Boating on the Cuyuni River.

In the fall of 1895 I set forth again with another companion, this time going up the Cuyuni River. We took a small outfit. A prospector's first duty at Georgetown is to obtain a license from the colonial government. He must engage his men for four months, and advance them from five to eight dollars per man. Their wages are two shillings a day (about half a dollar in our money), and their rations, like the wages, are regulated by the government. A prospector on the Cuyuni usually employs from five to ten colored laborers. By steamer he proceeds from Georgetown to the Essequibo River, and a few miles above the junction of that river with the Cuyuni he arrives at Bartaca Grove, where a British gold station is situated. There he engages a boat, with a captain, who steers, a bowman, who stands at the bow to avoid rocks, and four boatmen, unless he has enough laborers in his party to dispense with the boatmen. It takes from fourteen to twenty men to man one of these open boats. The government regulations compel a prospector to hire a captain and a bowman, the former's wages being fixed at three dollars a day, and the bowman's at a dollar and a half.—Century.

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SNOW IN GREAT DRIFTS.

A Terrible Blizzard in the Far Northwest.

RAILROAD TRAFFIC IMPEDED.

A Cyclone Strikes Kentucky and Mississippi--A Blizzard Also Strikes Texas.

A special from Grafton, N. D., of the 27th, says the worst snow storm ever known is raging there. The blinding snow is being driven across the country at a fearful rate by a high wind. The north-bound Northern Pacific train got as far as Pembina and the south-bound train to Macinac. A train-load of cattle was stuck in a drift. Argyle, Minn., reports drifts in the streets there as high as the buildings alongside. Mail and freight trains were tied up. The storm showed no signs of abating. The mercury at Fergus Falls, Min., is at zero and business is suspended.

Owing to the wires being down and the roads choked by fallen trees, only meagre details of the storm which swept western Kentucky have reached Paducah, Ky. One house was destroyed at Fulton. Along the line of the Illinois Central in southern Illinois some damage was reported. A man and child are missing from Kuttawa, Ky. It is said they were blown into the Cumberland river and drowned. The depot was wrecked at Eddyville and a factory blown down and the court house unroofed. Trains are badly delayed on all railroads.

Reports received at St. Paul, Minn., from Winnepeg, Man., state that the worst blizzard in years is raging there. At Winnipeg snow drifts eight to ten feet high are common. The wind is blowing at the rate of 50 miles an hour. All telephone and telegraph wires are down and railroad traffic is seriously delayed.

The weather throughout Oregon is very cold, the thermometer registering 21 degrees below zero, which is colder than it has been in Portland in twenty-four years. At Kemola, in the Blue mountains, the thermometer registered 15 degrees below zero. It is feared that much damage to grain will result.

The first blizzard of the new season has swept down on north Texas. The mercury fell close to the freezing point and cold sleet fell early.

A cyclone struck a corner of Tunisa, Miss., wrecking a box car and several small houses and killing a negro woman, besides injuring half a dozen others. The fatalities were not numerous.

SILVER LEADERS TO MEET.

Washington the Place, December 10th the Time--Bryan Will Advise the Assembly.

An important conference of leaders in the late campaign of the free coinage of silver—Democrats, Populists, Republicans, Silver party and American Bi-Metallic Union representatives—will be held in Washington about December 10th. The call for the conference will be issued soon by General Warner, president, and G. E. Brown, secretary of the American Bi-Metallic Union. Secretary Bowen said that he was waiting to receive the form of the call from President Warner or instructions to issue it himself. He said it was expected that Mr. Bryan would be present to offer advice and be consulted regarding the best plan to solidify the free silver forces and conduct an aggressive educational campaign under one organization, if possible. The idea is to hold the silver forces together and to lose no ground during the next four years, besides making new converts to the cause. Senators Jones, Butler, Teller, Dubois and Pettigrew, Governors Altgeld and Stone, Messrs. Washburn and Towne, Metallic Union are expected to be present.

PRESIDENT'S FUTURE HOME.

