ACT WAS JUSTIFIABLE

Colonel Ruiz a Victim of His Own Rashness.

DETAILS OF THE EXECUTION

Insurgents Were Forced to Kill Him to Maintain the Integrity of Their Laws.

New York, Dec. 24.—T. Estrada Palma, of the Cuban junta, made the following statement last night:

"The death of Colonel Ruiz did not occur as the Spanish have put it, while he was negotiating as a peace messenger under a flag of truce. Again and again have the Cubans promulgated a law that all who came to them with peace propositions not based on the independence of Cuba, should be treated as spies and be dealt with accordingly. Colonel Ruiz knew of the existence of the law, and according to the Spanish accounts was personally warned as to his fate.

"General Blanco and Secretary-General Congosto, too, were well aware of the existence of the decree. Nevertheless, these latter took advantage of the unfortunate Quixotism of Colonel Ruiz and sent him to the Cuban lines. The blood of Colonel Ruiz is not on the hands of the Cubans, but upon the heads of Blanco and Congosto, who sent him to his fate. If the penalty of the law had not been carried into effect, doubtless Spain would have taken advantage of the fact to show that the Cubans were not in earnest in their rejection of autonomy absolutely, but were willing to listen to arguments.

"This decree was not promulgated because Cubans are afraid of disaffection in their ranks, but because it is known that innumerable commissioners would otherwise be sent, and on their return make false statements, encouraging the belief that peace might be established on a basis other than independence. Such statements would only serve the interests of Spain in gaining time with the resulting death of thousands, owing to the useless prolongation of the war.

"Besides, the Cubans are advised that the Spanish are seeking to enter the insurgent lines with the purpose of assassinating the more important leaders. Documentary proof of this fact is in our hands and we are the more cautious when we remember that in 1879 General Blanco authorized General Polavieja, in Santiago de Cuba, to execute as many unarmed Cubans as the latter thought necessary as an example.

"It is somewhat remarkable that with the first news of the death of Ruiz came the announcement of the killing of over 40 insurgents found in a hospital, and not a voice was raised to protest thereat. The shooting of Cuban prisoners by the score passes almost without comment; the thousands of wounded Cubans slain in hospitals attract but little notice. According to all the laws of civilized warfare, the Cubans, from the beginning, had the right to retaliate in kind, but they never have done so. On the contrary, all prisoners taken by them were set at liberty and the wounded attended to.

"We are denied by the entire world status as belligerents, and might therefore claim that we have no obligations to conduct the war as belligerents, but we do not intend to take this stand. The conditions obtaining in Cuba and the character of the Spanish, demand, however, that we take the necessary measures to speedily terminate the war by convincing the world that independence alone can satisfy us. We accordingly issue a decree and solemnly warn the Spaniards of its enactment. If, despite this warning, they persuade a man to be rash enough to come to us to treat on the basis of autonomy, we must either acknowledge that our laws are made only to be broken, or be compelled by a painful duty to carry them out."

MEASURE OF PRECAUTION.

A New Light on Russia's Occupation of Port Arthur.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Paris correspondent of the Cologne Gazette telegraphs that paper that he learns on reliable authority that the Russian occupation of Port Arthur was connected with the visit there of the British warship Daphne a week ago, when, in spite of the protests of the Chinese, the Daphne entered. The Daphne entered the inner harbor illegally to ascertain whether or not there were Russian ships there. China complained of the incident to the representatives of the powers at Peking.

The British far eastern squadron is said to be at Talicoan, and according to the correspondent quoted, shortly expected at Port Arthur.

The Cologne Gazette regards the occupation as merely a continuance of the co-operation of Germany with Russia in Eastern Asia.

Harvard's Oldest Graduate.

Boston, Dec. 23.—William Gordon Prince, who was the oldest living graduate of Harvard, is dead at his home in River Place, Dedham. He was born in Boston about 94 years ago.

Washington, Dec. 24. — Commissioner Evans, of the pension bureau, is a strong advocate of the policy of publishing the entire list of persons who draw pensions from the government. He expects that a bill for this purpose will be introduced in congress when it reassembles in January. A recommendation that a list be published was made by the commissioner in his annual report, as he expressed the belief that it would be particularly valuable for the use of examiners in the field.

Labor Convention Closes.

Nashville, Dec. 23.—The American Federation of Labor ended its seventh annual session today. Thomas W. Kidd, of Chicago, was elected fraternal delegate to the Canadian labor congress. The convention spent most of the morning in executive session considering the report of the grievance committee. After the matters contained in the report of the committee had been disposed of the convention adjourned.

