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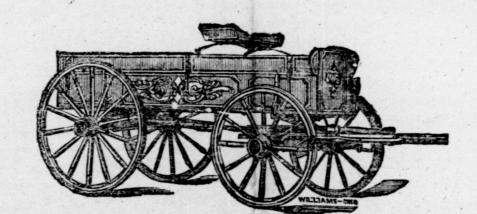
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### Around Washington,

Concha, former Colombian Min- urged that the Colombian con- learning that it is not injustice in the entire country. ister to the United States, has re stitution forbade the relinquish- to any American industries that By no possibility can 6,000,000 some lawyer in the far west has turned to his country and is there ment of any portion of her terri- is at the bottom of republican op- farmers be combined. It is a undertaken to organize a farmers | York, Texas & Mexican Railway Company. promoting a campaign against tory, Secretary Hay pointed out position to Cuban reciprocity but difficult matter to induce 500, or trust with an admission fee of ty which his successor, Dr. Her- of territory in the granting to the permit the lowering of a single even for strictly legitimate pur- sible object is to get all farmers in Wharton County, into and through Matabia claims that she is now receiving an annual income of \$500,000 from the zone of land which the United States demands as a sine qua non to the comple reason to believe that Germany tion of the canal. This amount may be somewhat exaggerated, but it is known that the Panama Railway pays the Colombian Government an annuity of \$250-000, and from the exhorbitant charges made for every privilege but that would not prevent Geraccorded to commerce it is reasonable to assume that the exaggeration is not great. Secretary Hay is endeavoring to secure the leasehold at a much lower figure. It has already been decided that the amount fixed in the treaty is to stand indefinately and that the United States is to receive a cen tury lease with a privilege of renewal at its pleasure, the only question remaining to be determined being the annual compen-

The menace to the Monroe Doctrine lies in the following ar-

sation.

the ratification of the canal trea. that there was no relinquishment rara, is endeavoring to negotiate United States of a perpetual with the United States. Colom- lease. Colombia, according to Secretary Hay, would still be the owner of the territory. The same argument must apply equal ly to Germany and there is little would be as loth to pay a fair value for the privilege as is the United States. It may be said that the United States will build the canal along the Nicaraguan route, argues Senor Concha, canal which offers many advantages among them the susceptibility of completion years before the Nicaragua canal. Colombia would, of course, cede no territory to Germany, only lease it, and so there would be no violation of the Monroe Doctrine. delay on the part of the Secreta-"hoisted by his own petard."

gument which Senor Concha is is being forced to a realization of 1900, was \$20,512,001,838, or advancing. He urges the sale the utter impractibility of ex- about \$256 per capita of the total would not be changed, for the and from hauling wood and water of the canal privilege to Germa- pecting statesmanship from the population. What other indus- immense number and independ- therefrom. ny, who already controls a large leaders of his party. After con- try can show an equal amount of ent positions of each of these or-

a selfish determination not to even sixty of them to combine, fifty cents per farm. The ostenschedule of the Dingley tariff for poses. If all of these farms were in the country, or at least a any reason. Headed by Senator owned by a few dozen men, or if large majority into the scheme. Aldrich, the present high priest all the farm property was con- The real object perhaps is to get Raflway Company, extending from Victoria, of extreme protection, there is a centrated into a few dozen ex- the fifty cents per capita and coterie of Senators which is de- aggerated estates, then there whatever other emoluments may termined to defeat the new trea- would be impending over this be made to germinate in a soil the franchises and all property thereunto apty and every other which lowers people a calamity that would be fertilized and cultivated by far- pertaining; the railroad of the Gonzales a single tariff schedule, and as calamitous. Trusts and all ac- mers, the crops to be harvested no reciprocity is possible without quisitive combinations are or- by the lawyer aforesaid. Do with the franchises and all property thereunsome tariff reduction, the reci- ganized primarily for the pur- lawyers sow and reap not? The to appertaining; and the railroad of the San procity policy of Blaine, McKin- pose of exploiting the producers, scheme will not work, neither ley and Roosevelt is to be rele- and consumers, of which farm- can the farmer be worked by the dale, in Wilson County, with the franchises gated to a "campaign talking ers are by far the most numerous scheme. - Farm and Ranch. point' by the servitors of the class. It would not do, even if many's completing the Panama protected interests of the coun- it-were possible, for farmers to

