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HORSES AND MULES.

Large Purchases Made by the Spanish Government for the Armies in Cuba.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KANSAS CITY, November 25.—Agents of the Spanish Government have made large purchases of mules in Kansas City markets, the last one yesterday 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 during the present week 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 Captain General Weyler against the insurgents.

ST. LOUIS, November 25.—The local members of the Cuba Libre Society claim that the Spanish Government has representatives in this city who are buying live stock and ammunition to be used in the war in Cuba. Thirty carloads of fine horses and mules were shipped south in one train yesterday. It is claimed that the whole lot will be sent to Havana and placed at the disposition of General Weyler. They were purchased in small lots at the National stock yards and kept in a small pen until the train load was completed. The traders at the stock yards assert that there is a high demand for high-class cavalry horses and army mules.

CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

A Cuban Leader Who Surrendered to the Spaniards Under Promise of Amnesty.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, November 25.—Antonio Lopez Coloma, who was at the head of the revolutionists in the province of Matanzas when the present insurrection in Cuba broke out, has been condemned to death for the crimes of rebellion and homicide. He is to be executed tomorrow in the Cabanas for treason. Coloma, who headed the insurgents in the Matanzas province, where the insurrection was suppressed after about six weeks' fighting through the activity of the Spanish authorities, surrendered together with many other of the rebels upon the strength of a proclamation of amnesty made by Captain General Calleja. In the cases of nearly all the others who gave themselves up the Captain General's promise was made good, and they were set at liberty. Coloma, however, in spite of the promise of amnesty made to him, was not released, he being looked upon as one of the leaders and organizers of the rebellion. Instead, he was sent to Morro Castle, where he has been confined for over a year and a half, awaiting the decision in his case. The authorities until recently made no attempt to inflict upon him any more severe punishment than imprisonment.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, November 25.—The *Sun* says: Spot cotton here was unchanged. Liverpool was unchanged on the spot, with sales of 10,000 bales; futures advanced three and a half to five points. The receipts at the ports were 43,810 bales. Futures advanced six to nine points, lost this and declined ten to thirteen points, but rallied and closed unchanged to two points higher, with sales of 213,600 bales; exports, 50,784 bales.

The speculation to-day was fairly active, but the trading was in the main of an evening up character. At first prices advanced in response to higher cables, but on sales to realize the improvement was lost and a slight decline followed. Liverpool was a moderate seller here. At the decline, however, shorts covered and prices rallied, closing at practically unchanged figures, as compared with last night's final quotations. The South bought here and the Continent also sent buying orders. The spot markets in this country were steady, but sluggish.

OFFICIAL RETURNS

Of the Vote for State Officers in North Carolina.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, November 25.—Official returns of the vote for the State officers from all counties save Chowan, Pender and Polk are in hand at Republican headquarters and show that Russell, Republican, for Governor, received 151,006 votes; Watson, Democrat, 142,605. The majorities for Russell from the three above named counties are also in hand and show Russell's majority over Watson to be 9,019. The State officers will to-morrow begin the canvass of the vote and this will doubtless occupy two days.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, November 25.—Rosin quiet; strained common to good $1 90. Spirits turpentine steady at 27@27½c.

CHARLESTON, November 25.—Spirits turpentine firm at 24½c sales 25 casks. Rosin firm; sales 500 barrels; A, B $1 40, C, D, E, F $1 45, G $1 50, H $1 55, I $1 60, K $1 65, M $1 80, N $2 00, W G $2 20, W W $2 50.

SAVANNAH, November 25.—Spirits turpentine opened firm at 24¾c, with sales of 1,548 casks; closed quiet at 24¾c, sales — bales; receipts 1,336 casks. Rosin was firm and prices unchanged, with sales of 5,000 barrels; receipts 5,539 barrels; quotations: A, B, C, D, E F $1 50, G, $1 55, H $1 60, I $1 65, K $1 70, M $1 90, N $2 10, W G $2 30, W W $2 60.

The heaviest storm known in Montana for years is raging all over the State and the mercury at different points is from 10 to 40 degrees below zero.

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Absolutely Pure.