In 1843 there were only 350,000 spindles for yarn spinning in Russia. Now there are 6,000,000.

OUR ONLY INTEREST.

Government Sounded on Its Attitude Toward China.

Washington, Dec. 24.—It is understood the authorities here have been unofficially sounded as to the attitude of the United States toward the complications in the Far East, with the view of learning whether American interests in China were regarded as sufficient to warrant any active step by this government.

From what source the inquiries have come is not disclosed. If from Great Britain, they must have come through Colonel Hay, the American ambassador, as the British officials here have received no instructions as to the Chinese situation.

It is well understood, however, that Great Britain would look with favor on any active step by the United States which would serve as a check for the advances of Germany and Russia. The British interests in China are ten times greater than those of Germany, Russia and the United States, and yet, with Germany and Russia firmly located on Chinese soil, Great Britain is left in a sort of cul de sac. It is known also that the Chinese authorities would welcome a movement by the United States, and that this has been communicated to officials here.

Although these soundings, for they amount to nothing more as yet, have not taken official form, they have been sufficient to gain a pretty general understanding as to the attitude of this government. This, in brief, is that the United States has no interest in territorial extension now going on in China; that she will not land at any of the coast ports of China, as Germany and Russia have done, and that her only consideration is to guard established American interests in China.

GRADE CROSSING ACCIDENT.

Twenty Persons Injured on the Lackawana Railroad.

New York, Dec. 24.—Twenty persons were injured, three perhaps fatally, at a grade crossing on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, between Passiac and Delaware, N. J., tonight. They were in a stage which was struck by a train. That any of them escaped is regarded as a miracle.

All the victims are employed in the Wothern & Aldrich mill, at Delawana, two miles from Passiac. They rode to and from their work in a big covered stage. There were 36 persons crowded into the stage tonight. The party relieved the monotony of the trip by singing, and it was not until the horses were on the track that the engine was seen by the driver. The driver struck his horses sharply with the whip, and they leaped forward, and then stopped abruptly as the gate closed on the other side of the track. The locomotive struck the stage almost in the middle, hurling it several feet ahead, then struck it again, throwing it from the track. The occupants of the stage were scattered in all directions.

BEHRING SEA AWARD.

Arbitrators Agree on the Amount Canada Claimed.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The government has received a communication from the arbitrators appointed to deal with the claims of the Behring sea sealers against the United States government for losses caused by the seizure of their vessels, submitting the award. The arbitrators were Judge King of the supreme court of Canada, and Judge Putnam of the United States. The award is $464,000, with two reserved cases, those of the Black Diamond for $5,000, and the Ada for $1,000. It will be remembered that in 1890 the United States offered $400,000, and Canada claimed $450,000. Afterward, a compromise was reached, and the amount placed at $425,000, but congress refused to vote that sum. The present award is virtually what Canada agreed to accept, with interest.

And Now a Milk Trust.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—A special to the Tribune from New York says: A milk trust has been incorporated with a capital of $15,000,000. The articles of incorporation have been filed. John D. Gilmer, the promoter of the new company, is a rich baker of 203 Greenwich street. He formed the famous corporation known as the New York Biscuit Company. Mr. Gilmer and his associates have been busy for over a year in organizing the new company. His son, W. P. Gilmer, says they will begin business at once. He says he has control of the milk delivery of over 1,000 wagons, and that a large majority of the milkdealers of the city are in the corporation. Three hundred creameries and 300 retail companies who deliver milk to consumers are to be consolidated in one great company. The present price of milk is six cents, and Gilmer says the trust could do business at a profit by selling at three cents a quart.

Three Deaths Resulted.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 23.—As a result of last night's freight wreck, caused by a runaway train on the Pennsylvania road, three men lost their lives, and damage to the amount of $75,000 was done to the rolling stock. The dead are: S. Kuster, Charles J. Numer and S. C. Corbin. Three locomotives, four passenger coaches and 28 loaded freight cars were wrecked.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 23.—The Rev. J. M. Pullman, brother of the late George M. Pullman, had a very narrow escape from death in the Boston & Maine station last night. He drove into the station just as the Lockport express was pulling out. He jumped for it and lost his balance and fell beneath the step, rolling onto the track. A young man saw him fall and grabbing him pulled him off the track, the wheels just grazing his shoulder. The doctor was very much shaken up. His only comment was:

"I am old enough to have known better. I thank God that I learned better before it was too late."

