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crease of strength. It cures female weakness and such liseases as take away the strength and beauty of Sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce by letter

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OPEN THE DOOR OF YOUR HEART

MOSES G. SHIRLEY.

Open the door of your heart my lad,
To the angels of love and truth,
When the world is full of unnumber-

In the beautiful dawn of youth; Casting aside all the things that mar, Saying to wrong, depart To the voices of hope that are calling Open the door of your heart.

Open the door of your heart, my lass, To the things that shall abide, To the holy thoughts that lift your

Like the stars at eventide; All of the fadeless flowers that bloom In the realms of song and heart Are yours if you'll only give them Open the door of your heart.

Open the door of your heart, my Heedless of class or creed. When you hear the cry of a brother's The sob of a child in need;

To the shining heaven that o'er you You need map or chart, But only the love the Master gave. Open the door of your heart.

CURRENT COMMENT.

-Boston Transcript.

- "Aunt" Hanna Rivers, the only negro ever allowed to live in Nashville, Ill., has moved away taking her permit with her, The way those northern pharisees love a nigger passes all understanding. -Atlanta Journal, Dem.

- The only way for the administration to get around the solemn pledge of the United States to leave Cuba free, is to incite some disorder, as an excuse for prolonging the military occupation of the island. This is the way it was managed in the Philippines. — Philadelphia

--- John Brown was a "smasher, and Kansas has made a hero of him Similarly, in voting a gold medal to Mrs. Nation the Kansas Temperance Union makes a heroine of her, and very intemperately puts a premium upon violence. There is too much sentimental tolerance of fanatics who take it upon themselves to run the world .- Pniabelphia Record, Dem.

- We hear little about "Cuba libre" nowadays and much about the danger to commercial and other interests in allowing the Cubans to "run" the island on which they live. Indeed it is quite evident that the administration would much prefer never to see Cuba "libre" at all in any full and complete sense. The "Cuba libre" sentiment seems to have been used up almost as fast as the heroes of the Spanish-American war .- Macon Telegraph. Dem.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

Good living is worth more than - When he that is rich in purse poor in spirit," the world is made

- I am trying to show you, not that the church is not sacred, but that the whole earth is. - John Ruskin. Patience is the ballast of the

soul, that will keep it from rolling and tumbling in the greatest storm.—Bish - Christ has lived and he asks living followers. He has died, a living

sacrifice, and he asks the spirit of self - All that human wisdom has ever been able to learn for itself is

that God is, but it is only through Christ that we can know what He is. - The blessing of Jesus upon the gift of a cup of cold water establishes the fact that everybody may be useful and happy in the church of the living God. No great deeds, but faithful and

kindly deeds, count in the kingdom of — If I see one fond of appearance, or fine clothes, fine houses, fine furni ture, fine equipages, all above his fortune, for which he contracts debts * * "Alas!" say I, "he has paid dear, very dear, for his whistle."—Ben Franklin.

FATAL APPRAY IN CHARLOTTE.

Nelson Hamrick Shot and Killed and His Brother Patally Wounded.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CHARLOTTE, N. C., February 9 .-Nelson Hamrick, son of the chief of police at Forest City, N. C., was shot and instantly killed in Dick Bailev's barber shop to day. His brother, Ezell Hamrick, was fatally shot. The Hamrick boys attempted to smash the shop, after the style of Mrs Nation, while Bailey was shaving a customer. Bailey laid down his razor and picking up his pistol used it with the result stated. The Hamricks come of good family. Bailey says he had to shoot them in self defence.

The Maeckin Star. APPROPRIATIONS

FOR THE NAVY. Senator Butler Precipitated Dis-

Question. A SENSATION IN THE HOUSE.

cussion of the Armor Plate

Representative Brown, Republican, from Ohio, Condemned McKinley's Colonial Policy - Urged Congress to Give Filipinos Independence

By Telegraph to the Morning Star Washington, Feb 9 .- During alnost the entire session of to-day the Senate had under consideration the Naval Appropriation bill Practically the bill was completed when it was laid aside for the day, all of the committee amendments being adopted; but as the measure was about to be placed on its passage, Senator Butler. North Carolina, precipi ated a discus sion of the armor plate question. In order to enable some others to speak upon the matter, the bill was laid aside until Monday Eulogies upon the late Representative Alfred C Barmer, of Pennsylvania, concluded the