Cleveland Buys the Most Desirable Place in Princeton, N. J.

The following has been authorized for publication:

"President Cleveland has purchased the residence of Mrs. Slidell, on Bayard avenue, in Princeton, N. J., and will make Princeton his permanent home soon after the expiration of his term as President. Negotiations looking to this end have been in progress for three weeks and were consumated last Friday by the purchase of the property. A number of reasons have attracted President and Mrs. Cleveland to Princeton. The quiet and home-like place, its healthfulness, its convenience to New York, the attraction of University Society, as well as other reasons, have been influential in his decision.

The actual purchase price of the property could not be learned.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW.

The Trade and Business as Reported For the Week.

Bradstreet's business review for the past week says last week's disappointment at the lack of demand in general lines continues—the intervention of a holiday having made trade quiter and the volume smaller. At some points of distribution there is no change in the situation. The most encouraging reports are of an improved tone of trade and a favorable outlook for 1897.

The larger number of changes in prices of staples were downward and weak, petroleum, hides, apples, cotton and wheat flour being lower, in addition to prices of metals. Unchanged quotations are reported for wool, print cloths, leather, pork, sugar and coffee, while the leading cereals, wheat, corn and oats, opened with advances, as also prices for leaf lard and tin. The reaction in the demand which appeared immediately after the election, together with the intervention of the Thanksgiving holiday, accounts for the sharp reduction in total bank clearings throughout the country, the total for which is $940,000,000 this week, nearly 24 per cent. smaller than last week, but 7.5 per cent. larger than in the corresponding week one year ago. There were 295 business failures throughout the United States, 13 fewer than last week and 7 more than in the week one year ago.

Mackerel Plentiful.

A dispatch from Boston states that the biggest catch of mackerel for years has been made this season, as nearly all the vessels engaged in that industry have returned to port with very large cargoes. The New England catch for the season is 69,242 barrels, and the largest haul of the season made by any single vessel was valued at $32,000. The best individual record, says the Dispatch, was made in 1882, when one vessel brought in mackerel valued at $34,000. Notwithstanding the large catches, prices of desirable lots have advanced.

McKinley's Escort.

It is officially announced that Troop A, Ohio National Guard, of Cleveland, will act as a military escort of President-elect McKinley at the inauguration ceremonies in Washington. Troop A is one of the finest military bodies in the country and probably embodies the most wealthy membership. It is splendidly equipped and well drilled.

Not Allowed to Possess Corn.

Capt. General Weyler has issued a decree notifying all growers of corn in the provinces of Pinar del Rio Habana and Matanzas to gather together all the corn still in their possession and transport it to the nearest towns and settlements by the 20th of next December.

HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Indications That the Convention at Tampa Will Be a Success.

The indications are that the South Atlantic and Gulf States harbor and improvement convention to meet in Tampa, Fla., Jan. 20, 1897, will be one of the most notable and important events of the South for many years. The call is attracting a great deal of attention throughout the country, the comments of the press being largely favorable to the proposition. It is believed that all of the Southern States will be represented and by their leading public and business men, and it is also believed that most of the Eastern, Northern and Western States will be represented.

An invitation has been extended to President-elect McKinley and it is believed that he will accept. The probability that he will be in Thomasville during the month of January adds much to the confidence and hope that he can be induced to visit Tampa on this occasion. It is probable that a special committee of Tampa's prominent citizens will add weight to Governor Mitchell's invitation by a personal visit to the President-elect when he comes to Thomasville.

It is also hoped that President Cleveland, with members of his cabinet may be induced to attend the convention in response to a cordial invitation already extended. This important work so auspiciously begun by Governor Mitchell will have the hearty cooperation of Governor Bloxham. That Tampa will be prepared to entertain this convention in a manner befitting the importance of the occasion with credit to herself, as well as to the State and South generally, goes without saying.

Secretary Cooper of the Tampa board of trade has been notified by the governors of several States that delegates to the convention have been appointed.

MULES FOR CUBA.

Live Stock Being Bought in Western Cities for Use in Weyler's Next Campaign.

