



### THE VOYAGEURS.

With limbs refreshed we rose at dawn,  
And marked the pallid moon that still  
Like some sweet water worn and wan  
Hung o'er the shadowy southern hill.  
Our ready boats were on the shore,  
And on the stream that ashon light;  
Which speaks the last career of night;  
And so we rowed away once more.

The dreaming tide receded fast,  
And strength and spirits grew apace.  
So keen the first, so high the last,  
They seemed to run a lighthouse race.  
Then straight behind us rose the sun,  
And flashed his armed beams before—  
A thousand spears of light, and more,  
Upgathered swiftly into one!

Our liquid way was paved with gold,  
All gleaming as a coat of mail,  
Above the waters high and bold  
Ep leaped the fish, with glittering scales,  
The sun ascended bright and strong;  
The purple hills grew green and clear;  
And like a chorus in our ear  
A thousand birds broke into song.

We passed the village, dreaming still,  
And white and ghastly further down,  
Within a hollow of the hill,  
Another little silent town.  
And in the meadows, still as stone  
The cattle, fresh from bush and brake,  
Stood calm-eyed by the mirror lake,  
Like shadows gazing at their own!

And so all day we rowed, and made  
Our way o'er river, stream and lake;  
And ere the evening fell, had laid  
Straight miles and many in our wake.  
While, like a guide who leads us on,  
Our resting place, the beaming sun,  
That followed at the dawn, shone on,  
And like a beacon blazed before.

By night we pressed the welcome strand,  
And camped upon the grassy plain;  
While slow, majestically grand,  
The round moon rose to light again,  
Our wood fire blazed upon the shore;  
The tents were pitched; our axes rang;  
Together brook and kettle sang,  
And so by night we camped once more.  
—Charles Rogers, in Youth's Companion.

### ELEANOR.

BY JENNY WREN.

WAS working in the mill that first day Miss Meredith passed through it—a lad of 16, in her father's employ; she, the wealthiest heiress in our state. Yet she stopped when she came to that part of the machinery I was directing and watched me eagerly. I had seen the men turn, one by one, from their work, in respectful admiration of her beauty. It was little wonder my fingers grew clumsy under her gaze. I had a taste for mechanism, a fatal inheritance some called it, from my father, whom we had found dead, one bright summer morning, bending over an unfinished model. But, young as I was, Mr. Crane, our superintendent, had confidence in me, therefore had assigned me the work Miss Meredith had honored me by pausing to watch. He was by her side, now. Rumor said he was wooing the young heiress; but as regards that, we mill-hands had little opportunity for judging; only, in one brief glance I dared take of the pure, lovely face, smiling so brightly down upon us. I doubted whether he or any man were worthy.

"Is not this work very difficult?" she questioned. "I should think a boy could hardly manage it."

"It requires more skill than any other," Mr. Crane answered. "But I have great faith in George, although one false turn would throw all the machinery out of order." Then he added something in a low tone which I could not hear. But before Miss Meredith left the mill she again approached me.

"Come and see me this evening, George. I want particularly to speak with you."

I bowed assent, doubtless in an awkward way; but all the rest of the long summer day I moved as in a dream.

Eight o'clock found me promptly seeking admittance at the door of Miss Meredith's beautiful home. The footman looked at me inquiringly when I murmured the name of his mistress; but at that instant she came forward from one of the great rooms and welcomed me kindly. Her graciousness, the luxury everywhere surrounding me, the subtle atmosphere of fragrance, seemed to intoxicate me as I followed her, catching sight, with dismay, of my ungainly figure reflected in the numberless mirrors. But when she paused, we stood alone in a large room more plainly furnished than those we had passed through, but whose walls from floor to ceiling were lined with books.

"George," she began, and I fancied a slight embarrassment in her manner. "Mr. Crane has interested me so much in you, that I think it a pity you should not have other advantages than those you possess. I sent for you to say that you may have free access to our library, if you think it will be of service to you."

I could in that moment have fallen at her feet. The books for which I had hungered were to be mine at last. In her white dress, with no color save the knot of violets in her breast, matching in hue her eyes, she seemed to my boyish fancy an angel opening the gates of Heaven that I might enter in.

The next year flew swiftly by. Sometimes the sun, peeping in at my window, would find me bending over the book I had so eagerly opened the night before, and I would throw myself, dressed, on my bed to snatch an hour's sleep, to prepare me for the manual labor of the day. I grew pale and thin, but for that I cared nothing, until one morning, when it came time to rise, I found my body powerless to obey my will, and sank back on my pillows into unconsciousness.

For weeks I lay tossing in delirium and fever. A memory haunted me when once more I awakened to the realities of life, of a tender touch and a face enshrined on my heart. Could it be Miss Meredith had been to see me?

With garrulous eagerness my nurse told me all. How she had come, not once, but many times, even in the midst of her wedding preparations, how grateful the wedding day, how lovely looked the bride, and how, as Mrs. Crane she had

left for me her good-by, since they were to cross the seas and might not be back for many a year.

"Married and gone!"

Like a knell the words fell on my ear as I silently turned my head away, and the bitter tears rolled one by one down my cheek. Ah, how little was I in her life who had helped fill mine with such gladness! Yet she had not forgotten me. The house was in the care of servants (her father having joined them), but the library was left open to me, with the privilege of spending there as many hours as I would.