The passage at the beginning of the session of the Senate of a bill granting a pension of \$50 a month to Stacy H. Cogswell, Company F, 13th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, induced Senator Tillman, South Carolina, to make some forcible comments upon the House in not taking action upon a bill providing s pension for a Mexican war veteran who had resided in South Carolina during the civil war and naturally had been in sympathy with the Confederacy The bill had been passed by the Senate but the House invalid pension committee was delaying final action upon it, Senator Till man urged. He said there was such sensational animosity in the House committee that members refused to permit action upon the bill for the benefit of this old Mexican veteran. "Is the war over or is it not?" de-manded Senator Tillman, with vehe-mence. "Let us find out whether it

"I swear by the Almighty God, that will not let another pension bill pass this Senate until this old man gets ustice!"

The resolution offered yesterday by Senator Berry calling upon the President for information as to whether the American minister in China has joined with the representatives of other powers in d manding the execution of Prince Tuan and other Chinese of ficials, was adopted without debate. While the Naval bill was n consideration Senator Butler, called attention to the paragraph in the bill appropriating \$4,000,000 to pay for armor plate already contracted for. If the bill has provided the entire sum necessary to pay for armor contract ed for, it would carry for that purpose he said \$16 564 550. He declared the Senate absolutely was precluded from considering the matter now because Congress has authorized the Secretary of the Navy to pay for armor what ever the armor trust could hold him up to. In the course of his speech, in which he reviewed the old armor question, Senator Butler declared that by the present arrangement the Government was making a clear do nation of \$5,000,000 to the armor

At the conclusion of Senator Butler's speech the Naval bill was laid

House of Representatives. The consideration of the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation bill in the House to day developed something of a sensation when Representative Brown, of Ohio, standing in the centre of the Republican side of the chamber, made a speech strongly condemning a colonial policy and urging that Congress should at once give assurance to the Filipinos that it is the purpose of the United States to give them independence. His announce ment that he advocated a resolution to that effect was loudly applauded on the Democratic side, and at the close of his speech many of his Republican associates crowded about him and con-Representatives Meyers, Indiana.

aud Dinsmore, Arkansas, also spoke on the Philippines. The consideration of the Diplomatic and Consular bill went over at 2 o'clock and the rest of the day was given to eulogies of the late Representatives Daly of New Jersey and Wise of Virginia.

Hazing at West Point. The report of the special congress-

ional committee which investigated the hazing of cadet Booz and the general subj-ct of bazing at West Point, was submitted to the House by the chairman of the committee, Representative Dick, together with a bill making stringent regulations against haz ing, fighting, and all brutal practices. The report is an exhaustive review of tne practice of nazing in all its forms, and while moderate in tone is nevertheless a stinging arraigoment of the many alleged brutal practices enumerated in it. The report says that such fighting as that at West Point is a felouy according to the statutes in many of the States, and the time has come when Congress must decide whether fights, which are high crimes elsewhere, shall continue at West Point. The bill submitted contains eleven sections against hazing, and provides means for its detection and punishment. Dismissal is provided for taking part in a fight or a challenge, directly or indirectly, or for any form of annoying, harrassing, or bracing of eadets. Cadets dismissed are made ineligible to appointment to the army, navy or marine corps Provision i made for courts of inquiry, court martials, closer association between officers and cadets, and other means for effectually stopping the practice of

