

## RAMBLES OF THE RAMBLER

### BREEZY NEWS, VIEWS AND COMMENTS.

#### What He Sees and Hears While Roaming the Streets.

News of a rather amusing incident, which occurred at Frog Pond Saturday evening, has just reached the Rambler. While the occurrence was amusing, it is sad to relate that it cost the poor fellow his life and furnished the town its usual funeral services on Sunday afternoon, an exception to which has never been known to occur in the history of that burg.

The sad occurrence happened in this way: A young lady from the city, dressed to kill and wearing the usual long train, was visiting her country cousins and was walking down the main street of the town. A tallow-faced, freckle-nosed son of his parents from the remote swamps of that woe-begone section was coming down a side street just as the city lady was crossing in front of him. He had his eyes fastened on the vision of loveliness just passing and failed to notice the long train following in her wake. He stepped on the train and in a jiffy his feet flew from under him and he fell over into the gutter, breaking his neck by the fall. The young lady ran into a dry goods store, while her companions gathered up the remnants, and by the use of a number of pins she was enabled to get cut on the street again.

The town council got news of the occurrence and the Mayor called a special meeting and passed an ordinance requiring the ladies of Frog Pond to use more material in the top part of their dresses and less at the bottom,—other towns might follow this good example. The funeral was attended by the usual gathering and both bands played going to and coming from the cemetery.

The Rambler has often written about people who read this paper without paying for it. We have a case in point which happened over at Frog Pond last week, and which illustrates the heavy cost of borrowing the ARGUS. The story as told the Rambler by a man just from the scene, runs as follows:

A man who was too economical to take this paper sent his little boy to borrow the copy taken by his neighbor. In haste the boy ran over a \$4 stand of bees and in ten minutes looked like a warty summer squash. His cries reached his father, who ran to his assistance, and failing to notice a barbed wire fence, ran into that, breaking it down, cutting a handful of flesh from his anatomy and ruining a \$4 pair of pants. The old cow took advantage of the gap in the fence and got into the cornfield and killed herself eating green corn. Hearing the racket, the wife ran out, upset a four gallon churnful of rich cream into a basket of kittens, drowning the whole flock. In her hurry she dropped a \$7 set of false teeth, the baby, left alone, crawled through the spilled milk and into the parlor, ruining a brand new \$20 carpet. During the excitement the oldest daughter ran away with the hired man, the dog broke up 11 setting hens, and the calves got out and chewed the tails off four fine shirts hanging on the clothes line to dry.

During the little spare time the Rambler has we have been reading about the sun hiding its face on next Monday. There are plenty of reasons why the sun should hide its face, but we will not discuss this part of the question. Unless the astronomers deceive us, as they did about the stars falling,

we may look for the sun, which makes millions of bales of cotton, to be withdrawn from us for one brief hour on next Monday. It is to be a morning spectacle, beginning about six o'clock and lasting nearly three hours; but the period of totality will last scarcely a minute. This town is not in the line of totality, but still the eclipse will to the unscientific and untrained eye seem total, little of the sun at the height of the eclipse remaining unobscured.

As the eclipse progresses the light of the sun takes on a calcium-light appearance, culminating in an uncanny darkness that may deceive the birds and beasts that are not well up in astronomical lore to the extent of going untimely to bed or to roost. How they will feel after the accustomed light returns, it is difficult to say, for since Aesop's day we have not had a good interpreter of animal philosophy, and the Rambler will not attempt anything of the kind at this late day.

If he had the money the Rambler would offer a large reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who tied two cats' tails together and hung them across the clothes line in our back yard last night. We never once closed our eyes for sleep. We thought it was our neighbor's children crying and this morning we went over to speak about the disagreeable noise and our neighbor accused us of beating our children and said he was going to have us arrested for cruelty to animals. We were both at daggers' points when we discovered a lot of fur and fiddlestrings in a crude state strewn all over our back yard. This explained the continued yelling which we both heard, but it did not restore the sleep which we lost last night. Our neighbor is anxious to offer a reward, and like us he can offer but he has not the reward, and if either one of us had it we would keep it.

#### Aged 102 Years He Still Feels Young.

New York, May 20.—Joseph McGrath, of 144 East Eighty-second street, is 102 years old today. In speaking this morning about his age, McGrath said:

"I consider myself as hale and hearty as if I were forty. What makes me strong is that I have always adhered to outdoor exercise. When not at work, walking has been my principal pastime. I drink whiskey and I chew tobacco. There is no harm in it if you take it moderately. I have used tobacco and whiskey for 85 years. I get up about 7 a. m., take a light breakfast, smoke my pipe, read the newspapers and then go out for a walk. After dinner I smoke again, take a nap and then go out for a walk. In the afternoon I generally go to the Park. I thus get plenty of fresh air. After supper at night I take a smoke again, read the evening newspapers and generally go to bed about 9 o'clock. I do not consider myself an old man by any means."

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Lots of women have dresses they are afraid to wear.

The man who makes a fool of himself usually turns out a good job.

A woman who suffers untold agony is an exception to the rule.

The average wife knows the prick of conscience is productive of pin-money.

