

GOTHAM LETTER

New York, January, 30.—Dr. Parkhurst is a remedy for the unsatisfactory conditions in the local police department. He points out the cause of the trouble—the limited power of the commission to rid the force of inefficient or corrupt men, and suggests a law giving the police commissioner summary power to dismiss, grade or promote, according to the merits of his own judgment. He believes also that it would be advantageous to concede to the commissioner the power of office dependent only on good behavior. Dr. Parkhurst believes that it is absolutely necessary to legislate out of office the mottled plomate of good, bad and indifferent that we have now, and carrying into the proposed force only such elements of the present one as shall be able to sustain a searching investigation into personal character and past record, this process of investigation to be conducted by a commission appointed from Albany, with such powers as shall preclude all appeal to the courts, thus preventing all the reinstatement of discredited officers, captains, etc., from which New York has suffered so much.

Down in the Wall street commission is one of the greatest perquisites customers is the reading of quotations as they come out on the tape from tickers. For this privilege not a strategy is employed, as the permit on the high stool near the payment may be readily compared to star boarder of the boarding house, with a particularly large clientele the honor is shared by two old long-time customers of the house, who are in rivalry between them. He voluntarily surrenders his place as prices begin to go down; he is ill eternally, and can't bear to read declining prices. As the younger man is a bear forever, he abdicates the throne when prices begin to go up.

President Roosevelt and ex-President Cleveland head the William H. Baldwin memorial committee, which has organized for the purpose of raising a fund to establish a Tuskegee institute on an endowment that will perpetuate the name of the railroad men in institution in which he was so deeply interested during his life. To this six subscriptions aggregating \$72,000 have already been received in addition of any formal call. The memorial project has received the official approval of the general education board also the southern education board.

Although some of the actors have died into what seems to them like they have not been recorded in a list of the elect published annually for the benefit of New Yorkers. Little book does not contain the name of a single actor. In one case an actor's name is omitted, although two sons are mentioned. She has a dressmaker. So long as she was in her name appeared for years, when she went on the stage it did not. To this day the pages of useful compendium have not contained an actor's name.

New York's next state commissioner may be a woman, as up to the late time Miss Florence Kelly is mentioned in the leading candidate list of the child labor laws. A number of societies and philanthropists have sent letters and petitions to Governor Higgins urging the appointment of Miss Kelly. She is a daughter of Pennsylvania congressman family known as "Pigiron" Kelly, as labor commissioner of Illinois in the administration of Governor D. A report has been prepared by a New York child labor committee showing that the employment of child labor was twice as extensive in New York as it had been in the year previous.

There has been more entertaining news from New York than known elsewhere. In addition to the balls which were expected features of the season, there have been numerous dinners which have not been upon as the customary certain of the social year. One restaurant has had every room in his house for every night for the last two months. Lent comes this year much earlier than usual, and by that time there are many more thousands of dollars in entertaining than in any other season.

Republican leaders admit the report that President Roosevelt is greatly interested in the probability of a straight Republican ticket for the next election, and that he will use his influence to harmonizing the party factions in the election of a Republican will be at least a strong possibility. It is announced that a "har-

mony meeting" will be held soon at the suggestion of the president, and that Senator Platt and Governor Odell may formally bury the hatchet. The Republicans are counting upon W. R. Hearst to run for mayor on a labor and municipal ownership ticket, believing that if he should make such a race he would draw some 40,000 or 50,000 votes from the regular Democratic ticket.

Some of the chorus singers slightly injured in the accident at the Metropolitan opera house two weeks ago received more attention from the subscribers than they had ever known before. Some of the regular attendants at the Metropolitan took pains to discover the addresses of the unfortunate, sent them fruits and other delicacies, and petted them in a manner never before known to Italian choristers. Some of the Metropolitan subscribers know the Italian chorus singers from the old days at the academy.

How a Rattlesnake Strikes.
It may seem absurd to claim that there are cases where the bite of a rattlesnake is not fatal. Yet such have happened, and to understand these it is necessary only to understand the manner in which this reptile strikes.