THE VANDERBILT HEIRS

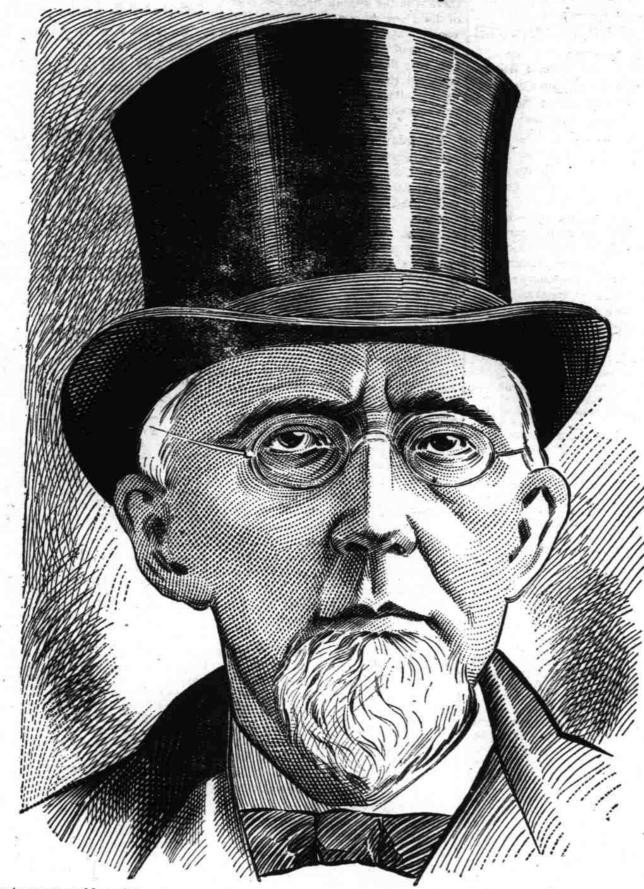
Served With Notices Calling for Payment

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Heirs of Cor nelius Vanderbilt have been served with notices calling upon them to pay into the State treasury the amount of their inheritance tax. The total tax on the personal estate of the million aire, agreed upon between representa-tives of the State comptroiler, Surro gate Fitzgerald and attorneys for the Vanderbilts, amounts to \$324,960. This is exclusive of the residuary estate, about the paying of which a contest is threatened. The surrogate has decided in favor of the attorneys for the estate and excluded the re-siduary estate from present taxation.

POTTER TREASURER

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Aged Bank Official Writes a Long, Grateful Letter to Proprietors of Paine's Celery Compound



Eighty two years old, and free from | quaintance that has come under my aches, pains, and feebleness! The last ten years of his life the healthiest he

And forty five years—a life span for

most people-of hard work and responsibility as a bank cashier and reasurer to look back upon. For the past ten years Mr. Potter has never known a day of serious sick ness Previous to that time he suffered

from nervous prostration that clung

to him for six years.

That this remarkable immunity from weakness and disease at such a time in life, has not happened by chance, no our knows better than the aged treasurer himself In June, 1891 when suffering from a number of old chrinic complaints, Mr Potter was induced by relatives to use Paine's celery compound for the first time The effect was immediately beneficial The uninterrupted good health that he has since enjoyed dates from that time Mr. Potter's grateful letter to the proprietors of Paine's celery com pound is based on long personal ex perience and also a full knowledge of what it has done for very many of his friends to whom he has in turn recom

in its entirety:-Centreville, R. I. Wells, Richardson & Co, Gentlemen: - I have the utmost faith in Paine's celery compound, because of the great good that it has done me and many others of my ac

mended the great remedy that made

him well. Mr. l'otter's letter is given

personal knowledge within the last seven years. In 1865 I had to give up business on account of very poor health. I was suffering from a number of old chronic complaints. Among the rest I had complete nervous pros tration from which I suffered for six years. In June, 1891, I commenced the use of Paine's celery compound After taking a few bottles I found that the old complaints began to ease up which encouraged me to keep on with the compound. I soon got over all of those troubles that had clung to me for so long, and got out and was more like myself. Since then I have taken a few bottles in the spring and

bottles between as a preventive. I am inclined to believe in the old adage that "An ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure," so when there has been prevailing sck ness in the community, such as gripp-, malaria fevers etc , I take the com pound, and thus far have had none of these ailments, although they have been prevalent all around me, so that I have great faith in Paine's celery compound as a preventive. I have recommended the compound to very many of my friends, and I have the satisfaction of knowing that it has done them very much good.

fall as a tonic, and sometimes a few

I was cashier of the bark in South County for 29 years, and for the last fifteen years was secretary and treas urer of the new savings bank in cou nection with the National Bank My position in the bangs, was my last work I am 82 vears .. ld

Most sincerely yours.

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lies in its active replacing of worn out parts by new, healthy ones, and its healing and purifying action among the most minute tissues of the body. The heavy, alarming pain in the back and loins disappears; the growing paleness, nervousness, and loss of flesh is stopped, and a bright, buoyant feeling gradually takes the place of that unending sense of tire and nervous depression An improved appetite, sound di

gestion, uninterrupted sleep, and an nergetic nervous condition invariably follow the use of Paine's celery com-

THREE MEN WERE SHOT.