A Cream of tartar baking powder. Highest of all in leavening strength. —*Latest United States Government Food Report.*

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TWO TRAINS WRECKED.

ACCIDENT ON THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

Passengers Escaped With a Few Bruises—Engineer and Fireman Killed—Express Messenger Badly Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 25.—A freight train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, east-bound, was nearing this place this morning when the axle broke and wrecked the rear end of the train. The Southern Express, carrying passengers from Atlanta, Washington and Baltimore, was close behind, on another track, running at a high rate of speed. Before it could be flagged, it ran into the wreckage of the train which had spread over its track. The engine, mail car, two baggage cars and four sleepers were derailed.

The passengers, though considerably shaken up, escaped with a few bruises. The train crew, however, were not so fortunate. Joseph Meegan, 49 years of age, of Jersey City, engineer of the Express, and his fireman, H. W. Chichester, also of Jersey City, were pinned under their fallen engine and slowly scalded to death in full view of the passengers and trainmen gathered about, who were powerless to aid them. The baggage master was badly hurt in the wreck, but it is thought he will recover. The trains were stalled for hours. Wrecking crews were soon on the scene and after four hours' work succeeded in partially raising the blockade by opening one track.

The wreck occurred at Millstone Junction, two miles from here, at 5 09 this morning.

The injured man is E. S. Lambert, Express messenger, who has two ribs broken and was injured about the jaw and body. He may recover. Meegan, the engineer, must have seen the wreck in front of him just before the crash came. The passengers remember hearing a sudden slacking up of the train and they noticed the application of the air-brakes. In another moment came an awful crash. The first four cars were telescoped and crashed down a fifteen-foot embankment at the right. The first car was a mail car, containing the clerks, who were unhurt. Next came the Adams Express car and then a heavy Pullman coach, containing ten passengers. The fifth car, which was also a Pullman, went off the track, but it did not go down the embankment. The next three Pullman cars kept the track.

The passengers who were in the telescoped Pullman were asleep in their berths at the time, with two exceptions. They were thrown out of their beds violently and awoke to find themselves hemmed in. The lights had gone out and gas was escaping, adding to their horror. They heard the cries of the frightened and injured, and when they found egress cut off at the front and rear doors they broke through the windows and crawled out to the ground.

When the attention of the passengers in the rear cars was directed to the engineer and fireman of the passenger engine they found that they could not get near the engineer, who was buried in a heap of debris. Steam escaped in clouds from the engine, and it was apparent at once that whoever were in the wreck were dead.

GOLD CERTIFICATES.

A New Issue Proposed by Treasury Department Officials.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, November 25.—Assistant Secretary Curtis has been in New York two days but will be at his desk again Friday. No information is obtainable at the Department as to the cause for his visit to New York, but it is believed to be in connection with the proposed renewal of the issuance of gold certificates. It was generally understood at the Department that upon the return of the Assistant Secretary, Secretary Carlisle would issue an order permitting the resumption of this practice, he having authority under the act of July 12, 1882, to stop the issue of gold certificates whenever the reserve fell below the one hundred million mark. The cessation of this issue has happened frequently during the past four years, but it is now believed that the ordinary course of business will not interfere with a practice that has been found convenient for the banking institutions of the country, and particularly for those in the large cities.

There has been no stable gold balance since 1893. When Secretary Carlisle took hold of the Treasury in March, 1893, there were $116,000,000 of gold certificates outstanding, but they have been entirely withdrawn. When the first suspension of the issue of gold certificates occurred there were $114,000,000 outstanding. This happened in April, 1893. After the sale of bonds the gold reserve was recouped, but only temporarily. On two different occasions the issue of gold certificates was resumed, but it stopped at both times within two or three days after the order was made permitting them. Then the Secretary decided not to again direct their issue until the balance was stable and devoid of the fluctuations that had marked it through a period of many months.

To-day the outstanding gold certificates aggregate only $39,588,189. The issue proposed consists of denominations of $5,000 and $10,000, and will be issued to such persons as deposit the gold in the Treasury upon which they are issued. These issues are largely used by banks as a part of their reserve funds, and enable them to carry a large amount of the equivalent of gold without the bulk of the article itself and without the attendant losses by abrasion, etc.

