



# TO AID OUR EXPORT TRADE

Such is the Purpose of an Exposition to Be Held at Philadelphia This Fall.

**A**NATIONAL exposition of American manufactures for the expansion of export trade—that, in a sentence, expresses the distinctive character of the great exposition to be held in Philadelphia next fall. No other exposition of the kind has ever been held or is now projected in these United States.

Purely for the benefit of the manufacturers of this country and designed to further, in the most practical way, the development of their commercial relations with foreign countries, it will, at the same time, benefit those who have no thought of entering the foreign trade as well as those to whom the exhibition of their goods in the great buildings west of the Schuylkill is designed as a first step toward the extension of their business to the four quarters of the globe.

Just why this is may be explained in a very few words. First, as to the ex-

hibits. Side by side with the American manufactured products upon exhibition will be shown similar products from nearly every country in the world, so that by comparison with his goods with them the American manufacturer may learn exactly what class of goods there is a demand for in the countries he intends trading with, and also by studying the foreign modes of packing may know how best to put up his own products for export to meet the competition of foreign merchants on their own territory. Special commissioners



THE BUILDINGS OF THE PHILADELPHIA EXPOSITION.

of the Exposition association are now abroad buying these foreign samples, and they are aided in their work of selecting the best specimens by the entire consular service of the United States. It is intended to show our manufacturers in the clearest manner the peculiarities in the demands of every foreign market.

Not only will these parallel displays of American and foreign goods be useful to the American manufacturer by giving him this opportunity for comparison, but they will also prove, indirectly, a material advantage to him. Thousands of foreign buyers who will be here will be given this same opportunity for comparison, and in this way will see in the most striking manner the superiority of American goods demonstrated.

One great feature of the exposition aside from these exhibits which will



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attract these representatives of foreign business houses to Philadelphia this fall will be the commercial congress which is to convene October 10. The last commercial congress, held two years ago by the Philadelphia museum, had about 200 delegates, who were afterwards taken through the country without expense to themselves on a tour of inspection of our large manufacturing industries. The result of that effort was that within a very short time upwards of \$1,000,000 worth of new business had been done in the line of exports. This year in place of hundreds, thousands will attend. They will not be taken to the commercial centers of the country, but the commercial centers of the country will be brought to them. These men will represent an area of territory stretching almost from

pole to pole. In the discussions and interchanges of views between the attendants at the congress an immeasurable amount may be done towards solving the many problems involved in the increase of the export trade of the United States. In all probability that increase will be as much larger as the attendance this year will exceed that of two years ago.

In addition to those coming from abroad, hordes of visitors from all parts of this country will take the trip to Philadelphia in the fall, both to visit the show and to see the sights of the city. Whether they go there purely for business or partly for pleasure, they are sure to examine the exhibits, and those who have the product of their factories on exhibition will be sure to reap great benefit from this advertising of their goods, so far as their domestic trade is concerned. Even though a merchant or business man has no idea of extending his trade outside of this country, there is no reason why he should fail to exhibit at Philadelphia in the fall, and every possible reason for his doing so.

In the display of American manufactured products it is intended to have everything which is, can or might be exported, from locomotives and heavy machinery to the smallest novelties. Among applications already received are those from firms manufacturing household hardware, office supplies, pianos and organs, wood boxes, paper boxes, photographic and printing paper, lithographic work, wood veneers, sugar machinery, hosiery machinery, sewing machines; in fact, light and heavy machinery of all kinds; Corliss engines, chemical apparatus, electrical apparatus, typewriters, bicycles, vehicle wheels, Smyrna rugs and dishwashers. This gives only a faint idea of the immense variety of the displays which may be seen when the exposition opens.

Working exhibits will prove one of the most attractive features. Among them will be a sugar mill in operation, a tile plant, complete woodworking and steel and iron plants which will be run during the hours the grounds are open. These last two are to come from Cincinnati. There will also be a large comparative exhibit of filters and various methods of filtration on a large scale,

elaborately decorated lobby, occupying the central portion of the newly-projected northern wing.

This auditorium will also be an ideal place for the band concerts which are to be held daily, morning and afternoon, during the entire course of the exposition. The best musical organizations of the country, both bands and string orchestras, will be engaged, probably none of them for terms of more than two weeks, thus securing the constant change both in programme and in musical affairs.

The new wing will be the same dimensions and construction of the two permanent buildings which had been designed before as a part of the main exposition structure, and which are now well under way toward completion. Its dimensions will be 380 by 90 feet, and it is likely that the upper floors of this building will be used for the offices of the administration, leaving the second floor of what was formerly to be the north wing clear for exposition purposes. The arcade and the first floor of the new permanent buildings will provide exposition space of about 40,000 square feet, which is the same as has been arranged for in the temporary structures at first proposed. The north side of this new permanent building will be embellished with elaborate designs and groups of statuary.