Postmaster's Fight With Four Masked Men Who Attempted to Rob the Office at Emma, N. C.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 9.-Four nasked men attempted to rob the postoffice and store at Emma, the first station out from Asheville on the Southern railway, last night, with the result that two white men and one negro are dangerously shot and one white man and a negro escaped in

About 10 o'clock Samuel Alexander, assistant postmaster and clerk at Emma was aroused by a knock and a request to get some one's mail. Ou opening the door Alexander was covered by a pistol and ordered to un lock the safe which he did. One of the robbers held the pistol on Alex ander while the other began to loot the safe. Alexander at an opportune moment grabbed the pistol of the robber while the latter was going through the safe, and began firing At the same time the other robber opened fire on him. Two of the rob bers were badly wounded, one pos sibly fatally, and Alexander has an ugly wound in the side of the abdomen and back. The police were notified and this morning all the robbers were safe in jail. Two of the robbers were white and two negroes. The white men are Russ Gate and Dudley Johnson. The latter is supposed to be a man wanted in Florida for murder. The negroes are Ben Foster and Harry Miller, ex convicts and well known to

WARM WIVELETS

General James M. Ruggles, who drafted the first platform of the Re publican party, died yesterday at Springfield, Ohio.

Fifty American and two hundred Fiipino women organized the Women's Peace League in Manila The league advocates American sovereignty. A Filipino woman presided.

Ada Gray, the actress, whose name is inseparably connected with "East Lynne," is seriously ill in the home for incurables at Fordham, N Y. She is there as a ward of the actor's fund. Captain John T. Brady died yester-day at his home in Norfolk, Vs., after a short illness. He was a prominent Elk, and president of the new Virginia North Carolina baseball league, and

Fuddy—"Did you hear of the terrible accident that happened to Danby? His injuries were so serious that his most intimate friends were unable to recognize him." Duddy—"Terrible accident? Railway collision? Fell off his bicycle?" Fuddy—"Worse; he has lost all his money."—Tit Bits.

North Carolina baseball league, and prominent in other organizations.

Representative Small, of North Carolina baseball league, and prominent in other organizations.

Representative small in the House to prohibit the sale or manufacture of distilled spirits, fermented liquors or wines, made under the authority of the United States, in States where the same is prohibited by the laws of the State.

WINKLINUS

- He (musingly)-"Let me see! What is the rest of that old saying, 'When in doubt—'" She (helpfully)—"Give her a diamond."—Judge - "When a man admits a par ner to his joys and sorrows," remark ed the Overseer of Events and Things. 'she's not a silent one."-Yonker's Statesman.

- Father - "Do you think I ought to have my daughter's voice cultivated ?" Absent Minded Visitor "I should think you ought to have something done for it "-Tit-Bits. - The Owner-"See here! You want to handle that trunk more care

fully! The Porter-"I'll look out for sir. I know a man let one fall on his toes last month, an' he ain't out of the hospital yet."—Brooklyn Life. - "Oh, mamma, mayn't I go to

the party the little girl next door is going to give?" "No, my dear, it would hardly be the thing, as you are wearing mourning." "Oh, dear me! I think I'd almost rather give up the nourning."-Life. - Social Rivalry-"Has your wife

nuch social ambition?" "Social am ortion! When she read about Lady Curzon's elephant party in India she said if she knew where she could rent some whales, she'd give a whale party."—Detroit Free Press. - "What if I were one of those husbands, my dear, who get up cross in the morning and bang things about

and kick everything over just because the c ffee is cold?" "John," responded his wife, "I would make it hot for As her words admitted of you " more than one interpretation John said nothing about the coffee -Boston

- The superintendent of schools at Spokane, Wis., desirous of testing the powers of composition existing in the powers of composition existing in a class of eight year olds, requested that three sentences be written, each to contain one of the three words, "bees," "boys" and "bear." A small girl laboripusly concocied the following sentence: Boys bees bare when they go in swimping." they go in swimming,'

- Shame on Him: "Harry is so well posted on this South African war," said young Mrs Kidder, "and he just loves to discuss it with me, because, he says, I have such an in telligent conception of it." "Is that so?" said her friend. "Yes, and last night he explained in detail how the Swiss navy, in command of Gen. D-Billotv, was going to help the Boers."

—Philadelphia Press.

Richard Croker paid up his \$5,000 income tax to those British taxers, because he did not want to let them into the secret where his money came from. Dick knows his own

Toistoi's Sense of Honor. At one music party at Count Tolstoi's a lady's singing displeased the count's boys, and they adjourned to another room and made a noise. Their father lost patience and went after them, and a characteristic admonition ensued.