Three years passed on. I held Mr. Crane's old position now. I had won it through a discovery I had made of great value to the owners, and which (like all else that I was, or might be) I owed to Miss Meredith. I could not think of her as Mrs. Crane, not even when I learned they were coming home again, with the little girl, born the first year of their marriage in Florence, but without the father who had so worshipped her, whose body lay in a foreign grave, not even when, going up after her arrival to offer my respectful welcomes, she came forward, holding by the hand a little girl, whose sunny hair fell to her waist.

My eyes glanced from the mother to the child. Was it in that moment I transferred my heart's homage? I know not. I only know that for the little creature I would willingly have laid down my life.

"We are so proud of you, George," Mrs. Crane said, kindly.

But something in my throat choked my answer. I could only turn awkwardly away.

The mill grew and prospered in the years which rushed so swiftly by. I would have gone into the world to seek wider scope for my ambition but for a something tugging at my heart which kept me chained. I was an honored guest now at the old home. The now friendless boy no longer sought admittance to the library, but with consummate tact was made to feel himself a friend.

But how had I repaid the kindness offered? How repaid my debt of

gratitude? I had drifted idly down the current to the music of birds, 'mid the fragrance of flowers, until suddenly, like the roar of the avalanche at its very feet, though before unheard, this truth forced itself upon me: I loved Eleanor Crane. She was as yet but a child on the boundary line between girlhood and womanhood, the age when first I had raised my eyes to look upon her mother's face. Yet I had loved her from that first moment she had stood, a child of eight, clinging to her mother's hand, regarding the stranger with wondering eyes.

"Eleanor will marry ere many years and leave me. Oh George, if I could keep her always!"

This was the confidence uttered one day as we sat alone, that opened my eyes to the fatal truth. This woman, whom I loved all, everything, should I rob her of her one treasure? Should I rob her of her one treasure? Should I, perhaps some man great and noble might sue and be thought worthy, but for me—I turned away with a groan I could not repress.

"Are you ill?" asked Mrs. Crane.

"Yes, I answered. "It is nothing. I will soon recover. I—I will go home and lie down."

Lie down! Through the long night I paced up and down my floor; but with the morning the battle had been fought, the victory gained, my resolution formed. I would go away. I knew now what had kept my ambition dormant for so long. There was a questioning look in Mrs. Crane's eyes, a half-pleading glance in Eleanor's when I went to make my hasty good-bys, but I dared not seek to interpret them, and so went out into the world.

I was 35 years old when I mastered the problem which all these years had mastered me. Thirty-five when I knew my name was famous, and the discovery I had made had made my fortune. For three years I had devoted to it every moment of my lonely existence, and the end was gained at last. But what availed it? It could not fill the emptiness of my life nor that life's needs. Some part of my great discovery, they wrote me, they wanted applied to the mills. Would I say them a few days to give it my personal supervision? It was a summons gratitude and honor compelled me to obey, so I told myself, with a sudden glad ray of blood through every vein. I should

alone in my room, knowing how strong had been the unacknowledged hope, now crushed forever. Every ambition must die without my right arm's help. Yet it was best so.

"Are you awake?" a soft voice questioned, and I raised my eyes to find Eleanor had stolen to my bedside. "Awake, and would not call us? Rebellious boy! Will you never learn to obey?" Then—oh, did my eyes betray my hungry love which could not speak?—one little white hand came creeping into mine. A great sob rose in my darling's throat as, in a choking voice, she whispered: "George, why will you be so sad? You will never go away from us again, never. I will by your right hand, dear George," this in low, solemn tones. "I should rather you had let me die than again to leave us. Tell me, do you hate me, that even now you turn away from me? What have I done? What have I done?"

As yet my misery had wrung from me no tears; but now they blot from my vision the sweet look of shame on my darling's face. With a mighty effort I conquered myself, and the hope it is torture to crush.

"Hush, dear!" I said at last. "Do not be so pitiful. I could not stay, Eleanor. You must not ask it!"

"Not with me?" she questioned.

And looking into her azure eyes, I read her secret even as she read mine. "It is not pity, darling? You are sure, sure? I could not quite bear that, though I would be strong for anything else. And if I stay, Eleanor, you will be my—"

I pause, but lower and lower sinks the bright, sunny head, until it rests upon my heart. In my helpless weakness I am not strong enough to refuse the precious gift she yields as a free-will offering, and so—I win my wife.—N. Y. Ledger.

**Grape Layer Cake.**  
Two cupsful of flour, one cupful of sugar, one cupful of sweet cream, a piece of butter the size of a walnut, two eggs, one heaping teaspoonful cream tartar, one even teaspoonful soda, dissolved in cream. Bake in jelly tins and spread with firm jelly. If too rich, add more flour.—Ladies' World.

see her; should learn if, as yet, she had gained the prize.

She welcomed me with a new, strange shyness, but my resolution had made me calm to coldness. No, she was yet heart free, her mother told me. What had I hoped that at her words a great weight rose from my heart? The improvements had been made. The next day I was to return to my work, when it was proposed that we should go in a party through the mill to witness its working. Standing by Eleanor's side, we involuntarily paused before the one quiet worker who filled my place when years before her mother had so paused and made the turning-point in my life. All rushed over me with lightning speed, and when Eleanor bent closer to examine the intricate machinery, turning carelessly to me to ask some questions a light something whirled in the air, a faint scream burst from my darling's pale lips, the light drapery she wore fluttered in the awful whet which in another moment would have caught and crushed her fragile form.

No time for thought, no hope of rescue if an instant's delay. How it happened, no words could paint; but ere another 30 seconds had gone by, Eleanor stood pale and trembling, safe, while my right arm hung helpless by my side.