At present the most interesting spot on the grounds is that occupied by a slight frame structure partially composed of canvas, in which all the casting and decorating work as well as all of this statuary is being prepared. In this department about 25 men are employed. The decorations will be sufficiently durable to withstand at least five years exposure to the elements. The work is more than half finished now, and much of the cornice for the main buildings is ready to be put in place, and many of the small statues and groupings are in similar condition. Sculptors are working busily every day in an annex to this building, getting the statuary into shape. Among the principal decorative features of the exposition, the one nearest completion is a pediment which will form the principal feature of the decorations over the main entrance to the auditorium. It is 12 feet high and 60 feet in length. The figures are heroic size, the central one representing commerce. It is the figure of a woman, holding the earth in her outstretched hand. On either side are other female figures, symbolizing peace and abundance. At the feet of the central figure is Mercury, the god of merchants. The second figures on either hand of the central one represent wealth and labor respectively, while those at the extreme ends of the pediment are symbolic of industry and navigation. The modelling on this work is practically completed, and in a few days the pediment will be ready for the mold.

At either end of the pediment will be two groupings, representing respectively railroad and steamboat transportation. The main and central figure of the former is that of a woman standing upon a mountain and symbolic of the genius of transportation. Two smaller figures on either side of the mountain are leaning toward each other and are represented as in the act of exchanging commodities. From a tunnel at the foot of the mountain a heavily-laden train is emerging.

In the other group a woman stands upon the prow of an immense ship. Kneeling in front, and a little to the left of the central figure the genius of the sea gazes far ahead, with one hand shading the far-seeing eyes. On the other side a Triton, one of the sea's lesser deities, is blowing wildly through a conch shell.

**DAVID WHISTLER.**

According to the plans which have finally been decided upon for the main exposition buildings they will be a most imposing group of structures. As at first designed there were to be two permanent buildings erected very nearly 400 feet apart and each of them about 380 by 90 feet. Each of these was to be two stories high and in the upper floor of the south building was to be the rest-

aurant and cafe. The north building on the upper floor was to have offices for the accommodation of the officers and clerks engaged in the administration of exposition affairs. Between these was to be a center building very nearly 300 by 400 feet in size. This is intended to be merely a temporary structure and used as the main exhibition hall. All of this part of the original plans has been unchanged by later alterations or additions, but that part of the plans originally made that provided for temporary structures enclosing a large court with gardens and an impressive avenue of approach leading up to the main entrance has been abandoned. In place of these, another permanent building of the same size as the others planned will be erected 300 feet to the north of the others and connected with them by two wide arcades of a temporary character, distant from each other about 140 feet. These will be used for the display of exhibits, and between them the space will be covered by a temporary roof, and this large area converted into a fine auditorium, suitably furnished, where the sessions of the International Commercial congress will be held, and where also conventions of trade organizations which have decided to meet in Philadelphia during the exposition, will hold their meetings. The auditorium will be capable of seating about 5,000 persons. The entrance to it will be through an



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# THE SUMMER EXCURSION TRAIN

Some of Its Characteristics and the People Who Ride on Them.

By JOHN HAZELDEN.

**R**EPORTS from various parts of the country indicate that the United States will have about the usual crop of cheap excursions this summer. There is a slight falling off in the middle and lower states, but the output in the west is likely to exceed that of any previous year.

Traveling is a pleasure which is denied a majority of people, and so any plan for taking the public about the country at cheap rates would seem to be worthy of indorsement. Every man, woman and child wants to see as much of his country as possible, and it is a good thing to get out of your own neighborhood once in awhile and take a look at some other part of the world, even if you have to make the whole journey in one day.

The cheap excursion is a good thing, theoretically, but anyone who has ridden all day Sunday on a dollar ticket will testify that it is not an unalloyed pleasure.

Along about harvest time the railroad companies begin their benevolent work of hauling people around the country at bargain prices.

A cheap excursion invariably attracts a crowd. The opportunity to ride 150 miles and return, all for one dollar, is not to be spurned. It may be that after you have traveled the 150 miles you haven't arrived anywhere, and there is

A good farmer is the most sensible and hard-headed man on earth. The farmer boy, as a rule, is a good-natured, husky, tan-colored chunk of humanity, whose general health is so good that he doesn't know he has any digestive organs, and whose morals are so clean that it is simply a waste of time for him to go to church.

Most of the solid and influential men of our large cities were farmer boys in their younger days, and it is fair to assume that the great men of 30



MOST OF THEM RISE EARLY.

years hence are now working on farms and drawing most of their salary in three hearty meals a day.

Having thus squared myself with the farmer element in general, I will go ahead and say that the young man from the country who thinks he is a comedian and a desperate character is about the most pestilential character known to modern times.

I mean the young man who wears a red necktie, drinks beer and thinks he wants to fight. He can talk more and say less than anyone else you ever met.

This kind of bad young man from the country always shows up on an excursion train.

His one object in going on this excursion is to have a fight with the brakeman, and usually he accomplishes his object.