The local members of the Cuba Libre Society claim that the Spanish government has representatives in St. Louis, who are buying live stock and ammunition to be used in the war in Cuba. Thirty car-loads of fine horses and mules have been shipped South in one train. It is claimed that the whole lot will be sent to Havana and placed at the disposal of General Weyler. They were purchased in small lots at the National stock yards and kept in a special pen until the train load was completed. The traders at the stock yards assert that there is a brisk demand for high class cavalry horses and army mules.

Agents of the Spanish government have also made large purchases of mules in the Kansas City market, the last one from Sparks Bros., with orders to get them to New Orleans as quickly as possible. The firm has arranged to send 275 of the animals and will send the others as the government makes requisition for them. It is understood that the animals are to be used in transporting supplies for the Spanish soldiers in the campaign that is to be at once undertaken by General Weyler against the insurgents.

SELECTING A CABINET.

Major McKinley is Aided by the Grange.

At Canton, O., last week Major McKinley listened to a formal request for recognition by appointment to the Cabinet. A committee of the National Grange, an organization of farmers with a membership of 250,000, urged Major McKinley to appoint J. H. Brigham, of Ohio, Secretary of Agriculture. The committee consisted of O. H. Hale, of New York, Geo. B. Horton, of Michigan, W. W. Miller, secretary of the Ohio State board of agriculture, and Aaron Jones, of Indiana, the latter of whom acted as spokesman. Mr. Jones said:

"We feel that the vast agricultural interests of the country ought to be recognized by the appointment of a practical farmer to the position of secretary of agriculture. Col. Brigham, whom we recomuend, is a successful farmer, a strong man of affairs, a good writer, and a good Republican. He has been for some years chairman of National Grange and he is favorably and widely known. We are not satisfied with the course of the present administration toward the farmers. We hope the Republican party will give us not only a representative in the cabinet, but fair and generous treatment in its tariff bill."

Major McKinley promised to carefully consider the suggestions of the committee and its members departed in excellent spirits.

Ex-Slaves Want Pensions.

The first national convention of the Slave Pension Association of the United States met at Birmingham, Ala., last week in three days' session with representatives present from several of the Southern and Southwestern States. The organization was formed in Topeka, Kas., last September for the purpose of securing for all former slaves pensions from the government. Resolutions were adopted urging immediate action on a bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, which contains the demands of the association. State organizations have been formed in Kansas, where the movement began; Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Missouri, Indian Territory, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennesse and Oklahoma.

Liberty Bell Company Fails.

At Chicago Judge Gibbons appointed the American Savings Bank receiver for the Liberty Bell, on application of Geo. S. Knapp, who alleges that there is due him as custodian of the bell a balance of $5,565. Knapp's claim is against the Columbian Liberty Bell committee. The failure is declared to be due to the financial stringency past and present. The entire capital stock of the company is 2,000 shares of $100 each, 1,400 common and 500 preferred. The corporation was organized in 1895.

Kentucky Beef for London.

A special from Paris, Ky., says C. Alexander shipped from his farm in this county, six hundred and fifty head of Durham cattle to London market for Christmas beeves. They average 1,726 pounds. They are the heaviest lot ever shipped from Kentucky. It will require fifty cars divided into two trains to trains to transfer them to Norfolk, Va., to take the steamer Hurona for London. Nelson Morris, of Chicago, purched the entire lot.

Failure of Twenty-two Banks.

A Concord, N. H., dispatch to the Boston Herald gives a list of twenty-two savings banks of New Hampshire which have failed in the last eighteen months, with deposits of over $17,000,000, and says of this amount 84,500,000 will be lost to the depositors. The money, it is claimed, was lost in Western land speculation.

Will Tour the South.