"Oh, George, George, I have killed you!" I heard her say, in a tone which even in that moment thrilled me, but I strove to answer, the agony sickened me, all grew dark, and in my strength and manhood I fell forward at her feet.

A choking sob somewhere near me was the sound I heard, as, opening my eyes, I found I had been borne back to Mrs. Crane's house, and caught in a glimpse of a girl's retiring figure. Mrs. Crane was sitting by my bedside, while my right arm was already bandaged. When I was stronger they told me the truth. It must be amputated. I made no murmur. So would I have laid down my life. But now never must I speak my love. No gratitude must influence Eleanor's, at my call. But, oh, how barren stretched my life before me as, the operation over, I lay one morning

GORDON AND LI HUNG CHANG.  
Their Disagreement Over the Punishment of the Taping Rebels.

LI HUNG CHANG came out of the campaigns with a high reputation for military skill, great administrative capacity and devoted loyalty to the reigning dynasty, and was therefore forward the most famous man of his nation. But just at the close of the war an incident occurred which, in the estimation of most foreigners, has remained as a blot upon his fair name. In the final great battle, which resulted in the capture of the most prominent of the leaders of the rebellion, Gordon, who was instrumental in their actual capture, promised to spare their lives, but immediately after being sent to headquarters they were beheaded. Gordon, who was of an impetuous temperament, denounced this act as a breach of faith, and it is said, threatened to take the life of Li and to throw up his command. But he did neither.

Li claimed that the refractory conduct of the rebel princes after their surrender made the punishment a necessity; and such a cool-headed and experienced man as Sir Robert Hart, with a full knowledge of the facts, held that Col. Gordon was not justified in his conduct, and induced him to reconsider his action and judgment. Gordon continued in command for some time, and up to the day of his death at Khartum maintained most friendly relations with the victors.

Notwithstanding these facts English writers generally insist that Li was guilty of bad faith and of bloody and inhuman conduct. But it should be borne in mind that the Taping rebellion was a most desolating and relentless war; that it had destroyed many populous cities; had laid waste nearly one-half of the empire; had sacrificed an enormous number of lives, estimated as high as 20,000,000; and that the leaders who were beheaded had been guilty of horrid cruelties. Under such circumstances it would not have been strange if even the most civilized and Christian commander, in the flush of victory, should have ordered the execution of the authors of such untold horrors and bloodshed. The sepoys mutiny of India synchronizes with the Taping rebellion. If the "heathen Chinee" should wish to retort upon his English critics, he might not find it difficult to parallel his own conduct with that of his civilized neighbors, the leaders of India.—Ex-Sec'y John W. Foster, in Century.

Shot for Disobeying Orders.  
The last time a British soldier was shot for disobedience of orders is believed to have been during the month of April, 1860, when a private of the Fifth Bengal regiment was court-martialed and shot for disobeying the orders of a superior officer by refusing with two other men to take a comrade to the guard-room. The one who was shot was an

### LIFE WITHOUT BRAINS.

Experiments as to the Utility of That Organ.

Prof. Witmer, in his university extension lecture, spoke of that important method of investigating parts of the nervous system known as extirpation. A given part of the nervous system is destroyed, and the animal is then studied to see what movements he is able to make without the activity of the parts of the brain which have been removed. Even all of the central nervous system above the spinal cord may be removed in some animals and they may still be kept alive long enough to show what the spinal cord is able to do without the brain.

"The frog whose brain has been removed," said Prof. Witmer, "is still able to draw his toe up toward his body when the toe is pinched, or if his toe is placed in acid he will remove the toe from the acid, or when a piece of blotting paper soaked in acid has been placed upon his back he can even move the foot up over the back to remove the acid. All this is done by the spinal cord alone, without any sensation on the part of the frog, because the frog, as a conscious organism, has been destroyed by the removal of the brain.

"The human being breathes, sneezes, coughs and hiccoughs from the medulla through the agency of reflex centers located there, and a frog deprived of the parts above the medulla will swim, turn over upon his belly when placed upon his back and perform actions generally taken as indicative of intelligence even when more important parts of the brain remain intact. If only parts of the brain be removed, leaving the optic lobes and basal ganglia intact, the frog in moving away from a stimulus will jump out of the road of an obstruction, not necessarily because he sees the obstruction, but because the visual stimulus acts conjointly with the touch to produce the movement of swerving to one side.

"We may hastily conceive of the normal frog as reacting as a nervous mechanism acting under the influence of environments in accordance with the life habits of its species, but such would be only a one-sided view of the relation of mind to the development of habits of action. We know more of our own mental life than we know of the activity of our ganglion cells. We really interpret the physiological action of a brain by our knowledge of the action only of the mind. We know our own states of mind, which we designate by the term volition, and we know that actions performed under the influence of volition become habitual and automatic. In this they approach the reflex actions, which have previously been considered. From this point of view we are justified in believing that reflex actions were developed under the influence of the will, but as the nervous mechanism became adapted and fit to perform the action alone, they were left to it alone in consequence of the strength of time and force, and thus it is that habitual actions are often performed automatically, involuntarily and unconsciously."—Philadelphia Press.

### HUMOROUS.

—What is popular opinion to-day may become unpopular opinion to-morrow.—Texas Sifter.

—If the earth is so very old, as some scientists contend, why does it continue to run around so much at nights?—Texas Sifter.

—"Dorothy has wonderful self-control." "Why do you think so?" "She could tell lots of things that happened 30 years ago, but she never does."—Chicago Record.

—Mrs. Kingsley—"I declare, to this day my cook can't tell a piece of out-glass when she sees it." Mrs. B'ng—"She has been with you for some years, hasn't she?"—Detroit Free Press.