TOBACCO GROWERS.

The National Convention to be Held in Ocala, Florida, January Next.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., November 25.—The National Tobacco Growers' Convention that will be held in Ocala, Fla., January 12th, gives promise of being one of the most important gatherings ever held in Florida. Secretary D. S. Williams, of the Ocala Board of Trade, received a letter on Saturday from the Governor of Indiana stating that he had appointed eleven delegates from that State, all of whom have signified a determination to attend. The Governor of every State in the Union will appoint, if he has not already done so, similar delegates, and representatives from every tobacco growing State in the Union will be present. Mr. Williams is daily in receipt of letters from tobacco men from all parts of the country who will attend whether they are delegates or not. The convention is being thoroughly advertised in all the tobacco journals, and is arousing a far greater interest than was anticipated by the most sanguine. It now looks as if there would be at least five hundred delegates and visitors present from outside the State. In addition to this every county in Florida will send delegates.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

THE WAR IN CUBA.

CAPTAIN GENERAL WEYLER'S RETURN TO HAVANA EXPLAINED.

Two Important Engagements With Maceo's Troops in Which the Spaniards Were Defeated With Heavy Loss in Killed and Wounded.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—The Ward Line steamship City of Washington, which arrived to-day from Havana, brought some interesting news of the engagement which occurred recently near Mount Rubia, between the Spanish troops and the insurgent forces, headed by Gen. Maceo.

Last Saturday the Government organ, *La Lucha*, called for trains to convey 1 000 wounded and sick soldiers from Candelabria to Havana. This was the first intimation that had been received that the engagement had been serious in its results.

One of the passengers on the City of Washington, who for obvious reasons did not wish to have his name mentioned, gave an interesting account of how the battle was fought, and this to a great extent, it is thought, explains why Gen. Weyler returned to Havana so soon.

Mount Rubia is twenty-six miles west of Havana, and about twelve miles from the northern coast of the island. Gen. Weyler had spread his trocha across the island in its narrowest part to prevent Maceo's forces moving toward the east. Then the remaining forces were divided into three detachments; one of 5,000 men, another of 10,000 and the third of 20,000, the latter being led by Gen. Weyler himself. These detachments moved towards the mountains from different directions. The detachment of 5 000 reached the mountain first, and after heavy fighting was repulsed by Maceo's forces, with 700 wounded and it is not known how many dead. When the second detachment of 10,000 men under command of Gen. Echague arrived, and began to storm the mountain, they found that the enemy had disappeared. Gen. Weyler, who approached from the trocha, did not have a chance to smell powder.

Details are lacking, but it appears that Maceo had another engagement west of Mount Rubia, in which 1,000 of the Spanish troops were injured. Five hundred of the wounded were brought into Havana by rail and 200 were brought by water, leaving 1,000 sick and wounded still on the field. Weyler's failure to locate Maceo would appear to have been the cause of his hasty return to Havana.

MADRID, November 25.—In an interview to-day upon the subject of the return from the Pinar del Rio, province to Havana of Captain General Weyler, Prime Minister Canovas del Castillo stated that he entirely supported the course pursued by General Weyler. The Premier recalled the idea that Weyler would be superseded as Captain General of Cuba because of his return to Havana and declared that the Captain General's initiative should be respected. Weyler, he said, had advanced operations in the island for the purpose of allaying the impatience manifested by the public and despite the disadvantages under which he had labored had driven the insurgents out of their fastnesses. Far from the plan of the Captain General's campaign having proved a failure, it was a fact that when he arrived in Havana to succeed Captain General Campos the insurgents in Cuba were a numerous body; whereas, from the time of his assuming command, there had been only a few scattered bands of the rebels, which had been constantly pursued and harassed by the Spanish cavalry.

Senor Canovas further stated that he had not approached General Azcarraga, Minister of War, upon the question of succeeding General Weyler, as such a course would imply a lack of confidence on the part of the Government in the Captain General.