### Will Not Combine

country that will not combine to unless they devoured each other. oppress the people, and it is well Farmers may and should comthat it is so, for on that industry bine, not in one great trust nor It has the advantage of saving every man, woman and child de in forty-two trusts, for that can peoples' feelings. Thus it would seem that further pends for bread. There can be no farmer's trust. There are borhood, school district or counry of State or of Congress might now about 9,000,000 farmers in result in the former's being the United States and more than 360,000 in Texas. The total After days of anxious and valuation of farm property in the painstaking labor, the president United States by the census of

America, and who would be which, however unfairly its ben- tributed? These farms produce by the shrewdest organizer, or OF APPLICATION TO THE LEGISLATURE A serious menace to the Mon- greatly benefitted by the owner- efits may be distributed in the annually about \$5,000,000,000 directed to a single purpose by roe goctrine has appeared on the ship of the canal. He says this United States, certainly secures worth of products which go to the utmost power of man. Such horizon of American affairs, as a course would not be constructed for this country benefits out of feed and clothe people of the organizations would partake of result of the casuistic diplomacy as a violation of the Monroe all proportion to the concessions world, this is about \$63 worth the independent character of the of Secretary of State Hay. Senor Doctrine because, when it was allowed to Cuba, the President is for every man, woman and baby individuals composinging it.

go into a trust, for then there would be no carcasses for the financial vultures, but all would be vultures alike, and the finan-There is one industry in this cial birds of prey would starve not be done; but in every neigh. tv. there should be an organization of farmers for co-operative and educational purposes.

portion of the trade of South cluding a treaty with Cuba wealth, or wealth so widely dis- ganizations could not be handled

We see from the papers that

There is a movement on foot to raise the salary of President Mitchell if the United Mine workers from \$1,800 to \$3,000 per

ably uses the Devil for a butt.

### WARNING

under penalty of law trespassing When this is done, the attitude upon our lands in Kinney County of farmers to the trust question and from hunting in our pastures

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#### Obituary.

Paul August Stadler was born in San Antonio, Texas, August 29th 1874. His father John Stadler, with his family, moved to Brackett in December, 4879 and in the following spring the initial issue of the "BRACKETT News'' made its appearance with the names of John Stadler and C. W. Kartes as its editors and proprietors. In May of that year, both John Stadler and Ca W.Kartes were drowned by flood waters while on their way to Eagle Pass.

Paul grew apace and in due time attended the Brackett school, but his attendance there was not of long duration. Circumstances required that he should be employed. His first employment was with Mr. John Herzing who was engaged in the butchering business and it was not long before he had thoroughly mastered the trade. His indefatigueable industry, energy and manly bearing soon attracted business men, and Dr. W. R. Partrick offered, and he accepted a position in his merchantile establishment. He continued in the Doctor's employ for about three years, when he received ple, as the following will show: and accepted a more lucrative 1. Give a Georgia darky a "chaw and responsible position with of tobacco," and you're a cap'n. the firm of Roach & Go. Here he remained until his last illness terminated his employment.

So well had he won public esteem, that when he announced for County Treasurer last September, all opposition faded out and in the election following he was elected to this most responsible position, with the hearty good will of the entire county. Such faith had the business men in his honesty and integrity that the onerous bond required by this official was furnished by him with hardly an effort.

confidence but the love and respect of all who knew him in his of tin work. Repairing a speprivate life. Generous, noble, cialty. pure and kind. No evil thought ever entered his mind, and were every one to whom he said a kindly word or done a generous church. deed, to place on his tomb a blossom, he would now sleep beneath a wilderness of flowers.

On December 31st, 1902, in the morning of his young manhood, before the day's work began, while the future, with the bow of promise shining on her brow, was beckoning him to higher duties; he grew weary and lay down to rest.

tery at Brackett, with imposing 11 o'clock by Rev. Wray. All cememonies, on January 4th. invited to attend. The U. S. Military band and the entire town accompanied his remains to their last resting place.