—"I don't object so much to being put off," said a bill collector recently, "as I do to the old rag you are giving me about wanting to keep the bill in order to see if it is correct."—Acheson Globe.

—Crummer—"Vokes seems to be very angry at the deacon." Gilliland—"Yes. You see he got mad at him and called him a fool and the deacon in reply addressed him as 'brother.'"—Truth.

—Philanthropist—"You say you have not a thing in the house to eat, and no means of getting anything; but I notice you have three fine looking bicycles. Money enough ought to be raised upon them to keep you in food for a long time." Applicant—"How do you expect we can bear up under our privations unless we have our wheels to occupy our minds?"—Boston Transcript.

### SHREWD OFFICE RATS.

Take Advantage of a Law of Physics to Escape Capture.

The employees of the Jersey City Printing company have for a long time been troubled by rats. The rodents are of unusual size, and are extremely bold. They are boldest after dark, and thick nothing of running over the feet of the employees.

Several cats were placed in the building, with the hope that they would exterminate the rats, but the latter made it so warm for the cats that they were driven away.

Various schemes have been worked to entrap the rodents, but with little success. Finally Engineer August Krone hit upon a scheme that for a time bore fair to be just the thing. He screwed an old zinc oil-tank about three feet in height, and then fastened on the edge a two-foot piece of board. Then he arranged the board so that it would swing up and down, with one end inside the tank. He placed a piece of bologna sausage, fastened with a rubber band, on the edge of the tank, and half filled the vessel with water. A few pieces of cheese were placed along the other end of the board to coax the rats on.

The trap was set where rats are thickest, in the basement, and in a few minutes a rat climbed upon the end of the board, which protruded outside the tank, and rested upon a support. The rodent ate the cheese, and then went to the bologna. As it reached the bait, the other end of the board tipped up, and the rat with a squeak, fell into the water and was drowned.

"Oh, that's the trick," said the engineer, and his assistants said August had a great head.

Within ten minutes six more rats walked the plank, and then there was a remarkable display of rat's cuteness.

Two rodents climbed the pile of papers, and while one stood on the safe end of the board the other carefully made its way to the tempting bologna, and devoured half of it. The rats then changed places, and the other rat ate the rest of the bologna and half the rubber band.

The engineer scratched his head, and the other spectators said something about people going to a lot of trouble for nothing.

During the afternoon no more rats were caught, but a lot of cheese was eaten by them. The engineer solemnly avers that he saw the rats not only balance one another on the board while the tempting bait was devoured, but that the rodents actually engaged in a game of see-saw, simply for amusement. August still has faith in his patent rat trap, but nobody else has.—Newark Advertiser.

### VITALITY OF TOADS.

We have all read of the discovery of toads "in solid stratas of stone," where food and air sufficient to sustain life could not have possibly been had. We have not only read these stories, but the majority of us have put them down as by someone who did not expect them to be believed. Now comes the scientist M. Victor Lagroche, who says that he has imprisoned toads in masses of mixed plaster of Paris and found them "well, fat and hearty after a lapse of eight years." He argues that if such creatures can live for years without air or light they "can continue to live on indefinitely."—Chicago Chronicle.

### DISCRIMINATION.

The young man with longish hair was gazing abstractedly out of the car window when the fatherly old gentleman came along looking for a seat. Having settled himself in comfort, he engaged his neighbor in conversation.

"Deen on a long journey?" he asked.

"Not very."

"On business?"

"No, sir. In pursuit of my profession."

"Oh! Excuse me. Might I ask what the difference is?"

"My business, sir, is selling things in a hardware store; but my profession is acting."—Washington Star.

### EXPLAINED.

Ned—Why, I never saw a lovelier girl than Miss Atherton, and she seems to be very fond of you. What do you mean by saying that there are weighty objections to your marriage?

Jack—Have you seen her father?

"Why, no."

"—He weighs 240 pounds."—Somerville Journal.

### MRS. PINKHAM'S VICTORY.

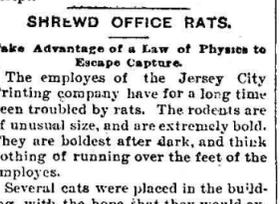
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Summing up the Next Congress.

Let there be no fear about the Fifty-fifth Congress. It will be sound on money and tariff. In the Senate there will be eighty-eight members and two vacancies, from Delaware and Kentucky respectively. Out of these eighty-eight Senators there are thirty-seven who may be depended upon to oppose any free coinage bill, and it is probable that Mr. Murphy, of New York, and Mr. Mitchell, of Wisconsin, will vote in accordance with the sentiment of their States on the money question. This would make the sound-money forces number thirty-nine in the Senate, not counting two doubtful members from the Dakotas and one from North Carolina. On the tariff question the Republicans will have a clear majority in the Senate.

In the next House of Representatives there will be 205 Republicans, of whom all but five are aggressive advocates of all honest currency; 134 Democrats and 18 Populists. All the 1st named are, of course, free silverites, and all the Democrats are so counted except McAleer, of Pennsylvania, and Elliott, of South Carolina. This will give a majority of 47 for sound money, and a majority equally as effective for a protective tariff.

In summing up the complexion of the Fifty-fifth Congress, three facts may now be stated with absolute certainty.

- First—No free silver bill can be passed. Second—The prospects for remedial legislation in financial affairs are good. Third—A Republican tariff measure will certainly be enacted.