He tried to reward his rescuer, but the young man would take nothing.

Twenty-Six Houses Burned.

Delpan, Mo., Dec. 24.—Fire has destroyed the business portion of this town. Twenty-six business houses were burned, and the total loss is estimated at $100,000, with about $33,000 insurance. The fire started in the warehouse of a drug store, but its origin is unknown.

MAY DIG UP THE HATCHET.

Indian Territory Braves Ready to Go on the Warpath.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—A special to the Times-Herald from Washington says: Trouble in the Indian territory is expected by the commissioner of Indian affairs and by others who are familiar with the condition of affairs there. On January 1 the tribal courts will be abolished by an act passed at the last session of congress, and the United States courts given full jurisdiction over the territory. In many quarters the officers of the Indian courts have delared that they will forcibly resist all efforts to prevent them from doing business. The United States marshals have given notice that any tribal courts attempting to sit, and those assuming to conduct them will be arrested.

A delegation of eight Cherokees, seven of them full-bloods, is now in the city. A few days ago they presented a memorial to congress asking that the law be rescinded, but congress has now adjourned without action, and when it again convenes the Indian courts will be out of existence.

Meanwhile the subcommittee of the senate committee on Indian affairs, appointed to consider the problem presented in the territory, practically decided to recommend an amendment to the law applying to the apportionment of all lands held by the five civilized tribes among the members of these tribes, and also an amendment providing that all valid leases shall be recognized by the government of the United States and the money paid on account of them covered into the treasury of the United States for the benefit of the various tribes.

The Dawes commission has reported its failure to come to any conclusion with the Indians. Such agreements as have been concluded vary so in their provisions, that, in view of the fact that eventually a uniform system of government must be provided for Indian territory, it is questionable whether any of the agreements should be definitely ratified by congress until the desired and necessary uniformity can be reached.

Secretary Bliss thinks no government will be satisfactory until congress shall provide for a single uniform system of laws for the Indian territory that shall place all its inhabitants in possession of the rights of American citizenship.

JUMPED FROM A WINDOW.

Ex-Secretary Herbert's Daughter Commits Suicide.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Miss Lelia Herbert, daughter of the ex-secretary of the navy, died at her home in this city this morning, as the result of a fall from the third story of her home on New Hampshire avenue, in the most fashionable part of the city.

The sudden death and the tragic features surrounding it were a great shock to the large circle of friends she had made in Washington.

Her death was traceable indirectly to an accident while horseback riding in her native state, Alabama, about two months ago. This morning she was unusually bright and cheerful. Shortly before 10 o'clock she dressed to go down stairs, but instead of descending went to a rear room of the third story, from which she fell, sustaining injuries which caused her death.

The death was reported to police headquarters as a case of suicide, due to melancholy and temporary aberration of mind as the result of a long illness.

Miss Herbert was the eldest of ex-Secretary Herbert's three children, and was a charming figure in Washington society. Socially she was exceedingly popular, and her presence was sought at all gatherings. Her social triumphs here were repeated in Europe, where she went to attend the great naval demonstration at Kiel. Within the past year she has not enjoyed robust health, but this only induced her to redouble her devotion to out-of-door sports and exercises, and it was while regaining her health by outdoor riding that she met with the accident that indirectly resulted in her death.

The coroner returned a verdict of suicide through temporary insanity. As the facts were clear, he decided that an nquest was unnecessary.

The Turk Apologized.

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—It appears that when the United States steamer Bancroft arrived at Smyrna on the night of December 2, she was greeted with a blank cannon shot and rifle bullets from the fort of Venikle. A boat sent from the warship to ask for an explanation was fired upon and forced to return. Thereupon the American admiral lodged a protest with the United States minister here, Dr. Angell, who demanded the punishment of the guilty parties and an apology from the Turkish government, which was given Sunday. In addition two Turkish officers were dimissed and sentenced to a week's imprisonment.

The Newport at Greytown.

Washington, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Greytown, Nicaragua, announces the safe arrival at that port of the gunboat Newport with the members of the Nicaraguan canal commission on board. All the members of the party were well and the voyage had been pleasant and enjoyable.

Durrant Still Fighting.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—The father of Theodore Durrant, the condemned murder, says:

"We have not given up the fight for my son's life. We will try to get a writ of error from the state supreme court to the United States supreme court. If this is denied we can go direct to the latter court and make the application. That is, if we can raise the money, for the expense of this litigation has impoverished us."