The spectacle of a rattlesnake at bay is one a beholder never forgets. The great, long body lies coiled into a tense spiral, the very embodiment of wickedness. Poised in air, the white bellied forebody is bent into a horizontal S, rigid as an iron bar. Raised from the middle of the spiral is the tail, quivering like a twanged banjo string and emitting a rattle like steam escaping from the pet-cock of a radiator, or like the sound of a moving machine in a distant hay field. Awe inspiring, the dread, flat, triangular head, eyes gleaming black and cold as icy steel, is ready to strike. As the gruesome mouth opens wide and pink, the long, thin poison fangs arise from a horizontal position and stand upright like a pair of slender, curved, needle-pointed shad bones, ready for business. Like a flash, far too quick for the eye to follow, the snake strikes, sending home his fangs an inch or two and in that same fraction of an instant he has squirted a tablespoonful of canary-yellow, viscid, opaque fluid into the wound, and lies coiled ready for a second attack.

In this incomprehensibly swift attack lies the answer why sometimes the bite of a rattlesnake is not fatal. For, so wonderfully swift is the attack, that a bite may be imperceptible, leaving only a pair of tiny needle punctures with just enough venom to make a victim seriously ill.

Another reason why a rattlesnake's bite is not always fatal is that, temporarily, the reptile may be without venom. The snake may have exhausted its poison on a previous enemy, in which case it would have to wait several days before the deadly fluid has reaccumulated. Or, again, the viper's fangs may have suffered accident. They may have been broken off, and require time for new growth. In any case, certain it is that a rattlesnake's poison applied in the proper way will do its work, and that only the most expert and prompt assistance will save a victim.—A. W. Rolker in Pearson's Magazine.

NATURE TELLS YOU.
As Many a Salem Reader Knows Too Well.

When the kidneys are sick, Nature tells you all about it. The urine is nature's calendar. Infrequent or too frequent action; Any urinary trouble tells of kidney ills.

Hundreds of people testify to this. Mrs. Wm. Rainwater, wife of Wm. Rainwater, employed in Veal's chair factory, residing at 903 East First street, Albany, says: "My kidneys troubled me off and on for eight years. Every time I contracted a cold it settled in my kidneys, causing my back to ache often so badly that I could hardly get about to attend to my household duties. Accompanying this was a very annoying and distressing difficulty with the kidney secretions. I was treated by physicians and took a number of highly recommended remedies, but the relief I obtained was only temporary, and I was about discouraged. Finally I read an advertisement about Doan's Kidney Pills, and got a box and began their use. I expected some relief, of course, but, to my surprise, they went quickly to the root of the disease, and I had no more trouble, until recently I felt symptoms of a recurrence. Doan's Kidney Pills are the best kidney medicine I ever used, and I have recommended them to neighbors."

Plenty more proof like this from Salem people. Call at Dr. Stone's drug store, and ask what his customers report.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn & Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

C. M. Allen, of Medford, has made a discovery which may lead to the development of another source of mining wealth in that district. Specimens from the surface show the presence of copper in large quantities.

Be Good to Your Friends.
And say, when you want to treat them, just hand them one of those fine La Corona cigars. Everybody smokes them. Manufactured in Salem.

OPERATIONS AVOIDED

Two Grateful Letters from Women Who Avoided Serious Operations.—Many Women Suffering from Like Conditions Will Be Interested.



When a physician tells a woman, suffering from ovarian or womb trouble, that an operation is necessary it, of course, frightens her.

The very thought of the operating table and the knife strikes terror to her heart. As one woman expressed it, when told by her physician that she must undergo an operation, she felt that her death knell had sounded.

Our hospitals are full of women who are there for ovarian or womb operations!

It is quite true that these troubles may reach a stage where an operation is the only resource, but such cases are much rarer than is generally supposed, because a great many women have been cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable-Compound after the doctors had said an operation must be performed. In fact, up to the point where the knife must be used to secure instant relief, this medicine is certain to help.

The strongest and most grateful statements possible to come from women who, by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, have escaped serious operations.

Margrite Ryan, Treasurer of St. Andrew's Society, Hotel English, Indianapolis, Ind., writes of her cure as follows:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—
"I cannot find words to express my thanks for the good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did me. The doctor said I could not get well unless I had an operation for ovarian and female troubles. I knew I could not stand the strain of an operation and made up my mind I would be an invalid for life. Ask Mrs. Pinkham's Advice—A Woman Best Understands a Woman's Ills."

Hearing how Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound had saved other women from serious operations I decided to try it, and in less than four months I was entirely cured; and words fail to express my thankfulness."