"Are you making a noise on purpose?" he asked. After some hesitation came an answer in the affirmative, "Y-y-yes." "Does not her singing please you?" "Well, no. Why does she howl?" declared one of the boys, with vexation. "So you wish to protest against her singing?" asked Lyeff Nikolaevitch in a

serious tone. "Then go out and say so or stand in the middle of the room and tell every one present. That would be rude, but upright and honest. But you have got together and are squealing like grasshoppers in a corner. I will not endure such protests."-Newcastle (England)

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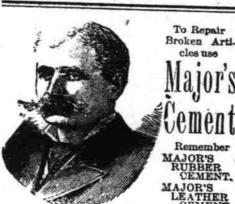
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By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 9 -Shortly after leaving the Ninth National Bank to-day with a satchel containing \$1,100 with which he intended to pay his employes their weekly wages. Pet-r Woll, senior member of Peter Woll & Sons, curled hair manufacturers, was attacked by a highwayman The robber at first got away with the money but was compelled to drop it by a by stander. Mr. Woll was followed from the bank by the man, who finally stopped him at the corner of Norris and How ard streets. The highwayman said:

"Better give me that mouey." "No, I need it," replied Mr. Woll, At that the highwayman sprang up on Woll, who is 70 years old, knocked him down and ran off with the

satchel A brick layer at work near by witnessed the assault and captured the highwayman, who in the struggle, dropped the money, which was promptly recovered by Mr. Will. He then made his escape, but was again pursued by a policeman who had been attracted to the scene by Mr Woll's calls for help After a chase of two blocks the policeman caught the footpad. He gave his name as Joseph Edwards and said he had attempted the robbery to get sent to the house of correction for the Winter. Mr Wolf was not seriously is jured



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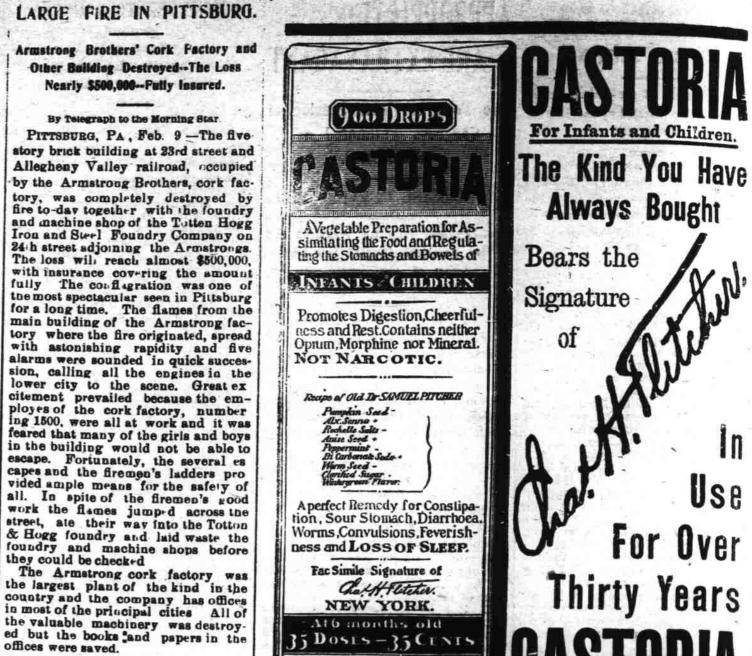
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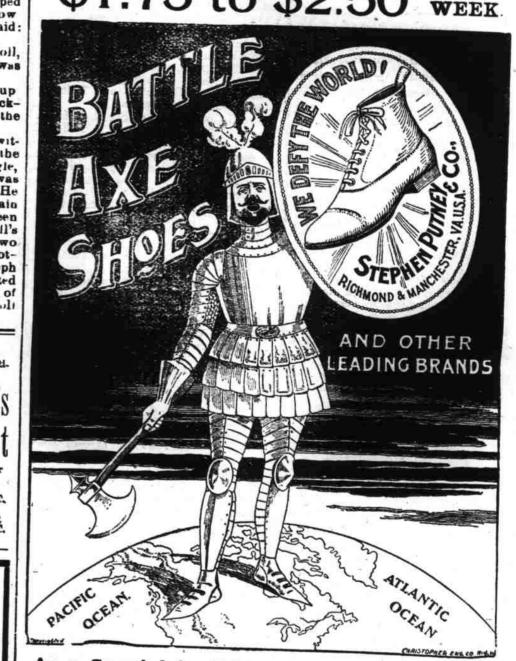
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