PITTSBURG, PA., November 25.—A special to the *Times* from Findlay, O., says Lieuts. Tillman and Laffertin and Timothy Shafer, of Company A, Second Regiment, Ohio National Guards, left to day for Tampa, Fla., to join an expedition for Cuba. It is understood that for some time a Cuban agent has been enlisting members of the National Guards of this State, and that a few men will go from each regiment, all of whom are under orders to report at Tampa.

A NEW AGREEMENT

Regulating the Issue of Passes Adopted by the Western Passenger Association.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, November 25.—The new agreement regulating the issue of passes during 1897, which was adopted by the Western Passenger Association at its recent meeting in St. Louis, makes a more radical change in the present agreement than it was believed at the time of the meeting. The details were made the subject of a circular to-day for general railroad information. Next year only the general manager, president and general superintendent of a railroad will have the power to obtain passes for employes or alleged employes of other lines. This curtailment of the officials whose applications for passes will be honored is expected to result in a reduction of the number issued by 50 per cent. The traffic department, including the general freight agent, is barred from exercising a privilege now enjoyed and the influential shipper is expected to pay his way in future, as it is not believed the freight traffic officials will confess to their superiors by asking for passes for shippers that they get their business by such methods.

BATTLESHIP TEXAS

Cannot Go to Sea Until Extensive Alterations Are Made.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, November 25.—While the findings of the naval court which investigated the recent foundering of the battleship Texas have not yet reached the Department, it is learned that without extensive alterations it is very doubtful whether the Texas can be again ordered to sea. It is understood that evidence was adduced to show that sixty-one of her compartments leaked when her engine room was flooded, and that a leak sprung in any one of them at sea would have surely caused the total loss of the ship. Not only were all the alleged "water tight" doors found to be abortive, but in the opinion of at least one member of the court, "her whole bulkhead system is utterly useless."

WAR WITH SPAIN.

General Bradley T. Johnson Makes a Prediction.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, November 25.—General Bradley T. Johnson, who was recently in Cuba as a newspaper correspondent, is quoted to-day as stating that he believed the meeting of Congress on the first Monday in December will be made notable by a message from the President recommending the recognition of the Cuban belligerents and that the following Wednesday will see a declaration of war by Spain against the United States.

Northern Minnesota was visited by the biggest snow storm of the year yesterday. At the same time central and southern Minnesota have been getting the biggest rains in years. Last night a big cold wave was reported approaching from the Northwest.

MR. BRYAN AT DENVER

ADDRESS AT THE BANQUET OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The Free Coinage Question Discussed—The Masses Must Go On With the Fight—An Immense Concourse of People Greet the Silver Orator at Pueblo.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DENVER, COL., November 25.—It was very late last night before Mr. Bryan began speaking at the banquet of the Chamber of Commerce in the Brown Palace Hotel. He began by stating that he seemed as in a dream and could scarcely realize that it was reality, and then launching out on his speech, he said that when the people met a man of their making, they placed him on a pedestal for what they believed they made him and not for what he really is.

"It frightens me," he said, referring to the free coinage question, when I think how many people there are in the country who believe as we do. We believe that we were for what was best for all classes of the people and the oppressed of all foreign countries prayed for our success. This issue goes down deeper and lower and up higher than all others that have confronted us in years. It is a grapple between the producers of wealth and the monopolists and the monopolists were the victors, but the masses were with us. We must go on with this fight. We cannot stop it. Defeat cannot change it. I think we have been successful in bringing our cause before the farmers of the country. I think we shall be more successful in four years more with the laboring men. We failed in our campaign to reach the business men and I believe in the next four years that we ought to give especial attention to bringing our arguments before them. Oh, if I could but make them see as I believe I see it, and understand. You business men must understand," he said, "that the reason money is scarce when you call at the banks is because the banks have insisted upon a policy that ties money up in the Treasury at Washington that ought to be in the banks to be loaned out."

He then concluded his speech upon his usual campaign lines. He did not finish until after 2 o'clock this morning, and it was nearly 3 o'clock before he returned to his room. He was up, however, a few minutes past 6, and at 6.30 took a special train for Pueblo. A crowd was present at the depot to bid him farewell. He was accompanied to Pueblo by Governor-elect Alva Adams and several other prominent Coloradoans.