The iconoclast is abroad in the land. Plague take him! It was only the other day that a half column article appeared in these columns regarding the slaying of a half tame doe by that mighty hunter, William Jennings Bryan. The exciting incidents of the chase were imagined with due regard to the dramatic effects of stage fire lightning and tin pan thunder. But, alack, and alas! it was only a rabbit that was killed. Arkansas Jones caught him by the ears and held him while Bryan talked him to death. What a death!—Bristol Courier.

General Bradley Johnston, of Virginia, a close friend of Consul General Lee, predicts that President Cleveland will, in his message to Congress, on the first Monday of December, recon the recognition of Cuban independence, and that Spain will declare war against us on the following Wednesday. Here is a positive prediction, and, just for the fun of the thing, let us see how near or how far it comes from the truth.—Commercial Tribune.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound of imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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GREAT STORM OUT WEST

LIVES LOST AND PEOPLE PENNED UP AND STARVING.

Snow Drifts Twelve Feet High.

The Dakotas and Minnesota Swept for Three Days—Forty Degrees Drop in 24 Hours in Mississippi.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 28.—The great storm which swept over Minnesota and the Dakotas on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday has resulted in some loss of human life and great loss to live stock. Mail Agent Burroughs, of the Northern road, is buried in a snow drift near Devil's Lake, N. D. He was on the east-bound train which was stalled out of Devil's Lake Thursday evening and walked to a restaurant at Devil's Lake, obtaining as big a supply of provisions as he could carry and started back for his train. He never reached it. A searching party has been digging in the snow for his body all the afternoon.

John Hooley, a farmer living four miles from Park River, N. D., started for his barn Thursday night and his body was found two miles away on the prairie this afternoon. The loss to stock aggregates hundreds. A coat of ice covers the ground, and snow is in some places piled in drifts 12 feet high.

THE WORST FEARED FOR STOCK.

On the ranges west of the Missouri the worst is feared for stock, as it is believed it would be impossible for cattle and sheep to get enough to eat until it thaws. The temperature until it thaws. The temperature is from 5 to 20 degrees below zero in that section, and below zero at all points in the Dakotas.

At Vermillion, S. D., there is hardly a tree standing and every orchard is ruined. In many instances trees a foot in diameter were snapped off at the bottom. Every telegraph and electric wire in that town was prostrated and it will have no lights until next week.

To-night's reports from Morehead, Fargo, Grand Forks, Devil's Lake and Bismark says trains are beginning to move irregularly again.

GREATEST STORM IN 8 YEARS.

At Aberdeen the storm has not been paralleled since the great blizzard of March 12, 1888. Drifts in the streets and on the railroad tracks there and at most South Dakota towns, are from 5 to 6 feet deep. Railroadings has been entirely abandoned until the storm breaks. Freight trains on the Hastings & Dakota are in drifts near Bath station, and the Eureka accommodation is fast at Hillview. An utterly demoralized condition prevails everywhere.

Pierre, S. D., reports travel of all kinds completely tied up. While no reports have come in from the country, there have undoubtedly been serious stock losses on the ranges. It will be on the ranges. It will be several days before anything definite can be learned from the cattle country to the west.

SNOW AS HIGH AS FENCES.

At Huron the snow is piling in drifts, as high as fenceposts. Trains were sent south and east to-day, preceded by snowplows and shovellers. Telegraph wires are prostrated in every direction. Fuel is scarce in remote districts, and suffering is feared. Heavy losses of cattle on the ranges will result.

Rain and sleet prevailed several hours before the snow set in. Then the temperature fell twelve degrees, resting at four degrees below zero, when the worst storm ever known in the State in eight years set in, continuing for forty hours.

At Mellette, S. D., trains are blocked.

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feet deep. The wagon roads are blocked, and stock will suffer greatly.

SUDDEN FALL OF TEMPERATURE.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 28.—The weather here to-night is about forty degrees colder than twenty-four hours ago, and is getting worse. A freeze is confidently predicted to-night, the first of the season. Yesterday everybody was walking around in their shirt sleeves. Today they are wrapped in overcoats, and fires are kindled in business houses.

UNCLE BILLY 102 YEARS OLD.

An Old Kentuckian Who Fought With Andrew Jackson.

Hindman, Ky., Nov. 27.—One of the most unique characters in the mountains is "Uncle Billy" Brent, of Knott County. Uncle Billy was born in Ireland in 1794, and is therefore, 102 years old. He has been married five times; his present wife is living, and is 45 years old. One of his eccentricities is that he will not sleep in a bed nor eat with a knife and fork. He is very fond of jerked venison and coon meat, of which he eats immense quantities. He has never worn boots or shoes, moccasins being his footwear. Up to his eightieth year he had never been in a church or heard a sermon preached, but twenty-two years ago he joined the Baptist Church during a protracted meeting held by Rev. Stephen Darsie at Troublesome Creek. Since then he has been very devout, exhorting every Sunday. He served a short time in the latter part of the War of 1812, was in New Orleans, but was sick, and, therefore, took no part in Jackson's famous victory January 8, 1815. He served under Colonel Humphrey Marshall in the Mexican War, and was in Colonel Ben Caullill's Confederate regiment in the last war. This regiment was a part of General Humphrey Marshall's Brigade, composed entirely of Kentuckians. Uncle Billy's faculties are well prepared. None of his children are living, but a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren are scattered all over the mountains.

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A Thanksgiving Present.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 27.—William A. Langford, a farmer of White Hall, received from his uncle, Stephen Langford, deed for 1,700 acres of blue grass lands and \$5,000, the whole of the gift being valued at \$50,000.