If arrangements can be made, the first infantry, Illinois National Guard, with 1,020 officers and men, Gatling section, signal corps, etc., will make a two week's tour through the historic battlefields of the South next June. Colonel Henry L. Turner, who has just returned from a trip in that section of the country, said it is proposed to take the Illinois regiment to Washington, D. C., Gettysburg, Richmond, Va., Fortress Monroe and about twenty-five battlefields in the South. The success of the trip to Atlanta is partially responsible for the present undertaking. Governor-elect Tanner, of Illinois, his staff and several hundred prominent citizens of Chicago will, it is said, accompany the soldiers on the trip.

New Senator for Alabama.

The two Houses of the Alabama State Legislature voted separately for a United States Senator and in joint session will formally elect Gen. E. W. Pettus to succeed James L. Pugh. The Republicans voted for M. D. Wickershaw and the Populists for A. P. Longshare.

Turkey to be Divided.

The London Daily Mail's Berlin correspondent says that the Grand Dude Nicholas, of Russia, on a recent visit to Vienna took with him a proposal for the partition of Turkey among the powers, and to make Constantinople a free port, Russia to have Asia Minor and England to have Egypt.

UNCLE SAM'S EXCHEQUER.

Annual Report of the Treasurer of the United States.

MONETARY STOCK EXPLAINED.

Shows an Increase in Gross Receipts and a Decrease in Gross Disbursements for the Past Year.

The annual report of Daniel Morgan, Treasurer of the United States, has been made public and shows the total receipts from all sources during the year ended June 30th last, to have been $326,976,200, as against $313,390,075 for the fiscal year 1895, an increase of $13,586,125. The receipts from customs aggregated $160,021,751, a gain of $2,653,134; from internal revenue $146,762,364, a gain of $3,341,192; from sale of public lands $1,005,523, a loss of $97,823; from miscellaneous sources $19,186,060, a gain of $2,479,622.

The total expenditures for the year were $352,179,446, as against $355,196,298 for 1895, a decrease of $4,015,852. The deficiency for the year is $25,203,245, or $17,601,977 less than for last year. The net receipts from the $262,315,400 of bonds sold in 1894, '95 and '96 were $294,164,295.

Continuing, the report says: In ordinary times and under ordinary circumstances there is a natural flow of gold toward the Treasury, which often is limited only by the capacity of the Treasury to carry the specie. The produce of our mines finds it way to the mint, where it is paid for by checks, and these are presented at the counters of the sub-Treasuries, or through the clearing house in New York, as currency obligations. The result is an increase of gold reserve and a diminution of the available balance of notes and silver certificates. Gold imported for the form of bullion or foreign coin takes usually the same course.

Besides these two sources of ordinary gain to the gold reserve there is another in the direct exchange of paper for coin, where the paper is preferred for its greater convenience. Fortunate indeed has it been for the Treasury that even during the most critical periods through which the country has recently passed these currents of in-flow have not altogether been checked, and that where the volume has been materially diminished. The loss has been partly made good by the assistance of financial institutions. In the fifteen months ending with September last the withdrawals of gold from the Treasury in redemption of United States notes and Treasury notes amounted to the immense sum of $192,972,205, while the net gains of gold from all sources attained a total of $98,138,902. The outstanding public debt, June 30th, 1896, aggregated $1,769,840,323, as compared with $1,676,120,983 on the same date in 1895. According to a revised estimate of the department the composition and distribution of the monetary stock for the fiscal year 1896 is as follows:

Kind.	In Treas. and mints.	In Circulation.
Gold coin.....	$112,589,974	$454,905,062
Gold bullion	32,102,926	52,116,904
Silver dollars.....	378,673,137	60,204,451
Frac silver	15,767,056	1,502,565
Silver bullion.....	120,933,958	568,258,984
Total metallic.....	660,067,051	224,249,868
U. S. Notes	122,431,148	95,405,347
Tr. nts. of 1890....	34,638,033	215,168,122
N't'l b'k nts	10,345,425	42,197,119
Gold certif's	620,070	330,657,197
Silver certif's.....	11,962,313	31,830,000
Currency cer	320,000	939,208,547
Total paper.....	180,803,989	1,570,467,531
Aggregate	840,871,040	

The grand aggregate is $2,348,338,571, as compared with $2,349,704,633 for the fiscal year 1895. While these figures show an apparent loss of more than fifty millions of money, the Department officers say that as a matter of fact the loss does not now exist. Many millions of gold went abroad prior to the closing of the last fiscal year, thus showing an unfavorable balance but it is claimed that since the inflow of gold has recurred and the importations have grown this money with credit addition thereto has come back to the United States. The net proceeds of the national bank notes redeemed during the year were $107,891,026, the largest amount for any like period in ten years, and with the exception of three years the largest since 1879. The cost for the redemption of national bank notes has been assessed against the banks at the rate of $1.12½ per $1,000.