He has a bottle in his hip pocket, and when he takes a drink from it he wants to get in the middle of the car, so that all the women may see him.

Of course they are shocked, and then he is pleased, for he knows he is wild and reckless and wicked, and he imagines that everyone is afraid of him.

Sooner or later every one of these agricultural desperadoes is given a thrash-



THE BAD YOUNG MAN.

ing by some small and quiet man with whom forbearance can cease to be a virtue.

The tough boy from the town has two or three friends with him on the excursion train, and they spend most of their time in walking through the cars, crowding people out of the aisle and making funny remarks that can be heard above the rattle of the train.

The saddest thing about the tough boy from the farm is that, while he is disgusting people and making them weary of this life, he fancies that he is the idol of the women and the envy of the men, fascinating all hearers by the sprightliness of his wit and convincing all spectators, by his wicked demeanor, that he is, indeed, a rollicking daredevil.

After the tough farmer boy marries and gets a mortgage or two on his mind he quiets down and becomes a good citizen, but at the particular period of his career when he is riding in cheap excursions and trying to terrorize the universe, we could manage to get along without him.

Speaking of excursions to Chicago, is there any work more wearing than that of sight-seeing in a large city? As a rule the people who go to a city on an excursion train expect to leave the same evening, so they do not go to a hotel and register, but spend the whole day in aimless wandering about or straggling through the crowds in the department stores.

No doubt there are thousands of chairs in every large city, but when a tired stranger wishes to sit down he can't find a resting place.

Of course, if he is willing to travel a few miles he can find a park with benches in it or perhaps he can go and sit in a lobby.

A man can usually find a harbor of refuge, but the poor women keep at it until they collapse in the "rest room" of some department store and wish they had remained at home.

And the return ride on an excursion train is a pretty sad affair.

By this time all the holiday spirit has departed from the crowd. Every one is tired, dusty and out of temper. The train fails to depart on scheduled time—and of course it loses time again and the hours drag along and all the poor mortals packed together in the cars are trying to get a little sleep.

There is no sight more pathetic than that of the young man and his best girl returning home on the night train after a busy day of holding hands and eating ice-cream.

He usually has a handkerchief around his neck, which is thrown across the back of the seat so that he is looking straight up into the air like a man prepared to receive the guillotine.

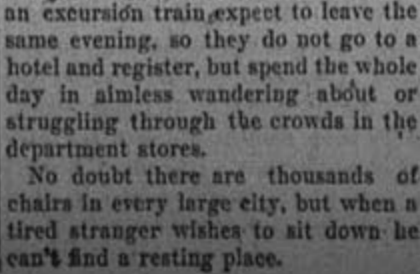
He is breathing heavily through his nose. On the lapel of his coat is a withered flower.

The girl's fan and parasol are clasped in his left hand. His right arm is twined around the object of his affections, who has fallen asleep with her head on his shoulder.

Her hair has come down and she needs a powder puff.

The dress which was white and starched in the morning is now wrinkled and soiled, but she is too tired to worry about her personal appearance.

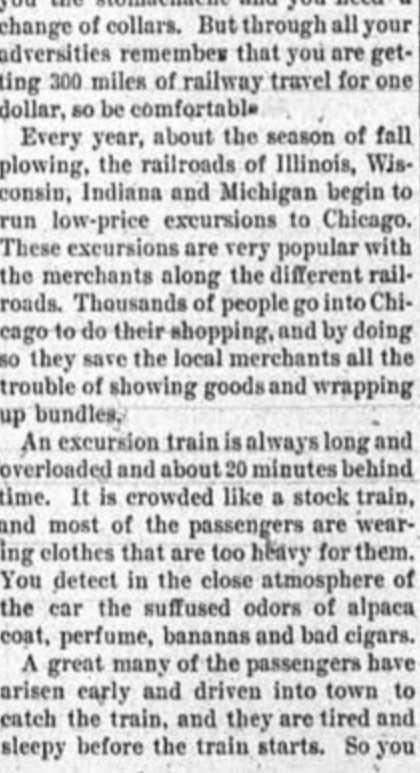
If a man can love a girl who is coming home on a night excursion train



COLLAPSED.

**NOTHING TO DO BUT SIT IN THE SUN.**

nothing for you to do except sit in the sun and wait for the train to start back, and perhaps the acid lemonade gives you the stomachache and you need a change of collars. But through all your adversities remember that you are getting 300 miles of railway travel for one dollar, so be comfortable!



THE LOCAL MERCHANT LIKES EXCURSIONS—NOT.

can imagine what their condition will be after a hard day of it.

In spite of the slowness of the travel and the jamming of the cars, the cheap excursion might be enjoyable were it not for the presence of the crying baby, the women with cinders all over her white dress and the tough-farmer boy. Far be it from me to poke fun at the farmer, I worked on the farm when I was a boy, and I like to go out on the farm, even now, and watch other people work.

then he ought to marry her, for certainly that is a test of the affections. If he loves her at such a time it shows that he cares for something besides mere appearances.

