choruses belonged to Carroll. The whole audience applauded and laughed in derision at the hapless instructor. He brooded so much over the joke that he fell sick from nervous prostration. When able to be about he was a morose man, being under that impression that all persons, the students in particular, were his enemies.

The Object of the Week. The Myrtle-Creek rail wreck and attempted robbery was well planned. The Myrtle-Creek Mining Company had a cleanup a few days ago, and it was known the directors of the company were going to take a holiday which was wrecked. They were going to an annual meeting at Engene, and were to take with them all the gold that had been mined during several months. This was generally known, and it was thought they had about \$500,000 in gold. This gold was on the train, but the robbers failed to obtain it, as the wreck was more serious than they had contemplated.

In Prison of the Chinese. The Chinese in Australia, though they are hated by the Australians, are showing what can be done by their large numbers. The Californians, in their large wheat-growing tracts, produce 25 bushels of wheat to the acre, the Englishman 27 bushels to the acre, the Scotchman 35, the English allotment holder 45 to 50, the Chinese, with his careful use of every available drop of manure, and his painstaking care for each clod of ground, would produce about a hundred bushels to the acre.

WHAT AUTHORS WORK FOR. How Their Best Dramatic Efforts Are Appreciated. From the New York Commercial Advertiser.

It was after the matinee, and three fair dainties who had attended the performance at one of the Broadway theatres were occupying a table in a corner of the St. James restaurant, and drinking tea and cigars.

"Weren't those dishes in the second act just too lovely for anything?" chirruped number one.

"I thought that real treat with real back was the contest thing in the whole performance," responded number two.

"I liked that waltz they played in the overture better than anything else," remarked the third.

"Did you notice the leading lady's train was at least five inches too long?"

"Yes, and the leading man wore a made-up tie with his dress suit."

"I wonder if that diamond he wore was real."

"Didn't notice, but I thought his monstache was just adorable, and when he said 'You have deceived me—'"

"Where does he say that?"

"Why, you give me that. It's the most important scene in the play."

"Oh, I was watching that creature in blue in the lower box."

"And I was reading those funny stories in the program."

"Well, I was thinking whether I'd have dainties or violets on my spring hat, but I remember that scene."

And it is for such authors as these that the great American dramatist burns the nocturnal kerchief and lays low for the elusive idea.

PURE ICE. Made by Mechanical Means It is Free From Impurities. From the National Provisioner.

There seems to be some question in the mind of those who are not well informed on this subject as to the purity of ice made by mechanical means, but any person who has carefully studied the subject will be able to immediately remove these false and erroneous impressions.

Artificial ice is made practically as follows: The water is converted into steam in the boilers and from thence conveyed through pipes into a steam filter, where as many of the impurities as can be removed from the steam are eliminated.

The steam then goes into a condenser and the water thus condensed flows through another filter into a skimming tank, where any impurities carried over by the mechanical force of the steam are skimmed from the surface. The water then is again reboiled and skimmed and then in turn passes through two more filters especially designed and arranged after a due analysis has been made of the water to be purified, in order that the foreign substances dissolved in the water may be thoroughly eliminated.

From these filters the water passes into a cooling tank, and to make it pure and doubly sure, before entering the freezing cans passes through another filter. The cans are closed so that there is no possibility of the pure water being contaminated, and it takes about forty-eight hours to convert the water into ice. It must of necessity be a chemically pure product.

The Government as a Landlord. From the New York Standard.

George R. Bowell, of Bowling Green, Ky., who says that the single tax is becoming popular among the best citizens of his region, asks if under the government would not be a landlord on a large scale.

This is the first impression, because it is supposed that the government would take possession of land and rent it to tenants. But that is not the plan. The plan embodies all the benefits of government ownership, such as the application of land values to public use, with none of the objectionable features, such as that which Mr. Bowell refers to as governmental landlordism. We propose to lay all taxes, not upon land, but upon the value of land. Hence, land without value would pay no tax. If not wanted, it would lie as an open canon, free for anybody to use as he might like. If anyone should want it he could take possession of it without leave, license, or deed from either individual or government, or if already in his possession, under a deed or otherwise, he could retain possession of it without tax. But when others wanted the same land, it would have a value; and when that value was attached, the tax would apply accord ing to its value.

Nor would this kind of land be only that which is now without value, but it would belong to a very superior class. Under existing laws money can be made without labor by simply buying land and holding it in reserve for a rise. This makes land scarce and leaves only that of a very poor kind to be had for nothing. But under the single tax, money could not be made in that way, and land not wanted for use would be abandoned. It is easy to see, therefore, that land which would be open to whoever wanted it would be in all communities and be of much higher grade, both fertile and location considered, than the best government land to be had now.

How His Heirs Lost \$200,000,000. Seventy-five years ago Thomas L. Walker, then a mere boy, planted four acorns by the roadside opposite the teacher's house in the Eleventh civil district, near Cedar Bluff, and some ten miles west of Knoxville. He died ten years ago, yet he lived to see four walnuts, but trees grew to a mass of four feet in diameter, worth \$100 and properly seasoned, at least \$400 each. Had he planted 200 walnuts on an adjoining acre of ground his heirs, when he died, would have been \$120,000 better off. Today they would be \$200,000 better off. Had he planted 10 acres they would be worth at least \$2,000,000. Had he planted 100 acres and all the trees had reached an average size of three feet in diameter, and there is no reason why they should not, as the land is fertile and irrigated with live, his heirs, and there are only three living, would be worth altogether \$200,000,000. If like old Johnny Appleseed, who planted thousands of apple trees in the Northwest, he had planted all the worn out fields in Tennessee in walnuts, it would be the richest state in the Union by far.

Italy Will Participate. The Italian minister of agriculture and commerce has issued a circular announcing the government will officially take part in the Chicago exposition through the various chambers of commerce in Italy, but not directly. The government will give moral support and patronage to the exhibition of Italian products, and a ship will be designated to transport the exhibits to New York.

Seven Years Without a Birthday. "Seven years without a birthday" was the record of a Scottish clergyman who died nearly 20 years ago. A writer in the St. Nicholas says the statement puzzled most of those who heard it. At the present time there can be very few, if there are any, who have this tale to tell of themselves, for one who can tell it must have been born on the 29th of February at least 90 years ago. But a similar line of missing dates is now soon to return; and indeed there are no doubt some readers of this page who will have sixty-one birthdays to celebrate for nearly 12 years to come. The solution of the puzzle is to be found in the fact, which

does not appear to be very widely known, that the year 1800 was not a leap year, and 1900 will not be.

Observations. From the Century.

The liar despises those who believe him and hates those who do not. The woman who loves you is at once your detective and your accomplice.

By the world's law a man is held guilty until he is proven innocent—and afterward.

Modern pessimism is ancient Calvinism with God left out.

Some people would like to have an injunction to compel liberality and toleration.