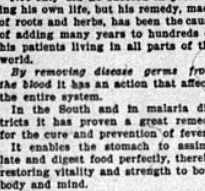


COSTLIEST IN THE WORLD.
The costliest building in the Milan cathedral.
The costliest dog was a St. Bernard, Philadelphia, who sold for \$1,150.
The costliest modern painting is Meissonier's "1814," which sold for \$175,000.
The costliest cigars are the Vuelta Abajo, which sometimes retail at four dollars apiece.
The costliest government is the French. The government salaries aggregate \$2,750,000.
The costliest diamond is the Imperial, for which the sultan of Hyderabad paid \$2,150,000.

A mechanical device has been invented which is reported to be sure to induce drowsiness and then sleep in ordinary cases of wakefulness. It is said to have almost hypnotic powers in that direction, though it consists in nothing but a curious shaped and irregularly placed "padding" attached to a slowly revolving wheel. It is claimed that if the sufferer from insomnia looks steadily at the contrivance while it is in motion he will be overcome by drowsiness and put to sleep.

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REFUSE TO MODIFY TERMS OPERATORS REJECT PROPOSITIONS BY MINERS.

Content That Wages Are Fair and Quote John Mitchell to Sustain Their Claim.

New York.—The anthracite mine operators' subcommittee drew up a reply to the latest proposition of the mine workers for an adjustment of the existing difference in the anthracite fields, in which they refuse to modify their position heretofore announced.

The operators, after giving figures in detail, say that to accept the sliding scale of wages proposed by the miners would mean an increase in the price of coal to the public of 26 cents a ton. The present profit to the operators, they say, is but 20 cents a ton.

"We note what you say with reference to the hazards incident to the employment of the contract workers. No one can regret more deeply than ourselves the accidents to which you refer. That matter was fully presented to the strike commission and had due weight in fixing the existing wages.

"The conditions which have prevailed since the award of the strike commission have been as satisfactory as could be anticipated, in view of the magnitude of the industry. In one of his addresses last summer your chairman was said to have stated that no time in the last 20 years have the wage earnings of the miners been as fair as they are now. In view of all the circumstances we are satisfied that the true course is indicated on our original proposition. This was that existing conditions should be continued for a period of three years.

"We trust that on Thursday next the deliberate judgment of the anthracite workers will result in an acceptance of that proposition, but if not that they will join with us in the arbitration we have offered.

"Falling to meet us on either proposition, the responsibility of a strike must rest upon you."
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—The anthracite miners will hold a convention at Scranton next Thursday in order to take action upon the reply of the operators, if any, to two propositions submitted to President Baer and his associates by the President Mitchell. He made public two propositions, together with a request for another joint conference submitted by the miners' sole committee to President Baer and his associates on the first proposition, to ask for an increase in wages ranging from 5 to 15 per cent, according to the wages now received. The second proposition, known as an advance, equal to ten cents per ton upon the total production of coal.

Shamokin, Pa.—United Mine Workers' locals in some sections of the anthracite region elected delegates on Sunday to the convention called for Thursday next at Scranton. Some of them were instructed to vote for a strike unless the operators grant certain conditions. The other delegates were instructed to support any measure President Mitchell may think best for the workingman's interests.

PLURALITY PRIMARY BILL.

Illinois Senate Passes Measure Providing for 35 Per Cent. of Vote Cast to Nominates.

Springfield, Ill.—The senate Thursday passed the Stead primary election bill, amended by the senate primary elections committee, by a vote of 36 to 1. The bill provides for nomination of congressmen and candidates for the legislature and county candidates by conventions, the candidates receiving a 35 per cent. plurality to be the nominees. The others are to go into convention for delay. The bill is instant and will provide for nomination of city officers by primaries passed by a vote of 27 to 1.

Fire Nearly Ruins Town.
Harrisville, W. Va.—Fire early Sunday morning threatened to wipe out the entire town, but was quickly after causing a loss of about \$25,000. The blaze started in the National hotel, destroyed that building, locked up the First National bank building and then burned the post office with all its contents. Every available man in the town was called upon to fight the flames. The only fire fighting apparatus to be obtained was two hand fire engines with which, supplemented by a bucket brigade the fire was controlled.

URGENT PENSIONS FOR SLAVES Confederate Veterans Would Have States Reward Loyal Blacks Who Followed Masters to War.

New Orleans.—The total business of the sixteenth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans came to a close Thursday afternoon. One day of the reunion proper is left, and that will be devoted to the parade of the veterans.

Richmond, Va., was selected as the place for holding the next reunion, the choice being made by acclamation. The present officers of the organization were re-elected by acclamation, there being no nominations made against any of them.

The reunion, viewed from a business standpoint, was very uneventful. The chief new measure of importance to be adopted were one which would recommend to the different states that pensions be paid to slaves now living who followed their masters to the war, and one which declares in favor of the setting apart of one day in the year by each camp of the organization for memorial services in behalf of the Confederate dead.