The object of the cheap excursion is to separate the farmer and the workman from his money. Every circus and state fair counts on the cheap excursion to bring in the dollars. The railway ticket may cost only a dollar, but the excursionist is expected to spend another ten dollars and usually he is given every facility, from salted pop-corn up to the gold-brick game.

JOHN HAZELDEN.

**Beggars Pretend Blindness.**

The Paris correspondent of the London Morning Post says that M. Georges Berry, the well-known deputy for Paris, recently issued a remarkable report in which he proved, by evidence obtained at first hand, that nine out of ten of the beggars who implore the pity of Parisians for their physical infirmities are arrant impostors. The blind man can see well enough when the time comes to count their day's takings, the lame can walk when they choose, or even run if the police show a disposition to apprehend them. Every day fresh evidence is forthcoming of the truth of M. Georges Berry's revelations. One man had a practice of closing his eyes by sticking the lids with wax. This trick had enabled him to earn an excellent livelihood. On being searched his receipts for the day, amounting to some nine francs, were found on him, together with 150 francs in bank notes, and a savings bank book showed that he had 1,500 francs to his credit.

**London Wedding Sensation.**

A side light is thrown on the intensity of feeling prevailing in London over religious discussions within the Church of England by the tumult which occurred at the fashionable wedding in Christ church, Piccadilly, last week, of Capt. Dutton Hunt, of the light infantry, and Miss Hopeton. The captain had been divorced by his first wife, and at just the proper point of the marriage to Miss Hopeton some of the spectators made loud objection on the ground that the captain had a canonical wife living. Written protests were read and answered by the other side, and some of the bride's friends fainted. The ceremony, however, was finally concluded.

**Caar a Humanitarian.**

Caar Nicholas II. is said to have an aversion to the needless slaughter of animals of any kind. He has recently fore-sworn the pleasure of the chase, and the shooting of game, and the birds and beasts in the imperial preserves live in undisturbed quiet.



MAKING REAL PEARLS.

A Method of Manufacturing Them at a Trifling Cost Has Just Been Discovered.

At various times attempts have been made to manufacture genuine diamonds and other precious stones...

The sea mussel is popularly supposed to have a monopoly of this business...

His work was now complete, and all he had to do was to wait until nature had completed the process.

IDEAL PIANO HAND.

Delicate Surgical Operation Is Said to Be Quite an Aid to Musical Execution.

The ideal piano hand is the result of considerable practice and study...



THE IDEAL PIANO HAND.

cult problem is to obtain the freedom of the little and ring fingers from the movements of the middle finger.

When the anatomy of the muscles of the hand is studied it will be found that these fingers are connected crosswise by tendons of great strength...

Dr. Kartaz, of Paris, has undertaken recently a number of operations on the hands of pianists...

Microscope Detects Crime.

Modern scientific discoveries seem to be of the greatest use in running down criminals.

HEATER AND COOLER.

An Electric Fan That Blows Warm in the Winter and Cold During the Dog Days.

The ventilating fan for use in the torrid periods of the summer is familiar to almost everybody...



BOTH HEATER AND COOLER.

are heated by having a heat developing wire mounted on them in a coating of enamel.

These fans are provided for any circuit, "direct" or "alternating" and of any required voltage.

ELECTRIC HAIRCUT.

Paris Has a Shop in Which Tonsorial Operations Are Performed in a Unique Way.

An electrical barber's shop is one of the latest attractions of Paris.

How Long We Have to Live. There is a very simple rule for finding the average number of years which persons of any age may expect to live.

Corns and the Weather. People feel their corns ache and their bones rheumatic when rainy weather is at hand...

American Bicycles Abroad. American bicycles are gaining favor in distant parts of the world.

POPULAR EPITHETS.

Familiar Names That Have Stuck to Well-Known People at Home and Abroad.

During the recent visit of Lord Charles Beresford to Chicago he was introduced to the members of the board of trade as "Fighting Charlie."

Those Absurd Names. "What ridiculous names they have over there in the Philippines," said the man who had just walked up to the counter...

\$100 Reward \$100. The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages...

Awful Competition. Old Lady—I suppose, poor man, that you have fared badly because of hard times.

Many People Cannot Drink coffee at night. It spoils their sleep. You can drink Grain-O when you please and sleep like a top.

Friendly Relations Established. George—How is your suit with Miss De Pink progressing?

CURRENT SUPERSTITIONS. Be sure that for every frog you get in March you will have a frog in May.

SQUAWS AS LACEMAKERS. Some Very Beautiful Fabrics Now Being Woven by Chippewa Women.

Specimens of the beautiful lace which is being made by the Chippewa Indians are now seen in a few of the fashionable houses of New York.

Health and Beauty. A BOOK THAT SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF EVERY WOMAN.