Miss Margret Merkle of 275 3d Street, Milwaukee, Wis., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—
"Loss of strength, extreme nervousness, severe shooting pains through the pelvic organs, cramps, bearing down pains, and extreme irritation compelled me to seek medical advice. The doctor, after making an examination, said that I had ovarian trouble and ulceration, and advised an operation as my only hope. To this I strongly objected—and I decided as a last resort to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

To my surprise the ulceration healed, all the bad symptoms disappeared, and I am once more strong, vigorous and well; and I cannot express my thanks for what it has done for me."

Ovarian and womb troubles are steadily on the increase among women—and before submitting to an operation every woman should try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and write Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass. for advice.

For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been curing the worst forms of female complaints, all ovarian troubles, inflammation, ulceration, falling and displacement of the womb, leucorrhoea, irregularities, indigestion and nervous prostration. Any woman who could read the many grateful letters on file in Mrs. Pinkham's office would be convinced of the efficiency of her advice and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

MIMMS, OREGON EXILE NOW A MILLIONAIRE

Thomas Johnson, who returned a few weeks ago from Tonapah, Nev., met E. L. Mimms, a former Pendleton, man who shot and killed J. H. Miller in a saloon brawl. Mr. Johnson says that Mimms has been accumulating a large fortune in conducting a mining exchange and investing in mining claims. Mimms was in Portland a few days ago, but remained only a short time, knowing his presence in this state may bring him into trouble. Mimms was released from the penitentiary at Salem on the promise that he would forever keep out of the state.

In reviewing his past record the Telegram says:

From convict to millionaire, from a branded criminal to a man of affairs, from an Oregon exile to the leader of the rush to Tonapah, then back to Oregon for a brief visit, so brief, in fact, that the officers of the law did not learn of the prescribed man's presence until he had gone—this, in brief, is the record of the strange transitions that have taken place in the life, pursuits and interests of E. L. Mimms, whose home is now in New York City, and who left Portland yesterday, returning to the Atlantic coast.

Down at the bottom of the page of the Portland hotel register bearing the date of January 21, is an ordinary name written in an ordinary manner, but which has had a more than ordinary history. The man who wrote the name can now estimate his wealth at almost a million dollars, while only a few short years ago he was pardoned from the Oregon state penitentiary with the understanding that he quit the state of Oregon and make his permanent residence elsewhere.

This man, E. L. Mimms, of Kentucky, and inheriting all the traditional fighting blood of the Blue Grass country, has had a career no more interesting than varied.

Before the big rush to the Alaskan gold field he had traveled over the greater portion of the mining district of that territory seeking the yellow metal which he found in plenty. He had recovered from the Alaskan fever when others were barely succumbing to its influence, but the wild life had fastened its hold upon him, and the quiet civilization of the little eastern Oregon town of Pendleton was too much for him. He was of the border-men, and one night, in a gambling room brawl, he shot and killed the proprietor of the place, J. Henry Miller. This happened August 24, 1890, and he was indicted on the charge of murder.

The trial which followed was one of the most sensational ever recorded in eastern Oregon history. Seven days were consumed in taking the testimony and arguments. The jury was out for three days and three nights. Charges of irregularity, not only on the part of the attorneys, but in the jury room, were made, and great excitement prevailed in that town. Finally, after standing nine for acquittal and three for murder in the first degree for 36 hours, the jury wavered, and 36 hours later brought in a verdict of manslaughter

and recommended the prisoner to the extreme mercy of the court.

An appeal on many of these charged irregularities was taken and the case was almost a year in reaching the supreme court, where the verdict was affirmed. The penalty of five years' imprisonment and a fine of \$1000, together with costs to the state of \$600, was ordered carried out, and after a futile effort to reopen the case, Mimms was sent to the penitentiary. The state of feeling that existed in Umatilla county at that time can easily be understood from the fact that a number of jurors deliberating on the case, when called into court for further instructions, asked to be allowed to pay for their own meals, as the county had already been put to too much expense, and some of them insisted upon paying their own expenses.

But there was evidence deduced at the trial tending to show that Mimms shot in self-defense, and many people believed him innocent of even manslaughter. He had influential friends and relatives. After the supreme court affirmed the decision of the lower court, his uncle, a judge of the circuit court of Kentucky, came to Oregon and at once took up the work of securing a pardon. Powerful influences were brought to bear, but many of the Umatilla county people would not sign the petition, owing to the fact that Mimms' reputation as a citizen was not of the best.

To overcome this it was stipulated that Mimms leave Oregon. With this guaranteed, the petition was signed almost generally, and after serving less than a year in the penitentiary, he was pardoned by Governor Geer and left the state with his uncle for Kentucky.