THE M'KINLEY ESCORT.

It Will be Made Up of Ohio Troops, With Troops Doing Special Honors.

Col. Geo. A. Garrettson, of Cleveland, chairman of the committee on escort to the Col. Gregor, of Alliance, O., command escort of President-elect McKinley from Canton to Washington will be composed of the Eighth Infantry and the celebrated Troop A, of Cleveland, commanded by Capt. R. E. Burdick. Upon arrival in Washington, the Eighth Infantry will form as personal escort from the depot to the Ebbit house, after which the regiment will take its place in line with the Ohio troops, and such other military escorts as may be required during the inaugural ceremonies will be performed by Troop A.

The Eighth Regiment, infantry, Ohio National Guards, is composed of companies located in the various counties which McKinley has represented in Congress and is regarded as one of the best national guard regiments in Ohio.

Football a Felony.

The Kansas City, Mo., Times states that during the coming session of the Legislature an attempt will be made to pass a law putting the game of football on the same plane with prize fighting, which is a felony in Missouri.

Fatal Floods in Greece.

An immense amount of damage has been caused by the terrible storms and floods which have inundated the low-lying quarters of Athens and Piraeus, Greece. Seventy persons have been drowned. Many houses have been destroyed and the tents sheltering the Armenian refugees have been swept away. As a result of the disaster great distress prevails. Detachments of soldiers from the foreign war ships in port assisted in the work of rescue.

A Lock Trust Next.

The Philadelphia Press says the leading lockmakers of the country have just perfected a new combination. It is to regulate the prices of locks in general, but more particularly trunk locks, on which it is claimed prices have been ruinously low during the past two or three years.

The Total Popular Vote.

Returns from all the States, either official or estimated by State officers, give McKinley 7,050,516, Bryan 6,221,552, Palmer 138,570. The total vote, including all parties, is placed at 13,569,638. According to these figures, which should not vary many thousands from the final official table, McKinley's plurality over Bryan is 829,000. Grant's 763,000 in 1872 comes next. Lincoln's plurality of 491,195 in 1860 has the third place, and Cleveland's of 380,810, in 1892, is fourth. McKinley's majority is also the largest on record. The total Prohibition vote this year is about 80,000, against 32,799 in 1892.

United States and Cuba.

A cablegram from London to the New York Sun, says: "Some dispatches from America indicates the expectation of possible action in Congress regarding the Cuban situation. It may be said without reservation that diplomatic circles in Madrid, Paris and London expect nothing of the kind. In fact, it is said with assurance that almost indicates knowledge that President Cleveland may be relied upon to do nothing to disturb the relations between the United States and Spain during remainder of his term."

The rumor that the mining wages are to be cut down throughout the State of Montana will likely cause a general strike.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

THE OLD TIME ALMANAC.

Who Was Philip Brooks, the Old Time Astronomer, In Richmond County?

Charity and Children Rev. John E. Albritton, writing of old almanacs says:

"'The North Carolina Almanac' for 1817 was calculated for this State by Philip Brooks, astronomer, of Richmond county, N. C.

"Not every county can boast of an astronomer. Who was Phillip Brooks? or whence came he? Some one might give us an interesting article in reply to these inquiries. I would be glad to see a sketch of Richmond's astronomer.

