



4 QUESTIONS?

The person giving the best answer will get

"Ein Seidenes Tashentuch."

- 1. WHO Licked John L. Sullivan?
2. WHO Carries the largest and best assortment of men's and boy's goods?
3. WHO Sells men's and boy's goods the cheapest?
4. WHO Will build the first transcontinental railroad to Astoria.

Leave your answers with

HERMAN WISE, The Reliable Clothier and Hatter,

THE ASSIGNEE'S SALE

Parker & Hanson's

Will be continued for a few days until further notice. Everything

MUST BE CLOSED OUT

PRICES - WILL - BE - CUT

To Suit the Condition and the times.

W. W. PARKER, Assignee.

THE QUESTIONS.

- 1. Tell us the total number of Indians in the United States and the population of the earth.
2. What is your shortest and best definition of the word "fame?"
3. What would you do if you had a million dollars?
4. Whose death was it that freed a continent from fear?

Answers must be in by Saturday noon. Please send full name, school and class you belong to.

In response to numerous requests we take pleasure in inviting all pupils of private schools to enter this competition every week. The age of the contestant MUST be stated.

BURNED CORPSE PINNED ON HIGH

A Most Frightful Calamity at Litchfield Illinois.

MILLION DOLLARS PROPERTY LOST Largest Flouring Mills in the World Explode, Shaking the Earth for Fifty Miles.

Associated Press. Litchfield, Ill., March 21.—The most frightful calamity in the history of this city occurred this morning at an early hour, which resulted in the loss of a million dollars worth of property, and a number of lives, and practically wrecking half of the town and damaging property for miles around. Shortly after 3 o'clock fire was discovered in Kehlor's Planet Steam Flouring Mills, the largest of the kind in the world. The fire department had scarcely arrived on the scene, when an explosion of terrific violence shook the earth for miles around, the shock being felt even as far as Decatur, fifty miles distant. It broke the plate glass windows in a majority of the stores in the city, and prostrated almost every one on the street, shook houses loose from their foundations, and jarred the machinery in the Litchfield car and machine shops to such an extent that work had to be suspended till necessary repairs could be made. It is supposed that the fire originated from a spark from a passing locomotive, and that the subsequent explosion was caused by the flames coming in contact with an accumulation of mill dust. The head millwright, John Carver, was stunned by the explosion, and thrown against the smoke stack, pinned there and burned to death, his limbs being burned off. It is not yet known whether there are any other fatalities, though there are a number of seriously injured reported. The grain elevator adjoining the mill, containing a quarter of million of bushels of wheat, was burned to the ground with its contents, together with a dozen Wabash freight cars standing alongside. The track is blocked, and the telegraph wires disabled.

PANAMA CANAL CONVICTS. Sentenced to Imprisonment and the Payment of Heavy Fines.

Paris, March 21.—The jury in the Panama cases today rendered a verdict of guilty in the cases of Charles De Lesseps, Bailhut and Blondin, and acquitted the others.

Paris, March 21.—The court sentenced Bailhut to imprisonment for five years and to pay a fine of 750,000 francs and to loss of civil rights. Blondin was sentenced to imprisonment for two years, and Charles de Lesseps to imprisonment for one year, the one year to run currently with the five years sentence already imposed on him. All three of the convicted prisoners are condemned to pay the costs and damages demanded by the civil parties to the proceedings. The sentence of Charles de Lesseps and Blondin were made comparatively light on the ground of extenuating circumstances in their cases. The court also ordered de Lesseps, Blondin, and Bailhut, to pay Nonchicourt, liquidator of the Panama Company, 375,000 francs, the amount taken from the treasury of the company and paid Bailhut for his influence in favor of the lottery loan bill.

A GHASTLY DISCOVERY. St. Joseph, Mo., March 21.—This afternoon a hunter noticed a large dry-goods box floating down the stream. He towed the box to shore, and broke it open. In the box were five bodies, all in a horribly decomposed condition. Four of the bodies were those of men and the other that of a woman. From the marks, it is supposed that the people were murdered and then set adrift on the river.