But Kentucky was not like the west with which young Mimms had become acquainted, and he soon returned to California, and was the first man to open the Tonapah, Nev., gold mines last year. He is now said to be worth nearly a million, and with his wife, whom he has since married, is on his way to New York and London. He passed through Oregon and stopped in Portland merely long enough to transact some absolutely necessary business, and was gone again. He is of aristocratic Kentucky parentage, and was supposed to be wealthy before going through the Alaska excitement, but when pardoned from the penitentiary a few years ago he was penniless, having spent all his money in an effort to free himself. His sudden and unexpected appearance in Portland was a distinct surprise to many people who knew him.

A Surprise Party.
A pleasant surprise party may be given to your stomach and liver by taking a medicine which will relieve their pain and discomfort, viz.: Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are a most wonderful remedy, affording sure relief and cure for headache, dizziness and constipation; 25c, at J. C. Perry's drug store.

ARMY BOARD MEETING

Washington, D. C., Jan. 30.—A special board consisting of General John C. Bates, Major-General George L. Gillespie, Brigadier-General Frederick Funston, Brigadier-General Tasker H. Bliss and Brigadier-General Thomas H. Barry, U. S. A., met in Washington today to pass upon which officers shall be assigned to the general staff, but the army regulations require that there shall be a board of the kind assembled at least once each year. Inquiry at the war department and among the members of the board fails to disclose the officers who are about to retire from the staff, but it is understood that there will be at least two retirements very soon, namely, Major-General Jas. A. Irons, senior in the list of majors of the infantry arm of the service, and Captain Hugh J. Gallagher, senior of captains in the subsistence department of the army. These men will undoubtedly be promoted soon, as they are in direct line. This will raise them from existing rank, and by so doing will displace the men on the general staff.

MARKET QUOTATIONS TODAY

- "Make Salem a Good Home Market."
- Poultry—at Steiner's Market.**
Eggs—Per dozen, 22c.
Ducks—10c.
Chickens—Se. (market overstocked).
Turkeys—15c.
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Eggs—Per dozen, 23c.
Fruits, Vegetables, Etc.
Potatoes—50c.
Potatoes, sweet—\$1.40.
Onions—2 1/2c.
Apples—75c@1.00.
- Tropical Fruits.**
Bananas—5 1/2c lb.
Oranges—\$2.00@2.50.
Lemons—\$2.75@3.50.
Coconut, \$1.00 doz.
- Wood, Fence Posts, Etc.**
Second-growth—\$4.50.
Big fir—\$5.00.
Ash—\$5.00.
Oak posts—15c.
Cedar posts—10c.
- Hides, Pelts and Furs.**
Green Hides, No. 1—5c.
Green Hides, No. 2—4c.
Calf Skins—4@5c.
Sheep—75c.
Goat Skins—25c to \$1.85
Grain, Hops and Flour.
Oats—Buying, \$1.40@1.50.
Barley—\$2.75@3.50.
Hops—27@31 1/2c.
- Salem Flouring Mills.**
Flour—\$4.40.
Wheat—80c.
- Live Stock Market.**
Steers—2@2 1/2c.
Cows—1@1 1/2c.
Sheep—\$1.50@2.00.
Dressed veal—4@5 1/2c
Fat hogs—5@5 1/2c.
- Hay, Feed, Etc.**
Baled cheat—\$13.00.
Baled clover—\$11@12.
Bran—\$22.
- Eggs, Butter and Cream.**
By Commercial Cream Co.
Butter—27c.
Butter fat—27 1/2c at station.
- PORTLAND MARKET.**
Wheat—Walla Walla, 81c
Valley—87c.
Flour—Valley, straight, \$4.30@4.75;
gram, \$4.00.
Oats—Choice white, \$25.
Barley—Feed, \$22 per ton; rolled,
\$24.50.
Milstuff—Bran, \$20@21.
Hay—Timothy, \$14.00@16.00.
Potatoes—70@80c.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 28 1/2c.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 11c per
pound; turkeys, live, 17@18c; dressed
19@22 1/2c.
Pork—Dressed, 5 1/2@6c.
Beef—Dressed, 4 1/2@6c.
Veal—6@7c.
Mutton—Dressed, 3 1/2@5c
Hops—1903 crop, 28@30.
Wool—Valley, 19@20c;
egon, 10@17c; Mohair, 20@25c.
Hides—dry, 18 pounds and up;
15@15 1/2c.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 25@30c.

Disfigured Skin

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