Papers like the Bristol Courier "take their medicine with philosophic resignation and face the new conditions with cheer and hopefulness," like brave men of sense who know when the battle is over and who has lost and who has won. But such is not the case with all the Bryan papers. They can't stand the pinch without yelling, and their fiery and venomous screeds are as funny as they are harmless.—Herald and Tribune.

It is Thought by Many

when the Creator said to woman "in sorrow shalt thou bring forth children," that a curse was pronounced, but the joy felt by every Mother when she first presses to her heart her babe, proves the contrary. Danger and suffering lurk in the pathway of the Expectant Mother, and should be avoided, that she may reach the hour when the hope of her heart is to be realized, in full vigor and strength.

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Weyer likely to be reduced to sitting still and making faces at them.

Baltimore, Nov. 30.—In discussing the situation in Cuba, Gen. Bradley T. Johnson, who recently returned from there, was asked: "What sort of people are supporting the insurrection?" "The bankers, the planters, the writers, lawyers, doctors, the professors of the University of Havana, and the people. The University of Havana is a hotbed of patriotism. The boys run off by the score to join Gomez and Maceo, and some of the professors are ministers plenipotentiary from the Cuban republic to the South American Governments, as Franklin and Laurens were from the devoted colonies to France in 1777-78. I think the property, the culture, and the courage of the island is on the side of the rebellion.

"The insurrection is supported by wealth, directed by intelligence, and conducted with genius and courage. I think the rebels outfight and outmaneuver the Spaniards, and they will wear them out.

"There is no chance of the rebels being starved out of the Pinar del Rio district, for the woods are full of cattle, hogs, and sweet potatoes. They will always have plenty to eat. They are armed with Remingtons, Spencers, Mausers, every variety of carbine and revolver, and all of them first rate, but their calibres vary, which is a terrible disadvantage. In war all cartridges ought to fit all guns of the same kind. They have since I left got some dynamite guns, cannon worked by compressed air, and some guns for smokeless powder. They have a few American and foreign artilleryists who will rapidly instruct other foreigners in the service, and as their artillery is reinforced skilled men will be ready to use the new cannon. I would say without any definite information that they need company officers, Captains, Lieutenants, and orderly sergeants, more than anything else.

"They are making the gamest fight that was ever made, not excepting that made by the Confederates in the civil war. They are wearing out Spaniards, and after Gen. Weyer comes back to Havana again the Spaniards will not throw up the sponge, but will sit in the towns and make faces at the rebels, who will rule the country.

"Maceo is the genius of the war. He is a quadron. His mother was the daughter of a Spaniard of rank, and he is the son of a Spanish officer. He is well educated, bright, alert, daring, and daring. He will wear the Spaniards out by guerrilla war—constant surprises, ambushes at tanks, and retreats. Mosby, with 300 men, kept 40,000 men constantly employed for two years in the mountains of Fauquier and Loudoun in Virginia chasing him up and down hill and dale, but they never captured him, and he cost them thousands of men and millions of money.

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The world believes its great men. Their word is accepted as truth, their example followed, their advice taken.

Knowing this fact, the illustrious Lieut.-Governor of Vermont, Hon. Henry A. Fletcher, of Proctorsville, Vt., who is the descendant of a long line of Statesmen and Rulers, tells the people if they wish to get well, if they desire to get back their health and strength, to use Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy because he knows from personal experience, from its use in his own family and among his friends, and from having observed time and time again its wonderful curative powers, that it will surely and certainly cure, that it will give strength to the weak, strong nerves to the nervous, natural refreshing sleep to the sleepless, perfect digestion to the dyspeptic, rich, red blood to the feeble, freedom from pain to the rheumatic, in fact, sound and vigorous health to all who use it.

Lieut.-Governor Fletcher's family have been leaders and advisers of the people and publicly identified with the history of the United States for more than a hundred years. His father was both Lieut.-Governor and Governor of Vermont and his grandfather was one

of the framers of the Constitution of Massachusetts.

Certainly no higher testimonial, no greater proof of a medicine's wonderful power to cure can possibly be given than is here bestowed upon Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, by this most distinguished statesman and head of the government of the state.

Surely no one who is ill, worn-out, run-down, weak, nervous, discouraged and disheartened by repeated failures to be cured can require any greater proof, any stronger testimony than Dr. Greene's Nervura will cure, that it will certainly restore health and strength to the weak and nervous sufferer, than Lieut.-Governor Fletcher's powerful words wherein he states that he has personally used it in his family with greatest benefit, knows it to be a most wonderful curer of disease, and earnestly recommends its use by all who are out of health and need medicine.

The great Statesman says: "I have long heard of the good effects of Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy and have used it in my family. I have heard cases among my neighbors who have derived great benefit from its use and can truly say, that as far as my experience and in-

formation go, the results are highly satisfactory. This letter can be published for others' good."

If you are a sufferer from weakness or disease, do not hesitate to take Dr. Greene's Nervura and get well after such a testimonial from so illustrious and distinguished a Statesman.

Do you think so eminent a man of such high official position would lend his name and give his emphatic advice to use Dr. Greene's Nervura unless he knew positively its great value, its wondrous power to cure? He knows that his words will be heeded and his advice to use this grand remedy followed because of his high standing and his unhesitatingly tells the people, speaking the welcome truth to the sick with the voice and dignity of official authority, that Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy will cure the weak and suffering, will give health and strength, renewed life, restored energies and the zest and happiness of living.