AN OLD INDIAN PAUPER. Portland, March 21.—Indian John, said to be 125 years old, was today committed to the poor house. He is one of the oldest Indians now living, and during the Indian wars in the early days he was always a friend to the whites. He belonged to the Kikikat tribe and for many years he has lived on Columbia slough.

HIS BONDSMEN PAID IT. Cleveland, O., March 21.—The bondsmen of Thomas Axworthy who absconded while city treasurer, turned into the city treasury a check for \$279,423, which was the sum due.

IDAHO MINE INSPECTOR. Boise City, Idaho, March 21.—Governor McConnell today appointed W. S.

Hoskins of Wallace, state mine inspector under the law enacted by the late legislature. Hoskins is an old Comstock miner. He has been engaged in the mercantile business at Kingston, but more recently employed in the Coeur d'Alene mines. The salary of the office is \$1200 a year, with 10 cents mileage.

CALIFORNIA FLOODS. Very High Water Reported from Various Parts of the State.

Stockton, Cal., March 21.—High water prevails throughout the San Joaquin valley. A great part of this district is flooded, but the damage, if any, will be slight. At noon in the business portion of the town the water was running through the streets to a depth of two feet, but it seems to have reached its greatest height. Many basements are flooded. The water is higher than it has ever been since 1862.

San Bernardino, Cal., March 21.—The Santa Ana river is booming, owing to the melting snow and warm rain, and it is feared that dozens of railroad and county bridges along its course will be swept away. Considerable damage between here and Colton has been reported.

Merced Cal., March 21.—The water has gone down a little, but it is still from one to three feet deep in portions of the city. The only damage yet reported has been caused by the filling up of cellars. Indications are for more rain, and more damage is feared.

San Diego, March 21.—Last night the rising streams washed out the Santa Fe track near Delmar, damaging the bridge at Capistrano, and washed out the motor road.

Santa Ana, Cal., March 21.—There will be little damage done here. A few feet of the Southern Pacific bridge over Santiago creek are washed out.

THE FERRY SCANDAL. Being Stirred up Again by a Suit in Tacoma Courts.

Tacoma, Wash., March 21.—Evelyn P. Ferry, the former wife of Clinton P. Ferry, the "Duke of Tacoma," commenced suit today to have the decree of divorce and division of property set aside. They are the couple who caused a scandal in Paris, France, three years ago by the arrest of the wife and a confession of adultery by her in order to secure possession of her child. She now denies all the charges and claims that the property is worth \$550,000 instead of \$100,000 as was claimed at the time of the divorce by the husband. Ferry is now in Switzerland and Mrs. Ferry is in San Francisco.

STATE VS. FEDERAL AUTHORITY. Tacoma, Wash., March 21.—A Port Townsend special says a conflict is imminent between the state and national authorities relative to an order recently promulgated by the treasury department abolishing the \$50 daily tax collected by the state health officer from steamers plying between Tacoma and British Columbia ports. It is claimed that the matter lies entirely in the hands of the state officials and that the national authorities have no right to interfere. The health officer will appeal to Washington.

UNANIMOUS NOMINATIONS. Providence, R. I., March 21.—The republican state convention today unanimously renominated D. R. Brown for governor, and H. R. Allen for lieutenant-governor.

The democratic state convention made the following nominations unanimously: For governor, David S. Baker, Jr.; for lieutenant-governor, Dalton E. Young.

LOUIS STAPLER DEAD. Oregon City, March 21.—Louis Stapler, who was caught by a rapidly revolving shaft at the Crown Paper Mill last Saturday, and terribly mangled, died this morning. His remains will be embalmed and taken to Missouri.