Mrs. McKee Rankin. Mrs. McKee Rankin, one of the foremost and best known character actresses and stage artists of this generation...

Victoria Getting Young.

In view of the fact of the Queen's approaching visit to the continent, Englishmen are especially interested in her majesty's health.

Contains 100 superb half-tone engravings, made from photographs taken of our Army in camp, on transports and in actual service.

When Commodore Dewey left Washington in November, 1897, to take command of the fleet in the Pacific Ocean...

Very Busy. May and Edith are sisters, four and five years old respectively.

Do Your Feet Ache and Burn? Shake into your shoes, Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet.

An Expert. Silas—Is your son still practicing medicine?

Lane's Family Medicine. Moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets.

A Straight Tip. Don't go to a doctor with a broken heart; he is likely to call it appendicitis and operate.

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The Iron Port

THE IRON PORT CO., Publishers LEW A. CATES, Editor and Manager

The Iron Port has always strongly advocated the patronizing of home institutions and home industries of whatsoever character or nature; it has not infrequently gone on record as a champion of the local merchant in urging our purchasing population to buy at home, thus leaving the dollars earned here in our midst; it has on every possible occasion warned it to canvassers who came in from outside houses, and in more than one instance has it been instrumental in driving the failers from town.

The Iron Port firmly believes that every citizen should be possessed of sufficient public spiritedness to assist in the upbuilding of the place in which he resides by spending his money at home. It means more than the average man comprehends. But there is a class of merchants who are entirely devoid of appreciation or decidedly ungrateful for the efforts of the public press in their behalf. It has been the practice of some of them—very few, however,—to not only have their printing done outside of Escanaba but to buy everything else outside, still they expect the patronage of home consumers—and to the discredit of our people let it be said they get it. These concerns are of little good to the city. Their proprietors take no active interest in the advancement of Escanaba's interests; they are never seen at a public meeting called for the furtherance of the material welfare of the community, but in all matters pertaining thereto they are closed up like a clam, while others work to build up the town for their benefit.

It is not necessary for The Iron Port to be more personal in its remarks; you all know who these grasping merchants are, and if you are loyal to yourself and to the community you will give them a wide berth. They are the ones who go outside for their printing, patronizing the printers of Marinette and elsewhere because they get a "cut price." (The class to which they belong are great on "cutting prices.") Their characteristics are too pronouncedly for self-gain regardless of anything or anybody. The Iron Port is not "sore," let it be understood, because it does not receive their business; it simply speaks on general principles. The home printers are entitled to the business of the community, and let it be bestowed upon any of them and The Iron Port will hold its peace.

No one who knows the reluctance of that gentleman to "break into print" needs to be told that it is only when he has something to say that Cornelius N. Bliss can be persuaded to talk for publication. Such a condition existed, in the opinion of Mr. Bliss, when he consented to be interviewed by the New York "Mail and Express" regarding the recent order of President McKinley on the subject of civil service exemptions and the unfair and ill-founded criticisms which have appeared in connection therewith in the columns of the free-trade, mugwump and mugwumpish newspapers.

In the interview, which is reproduced for the most part in the current issue of the American Economist, Mr. Bliss draws upon an abundant store of facts accumulated during his service as Secretary of the Interior, and shows convincingly that in issuing his civil service exemption order President McKinley was actuated solely by a correct understanding of the needs and requirements of the various branches of the government as made known to him by the practical men responsible for the workings of their respective departments.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Gage, had already spoken in unequivocal approval of the President's exemption order, and had given substantial reasons, based upon the best interests of the public service, for such approval. Ex-Secretary Bliss, dealing more with details than with generalities, reinforces the view of Secretary Gage in a manner that leaves no room for fair animadversion upon President McKinley's motives or his sound common sense in extending the list of non-competitive positions. The country will agree with Mr. Bliss that the President acted wisely and well in issuing his order of exemption.

Congress has introduced slang into the statutes of the United States. In public act, No. 107, approved March 1, 1899, being "An act making appropriation for the service of the postoffice department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899," authority is given for the employment of "nixie clerks." A very few people outside the postoffice department know what that means. When a mail carrier fails to find the person to whom a letter or package is addressed, he returns it to the post-

office and writes "nixie" on the envelope or the wrapper. This custom has grown up and spread all over the country. Nobody knows how it originated. Some carriers used the slang and his associates imitated his example, until it got into the statutes of the United States before it made its appearance in the dictionary. Sometimes an address is misspelled, sometimes the wrong street and number are given, sometimes it is difficult to decipher the writing upon "nixie" packages. When they are returned to the office, they are tossed into a box or a basket and delivered to experts, who are known as "nixie" clerks. They have a peculiar talent for deciphering inscriptions and discovering the secrets of the mails. After examining the "nixie" packages, they are usually able to suggest methods of disposing of the greater part of them. Unless the sender's name is on the outside, the remainder go the dead letter office, and their disposition is decided by their contents. In public act No. 107, the "nixie clerks" are officially recognized for the first time.