He leaves surviving, a mother, Mrs. Jos. Meier of this place: a step father, Jos. Meier, now in the Civil Service; two brothers and one sister, to whom the BRACKETT NEWS extends its deepest sympathy.

Late yesterday evening while away to supper, someone entered our office and "pied" several galleys of type and did quite a lot of other devilmen, and as it was all matter for this week, it was impossible to set it up again so we were compelled to put in plate matter. No one but those of the craft can realize the state For sale by J. H. PRATT. Design and signer in species have yet arrived there.'

of things and can really sympathize with us. For the benefit of those who are not familiar with the workings of a country newspaper, the word "pi" means that the type has been mixed so you can imagine what it is to sort five columns of letters, one at a time.

#### Odd Mission on the Side.

There is a new Philadelphia restaurant that is unique. In addition to catering to the wants of the inner man, it aims to provide a club for servant girls on their Thursday afternoons out. The proprietoress has had a lot of handbills printed calling attention to the fact that her restaurant "is for a good purpose and is much needed, for it is grand of itself, for our young ladies and gentlemen." An extract from this circular that is worthy of preservation as a literary curiosity is as follows: "Let us Notice that there are same one at service in this city. and especially Up-Town, who have no certain place in disagreeable weather, to spend their Thursday Afternoon, when absent from their occupation. Such persons and others like-wise can have the use of my Sitting Room, where they can read or sing, and enjoy themselves, while the beautiful Piano Music will be heard during our supper. No charge to sit and enjoy yourself until you are ready to return at the proper hour to your occupation."

#### Cheap Compliments.

A Western writer who recently visited Georgia says that on the very first day he was addressed as "Captain," and that after ten days everybody called him "Colonel."

He was somewhat puzzled about it, but the whole thing is very sim-

2. Give him a quarter, and you become a colonel.

3 Paralyze him with a dollar, and voa're a general for life.

4. Throw in an old suit of clothes and two stiff "drams" of corn liquor, and he raises all his children to call you "governor."

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### A. J. LONG,

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#### This is Worse.

The placard in a clothing store window "Pants, 99 cents a leg; seats free," have been outdone by one in a tailor shop window of East London, which reads: "Dandy kicksies, with wroughty buttons and an artful takement down the sides. Cut saucy over the trotters. Half a monarch."

#### "General Mite" is Dead.

Flynn, the famous dwarf, better mown as "General Mite," who went to England with "Tom Thumb," died at Cardiff a few days ago. He was a native of Chenango county, N. Y. He stopped growing when year and a half old. He was 22 nches tall, was perfectly formed und displayed considerable intelli-"General Mite" was 37 rears old.

Jawelors' Dummle Clooks. A paragraph has been going the rounds of the press that the dummy clocks used by jewelers and other dealers in timepieces as advertisements always indicate the hour of 8:18 to commemorate the precise moment at which President Lincoln was assassinated. There's nothing in this, Victor Smith declares. Lincoln did not arrive at Ford's theatre on the fatal evening until 9 o'clock, and Booth did not shoot him until after 10. His death occurred at

#### Stole the Cornerstone.

7:30 the next morning.

A few days ago the mayor of Bordeaux laid the foundation stone of some new buildings to be erected in the Cours Pasteur. According to custom several pieces of money, new from the mint, amounting to about 15 shillings, were deposited in a casket beneath the stone. It has now been ascertained that these were stolen after the ceremony, the theft necessitating the removal of a good deal of brick work.

#### A Versatile Auctioneer.

Mr. Henry Lumley, the wellknown London auctioneer, who died recently, was a man of varied tastes and considerable attainments. In spite of the cares of a large business, he found time to dabble in literature, and produced several two. He planned the water supply of Jerusalem, and invented a new kind of ship's rudder, which in one case at least proved of remarkable dent, a book of Martha Washing curling-up movement simultaneously with the movement from side | cade gown. to side.