LOUIS SCHILLING MURDERED. Kalamazoo, Mich., March 21.—At about noon today Louis Schilling, while alone in his meat market, was murdered. His throat was cut, his skull broken, and his pockets rifled. There is no clue to the murderer.

NEW RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS. Ashland, Or., March 21.—Oregon's newly chosen board of railroad commissioners commenced their first semi-annual inspection of railroads in the state today at the California state line.

BIG FOUR STRIKE OFF. Springfield, Ohio, March 21.—The Big Four striking switchmen this morning declared the strike off unconditionally.

IT IS A FREE FOR ALL SCRAMBLE

Ring Politics Methods for Office Seekers Broken Up.

OOHOOCLASTIC OLEVELAND'S WORK

Democratic Caucus Decides to Reorganize Elective Offices of the Senate.

Associated Press. Washington, March 21.—The democrats of the senate met in caucus at noon to consider the subject of reorganization of the elective officers of the senate. The caucus determined to nominate the elective officers. The ticket so nominated is composed as follows: William R. Cook, of North Carolina, ex-representative, for secretary of the senate; Rhinehard J. Bright, of Indiana, ex-sergeant-at-arms, for sergeant-at-arms; Rev. W. H. Milburn, present chaplain of the house of representatives, for chaplain of the senate. The result was not reached without protracted debate, for there is a considerable element of the party that opposed the idea of doing anything that would be a violation of the precedent of the senate, and give cause for opposition on the part of the republicans. The motion for the admission of the three senators who were appointed by the governors of Montana, Wyoming and Washington, was not reached. The question will come before the senate on the report of the committee on privileges and elections. After the caucus was over one of the leading members of the democratic committee said it was the intention of the party to make an attempt to elect the nominees. Just when this will be done, he could not say, but a resolution, he thought, might be introduced in the senate at any time. If the republicans appeared determined in an effort to prevent reorganization at this session, it may be the democrats will desert and let it go over.

CLEVELAND'S INTENTION. To Disintegrate the Party and Break Up Ring Politics.

Washington, March 21.—The pressure exerted by congressmen at the White House for appointments has developed into an individual scramble. The president has effectually disintegrated the delegation endorsement system, and now each man is going for himself and pushing individual friends. The result which the president has achieved and which was his design, is breaking up ring politics in delegations. The patronage heretofore considered the sacred property of senators, for in stance, marshals and district attorneys, is now declared a free-for-all, and humble members of the lower house, or even a group of private citizens may present the names of candidates with some degree of hope of success.

THE INDIANS HAVE A VOICE. Washington, March 21.—When the senate ratified the treaty for the cession to the United States of the Cherokee strip, it inserted therein a clause which provides compensation for land to be made in time payments in place of the requirement that the government pay cash, as contemplated in the agreement originally drawn up with the Indians. This modification of the treaty was not accepted by the Indians, but will be considered by their legislative body, the Cherokee council, at a meeting to be held next Monday. The early opening of the strip will be entirely dependent upon the action of the council.

SOME STATISTICS. Washington, March 21.—Prof. J. R. Dodge, statistician of the department of agriculture, includes in his monthly report the dates and official statistics of the principal crops of foreign countries. The present conditions are very favorable.

The world's wheat crop of 1892, will be 2,347,963,053 bushels. In Great Britain there is a great reduction in the stock of live hogs, a decrease of over a million head. The shortage in Ireland is estimated at 1,200,000 head. The abnormally high price of bacon and pork as contrasted with other meats, will, it is thought, greatly stimulate hog breeding.

AN APPOINTMENT. Washington, March 21.—Frank H. Thomas, of Michigan, has been appointed disbursing clerk and superintendent of the postoffice department vice Theodore Davenport, resigned.

INCREASE OF GOLD IN TREASURY. Washington, March 21.—The ten days statement issued by the treasury department today, gives the gold in the treasury as \$106,575,000, a gain of \$4,000,000 within the last ten days.