As a result of a conference between the president and Secretary Alger it has been decided to begin the enlistment of volunteers for two years' service in the Philippines. Orders to recruiting officers to this effect has been sent out. It is proposed to arm and equip at once three brigades, or about 10,000 men, and then to continue the work until the whole 35,000 authorized by law are secured. There will be no call upon the states. The regiments will be organized as United States volunteers. Officers will be appointed by the president and assigned to regiments without regard to state lines. The maximum of the regular army of 63,000 men has been secured and new enlistments will be for the provisional army and to make up the total strength of 100,000 men. Gen. Otis has 29,300 men on the ground or under orders, and volunteers will be rushed to him until he has an effective force of 50,000 men.

Mr. Bryan is against trusts, but he hasn't said yet what he would do to throttle them were he elected President. And it may be necessary for him to outline a policy before the people place their undivided confidence in his ability. Mere howling isn't popular any more.

William Goebel, who ruled the Kentucky democratic state convention with an iron hand, was elected governor on the 26th ballot. The convention lasted a week, and was unparalleled for bitterness of the fight.

Mayor Hartnett should not forget the proposed business men's association. We need one, and there must be no flunking in its organization.

The strike of the freight handlers along the Buffalo docks has been declared off. Bishop Quigley was in it to the finish.

Notice. It is proposed to replace the present steam heating apparatus in the Delta County Hospital with a hot water plant meeting the requirements for heating that building. Sealed proposals for furnishing the material and necessary labor to put in a first class hot water heating apparatus will be received at the office of T. J. Tracy, superintendent, at the court house, Escanaba, Michigan, up to and including July 10th, 1899.

The proposals should be based upon an exchange for the present steam heating plant. The building committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids. PHIL DUPONT, Chair. Bid'g Com.

Sealed Proposals. Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education on or before July 10th, 1899, at 12 m., for the purchase of all or a part of the \$15,000 school bonds, bearing interest at 5 per cent payable semi-annually at First National Bank, Escanaba, Mich., on July 1st and Jan. 1st of each year; \$5000 of which will mature in ten years, \$5000 in fifteen years, and \$5000 in twenty years, from July 1st, 1899, and authorized by special act No. 67 of 1899, and by the qualified electors of the school district. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. JUL 8 JOSEPH WICKERT, Sec'y.

Notice. Notice is hereby given that opening of bids for the construction of the town hall at Bank River, on June 19, was postponed until July 2d at 2 o'clock p. m., on account of the board not being able to make satisfactory contracts for material. New bids will be received from now until the time above mentioned. Plans and specifications can be seen at the clerk's office. Dated this 21st day of June, 1899. OLE HARSTAD, Tp. Clerk.

I wish to announce to the public that I have taken charge of the Commercial Hotel, and have made nu-

merous improvements in the building. No pains will be spared to conduct the hotel in a first class manner, and a share of your patronage is solicited. JUL 8 JAMES MCKENZIE.

WANT COLUMN.

FOR SALE—The trustees of the Swedish M. E. Church hereby offer for sale the church property located corner of Ayer and Sarah streets. The property will be sold cheap as the congregation contemplate the erection of a new church, corner Wells and Fannie streets. For particulars inquire of the undersigned, 304 Ludington street, or Rev. Andrew Anderson, corner of Ayer and Sarah streets.

FOR RENT—The three story building opposite the C. & N. W. passenger hotel. Two floors finished. Suitable for hotel or boarding house and saloon. Has water, sewer, bath rooms, etc., all of the best. For rent cheap to right party. Apply to J. Edots, 702 Wells avenue, May 28-31.

MEN WANTED—For construction work on E. & L. S. Railway, will give \$1.50 per day. Board \$1 per week. Apply at office at Wells.

FOR SALE—House and lot on Delta avenue; 5 rooms, two story. Good condition. Inquire of Hansen & Jensen, at foot of Tilden avenue.

WANTED—Thirty girls for night work for two months. Apply Escanaba Woodenware Co.

FOR SALE—A Victor bicycle, good condition, for \$15. Apply to Dr. C. H. Long.

SAW MILL MACHINERY FOR SALE—D. H. Sp. engine and mill, and engine, good condition. E. L. Farmer of Menominee Iron Works Co., Menominee, Mich. JS

FOR SALE—Two fresh milk cows. Apply to James Crawford, Portage Creek farm, Escanaba.

LEGAL NOTICES.

First publication June 17, 1899. PROBATE ORDER FOR HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT—State of Michigan, County of Delta, ss. Probate Court for said County. At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Delta, held at the Probate office, in the city of Escanaba, on Friday the 16th day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine. Present, Hon. Thomas B. White, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Josiah Symons, deceased. On reading and filing the report and account of Mary A. Symons, administratrix of said estate. Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 10th day of July next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said report and account, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held at the Probate office, in the city of Escanaba, Michigan, and show cause, if any there be, why the said report and account should not be confirmed.