### One-Sided Arrangement.

A European town has adopted at ordinance requiring all husbands within its borders to be at home by 11 o'clock at night, or to pay a prescribed fine. This appears on the face of it to be a pernicious scheme for the discouragement of matri mony and the enlargement of the rank of roving bachelors. If the [ do." heads of households are compelled to seek the refuge of their domestic firesides an hour before midnight the unattached and irresponsible be ings without wives should be round ed up and driven under cover at It o'clock or earlier .- N. Y. Tribune

### Baldwin's First Locomotive.

The first engine turned out by the Baldwin Locomotive works, seventy years ago, weighed about ten tons and was used on what is now a par of the Reading road. It was advertised by the road as employed in case of fair weather, but ir stormy weather horses were substituted. There were ninety-five miles of railroad in the United States when Mr. Baldwin took the order for the first locomotive.

the imperial crest, is also missing the ship's crockery, stamped with when on the main deck. Some c enatched through the windows in silken fringe. These have been stealing a gold tassel or piece o spoiled curtains and hangings by estries by cutting out bits, and have Visitors have ruined the costly tal limit special permits to visitors zollern that it has been decided to such havoc with the yacht Honen **李安安安安全市场中央市场中央市场中央市场** J. S. MORIN,

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Colonel Edwin A. Stevens, the present owner of Castle Point, Hoclever stories, besides a novel or boken, one of the oldest houses in America, has among his collection of curios, visiting cards of Martha Washington, written by the presi utility. It is constructed on the ton's with her own name and the principle of a fish's tail, having a date 1759, and a piece of Mrs. Washington's red and white bro

> "Any lady or gentleman desiring o earn a little money without any nterruption to their ordinary busi-1ess, write to B-, inclosing I shilling in stamps, and we will forward particulars." It is said that hose who answer advertisements of this nature, which abound in English newspapers, sometimes rezeive a laconic postcard, "Do as

### New Diamond Find.

The South African millionaires may find a whole lot of trouble on their hands, even if the Boer was is ended, said a New Yorker, recently back from the diamond fields to an interviewer the other day. "I left British Guiana about two months ago, and at that time the country was in a wild state of excitement over the discovery of diamonds on 'ie upper waters of the Mazaruni, a tributary of the Essequibo. As the district where the diamonds are found is far up in the mountains, it is difficult of access for the present, but if the gems can be located in any quantity there wil' be no difficulty on the transportation question. Some of the mines, which are little more than prospects, are in the hands of New Yorkers, and parties of men have been sent up there in the mountains at great cost to carry on the work Most of the diamonds are small but when you figure that ten men in six weeks secured over 8,000 of the little sparklers, you can see that it will soon run up into money The diamonds thus far secured have bee nshipped to New York, although I do not know whether they

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Lent's Effect on Business.

"Lent," said the man who poses as a keen observer, "has a decided effect upon various business enterprises. Some businesses are stimulated by the penitential season, and others are depressed. Cigar stores and saloons are affected adversely. Lots of men, in order to make sacrifices, give up either drinking or smoking; some abstain from both Any tobacconist or bartender will bear me out in this. The fashionable theaters suffer, and so do the caterer. There are no balls, or lances or supper parties in private houses, and that cuts the caterer out of a good thing. The florist, though, is rather benefited by Lent and so is the bookseller. Young men seem to feel it incumbent upon them to shower flowers and books upon the girls, in lieu of taking them out. Confectioners also do a good business, and as for the hotel proprietors at fashionable resorts, during the Lenten season."

Another Shaw Story.

Secretary Shaw practiced law in lowa before he went into banking. The other day he told some visitors how he won a case because one rout in Jeffersonville, Ind. He juror held out for him. A young fellow was on the stand. The op- Rockefeller concern, but lately posing lawyer drew from him that changed to an independent comhe did not work, had no desire to pany in Louisville. Then the Standliziness. "You come of a good-fornothing family, don't you?" asked it a fact that your father is a miserable, worthless, low-down creacreature, with no ambition, and with no standing in the community," Those splendid Merchantile thundered the lawyer. "Can't say," eigars can be had if you go to replied the witness. "Perhaps you J. H. Pratt. had better ack father himself. There he is sitting on that jury."