## GENERAL NEWS.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

News of the Stage, Social, Political and Otherwise, Gleaned From Our Daily Exchanges.

Political air castles may be told from the other kind by their always being roofed with slates.

If a Vice-President is not heard much of after election, his being put at the tail end of the ticket in itself suggests being sat down on.

Considering the part the censor played in the Transvaal war, when the final review of the army takes place the telegraph batteries should not be overlooked.

The employes of a shoe factory in Cincinnati struck last week because they were assessed five cents a week to pay for ice used to cool the drinking water. The ice furnished has been growing less of late and the strikers wanted to furnish their own ice. They were out only a few hours when they won the strike.

Some of the surplus revenues of the United States are to be employed to pay off twenty-five millions of indebtedness. This is the only proper thing to do with surplus revenue after it has been collected. The other thing that might be done is to reduce the revenue by cutting off some of the superfluous taxes.

The Rev. George Fletcher Shepherd, a Methodist clergyman of Deansboro, N. Y., has sent \$40 to a bank at Ilion to be kept until claimed by merchants from whom he purchased fruit when he was a small boy in that town. If there are no claimants in thirty days the money is to be given to the public library.

The distinguished English surgeon, Frederic Treves, at the Reform Club recently denounced those English ladies who have gone, unasked, to the front in South Africa. He accused them of merely seeking excitement. Indeed, we hesitate about quoting his language, because he said "these social locusts were a plague, really a terror, hated worse by the patients than by the doctors."

General Buller's reoccupation of Newcastle, with the repulse of the Boers from before Mafeking, in Bechuanaland, marks the end of Mr. Kruger's effort to drive the British out of South Africa. Sentimental talk about "republics fighting for their independence" should not be allowed to obscure the real purpose and expectation with which the Boer leaders undertook this war, which was not simply to exclude the Outlanders from all participation in the affairs of the Transvaal, but to extend the Boer or Afrikaner power over the British colonies.

Congress is likely to adjourn early in June. A tacit understanding apparently exists in the House between the Republican and Democratic leaders to defer any new legislation that is liable to postpone adjournment to the second session. In the Senate, nothing stands between a speedy termination of business except the Nicaraguan Canal bill. It is very doubtful if this will get through, although Senator Morgan is firm in his determination to force its passage. The subsidy shipping bill is almost sure to be hung up until next December. The same is true of the pure food bill. It is confidentially given out that the President is quite willing to have the Philippine resolution deferred for the present.

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# Skin Diseases



When the excretory organs fail to carry off the waste material from the system, there is an abnormal accumulation of effete matter which poisons and clogs the blood, and it becomes sour and acid. This poison is carried through the general circulation to all parts of the body, and upon reaching the skin surface there is a redness and eruption, and by certain peculiarities we recognize Eczema, Tetter, Acne, Salt Rheum, Psoriasis, Erysipelas and many other skin troubles, more or less severe. While the skin is the seat of irritation, the real disease is in the blood. Medicated lotions and powders may allay the itching and burning, but never cure, no matter how long and faithfully continued, and the condition is often aggravated and skin permanently injured by their use.

## The disease is more than skin deep; the entire circulation is poisoned.

The many preparations of arsenic, mercury, potash, etc., not only do not cure skin diseases, but soon ruin the digestion and break down the constitution.

S. S. S., nature's own remedy, made of roots, herbs and barks, of great purifying and tonic properties, quickly and effectually cures blood and skin troubles, because it goes direct to the root of the disease and stimulates and restores normal, healthy action to the different organs, cleanses and enriches the blood, and thus relieves the system of all poisonous secretions. S. S. S. cures permanently because it leaves none of the original poison to referment in the blood and cause a fresh attack.



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2253—MISSES' COSTUME. Sizes 10, 12, 14, 16 years.

Medium size requires 10 yards of 32 inch material 1 2 yard of all over and 5 yards of lace edging.



2255—LADIES' WRAPPER. Sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42.

Every dress maker calling at our store this month and requesting a copy will receive a copy of the "New Idea Fashion Review" gratis. This is published quarterly and contains cuts of every pattern made by the company.

We shall distribute the monthly sheets beginning with the June number.

# H. Weil & Bros.

## Real Estate Bulletin!

### FOR SALE.

I Farms, 30 to 40 acres each, half mile south of Webbtown; location excellent; good land and under high state of cultivation.

II Farm of 30 acres, half mile south of Webbtown, near the home of J. W. Bryan.

III Farm of 28 acres, quarter mile east of Webbtown, on north side of county road.

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V 300 acres, 7 miles from city, Indian Springs township, Wayne county. Good land, cheap, and terms easy.

VI Farm of 125 acres in Johnson county, 7 miles from Clayton; 12 miles from Smithfield. First-class dwellings; other improvements. Desirable neighborhood; price reasonable.

### FOR RENT.

2 brick stores E. & W. Walnut street.  
3 brick stores E. Centre, north of Mulberry St.  
3 brick stores under Arlington Hotel.  
28-room dwellings, A. M. I., W. Walnut St.  
111-room dwelling, " " near Epis. church.  
15-room dwelling E. Walnut street.  
16-room dwelling, Slocumb St., on Hill.

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