PUEBLO, COL., November 25.—Mr. Bryan arrived here from Denver shortly after 10 o'clock, and was greeted upon his arrival by an immense concourse of citizens. Thousands of people had come into the city during the night and early morning and added to the excitement of the town. The town was gaily decorated and business was practically suspended to do honor to the late candidate. Mr. Bryan was met at the depot by a committee of citizens.

The speech of the day was made at the Mineral Palace, where he addressed several thousand people on the political issues of the day, along the same strain in which he spoke while in Denver yesterday. Mr. Bryan was driven to the Grand Opera House, where he spoke to women exclusively—and then a drive about the city was in order.

At 6.30 he boarded a train for his home in Lincoln, passing through Colorado Springs at 7.30, where a great crowd had gathered at the station and to whom he addressed a few words.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Wheat Closed at an Advance—Corn and Oats Higher—January Pork and Lard Lower—Ribs Higher.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, November 25.—Wheat had a wild opening and comparatively quiet market for the rest of the day's session. Liverpool quotations, which for some time past have been tardy in response to our strength, were up 3¼ to 3½d at the start this morning and our market, in order to be in accord with them, began two cents above where it closed last night. For probably fifteen minutes there was sharp, active trading, but when sellers of calls had protected themselves, stop loss orders been executed and satisfied holders realized, business became quiet and until the close remained in that condition, excepting when once in a while some professional came in as a buyer or seller of a moderate quantity. Closing Liverpool advances gave a slight decline from the early outside figures. May wheat opened from 84 to 83¼c, sold down to 82¾c, closing at 83¼—1¼@1⅜ higher than yesterday. Cash wheat was firm and 1½c per bushel higher.

Corn was firm without displaying any of the buoyancy which was a feature of the leading grain market. Privileges on corn sold at a very close range last night and any movement either upward or downward was met with the opposition incident to trading against them. Moreover there was no belief in the stability of any boom that might take place, hence the speculative caution. May corn opened at 27⅝c, sold between 27¼ and 27½c, closing at 27¼@27⅜c —¼c over yesterday. Cash corn was firm and ¼c higher.

Oats were not endowed with anything worthy of attention or mention. Business was local and very light. Firmness in the tone was due to the strength prevailing in the other markets. May oats closed ¼c per bushel higher. Cash oats were steady.

Provisions—Speculation in product was of light proportions and the feeling was easy, with prices showing declines from yesterday. The hog market showed weakness, and that was the convincing argument for a similar tone in provisions. Prices partially recovered before the close on covering by shorts. January pork closed 2½c lower; January lard 2½@5c lower, and January ribs 2½c higher.

CIGAR FACTORY FIRE.

A Panic But None of the Employes Seriously Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Four hundred persons, the majority of whom were women, were thrown into a panic shortly before noon to-day by a fire in the six story cigar factory, owned by B. Newark & Co. Although many received bruises, more or less painful, in the scramble for the street, no one was badly injured. The fire started on the fourth floor and worked its way upward through the two upper floors. It was stated that the two upper floors contained stock in the shape of manufactured cigars and rough tobacco to the value of $35,000 or $40,000. This will be a total loss. The damage to the building is estimated at $10 000. The fire was of suspicious origin and an investigation is in progress.

The present owners of the steamer Bermuda have applied to the authorities at Ottawa, Canada, for a permanent register. It is stated on good authority that it will be granted.

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DOGS AND BIRDS.

U. S. Pointer Derby Trials and Contest for All-Age Setter Stakes at Newton.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., November 25.—A special to the *Observer* from Newton says: The United States Pointer Derby Trial was concluded this forenoon. A heavy dew this morning afforded an opportunity for better work by those pups fortunate enough to be retained in to-day's series. The result of this race up to a late hour has not been made known, and it is supposed that the judges are "hung."

The all-age setter stake was begun this afternoon with eight dogs, braced as follows: H. R. Edwards' "Howard" against "Fox" and Blythe's "Tonys Glee;" W. H. Besset's "Harold Smipole" against Del Monte kennel's "Sam T.;" H. R. Edwards' "Harwick" against E. A. Burdett's "Cincinnati's Pride;" H. B. Ledbetter's "Maries Sport" against Norvin T. Harris' "Tony Boy."