Ten Per Cent Cut.

Suncook, N. H., Dec. 22.—Notices have been posted at Pembroke and Webster cotton mills, makers of print cloths, announcing a reduction of wages of about 10 per cent January 1. The cut will affect nearly 1,500 operatives.

Murderer Goes to an Asylum.

Oakland, Cal., Dec 23.—Ferdinand Uhl, the murderous madman who killed Patrick Murphy and then tried to exterminate other imaginary enemies, has been committed to the asylum for the insane at Ukiah.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

[Office of Downing, Hopkins & Co., Chicago Board of Trade Brokers, 711-712 Chamber of Commerce Building, Portland, Oregon.]

The Chicago wheat market is in an unusual condition. During last week December wheat sold at premium of from 3 to 12c, over cash wheat at New York, Baltimore, St. Louis, Toledo, Duluth and other points. At one time the premium at Duluth was 15. With such premiums is it a wonder that men like Armour and Weare should take the risk of selling December and buying the cash wheat in the Northwest when the cost of getting it here from Minneapolis by rail is not over 7c to 8c? They not only get the profit in the difference, but also run the risk of the bulls changing their minds and leaving the wheat here, or at least a good part of the 3,000,000 bushels that will be here by the end of the month. They know that there is a good prospect of a large milling demand before another crop is harvested. This will give them a chance to secure fancy premiums for all the good milling wheat they may have on hand the same as last spring. In addition they get the storage. They believe in merchandising wheat the same as any other article, and when a profit presents itself they are not slow to get into the territory tributary to other markets and take the wheat away from them. There never has been such a chance in years, and they have taken advantage of it and run the risk of the wheat grading. Not only has the bulge brought in free offerings from the Northwest, where over 1,000,000 bushels have been bought within a week, but it has stimulated holders in the winter wheat country to send their wheat wheat here. The howling about the grading made them timid about risking December sales, and last week brought out offers of more wheat than was supposed to be in the country.

This will place a larger quantity in the visible supply and give the bulls a chance to see what there actually is and enable them to make better plans for the future.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 74@75c; Valley and Bluestem, 77@78c per bushel.

Four—Best grades, $4.25; graham, $3.40; superfine, $2.25 per barrel.

Oats—Choice white, 35@36c; choice gray, 33@34c per bushel.

Barley—Feed barley, $19@20; brewing, $20 per ton.

Millstiffs—Bran, $17 per ton; middlings, $21; shorts, $18.

Hay—Timothy, $12.50@13; clover, $10@11; California wheat, $10; do oat, $11; Oregon wild hay, $9@10 per ton.

Eggs—18@25c per dozen.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 55@60c; fair to good, 45@50c; dairy, 40@50c per roll.

Cheese — Oregon, 11½c; Young America, 12½c; California, 9@10c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $1.75@2.25 per dozen; broilers, $2.00@2.50; geese, $5.50@6.50; ducks, $4.00@5.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c per pound.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 35@45c per sack; sweets, $1.40 per cental.

Onions—Oregon, new, red, 90c; yellow, 80c per cental.

Hops—5@14c per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 4@6c.

Wool—Valley, 14@16c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 7@12c; mohair, 20@22c per pound.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, $3.50; dressed mutton, 5c; spring lambs, 5½c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, $4.00 light and feeders, $3.00@4.00; dressed, $4.50@5.00 per 100 pounds.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $2.75@3.00; cows, $2.25; dressed beef, 4@5½c per pound.

Veal—Large, 4½@5c; small, 5½@6c per pound.

Seattle Market.

Butter — Fancy native creamery, brick, 28c; ranch, 16@18c.

Cheese—Native Washington, 12½c; California, 9½c.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, 28c.

Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 10c; spring chickens, $2.50@3.00; ducks, $3.50@3.75.

Wheat—Feed wheat, $22 per ton.

Oats—Choice, per ton, $19@20.

Corn—Whole, $22; cracked, per ton, $22; feed meal, $22 per ton.

Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, $22; whole, $22.

Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef, steers, 6c; cows, 5½c; mutton sheep, 7c; pork, 7c; veal, small, 7.

Fresh Fish—Halibut, 5@6c; salmon, 3c; salmon trout, 7@10c; flounders and sole, 3@4; ling cod, 4@5; rock cod, 5c; smelt, 2½@4c.