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Of a Sale of Real Estate at

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By virtue of a Deed of Trust executed to me on the 15th day of March, 1895, and recorded in Smyth County Clerk's Office in Deed Book No. 22, page 483, I shall proceed to expose to sale to the highest bidder a House and Lot containing about one-half (1/2) Acre, on which is situated a store-house, granary, one story dwelling house of four rooms, one stable and smoke-house, at Chatham Hill, Va.

There is a good yard and garden on the lot. This property is situated in a thickly settled neighborhood. I will sell the above property before the Smyth County Court-house, on the 16th day of November, 1896, it being Court-day.

TERMS OF SALE.—This property will be sold on a credit of ONE, TWO and THREE years according to the terms of the Deed of trust, the purchaser paying on day of sale a sufficient amount to pay the expenses of sale, and executing bonds with approved security for the deferred payments.

Given under my hand this 19th day of October, 1896.

G. E. GOODELL, Trustee.

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Capt. Jno. M. Preston, of 7 Mile Ford, spent last Monday in Marion.

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Hon. A. H. Blanchard, of Bristol, was in Marion last Friday on legal business.

Circuit court commences next Monday and will continue, probably two weeks.

Mr. Geo. W. St. Clair, a rising young attorney of Tazewell, spent Monday in this city.

Bring your job work to THE NEWS office. We are prepared to do first-class work at reasonable prices.

Merit in medicine means the power to cure. The great cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla prove its unequalled merit.

The West Virginia Legislature on joint ballot stands: Republicans, 58; Democrats, 33; Gold Democrats, 2; Populists, 1.

Mr. B. H. Jones, of Elk Garden, Russell county, was shaking hands with his numerous friends in the city this week.

Hicks, the weather prophet, says December will be an unusually cold and stormy month. So you had better get ready for it.

Fortunately we get the tail end of the blizzard, and the farmers need no longer wish for a cold snap that they may slaughter their big pork.

If you owe us you can pay us in pork, corn, wheat, butter, eggs or cash. We must have something on accounts. VENABLE & Co.

Cornelius Vanderbilt is learning to write with his left hand. Even his left-handed writings will be treasured when put at the bottom of a check.

The ladies of Marion should attend the Lectures to be delivered by Mrs. C. O. Baker at the Opera House on Monday and Tuesday afternoons 2:30 o'clock.

A beautiful lamp is always an acceptable present. C. M. Wolfe has them this year and he's selling them for almost nothing. 98 cents will buy a beauty.

One day last week six hundred cattle were loaded and shipped from Glade Spring depot. The largest shipment made from that point in any one day this season.

Messrs. E. E. Straw and J. Z. Sexton, medical students of Vanderbilt University, who accompanied the remains of Mr. E. W. Long which arrived here Tuesday, paid our sanctuary a pleasant call on Wednesday.

A few people have responded to our urgent appeal for settlement of accounts. We must insist on settlement. Don't force us to put out accounts for collection. You can settle them easier with us than with an officer. VENABLE & Co.

The Board of Directors of the Confederate Veteran's Association of Upper East Tennessee and Southwestern Virginia was held in Bristol last week for the purpose of electing officers. Dr. W. T. Delaney of Bristol was elected President.

Extensive developments are being made on Walkers Mountain, near Meadow View, Washington county, of a most promising deposit of phosphate that is pronounced equal to the South Carolina deposits. The property is owned by Capt. Geisler.

Hon. Jno. G. Watts and lady, and Mr. Douglas Smith, of Tazewell, were in Marion last Tuesday. The ex-Marshal was smiling over the great Republican victory just won. We understand he is a candidate for re-appointment to the Marshalship of the Western District.

We have appointed O. C. Sprinkle our agent at Marion, and through him you can buy jewelry at prices to suit the times. Call and examine our large catalogue and price-list—anything ordered subject to approval. Engraving free.

ROGERS WILLIAMS M'fg. Co. Judge A. P. Cole, left Monday for Richmond, to attend a meeting of the State Mission Board of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. We understand the Judge will deliver his celebrated lecture on the Prehistoric Man, while there. The Judge has attained quite a reputation as a lecturer and no doubt will draw a large crowd in the Capital city.

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from the Methodist church. Scherer's house on Main st. has been occupied by Mr. Jno. Thomas. Mr. Thomas and family moved into Mr. G. E. Goodell's house on Broadway.

There has been a great demand for a fine piano in a plain case at a medium price. After long effort Hobbie Piano Co, Roanoke, have succeeded in securing just this piano, which they are offering at a very low price, and on easy payments. Write for catalogue and all particulars.

Dr. A. J. Fristoe, of Petersburg, Va., is expected to arrive in Marion Sunday the 6th inst. to assist Rev. J. W. Hundley in a revival meeting at the Baptist church. Dr. Fristoe is an able preacher and we trust his efforts will be crowned with ample success while in our midst.

Dr. R. D. Hufford was called on yesterday to go to Rich Valley, Smyth county, for the purpose of consulting with Dr. Geo. Ben Johnston, of Richmond, who has been called to see Capt. Chas. D. Carter. We are informed that Mr. Carter is in very precarious health.—Tazewell Republican.

We are glad to be informed that another new and commodious store room will soon be erected by Mr. J. N. Hull on his lot just west end adjoining the Postoffice. This is a first-class location and we trust Mr. Hull will not be disappointed in putting his present plans into execution, and give Marion another good business building.

All persons indebted to me by account will please come forward and make settlement by Jan. 1st, 1897, either by cash produce or note and those owing notes must help me on them—I must close my matters once a year at furthest. Do this and save me and yourselves trouble.