The Most popular resort in town-the Mint

Archibald Bard Darragh is a congressman from Michigan, and Thomas Robert Bard is a senator from California. They never met, the Post says, until they were introduced to each other recently in Washington. Yet the two men had the same great-grandfather, Richard Bard, whose experience during the French and English war of 1756-1760 was as thrilling as any romance. When Richard Bard was living near Fort Duquesne, where Pittsburg now stands, his home was attacked by Indians. His baby's brains were dashed out against a tree and his wife was carried off by one band of Indians, while he was taken away in another direction. ing her with a band of Indians and place in the intellectual and sciensecuring her ransom for \$300. A tific world. they simply reap golden harvests few years later two boys were born to them. One was the grandfather of Congressman Darragh. The other was the grandfather of Sens-

tor Bard. Emil Andres, a retaile rof oil, has put the Standard Oil company to used to buy his supplies from the usual way-cutting prices below profit line- but the citizens stood fered it at half that price.

An ideal meal with all the finishing touches Fine stock of Gunthers candies just receiv- from top to bottom.

Professor Mark W. Harrington, mee occupying the chair of astronmy ar Ann Arbor, and subsequentchief of the United States ital, is said to be working laborer in a North Pacine himber camp. Shortly after political changes which led to Pro fessor Harrington's downfall Washington, his health failed. sormia undermined his strength and impaired his activity. Within the last six or eight years he has had a variety of experiences. He was president of the university of the state of Washington for a year or two, went to the Orient, where he was evertaken by scarlet fever, and after his return to this country worked on a Louisiana sugar plant-His captors painted one side of his ation. Still more recently he filed a face, which meant that there was a homestead claim in the fir forests division of sentiment as to whether of Washington, but instead of clearhe should live or die. During the and himself he entered the night he crawled into a hollow log, employ of a lumber company at and afterward escaped, traveling Port Blakely. An Ann Arbor dismany weary and dangerous miles patch says that his cutdoor life is until he reached the nearest Eng- improving his health, conducing to lish settlement. For three years he sleep and restoring his ambition. searched for his wife, finally locat- He has hopes of returning to his old

> F. S. Fritter keeps the Queen of Saba, the best, try it. When you went a first-class meal served

n first-class style just drop in at the Mint

town. One night, relates a Washington correspondent, he was out on the floor of the rink making fancy figures, when two amateurs, hand in hand, bore down on him. He tried to get out of the way, but work and was not ashamed of his ard proceeded to ruin him in the couldn't. The two skaters bumped into the embryo senator. One caught hold of his whiskers on one Shaw's opponent. "Oh, I don't by him, preferring to pay the higher side and the other took a grip on know," replied the witness. "Isn't figure. He charged to cents a gal- the other side. Yelling with pain, lon, though the Standard vainly of- Bacon tried to shake them off, but they clung to him until all three went to the flood together. Bacon got up, took off his skates, went home and shaved. Since that time he kasn't worn a skate or a whisker

ed at HOLMES' DRUG STORE. 6-it.

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When you want to drink and weather bureau at the national cap- look pleasant, "Reserved D" will have the desired effect. Sold by F. S. Fritter.

> Miss Nellie Stone was married by phonograph the other day to F. J. Duncan in Oswego, N. Y. The regular ceremony could not take place because the house in which she was living was quarantined for smallpox, and the delay made her so nervous that her physician advised a phonograph marriage, which is asserted to be perfectly legal. In her room at the house where she was quarantined Miss Stone, in the presence of witnesses. repeated into the phonograph the words: "I, Nellie Stone, do take this man, James F. Duncan, to be my lawfully wedded husband, for better or for worse, till death do us part." The register was then removed, fumigated and taken to the Duncan residence, where the bridegroom and the clergyman performed their part of the ceremony.

Gracie Merriam, a 12-year-old girl from Cicciniati, as visitingw friends is Washington last week. She was an rious to see the White House, including the rooms where the president lives. None of her friends could get her the desired permission, so she wrote this let-

"Dear Mr. Roosevelt:-I am a little girl from Cincinnati, and I want to go through the White House so much. I don't know anybody to take me there, and I thought I would write you and ask if you would let me see it. Your true friend, Gracie Merriam."