Fresh Fruit—Apples, 50c@$1.25 per box; peaches, 75@80c; prunes, 35@40c; pears, 75c@$1 per box.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Nevada 11@13c; Oregon, 11@14c; Northern 7@8c per pound.

Hops—10@14c per pound.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $20@23; California bran, $17.00@18.00 per ton.

Onions—New red, 70@80c; do new silverskin, $1.90@2.00 per cental.

Eggs—Store, 22@23c; ranch, 27@30c; Eastern, 14@19; duck, 20@25c per dozen.

Citrus Fruit—Oranges, Valencias, $1.50@3.00; Mexican limes, $2.00@3.00; California lemons, choice, $1.75@2.25; do common, 50c@$1 per box.

Cheese—Fancy mild, new, 12½c; fair to good, 7@8c per pound.

Hay—Wheat, 12@14; wheat and oat, $11@14; oat, $10@12; river barley, $7@8; best barley, $10@12; alfalfa, $8.50@10; clover, $8.50@10.

Fresh Fruit—Apples, 25c@$1.25 per large box; grapes, 25@50c; Isabella, 60@75c; peaches, 50c@$1; pears, 75c$1 per box; plums, 20@35c.

Butter — Fancy creamery, 30c; do seconds, 24@25c; fancy dairy, 26@27c; good to choice, 22@24c per pound.

Potatoes—New, in boxes, 85@85c.

A Flywheel Burst.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 23. — Adam Brodrich was killed and a number of others slightly hurt by the bursting of a flywheel at the South Third street plant of the Oliver Iron & Steel Company, at an early hour this morning. The accident was caused by an engine becoming ungovernable. The flywheel was 15 feet in diameter and weighed several tons.

Giraffes are from 15 to 16 feet from the ground to the tip of their horns. Specimens from 18 to 23 feet have been known.

Cooking by Solar Heat.

The various experiments made with solar engines by the French in Algeria, where the sun is never overclouded and shines with great power, have been attended in some instances with marked success. The best apparatus is stated to be a simple arrangement of boiler and concave mirror, the steam generated being condensed in a coiled tube surrounded by water, this being intended merely for distilling water. But in India an inventor has contrived some machines with which more varied results are accomplished. One of these, says the Philadelphia Record, is what is termed a cooking-box, made of wood and lined with reflecting mirrors, at the bottom of the box being a small copper boiler covered with glass to retain the heat of the rays concentrated by the mirrors upon the boiler. In this contrivance any sort of food may be quickly cooked, the result being a stew or boil if the steam is retained, or if allowed to escape it is a bake. The heat with this device may be augmented indefinitely by increasing the diameter of the box.

Jacobin Songs at Balmoral.

Queen Victoria recently invited a Glasgow singing society to sing to her at Balmoral. Among the songs were "Wae's Me for Prince Charlie," "MacGregor's Gathering," "Bonnie Prince Charlie" and "Charlie Is My Darling."

KNOCKED OUT.

It knocks out all calculations of attending to business in the right way for a day when we wake up in the morning sore and stiff. The disappointment lies in going to bed all right and waking up all wrong. There is a short and sure way out of it. Go to bed after a good rub with St. Jacobs Oil and you wake up all right; soreness and stiffness all gone. So sure is this, that men much exposed in changeful weather keep a bottle of it on the mantel for use at night to make sure of going to work in good fix.

Long Distance Signaling.

The Greenwich observatory has been put into telegraph communication with that of the McGill college, Montreal, and the signals can be flashed between the two places, a distance of 3,300 miles, in three-quarters of a second.

THE LAST MAN ON EARTH

To recklessly experiment upon himself with hope of relief is the dyspeptic. Yet the nostrums for this malady are as the sands of the sea, and, presumably, about as efficacious. Indigestion, that obstinate malady, even if of long perpetuity, is eventually overcome with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, an appetizing tonic and alterative, which cures constipation, fever and ague, bilious remittent, rheumatism, kidney complaint and feebleness.

An even cubic foot of average soil was weighed and analyzed at Cornell University. It was found that the soil in one acre one foot deep weighed 2,082½ tons.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

We are asserting in the courts our right to the exclusive use of the word "CASTORIA," and "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," as our Trade Mark.

I, Dr. Samuel Pitcher, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on every wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA" which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. Look Carefully at the wrapper and see that it is *the kind you have always bought*, and has the signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on the wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.

March 8, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M.D.