New Orleans.—Wednesday, in the heart of a city which has borne the brunt of battle and worn the weeds of mourning for its sake, the confederacy of the south was revived again by those who cherish it for everything that it was intended to be and who will love it until they die for what it means to them and to the south. The tales of heroism, the sacrifice, the agony and the glory of the great days were told again to those who never weary of the story, and who cheered and wept by turn. No reunion was ever held under fairer auspices and none ever showed greater promise of success. The weather was perfect, the arrangements of the temporary building erected for the reunion were unsurpassed and the details of the vast work of handling the great throngs of visitors was carried out with precision and care.

DOWIE AND VOLIVA AT ZION

Rival Leaders of Christian Catholic Church Hold Meetings to Re-tain Followers.

Chicago.—Zion's revolt withheld the best of John Alexander Dowie's magnetic force Sunday. Dowie ruled supreme over the hosts of enthusiasts recreant to the trust imposed in them by the renounced "first apostle."

While the enticed founder of the Christian Catholic Apostolic church pleaded with tears and sobs to a mere handful of the faithful in Shiloh tabernacle, the thousands who had renounced him assembled in the open air on the college campus and there again renounced their former leader and spurned him as though he were the leader of an invasion by the devil's angels.

Dowie's appearance was a pathetic picture. Unable to walk, he was carried into the great auditorium in the arms of two giant negroes, and he talked to the faithful followers and hundreds of curiosity seekers from Chicago and North Shore cities while seated in the north cathedral chair in the tabernacle pulpit.

Clothed in brand new apostolic robes, the most costly and magnificent he ever worn, the repudiated and heart-broken man heaped words of abuse upon Dowie and his satellites, denounced them as thieves and scoundrels, and swore to heaven that all their charges against him were infamous lies.

John Dowie and Gladstone sat in the congregation and took no part in the services. Though they have been reconciled to Dowie, they both assert that they were actuated by motives of pity for the poor man who was to be instant and they have determined to do all they can to comfort him in his declining days.

INDICTED FOR LAND FRAUDS

Grand Jury Returns True Bills Against Chicago, Denver and Kansas City Residents.

Roswell, N. M.—The federal grand jury here has been hearing evidence here in the so-called land fraud cases returned four indictments against the following persons: Chester I. Tallmadge and E. R. Tallmadge, of Chicago; F. E. Tallmadge, of Denver; Karl C. Young and John H. McKinstry, of Kansas City.

HE HAD ENERGY TO SPARE

Animal of the Propagative Posterior Ferocious Foulish Man to Philosopher.

A man in the southwest had so much nervous energy to spare that when his wife's will and his crossed he tried to persuade her to let him play a game with him and expect to show up well as the victor. He had the game so well in the present art of kicking, but he was the winner of it by heredity and by enjoyment of the game.

When he felt the kick he saw with the white of his eye that the man recovering from the road of the kick, he merely purred his left rear corner slightly and had had the chance to answer so severely that the man is now in the hospital and had had 14 stitches taken on his bump perceptibly.

The foolish man sits in at the man's feet and he has had the chance to answer so severely that the man is now in the hospital and had had 14 stitches taken on his bump perceptibly.

The Favorite Route East.

Passengers from Chicago to Ft. Wayne, Cleveland, Erie, Buffalo, New York City, Boston and all points east, will find it to their interest by selecting for their journey the route of the **ROAD** from Chicago. Three through trains are run daily from Chicago to New York City, also through Sleeping Car Service to Boston and New York City. The **ROAD** is the lowest and no excess fares are charged. **TRIPS** are made by part of the trip. The **NICKEL** for any part of the trip. **TRIPS** are made by part of the trip. **TRIPS** are made by part of the trip. **TRIPS** are made by part of the trip.

Getting Informed.

The student of sociology learned the tramp a singer. He wanted to learn about how such a person lives in the blue waist-coat. "So?" asked his chum. "Yes; through a school of correspondence. "Why not?" asked the other. "You realize anything?" "Only that I was a laborer. She had the same idea and was in a worse predicament than I was in with a meager studying social conditions." Philadelphia Ledger.

What He Learned.

"I learned the game of love once," said the young man in the blue waist-coat. "So?" asked his chum. "Yes; through a school of correspondence. "Why not?" asked the other. "You realize anything?" "Only that I was a laborer. She had the same idea and was in a worse predicament than I was in with a meager studying social conditions." Philadelphia Ledger.

Might Help Some.

Two.—Just a telling everyone that I am Two-footed.
Two.—I don't see how she can think that.
"Thank you, dear."
The young man had two feet, you'd certainly wear the other one.—Cleveland Leader.

Be brave and prudent. Inquire into the sum of the repair bill paid by some of your friends, and you can probably shake off that obligation that you have just got to look at, at a reasonable time.—Indianapolis Star.

There are times, to be sure, when we doubt our own wisdom, but these are never concurrent with those occasions when we contemplate proper policy for our friends to pursue.—Luck.

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How often do we hear women say: "I seem as though my back would break or 'Don't speak to me, I am all out of sorts?' These significant remarks prove that the system requires attention. Backache and 'the blues' are direct symptoms of an inward trouble which will sooner or later declare itself. Nature requires assistance and at once, and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound instantly asserts its curative powers in all those peculiar ailments of women. It has been the standby of intelligent American women for twenty years, and the best judges agree that it is the most universally successful remedy for woman's ills known to medicine.

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