WARM WIRELETS.

In the twenty-round fight between Billy Smith, of Boston, and Tommy Ryan, of Syracuse, last night, the referee awarded the fight to Ryan on account of a foul by Smith in the ninth round.

Numbers one and two of the Sanford, Maine, mills, will start on full time Monday next, employing many operatives who have been out of work for six months. Mill No. 6, started last Monday.

Richard Cherry, proprietor of the Albany (Ga) *Penny Press*, committed suicide at his home Wednesday night, by taking morphine. No cause is assigned. He was about 28 years of age, single and very popular.

The Treasury Department has issued a call for the redemption of United States 6 per cent. bonds, amounting to nine millions of dollars, issued under the act of July 1st, 1862, and July 2, 1864, in aid of certain Pacific railroads.

Preparations for putting into commission the new armored cruiser Brooklyn, believed to be the finest vessel of her class in the world, are progressing, and it is expected that the vessel will be added to the effective fleet the first of December.

Leading newspapers of Madrid are bitter in criticisms of the return of Gen. Weyler to Havana, and declare him to be morally ruined. All of these papers demand that Gen. Azcarraga, the present Minister of War, be sent to Cuba at once to supersede Weyler.

News from Pekin is that the Emperor will appoint Li Hung Chang to re-organize the Imperial navy and that the programme is to build within five years six large battleships, twelve first class armored cruisers and twenty second and third class fast cruisers.

The Supreme Court of North Carolina has decided that where a druggist sold a man's wife opium after he had been warned by the husband not to do so, and the use of the drug affected the woman's health, the druggist is liable for damages. The decision was rendered in a case where the plaintiff sued for $5,000, which he recovers.

Receivers were appointed yesterday for the Campbell & Zell Company. The firm conducted a large business as engineers and contractors and was also proprietors of the Enterprise Marine and Boiler Works and the Enterprise Iron Works of Baltimore. The assets of the company are estimated at $423,000 and the liabilities at $163 878.

Pay of Former Contributors.

Coleridge took at times an exaggerated view of his services to The Morning Chronicle. His surprising statement that Stuart in 1800 offered him £2,000 a year if he would devote himself to journalism, that he declined on the ground that he would not give up "the reading of old folios" for twenty times £3,000, and that he considered any pay beyond $350 as a real evil, is obviously impossible. Stuart probably tried to spur his indolent contributor by saying that his services would be worth some such sum if they could be made regular. But the statement is only worth notice here in illustration of the state of the literary market at the time. Southey acknowledges his gratitude for the guinea a week which he received as Stuart's "laureate."

Poetry, by the way, appears to have been more in demand then than at the present day. Both Perry and Stuart's elder brother offered to employ Burns, and Coleridge, Southey, Campbell and Moore all published poems in the newspapers. Lamb tried his hand at "jokes." "Sixpence a joke," he says—"and it was thought pretty high, too—was Dan Stuart's settled remuneration in these cases."

The high water mark of a journalist's earnings at the end of the last century is probably marked by the achievement of Mackintosh, who earned 10 guineas in a week. "No paper could stand it!" exclaimed the proprietor, and the bargain had to be revised. A few years later, however, we are told that Sterling, the father of Carlyle's friend, was receiving the sum which Coleridge supposed himself to have refused, namely, £2,000 a year for writing leading articles in The Times.—National Review.

The White Mountains In Winter.

The enjoyment of the White mountains seems to be confined, with slight exceptions, to three or four months in the summer and early autumn, but our White hills are equally interesting in the winter, when they are white in fact as well as in name, and the day is coming, let us hope soon, when the beauties of the mountains will be as fully appreciated under the winter solstice as under the summer sun. If people could only be made to realize that, even though the thermometer does sometimes run far below zero, the east wind and its penetrating chill are not present; if "city folks" could only appreciate how easy it is to learn to walk on snowshoes, and what invigorating exercise it is; if they would stop to consider how many clearer days there are in winter than in summer, they would perhaps be more willing to forego some of their numerous social engagements and breathe the pure air of the mountains for a week or two in January and February.—Boston Gazette.

