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NEW YORK LETTER

New York, May 19.—Rev. James Day, D. D., chancellor of the Syracuse university, occupied the apex of sensationalism last week, and there are still some rumblings that, like San Francisco's big earthquake, start other neighborhoods. Mr. Day is quite a sensational man, and there's no telling what a day will bring forth. In taking hold of the Standard Oil question he just naturally slipped over in a mighty torrential way. He called the president of the United States an anarchist, and later hinted that impeachment proceedings would just about fill the bill, for assailing private rights and naming persons in his message.

Mr. Day is a great lover of Standard Oil and its officials. He plainly states that he will take all the "tainted money" he can get. Mr. Archibald, of the Standard Oil company, has the Syracuse university under his wing, being its particular guardian, and many are the little and big donations that he has dropped into its treasury, and more, much more, is expected. Mr. Day just couldn't help bursting out in the way he did, for the president has hurt his friends. Dr. Day was once pastor of Calvary Methodist Episcopal church, Harlem, and believed in revivals. He increased the membership of the church most remarkably, making it the strongest Methodist church in the city. Dr. Day was a candidate for bishop six years ago, and stayed in the balloting three days, but the solid, sober sense of the Methodist church refrained from electing him. If it had elevated him to the bishopric, and he had belched out as he has done, in such an unseemly fashion, there would have been howl in the denomination that might have almost split it in twain. A great many Methodist divines smiled when they read his Phillipic against

the president and said, "Oh, that's just Day." But it is not probable that any member of congress will take up the cudgels on Day's idea, and start the ball rolling for Roosevelt's impeachment. Meanwhile, however, matters go on apace. The Standard Oil company, unlike its previous acts, has opened a publicity department, and is answering all questions asked in the most liberal manner possible. It proposes now to argue with and convince the public.

These are curious times. Here's the great New York Telephone company using pages of the newspapers in reaching the public. It is trying to convince the public and the business men of New York City that it is better to have but one system of telephones in the great city. It argues that the telephone business is different from any other business, and that the admission of the independent telephone would only confuse matters and double the expense and annoyance of the business, and inasmuch to reach his customers every dealer would have to be connected with that customer by the telephone that that customer uses. And under two telephone systems each telephone list would be defective, for neither would have the names of all the persons who use telephones, whereas the present list has. As it is now, there is one book for all telephone users, and the finding of one you seek is, if he has a telephone at all, a very simple matter. Comptroller Metz, who is quite a lively chap, sides with the New York Telephone company in their contention, and a great many citizens do the same. They fear that, with two systems of telephones, they would have to establish depart ends for telephones in their establishments, and spend much time and suffer some loss and inconvenience

in finding out what line the man they seek is on. So many favor the New York Telephone company having a monopoly of the business, much as they hate monopolies. One thing is certain, and that is, no city has a telephone system that is anywhere as good and efficient as New York's system, and the city therefore doesn't need any other system. The independents can justly claim that they brought about the reduction of rates on the mere hint that they were coming to town. The independent companies have been bombarding Comptroller Metz with telegrams from distant cities, telling how well two systems work in those cities, and altogether the question, as all these presentations of arguments to strengthen the two positions are presented, brings much profit to the publishers of newspapers, as it presents the best class of advertising paying the highest rates, and taking very large quantities of space. The present telephone system says it will be contented with 10 per cent profit on its investment, and will let the city authorities control the prices of its service, with the utmost publicity as to all the details of the business. The independents offer a big sum for the privilege of using the streets for their lines, and for the franchise. One thing is certain, and that is, that the city of New York will surely be in a much better condition as to telephones when this war is over than it was when it began.

It is at last authoritatively settled, what was the name of the great navigator who first sailed up the noble Hudson river, and after whom it was named, the name chosen for the river happily having no obscurity about it. For centuries the navigator has been called Hendrick, and yet that wasn't his name, it being simple Henry, just like a plain every-day American of modern times. This matter is settled by Hugh Hastings, historian of the state of New York, who quotes from the original contract between the directors of the East India company and the chamber of Amsterdam, made on the 8th day of January, 1609, and which bears the name in Dutch copy, both in the body of the document and the signature, "Henry Hudson."

Thank the Lord, there has been one big work for the public that has had no suspicion of graft about it, and that is the most remarkable investigation this city ever had, the investigation of the insurance companies. This investigation took up a great deal of time, the work upon it was very strenuous, and there was steady attention to every detail. Besides that there was displayed a large measure of genius in the manners of investigating, that made every shot tell. And yet the bill of Charles E. Hughes, the legal examiner, was only \$15,000, a paltry sum compared with the sums counsels received from the company in its undisturbed days. If he had put it at \$100,000, there would not have been a murmur, and it would have been paid without hesitation, as being a piece of work of exceptional value. The whole expenses foot up but a little over \$100,000. Some of the old-timers would have spent a half to a whole million on the work, and not have reached such conclusive results.

The school authorities have been greatly disturbed in regard to the proper way for the children to carry their school books to and from the school houses. They established a rule that they should carry them first on the right side, and then on the left side, doing one on the even days, and the other on the odd days. In this way it was thought that their weight would not tend to make the children lop-

sided by tending to curve their spines. Many educators, as well as writers who make a specialty of school subjects, have proposed different ways to be ordered, but so far Superintendent Maxwell's idea of shifting the books alternately from side to side, prevails. But what seems to be a better plan is that of the Prussian schools, where the children are fitted out with little knapsacks, which are filled with books, and strapped upon the shoulders of the little ones, giving them a semi-military look, and at the same time tending to keep their shoulders erect, and contribute to the expansion of the chest. This plan certainly does not tend to curve the spine, as one side is not used any more than the other. We have plenty of crooks in this generation, and want no more to come up to us from the rising generation.

Mark Twain's little illness awakened much attention and some anxiety, not so much from the character of the ailment, which was not serious, as from the great interest the public feels in the man. Mark Twain occupies the position in the regard of the general public that General Grant used to do when his sickness first became known. Nobody wanted to talk of anything in those days until they had heard how he had passed the night, and wished that the morning report would show improvement of some kind. So with Mark Twain, he is now the public's chief concern so far as individual humanity is concerned. And when it was announced that his kindly old face was once more seen on the streets taking his morning constitutional, delight spread in all directions, and people shook their hands and smiled as though a great personal favor had been done them. When he reaches Dublin, N. H., and inaugurates his program for the summer, he will begin upon what he calls his last work, his autobiographical reminiscences. It will have to be a bulky volume, if it merely narrates the incidents that he has given the public from time to time, while it is to be supposed that he has held something in reserve to crown the work. As he takes only two hours a day for this work, he must expect a long life ahead, for it will take many years at that rate.

Many will wish more power to Prof. James H. Hyslop's magnetic eyes if he is capable of doing what he told his clubmates he was able to do. Riding in the subway he saw a drunken man aboard, and took to amusing himself with him. Concentrating his magnetic eyes upon the inebriated man he smiled upon the fellow, and holding him with an earnest look of the eyes, exerted all his hypnotic power, and soon had him under his influence entirely.

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ing wife. Mr. Starr today expressed regret that he had not heard from his spouse, who left him, after taking \$1 from his pocket one night a week before Creffield's murder, and started for the Holy Roller camp on the sea coast, near Nehalem, expecting to walk 90 miles across the mountains to reach her destination. Mr. Starr is ready, even yet, to receive his erring wife into his home again should she return.



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