A day or two later Gracie re ceived a letter from the president saying he would be glad to see her, and that she could go through the White House from top to bottom if she would come and bring his note with her. She came and was given a special escort and went through the historic old mansion

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four large boilers, whence it runs into a cooling apparatus. Fifty children are allowed to enter at a time, while the others wait for their turn in a neighboring Warmestube, another charitable institution.

Would Tax Posters.

Francis Griswold Landon, member of the New York legistature, has introduced into that body a bill to tax advertising posters. The idea is to put some limit to the disfiguration of town and country scenery by inartistic and unsightly billboards.

Do Soldiers Shoot Themselves Casulaty lists from South Africa have reported so many accidental woundings, some of them fatal, as to give rise even in England to the idea that there must be many men entrusted with arms who do not know how to use them and unwittingly injure themselves or their comrades. As many as four or five gases of this sort have been reorted in one dispatch.

Some time ago it was noticed by an admirer of Rudyard Kipling that his famous poem, "On the Road to Mandalay," went very well to the tune of "The Wearing of the Green." On pointing this out to the author Mr. Kipling replied "Oh, yes; I frequently take a well known song, hum it over for a few minutes and then write words to fit the tune."

A young matron in Germantown who never lets small difficulties daunt her wished to give a tea. Her maid was inexperienced, but willing and anxious to please. So Lillen was told to open the door for the visitors and that each one would give her a card as she came in. In the midst of the tea Ellen rushed to her mistress in great distress and in a stage whisper said: "Two got in on one ticket, and I couldn't keep them out."

At a gathering of medical men who had assembled at the Philadelphia College of Physicians, a discussion arose as to the utility of the X-ray on the battlefield, and the surgeon, Dr. W. W. Keen, told this story: "After the battle of Gettysburg, a corps under the command of a young physician, who had recently been appointed, was ordered to collect the wounded Among the disabled was a man who had been shot through the leg. The young doctor proceeded to use his knife. After cutting for a halfhour, he was interrupted by the solder with: 'Say, how much longer are you going to cut?' 'Until I get the ballet,' replied the doctor. 'Why, you fool, if that's what you want I've got it in my pocket.' Sure enough, the bullet had lodged in the

Sublime Nerva.

"Speaking about nerve," said Cimmissioner of Pensions Evans to a Washington interviewer to cently, "I have just been in contact with an acute case. When I first assumed office as commissioner of pensions I had a great deal of trouble with an attorney who was engaged in all kinds of fraudulent practices. After a long period of worriment and great difficulty the attorney was finally given a threeyear term in the penitentiary. The other day I received a letter from the same man saying he was about to be released from imprisonment and asking me as a personal favor to secure a railroad pass for him to California."

The New York courts have decided that theatre tickets are not among the necessaries of life rejuired by a boy of 16 while at college. The young man ran in debt for certain bits of pasteboard, and when sued set up the claim that he need not pay for them, because they were not among the things that "an nfant" in law had to have. The courts sustain this view.

United States Senator Quay walked out of the Broad street station in Philadelphia the other day, relates a local newspaper, and started down past the line of waiting cabbies. He was spotted as "sure fare." "Walton, senator?" cried the first man, touching his hat. Quay never turned to right or left. "Stratford? Right here for Stratford," cabby No. 2 ventured. Quay walked on. "Bellevue?" asked a third. Quay was oblivious. It looked as if the fare was lost. All depended on the last man in the line. "Desi and dumb asylum? Step right in. Going right up. This was too much for Quay. He smiled, stepped into the cab and was whirled away. But not to the

A superstitious man, one Umstaro Nagal, living at Akasaka-Ku, in Japan, lately built a stone pillar about twelve feet high and six feet wide, costing 1000 yen, in the premises of the Shounji temple, at Tokio, in memory of the rats which were recently hunted and destroyed wholesale throughout the city in order to prevent the spreading of the pest. He was said to have been disturbed at night by horrible nightmares, in which he was chased and torture by thousands of these rodents. He attributed these nightmares to the spirit of the rats Hence the penitential pillar.