And it is further ordered, that said administratrix give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said report and account, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in The Iron Port, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Delta, for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing. (A true copy.) T. B. WHITE, Judge of Probate.

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In the matter of the estate of Frederick W. Suddaby, deceased. On reading and filing the report and account of Alfred P. Smith, administrator of said estate. Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 10th day of July next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said report and account, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held at the Probate office in the City of Escanaba, Michigan, and show cause, if any there be, why the said report and account should not be confirmed.

And it is further ordered, that said administrator give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said report and account, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in The Iron Port, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Delta for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing. (A true copy.) T. B. WHITE, Judge of Probate.

First Publication July 1, 1899. ORDER OF HEARING FOR GENERAL PURPOSES AND FOR APPOINTMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATOR—State of Michigan, County of Delta, ss. At a session of the Probate Court for said County, held at the Probate office, in the city of Escanaba, on the twenty-ninth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine. Present, Hon. Thomas B. White, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of James Corcoran, deceased. On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of James J. Corcoran, praying that administration of said estate may be granted to Anna Corcoran, the widow, or some other suitable person. Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the seventh day of August next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs-at-law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held in the Probate office, in the city of Escanaba, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in The Iron Port, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. (A true copy.) T. B. WHITE, Judge of Probate.

First Publication June 24, 1899. ORDER OF HEARING FOR GENERAL PURPOSES AND FOR APPOINTMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATOR—State of Michigan, County of Delta, ss. At a session of the Probate Court for said County, held at the Probate office, in the city of Escanaba, on the twenty-third day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine. Present, Hon. Thomas B. White, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of R. Lee Root, deceased. On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of J. Edgar Root, brother, praying that administration of said estate may be granted to Frank D. Mead, or some other suitable person. Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the seventeenth day of July next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held in the Probate office, in the city of Escanaba and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in The Iron Port, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. (A true copy.) T. B. WHITE, Judge of Probate.

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In the matter of the estate of John H. Specht, deceased. On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Ferdinand Specht, the father, praying that administration of said estate may be granted to Ferdinand Specht, or some other suitable person. Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the seventh day of August next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs-at-law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held in the Probate office, in the city of Escanaba, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in The Iron Port, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. (A true copy.) T. B. WHITE, Judge of Probate.

ED. ERICKSON'S SECOND ANNUAL JUNE SALE AND SUMMER OPENING.

The Backward Season has retarded to some extent the sales on many lines of goods that would otherwise have been cleaned up by this time, but our loss is your gain. Seasons are short—each one takes care of itself with us, no old goods is our motto—for reason we will sell all spring and summer goods at prices, that (value considered) are lower than merchandise can be placed for today.

Table with 3 columns: LADIES' SUITS, LADIES' SKIRTS, LADIES' CAPES. Includes descriptions and prices for various items.

An Endless Line of Ducks, Piques and Welts, all colors, a very handsome line, they were 12c, now they go at 9c. We also have other grades at 50 and 75c.

Table with 2 columns: TOWEL SNAPS, TABLE LINENS. Lists items like Barber's Towels, Huck Towels, Heavy Damask, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Clothing, Tinware, Shoes. Describes items and offers discounts.

ERICKSON'S BIG BUSY CASH STORE.

E. M. ST. JACQUES, Groceries. A large and complete line always in stock. Includes flour, feed, hay, and grain.

Delta County Bottling Works. THEO. BURG PROP. SOFT DRINKS OF ALL KINDS. Includes Mountain Beer, Iron Sarsaparilla, etc.

Read This. 2lb can Sunnyside condensed Tomato Soup... 10c. Eagle Jams, per can... 10c. Includes list of various food items and prices.

BITTNER, WICKERT & CO. are sole agents in Escanaba for "WASBURN'S BEST" a flour that is really the best, and so acknowledged in all parts of the world. Includes image of a flour barrel.













END OF A HARD FIGHT

Kentucky Democrats at Last Name a Candidate.

TWENTY-SIX BALLOTS ARE TAKEN.

Goebel Defeats Hardin for the Nomination, Stone Having Been Dropped—Love Feast Follows the Result.

Louisville, Ky., June 25.—William Goebel, who with an iron grasp has ruled the democratic state convention since it assembled nearly a week ago, was on Tuesday night nominated for governor on the twenty-sixth ballot after a contest unparalleled in this state for bitterness and determination, or on the part of the winner for skillful manipulation. The end of the long, exhausting fight brought a reasonable degree of harmony to the factions which have been waged through the fight relentlessly and battled for every inch of ground. Nearly everybody joined heartily in a demonstration when their candidate appeared for the first time before the convention to accept the nomination and return his thanks.