"The almanac was printed by T. W. Scott at the Minerva press of Raleigh. Abraham Hodge, with his nephew, Wm. Boylan, first published the Minerva in Fayetteville, N. C., in 1796, and a few years afterwards removed it to Raleigh where it was called 'The North Carolina Minerva and Raleigh Advertiser.' Hodge was a New Yorker by birth, but spent the last twenty years of his life in the Old North State, having died in Halifax, Aug. 3, 1805, at about 50 years of age. He was said to have conducted Washington's traveling press while the army was stationed at Valley Forge. From 1875 to the date of his decease, he published newspapers for a longer or shorter period, at Newbern, Denton, Halifax, Fayetteville and Raleigh. His is another distinguished printer's name that should be ever honored and perpetuated by North Carolinians.

"The publisher did not give much space to wit and humor."

Nearly All the Land Sold.

At Raleigh, Robert T. Gray, commissioner, under an order of court sold 167,000 acres of land in Dare county. This embraces the entire county save what are known as the Banked section along the ocean shore, part of Durrant's island and all of Roanoke island, the latter being the one on which Sir Walter Raleigh's colonists made the first English settlement on this continent. The land was bid off by the trustee for the note holders, who are New York bankers, the price paid being $100,000. This is the greatest land sale ever made in North Carolina.

As Dangerous as Yellow Fever.

Hemorrhagic fever has been generally supposed to prevail mainly in certain sections of the northeastern part of the State. It is certainly a very terrible and very deadly disease, and the remark has been made that it is as dangerous as yellow fever. It seems that it also prevails in a township in Cumberland county and in a malignant form. It is said bad drainage is the cause. The Fayetteville Observer says the township in question will be depopulated unless sanitary reforms are inaugurated.

A Novel Decision.

The Supreme Court has decided a very novel case. It holds that a private citizen, impersonating an ordained minister, who solemnizes marriage between man and woman is guilty of no crime either at common or statute law. The case comes from Pender county and persons thus married are satisfied and are living together as man and wife. Defendant impersonated a Baptist minister. A jury found him guilty, but he was discharged, judgment having been arrested by the judge. The solicitor appealed, but is now sustained by the Supreme Court.

The receipts of the Agricultural Department from the sale of fertilizer taxes are usually $28,000 annually, but this year approximate $40,000, as there is an increase of 25 to 30 per cent. in the amount of fertilizers sold.

Harbor Defense Convention.

Governor Carr, at the request of the Governor of Florida, has appointed twelve delegates to the convention which meets at Tampa, January 12th, to consider the question of fortifying the harbors on the South Atlantic and Gulf coasts against foreign invasion.

Following are the delegates: Alexander Sprunt, J. A. Galloway, John D. Whitford, James L. Fowles, R. B. Creecy, W. G. Curtis, William L. Battle, Peter D. Price, Joseph E. Pogue, William M. Cooke, W. E. Breece and J. H. McAden.

A Conflict in Dates.

There is a conflict between the Federal and State laws regarding the time of the meeting of the electoral college. The Federal law names the second Tuesday in January, while the new State law names the first Tuesday in December, which is December 1. Upon inquiry at the executive office it is learned that the electoral college will meet on the latter date.

Charlotte has another national bank with a capital stock of $125,000.

The Presbyterian church at Lincolnton will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. R. Z. Johnston on January 8, 9 and 10, 1897.

Nineteen suits, of $10,000 each, have been brought against the Cumnock Coal Mining Company, by relatives of persons killed.

The date of Governor-elect Russell's inauguration has not as yet been made, but it is thought that it will be made after the Ligislature meets.

North Carolina Railways.

The annual report of the North Carolina railway commission shows that the total mileage in the State is 3,439, and the valuation of railway property is estimated at $26,676,036, or an increase of $14,254,392 since the establishment of the commission. The railways in the State pay one-tenth of the State taxes. The mileage built during the year is as follows: Caldwell & Northern, eleven miles; Hendersonville & Brevard, twenty-two miles; Aberdeen & West End (June 30, 1895, to Nov. 1, 1896), thirty-seven miles.

A FISHERMAN'S STORY.

Exposure Came Near Ending His Life.

From the Press, Utica N. Y.