J. W. NELSON. Sugar Grove, Va. Nov. 20, 1896.

We note that Hon. D. F. Bailey, also Hon. J. L. Gleaves are candidates for District Attorneyship for the Western District of Virginia. Both of these gentlemen are good Republicans, and have rendered faithful and efficient service to their party and either one would fill the position with distinction to himself and District.

Lecture for Ladies Only.

Mrs. C. O. Baker, one of the most accomplished women on the lecture platform in this country, will deliver two lectures Monday and Tuesday at Seaver Opera House 2:30 p. m. The lectures will be of vital interest to them. She comes highly recommended by the press and has just completed an engagement at Wytheville and Pulaski City.

The Roanoke Times speaking of Mrs. Baker's lecture says: Mrs. C. O. Baker, who, while in the city last week, delivered several lectures to the ladies of Roanoke at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, left for Radford to deliver a series of lectures to the ladies of Radford. The work she began here will be carried on by Mrs. C. C. Shockey and Miss Gertie Blair of this city. Before leaving Mrs. Baker was urgently requested to return to Roanoke to deliver her lecture again, and she may probably return at an early date.

House Burned.

The dwelling house of Mr. Ferd. Keller, located one mile north of Mt. Carmel, was destroyed by fire last Friday morning. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed it originated from a stove-pipe or flue. Mr. Keller, we learn, was able to save some of his furniture. He carried an insurance of \$1000.00 on the house. This will partially compensate Mr. Keller for the heavy loss he sustained.

Now is the Time.

If you intend to give your wife a Christmas gift now is the time to call at THE NEWS office and see about a Climax Sewing Machine. We doubt if any present you could get would please your wife more. Big money will be save to you by getting this machine from us.

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CAST OF CHARACTERS:

Eva Thomley, Miss Alice Pendleton Nettie Nettleby, Mrs. C. C. Lincoln Mrs. Tarley, Miss Sallie Apperson Or Solater, I. N. Luther Harold Hadley, H. L. Bridges John Tarley, Geo. W. Wright Bob Brittle, S. L. Alexander Squire Hollis, A. T. Lincoln

Tickets will be on sale at the drugstore, and the prices will be 25c. Reserved seats 35c. Performance will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

The music will be furnished by Chas. Selby and other musicians, and will be especially good, as every effort will be made to make it a success.

The Weather Bureau Reports Cold Wave.

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Death of E. W. Long.

Mr. E. W. Long, of Chatham Hill, this county, who has been attending the medical department of Vanderbilt University, in Nashville, died at that place, of Typhoid fever, Monday morning at 2:30 o'clock. The remains arrived here Tuesday morning, accompanied by his mother and room-mates Messrs. E. E. Straw and J. Z. Sexton. They were met at the depot by his brother and friends and immediately started for Chatham Hill where the interment took place in the old cemetery the same day, Revs. C. D. Waller, of this place, and — Bridginton, of Rich Valley, performing the last sad rites. He was confined to his bed only 10 days, death resulting from hemorrhage of the bowels. His mother was with him when the end came, arriving Friday before. While very delirious from the first yet he knew his mother perfectly and seemed to rest easier while she was with him.

"Wannie," as he was popularly called, was beloved by all who knew him here, his jolly good nature made him friends wherever he went. He was especially loved by his college mates, as was evidenced by the attention paid him while sick, and after his death they accompanied the remains in a body to the depot, six of his class-mates acting as pallbearers. As a token of the esteem in which he was held by the Faculty, the college was closed Monday and crepe placed on the door.

He will be greatly missed at college, but more so by relatives and friends at home who knew him best. While not a member of the church yet he lived consistent with all the virtues of this life and his friends have no fear of his future estate.

Fits Cured. From THE JOURNAL OF MEDICINE Prof. W. H. FEEKE, who makes a specialty of Epilepsy, has without doubt treated and cured more cases than any living Physician's, his success is astonishing. We have heard of cases of 20 years' standing cured by him. He publishes a valuable work in this disease, which he sends with a large bottle of his absolute cure, free to any sufferer who may send their P. O. and Express address. We advise any one wishing a cure to address Dr. W. H. FEEKE, F. D., 4 Cedar St., New York.

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Knights Templar Officers.

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Best Remedy for Hog Cholera.

[Please give the best remedy you have for hog cholera. J. A. S.] The best remedy for hog cholera and swine plague that has been discovered so far is described in Farmer's Bulletin No. 24, of the United States Department of Agriculture. As these are infectious diseases, the measures described in this bulletin regarding the disinfection and the introduction of new animals upon a farm should be carried out as therein stated. We quote:

- Wood charcoal, 1
Sulphur, 1
Sodium chloride, 1
Sodium bicarbonate, 2
Sodium hyposulphite, 1
Sodium sulphate, 1
Antimony sulphite (bl'k anti-mony), 1

These ingredients should be completely pulverized and thoroughly mixed.

The dose of this mixture is a large tablespoonful for each 200 pounds weight of hogs to be treated, and it should be given only once a day. When hogs are affected with these diseases they should not be fed on corn alone, but soft feed, made by mixing bran and middlings, or middlings and corn meal, or ground oats and corn, or crushed wheat with hot water, and then stirring into this the proper quantity of the medicine. Hogs are fond of this mixture, it increases their appetite, and when they once taste of the food with which it has been mixed they will eat it, though nothing else would tempt them.

Animals that are very sick, and that will not come to the feed, should be drenched with the medicine shaken up with water. Great care should be exercised in drenching hogs, or they will be suffocated. Send for the bulletin before you experiment with your hogs. The bulletin is sent out free of charge.—Richmond Dispatch.

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