Lightning rods may be valuable if large enough and insulated sufficiently to carry away a bolt of lightning. The common lightning rod is not of much use.

HOME PRODUCTS AND PURE FOOD.

All Eastern Syrup, so-called, usually very light colored and of heavy body, is made from glucose. "Tea Garden Drips" is made from Sugar Cane and is strictly pure. It is for sale by first-class grocers, in cans only. Manufactured by the PACIFIC COAST SYRUP CO. All genuine "Tea Garden Drips" have the manufacturer's name lithographed on every can.

In a recent lecture Professor Bergmann, of Berlin, stated that in 50 cases of perforating the skull for epilepsy, he knew of only one perrianent cure.

"King Solomon's Treasure," only Aphrodisiacal Tonic known. (See Dictionary.) $5.00 a box. 3 weeks' treatment. Mason Chemical Co., P. O. Box 747, Philadelphia, Pa.

Firelighters are made in Germany by twisting wool into a rope, cutting it into short lengths, and dipping the ends of the pieces into melted resin.

I believe my prompt use of Piso's Cure prevented quick consumption.—Mrs. Lucy Wallace, Marquette, Kans., Dec. 12, 1895.

Try Schilling's Best tea and baking powder.

Awful Warning.

A Spanish woman kissed her pug dog and died of hydrophobia last week. The retributions of Providence for lack of sense are often mysterious and severe.—Pomona Progress.

MRS. PINKHAM'S VICTORY

Mrs. Sidney Hamlet.

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RED HOUSE, VA.—To Mrs. Pinkham: "My heart goes out in sympathy to all who are suffering with troubles peculiar to the female sex.

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"Last summer I was almost an invalid; could not walk across my room without pain. I sent for our physician. He pronounced my case a bad one of 'Prolapsus Uteri,' congestion and ulceration of the womb, and said I was to lie abed. I was so distressed to find myself so helpless and useless to my family; I saw your Compound advertised and thought I would try it. I took several bottles, and used the Sanative Wash and Pills as directed, and now I am as strong as I ever was, and do all my own housework. I can walk more than a mile without any inconvenience. Oh! I am truly grateful. I cannot write the good you have done me. Words are inadequate to express it. May God bless you for the good you are doing."—MRS. SIDNEY HAMLET, Red House, Va.

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Result will be announced about January 15th.

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What is the missing word?—not SAFE, although *Schilling's Best* baking powder and tea *are* safe.

Get *Schilling's Best* baking powder or tea at your grocers'; take out the ticket (brown ticket in every package of baking powder; yellow ticket in the tea); send a ticket with each word to address below before December 31st.

Until October 15th two words allowed for every ticket; after that only one word for every ticket.

If only one person finds the word, that person gets $2000.00; if several find it, $2000.00 will be equally divided among them.

Every one sending a brown or yellow ticket will receive a set of cardboard creeping babies at the end of the contest. Those sending three or more in one envelope will receive an 1898 pocket calendar—no advertising on it. These creeping babies and pocket calendars will be different from the ones offered in the last contest.

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Boston's Old Elm.

The state of neglect into which the site of the old elm on the common, in Boston, has fallen is beginning to worry old Bostonians who pass the spot daily on their way to business. After a gale in February, 1876, brought down what was left of the old elm, a young elm was started on the site of the old one, and this tree is now one of the largest in that part of the common. Inside the enclosure is a rusty iron standard bearing two tablets, the lower one about three times the size of the upper. The lower tablet is the original one, put up in 1854, and bears the inscription: "This tree has been standing here for an unknown period. It is believed to have existed before the settlement of Boston, being fully grown in 1772, exhibited marks of old age in 1792, and was nearly destroyed by a storm in 1832. Protected by an iron enclosure in 1854." The upper tablet reads: "The old elm, destroyed by a gale February 15, 1876. This elm planted A. D. 1876." The little enclosure has an unkempt appearance. The fence is made of small rough wooden posts and two strands of twisted wire. These posts are keeled over. On one side the wires have fallen down. The tablets and standards are covered with rust.

Four-Million-Dollar Craft.

The French cruiser Jeanne d'Arc is estimated to have cost about $4,000,000, of which $2,000,000 was for auxiliary fittings, such as armor, gun mountings and mechanism, torpedo gear and special fitting.

Bonn's town authorities have established a tax on "the use of the columns of air above the city streets." A projecting window or balcony pays 50 marks a year and every additional balcony or projection over it 25 marks.

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