Mr. William Dale is a highly respected farmer living in that part of the township of Brookfield known as the "Waterman District," and is well known as a thrifty and honorable man of independent means. Three years ago Mr. Dale was disabled from rheumatism in a most aggravated form, which medical skill seemed powerless to relieve, but suddenly he became to all appearance cured, was able to attend to his work, and ever since has been in looks at least the incarnation of sound bodily health.

The following is Mr. Dale's own statement of his case and what wrought the change.

BROOKFIELD, New York, July 14th, 1896.

"I am fifty-one years old, and by birth an Englishman. In my early life I followed the avocation of fisherman, in which by exposure I contracted rheumatism, from which I suffered more or less for many years. About three years ago, I arose one morning to find myself crippled, and the least exertion brought on most excruciating pains, so that I was forced to seek relief by going to bed and remaining motionless. Our family physician was immediately summoned, and he began the usual course of remedies but instead of helping me I became worse. My joints, especially in my left arm were inflamed and hot. I suffered much from derangement of the heart, and constant sweats, which were of a sour, ill smelling nature. My appetite failed me, my tongue was thickly coated, and altogether I was in a bad way. In addition to this, worriment of mind because I could not attend to the spring work on two farms which I owned, made my condition deplorable.

"While in this unhappy state, my friend, Mr Amos Jaquays, of Columbus Centre, hearing of my illness, came over and recommended me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which he said had cured him of kidney disease. He also stated that William Woodman, whom I had known to be a terrible rheumatic sufferer all his life, was through this remedy now in the best of health.

"To make a long story short, I went over to Mr. Silas York, who keeps a store and sells groceries by wagon through the county, for a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and began to take them according to directions. The results of the new treatment were astonishing, as after taking nine of the pills I was at work and ever since have done my full share of labor.

"Pink Pills are now our physician. We always keep them in the house, and doctors bills have ceased to be a part of the family expenses.

"These pills are becoming pretty well known in this part of the country, as all who have here used them swear by them, and do all in their power to make their virtues known.

"The above is a true statement, and if necessary I will make oath to the same.

"WM. DALE"

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Early Hours.

As we grow older we learn wisdom in this matter. The gray-haired parent, whose dancing days are over, and whose limbs are not elastic, is glad to hasten bed-time, and to leave his daughters to their foolish joy in the late hours. He would lengthen his nights in spite of his difficulty in sleeping. Very few persons over 60 years old care to sit up after 11 o'clock in the evening, and would rather be invisible at an earlier hour. Old age may not need more sleep than youth, but it is more covetous of sleep, and sooner disgusted with the day's excitement. "Go to bed early" is the advice which the elders give to the younger race, all the more emphatic as they remember their own sins in this kind in the former years, and wonder that they could have taken such needless risks in those night frolics. That is the advice, too, of the medical journals and men. Was there ever a wise physician who would counsel his patients to sit up until midnight as a rule, or even as a frequent exception? The wisdom in this matter, nevertheless, is of the kind that comes by experience, and the sage warning of the aldars is oftenest unheeded.

It is stated that the family of the late Herr Lilienthal, who lately met his death while experimenting with his flying machine, have ordered all his treatises on aeronautics, as well as all his diagrams and flying apparatus, to be destroyed by fire, which is taken to be an expression of their grief over the manner in which Lilienthal came to his death. This is a rather unsympathetic tribute to the life work of the distinguished professor of aeronautics, whose enthusiasm was evidently not shared by his surviving relatives.

The Chinese are throwing a little light on the coal trust. Anthracite coal mined in the Tonquin district is being laid down in San Francisco at prices greatly below those of Pennsylvania coal. Everybody is sorry for the trust, which is a worthy organization engaged in the business of getting about twice as much for coal as it is worth.

New York is about the worst town that ever happened according to Rev. Brougher, of Paterson, N. J. He says of the old town: "Its business men are cheats, its politicians anarchists, and society there a living lie." This, too, after Roosevelt and Parkhurst have been reforming the place three or four years.

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