

VALLEY RECORD.

The People's Paper.

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Moderate Priced Homes.

A millionaire private owner in one of the large cities is going to build what has already begun to be called a "poor man's hotel." It will be a fine accommodation of those clean and respectable men who cannot afford to pay the prices demanded at the luxurious big hotels, but who are too good to be thrust into the low lodging houses along with thieves, ex-convicts and tramps.

There ought to be just such houses everywhere. It would rid our cities of the low, disease and vermin infested haunts that are a blot on our civilization. They shelter and develop thieves, cut throats, tramps and desperadoes. The greatest objection to the scheme as planned by the millionaire is that there is almost a flavor of philanthropy about it, although the proprietor hopes and expects to make it pay.

But why do not the class of men for whom the house is intended build such a structure for themselves? Why, in deed, do not the working people of the large cities unite on the co-operative plan and establish neat and commodious home clubhouses in all with their families. Rich men build clubhouses on the co-operative plan. A stock company, with shares at a given price, could be formed, the savings of the men paid in from week to week and the building put up. When it was finished, the families could take possession of the apartments, paying a rent certainly not greater than they now pay for the vile tenement dens in which so many of them are forced to live. The house should be provided with baths, steam heat and the comforts the rich man enjoys. The rents could go to paying for the house itself at first, and when that was done the dividends could be divided among the stockholders. This would not be a difficult undertaking at all.

Obituary Hums.

A writer who naturally does not give his name has confessed in Chambers' Journal that he gets his living by writing obituary notices of distinguished persons. In some cases he sells the manuscript death notice to the newspapers while the person is yet living. In others editors who know his specialty send to him in a hurry on the unexpected death of some public person, and such are his resources that in two or three hours he can turn out a death notice anywhere from two to six columns long of almost anybody in the globe. He has for years collected from the daily papers that chronicle events in the lives of people their history, movements and anecdotes related of them. These clippings he keeps in huge, indexed scrapbooks to which he can apply at any time. He says he finds this kind of writing "pays exceedingly well." Perhaps here is a hint that some brainy, impetuous young American man or woman may take advantage of.

If you are at all a distinguished person, particularly if you are well on in years, every large newspaper in the land probably has your obituary notice tucked away in its pigeon holes at this moment. The writer in Chambers' Journal says they call it over the water keeping the notices in pickle. Sometime, however, when a comparatively young man has climbed into prominence and the newspapers and insurance companies naturally calculate on his living many years, he cheats them by dying suddenly. Then the newspapers themselves are in a pickle to get a respectable obituary in a short time. In such cases the notices detailing the virtues of the departed are always meagre, dull and unsatisfactory. Charles Stewart Farnell thus went out in a hurry and cheated the papers out of an obituary whack of a most striking character. On the other hand, sometimes when a man has been ill a long time, the report of his death is circulated prematurely. Then the journals rush into print their pigeonholed obituaries and the subject of them comes in several papers well, after all, and has the pleasure or otherwise of reading them himself. This was the case with the Prince of Wales when he had typhoid fever at Sandringham so long in 1871. In this case the obituaries of the prince were not actually issued in the papers, but they were all ready for working off, and when at midnight the expected news of his death did not come, the papers had to fill in the space with various kinds of stale matter. His royal highness has now his own obituaries pasted in scrapbooks at Marlborough House.

To Be Happy.

In one of his Sunday sermons in the New York Herald, Dr. Hephworth utters the following beautiful thought. It is peculiarly appropriate for Christmas time. It is even better to begin the New Year with: It is very trifling and commonplace to say that we ought to find a helping hand in the opportunity offered, or better still, that we ought to search every day for an opportunity to do so. And yet if you will imagine a life in which a kindly word is spoken and a kindly deed is done on every day, and you then imagine that all these kindly words and deeds, extending through many years, are brought together, you will shade your eyes as you gaze at the brilliancy of the spectacle and feel a kind of joy of the happy man or woman whose life is as bright as a candle window with the sun shining through it, or as rich and noble and inspiring as the music of a cathedral organ, its keys or tones, as a master's hand.

Such a life, however, is within reach of every human being. The amount of happiness which we make is matter for serious consideration, and we make it simply because we can, and that God has stowed away a vast amount of enjoyment in the deeds we never do and the words we never say.

How's This.

We offer One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & Co., Props., Toledo, O. We have known Dr. F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm. WEST & TRAX, Wholesale Druggists, To.

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Highest of all in leavening strength—U. S. Government Report.

Thurston's Pacific R. R. Scheme.

Senator Thurston of Nebraska has resigned as general solicitor for the receivers of the Union Pacific railroad. He says the duties of the position require the whole time of the man who holds it. Speaking of a solution of the Pacific route question the senator said: "I believe it would be a great thing for the country at large to have the Union Pacific and Central Pacific lines operated together as one property."

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G. D. Fahnestock general agent of the International Navigation Co.

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C. E. Hobart has confessed that he murdered John Miller at Prescott, A. T. A ranchman named Gates fell from his wagon near Los Hatos and broke his neck.

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