POINTS OF RESEMBLANCE. Providence, R. I., March 21.—Both

the republican and democratic state conventions held here today, passed resolutions favoring the early repeal of the Sherman act. The democrats favor a reduction of the tariff in accordance with the principles proclaimed by the party at the last national convention.

TELLING WHAT THEY KNOW. About Bribery of Legislators in Kansas Before a Committee.

Topeka, Kas., March 21.—The senate committee for investigating the charges of bribery of high state officials to defeat certain anti-gambling bills in the recent legislature was resumed today. James F. Legate was sworn. He said: "There was considerable conference with reference to the organization of the legislature. I looked over the list of members and from my knowledge of the men and a canvass, there were at least six men who were counted in. I was told W. J. Buchanan had received \$15,000 or \$20,000 from Kansas City whisky men for a number of years. Pete Kline told me the gamblers were compelled for the last two years to contribute \$10,000 a year to the republican party of Kansas."

A GRAND MASTER'S OPINION. Will Not Be Responsible for Damage by Strikes.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 21.—Grand Master Sargent of the Locomotive Firemen, speaking of the ruling of Judge Taft of the United States circuit court, in the Ann Arbor strike, holding him and Chief Arthur responsible for damages resulting from their order of the strike, says it is the greatest question that ever confronted the Brotherhoods. Said he, "If Judge Taft enunciated the law it is a death blow to labor organizations. It is certain that if I am to be held liable for damages resulting from the order of a strike, I am not going to order any strikes."

WOLFE NOT YET CAPTURED. Marshfield, Or., March 21.—The party that started out yesterday to hunt for Burdette Wolfe has returned without their prize. The first intimation that they had that Wolfe was in this locality was the fact that a cabin containing provisions and belonging to G. W. Tribly was being entered of nights by some person who helped himself to the food. The party surrounded the cabin and watched it until daybreak but no sign of Wolfe was seen. The woods in that locality are now full of men eager to capture the murderer and tonight will watch for him.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE DECLARED. Minnesota Women May Vote at All Elections.

St. Paul, Minn., March 21.—By a vote of 31 to 19, the senate today passed the senate bill extending full suffrage at all elections in Minnesota to women.

VICTIM OF HYPNOTISM. Chicago, March 21.—James B. Dixon, of New York, is seeking in the circuit court to wrest as claimed, the person and property of his brother Henry W. Dixon, from an alleged fraud and undue possession and control of Henry A. Root, a New York lawyer. He claims that his brother who was at one time a wealthy man, is now the victim of hypnotism practiced by Lawyer Root. He says Root controlled the old man for several years, and is alleged to have secured possession of the greater part of his property.

THE BEEMAH ASHORE. London, March 21.—The British bark Beemah, from Astoria, is ashore on the rocks near Galway. The decks are covered at high water.

THE WRECKED BEEMAH. Portland, Or., March 21.—The British bark Beemah, wrecked at Galway, sailed from this port on September 28th last, with a cargo of 16,664 barrels of flour, valued at \$52,000, from the Portland Flouring Mills. The vessel was commanded by Captain George Fuxley.

LATEST TELEGRAPHIC WONDER. Chicago, March 21.—Professor Elisha Gray's Telautograph or long distance writing machine, was tested here and in New York simultaneously over short circuits. It is claimed that the telautograph will reproduce writing of any description at any distance. The performance of the machine was pronounced successful.

MACKAY OUT OF DANGER. San Francisco, March 21.—John W. Mackay's physicians this morning announced their patient's condition not at all alarming, and say that he is rapidly improving. They do not think any operation will be necessary.

THE PRINCESS WAS PLEASED. New York, March 21.—The Princess Victoria Kaiulani has issued a farewell address to the American people thanking them for their kindness and expressions of sympathy. The Princess sails for England tomorrow.

PRAIRIE FIRES RAGING. Guthrie, O. T., March 21.—Prairie fires are raging for miles around the city, and much damage is being done.