The fiction of the mysterious ledestone mountain which drew the nails out of ships that approached near enough has a certain foundation in fact, says the Siecle, only the fact has suffered by expansion. On the coast of Norway, near Joedern, there is a sand dune of nearly three-quarters of a mile in length. The sand is mixed with particles of lodestone, and when a ship comes in the vicinity the compass becomes irregular, and the ves sal is entangled in a kind of whirl poel and thrown ashore.

An English university man who has been visiting Washington, was invited to supper last night by a party of men who, with one exception, are graduates of the most noted of American colleges. The one exception was the host, a mar who is always delightfully frank about all the incidents of his career The talk turned on colleges, and every man declared his alma mater "And you," said the Englishman turning to his host, "you are a college man, too, I presume?" "Oh yes, indeed," answered the host. " was graduated at an institution tha has turned out more men than any other in the country-Dr. Keeley' famous university at Dwight, Ill You must be sure to visit it while you are in the West." And the in doing so."

Beldler's Odd Fad.

Representative Beidler, of the Cleveland, O., district, has a fad. He is interested in the raising of milless dogs. After many experiments Mr. Beidler has now a fine litter of dogs which have no tails. They are odd-looking little animals and bear the same relation to other canines as a human being does to 1 monkey. Mr. Beidler does not my what advantage is gained by thus improving upon nature, being apparently satisfied with demonstrating that tailless dogs are a possibility.

Mrs. Long Is a Walken Mrs. Long, wife of the secretary, s about the only woman of the abinet contingent who goes in for valking. Nearly every morning the accompanies the secretary to his affice, and not infrequently meets sim there and walks home with him u the afternoon.

New York is pretty well supplied with newspapers. But so far a mere numbers are concerned, it. papers are only a tithe of what ar found in Paris. There are about 2600 organs of the press in the French capital, 163 of which are political journals. Of political dai lies in Paris there are 79, of tri weeklies I, of weeklies 73, of b monthlies 6, of monthlies 2 and o annuals I. Of the whole number 122 are republican, 31 are conse: vative and 10 can not be classified The reviews number 10 weekly, 3 bi-monthly, 60 monthly, 26 quarter ly, 28 are issued six times a year and II appear at irregular intevals. Napoleon suppressed sever hundred newspapers, leaving on 13 in existence during his reig. There are 500 papers in London.

The Rev. Dr. Sterrett, of Columbia university, who is very fond of golf, was playing not long ago with Chief Justice Harlan, so the story goes. It was the minister's turn to After carefully going over his stock of clubs he selected one, steadied himself and took careful im. After two or three preliminary waves he made a terrific swipe-tore up about a foot of earth -and missed the ball. He dropped his hands to his knees and looked steadily for fully two minutes at the hole he had made in the ground. Then, with a long-drawn sigh, he raised his head. The chief justice looked him in the face and, slowly shaking his head, said: "Doctor, that was the most profane silence I ever listened to."

A Chicago man who lives in Goo the street gets off the car at Schiller street, two blocks away, because no conductor can understand his pronunciation of Goethe. "I had practiced on the pronunciation for s week," he says, "and I had the sound of the 'umlaut' down fine. I sprung it on the conductor the first evening. He looked at me blankly, and replied: 'Huh?' I repeated # over once or twice, and finally a great light broke over him. 'Oh, yes, you mean Go-the. Why didn't you say so?' The next evening the conductor called it Go-eeth. The third time up it was Go-e-the. Then there was a raw Irishman in charge of one of the trains who spoke of as Go-tay, with the accent on the last syllable. One morning I left an order for my wife at the grocer's. He looked at me in silence for a minute after I had given our address. . 'Oh, yes,' he said, 'you mean Gertie street.' The butcher calls it Gaytie, the laundryman propounces it Gaytub, and the man who delivers coal alludes to it as Goth

The President Getting Stout President Roosevelt takes as much exercise as he can, but he is getting stout rapidly, having gained about fifteen or twenty pounds in the past six months. Formerly he lived a great deal in the open air, but since his elevation to the presidency he has been unable to do so, · buttons of his frock coat.

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