New Definitions.

Inmates of the Home For Feeble Minded Children at Glen Ellen often surprise their teachers by bright questions and witty answers.

"Now, children, which one of you can tell me what grass is?" asked one of the instructors the other day. She selected one little girl from among those who waved their hands in furious attempts to gain recognition, and she promptly answered:

"Little live green streaks."

"What is a doll?" was the next question, and a little boy answered:

"It is a cry baby turned into nothing."—San Francisco Post.

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ITS PAPA WENT OUT TO SMOKE.

While Baby Took Part In a Comedy of Errors In the Car.

Queer as it seemed, no one laughed. The young man held the baby as though he had been carrying 4-week-old infants all his life. He was a "transfer" from a North State street car waiting with other "transfers" for a Lincoln avenue cable going north. No woman was with him, and he stood on the corner, the little one snugly cuddled in his arm, its head on his shoulder and the long baby skirts tucked well out of the way. Every woman in the crowd commented favorably upon the young man's skill and aptitude, and the men eyed him with secret envy and deep respect.

The Lincoln avenue car, as usual, was crowded, but a baby in arms always has the right of way, and the young man found a seat. Before North avenue was reached the crowd thinned out, and the passenger who occupied the corner seat next to the young man left the car. In a jiffy the little, red faced baby was planted in the corner and in some mysterious manner was securely supported by the end of the car and the back of the seat. The women smiled and the men grinned when the young man, leaving the baby tucked away in the corner, stepped out on the front platform, wiped the perspiration from his brow and lighted a cigar. Every block or so he opened the door, stuck his head inside and satisfied himself that the little one was safe. A young woman, accompanied by an elderly matron, sat near the baby, and whenever the car lurched she stretched out her hand and held the baby in its corner. Just before the car reached the curve at Center and North Clark streets she moved up to the baby and held it when the car shot around the bend.

At the corner of Sedgwick street and Lincoln avenue a woman of determined mien and firm lips, 50 years old or thereabout, entered the car. The only vacant seat was between the young woman and her elderly companion. The young woman, however, moved away from the baby, leaving that space for the newcomer. The latter glanced at the lonesome baby and then at the young woman with a ludicrous expression of surprise, and, rather bewildered, hesitated to take the proffered seat. When she did take it, she sat bolt upright on the edge of the seat, looking first at the baby and then at the young woman, who apparently was serenely unconscious of the suspicious scrutiny.

The very next corner the young woman signaled the conductor. The car stopped and she rose. Without so much as noticing the baby she walked toward the rear platform. The woman next to the baby gasped. She stretched out her hand impulsively, turned full upon the baby, and the passengers held their breath. She gasped again, leaned forward, and then, suddenly rising, called out sharply: "Here, here. Where are you going? Come back and get your baby. What under the sun"—

Then the passengers broke in with a shout, the front door opened and the young man appeared. The young woman, her face crimson, hurried through the rear door; the excited female next to the baby stood in the aisle with her eyes snapping and her mouth open. The young man, picking up the baby, sat down and cuddled the little one in his arms, blissfully unconscious that next to him was a woman mad clear through, scorching the grinning passengers with 50 glances that had the penetrating power of Professor Roentgen's rays.—Chicago Record.

At Railroad Restaurant.

Traveler—But this coffee is stone cold?

Waiter—Probably. It was ordered by a gentleman who was in the train before this. He didn't have time to drink it.

Traveler—But isn't it a little rough on me to set it before me?

Waiter—It will come out all right. You'll get square on somebody in the next train. He will have to take the coffee you have ordered, for 'tisn't likely that it will be here before your train starts.—Boston Transcript.

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Mr. Raymond Schumacher, one of the witnesses called at the Pretoria trial, apparently bothered the state attorney almost as much as Mr. Samuel Weller bothered Mr. Serjeant Buzfuz. After a tremendous wrangle as to whether he was compelled to tell the court his ideas as well as the things he knew to be facts, the following little dialogue occurred: "Then I must give my ideas?" "Yes." "Does the state attorney want all my ideas?" "Yes." "Then I do not remember what my ideas were."—London Globe.

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