The Goebel forces held the opposition closely down to business all day, forcing continuous balloting, defeating them when they showed signs of weakness and sought a sine die adjournment, compelling a vote on a proposition to drop the hindmost man on each ballot after the twenty-fifth, and came out of the final trial of strength shortly after ten o'clock at night with colors flying. Stone was dropped on the twenty-fifth ballot and Hardin proved unable to control enough of the Stone votes to win. The twenty-sixth ballot stood: Goebel, 560; Hardin, 331. The scenes during the last ballot were dramatic, though not so exciting as many in which the delegates had participated.

After the nomination the convention enjoyed a few minutes of relaxation. Speeches were made by Congressman Wheeler, Judge Tarvin, ex-Senator Blackburn and other managers for the three candidates and the theme of all was: "Get together and win."

TOO HARD ON THE MEN.

One Woman at International Council of Women Objects to Harshness of the Speakers.

London, June 28.—The International Council of Women, which assembled Monday in the Convocation hall of Church house, Westminster, is divided into five sections, or meetings, which were all crowded Tuesday.

Great interest is taken in the political section, which discussed "the parliamentary enfranchisement of women," the vice president of the council, Mrs. May Wright Sewall, of the United States, presiding.

In the professional section, Mme. Antoinette Stirling created some excitement by declaring, with much emotion, that she thought the speakers were too hard on the men, and adding that women only realized the full value of a husband when the latter was lost.

An immense meeting attended by more than 2,000 persons was held in Queens hall in the evening, the countess of Aberdeen presiding for the discussion of a resolution, proposed by Baroness Von Suttner, of Austria, calling upon the International Council of Women to do all in its power to advance the interests of international arbitration. Letters were read from Cardinal Gibbons, of the United States, Cardinal Vaughan, of England, and Cardinal Logue, of Ireland, all of whom wrote strongly in favor of the resolution. Lady Aberdeen then introduced Archbishop Ireland, who addressed the audience. The speech was received with great enthusiasm. Mrs. Mary Wright Sewall, vice president of the council, also spoke upon the resolution.

A Remarkable Case.

Waterloo, Ia., June 28.—One of the most extensive skin graftings ever attempted was performed Tuesday, local physicians grafting on Will Barrett, to cover an area of three square feet, burned during the Vera cottage fire two months ago. The fibrous tissue was donated by 11 friends of the young man, who is very popular. The fire at the cottage started in a room occupied by Barrett, and his body was completely enveloped before he awakened. Such extensive burns have been generally considered to be fatal, but his case promises to be an exception to the rule.

Two Ladies Killed.

St. Paul, Minn., June 28.—A Neilsville, Wis., special to the Dispatch says: In the town of Howard, a few miles north of here, Miss Alice Willan, Mrs. Neil Morrison and four children, and Mrs. Elmer were out riding and when the brace on the buggy pole broke, frightened the team, Miss Willan was thrown from the buggy, striking her head on a stump, causing concussion of the brain, from which she died. Mrs. Morrison broke an arm and received internal injuries which caused her death. The children were injured slightly.

WON'T RESIGN.

Secretary Alger Will Not Leave the Cabinet Because of His Senatorial Candidacy.

Washington, June 26.—Secretary Alger returned to the city Sunday night after an absence of three weeks, during which he visited New England and afterwards spent some time at his home in Michigan. He says he has enjoyed his outing very much and appears benefited by the change. To callers at his house during the evening the secretary talked freely regarding his announced candidacy for senatorial honors and of the printed statements of the prob-

ability of his leaving the cabinet because of his alliance with Gov. Pingree, who, it has been stated, is opposed to the administration of President McKinley. He made it plain to his questioners that he did not propose to resign on this account, as he does not consider his candidacy for the senate any reason why he should not continue to hold his position as a member of the cabinet. Gov. Pingree, the secretary added, is for President McKinley first, last and all the time.

During his absence from the city the secretary has been fully informed of all dispatches which have been received from Gen. Otis regarding the situation in the Philippines. He was not prepared to say anything for publication respecting what, if any, increase is to be made to the troops under Gen. Otis' command; that matter will be talked over with the president as soon as he returns to Washington from his New England visit. The secretary, in conclusion, said he had no knowledge of a dispatch alleged to have been received from Gen. Otis in which that officer intimated his inability to conquer the Filipinos with the force under his command and that he would be obliged to abandon the ground already taken unless reinforcements were quickly sent. All dispatches from Gen. Otis were forwarded to him, he said, and he had seen nothing of the kind mentioned.

New York, June 26.—A dispatch to the World from Adams, Mass., says: A long cipher message from Gen. Otis, sent to Washington and thence relayed to Adams without the usual official editing, has caused President McKinley many uneasy moments. All that Otis told the president is not known positively, but this statement may be accurately made: Otis plainly intimated his inability to conquer the Filipinos with the present fighting strength at his command. Furthermore, it is said, he gave the impression he would be forced to abandon the ground already taken unless reinforcements were quickly sent.

It is possible that Gen. Otis soon may be relieved of his command. Whether President McKinley will ask for more troops immediately upon his return to Washington next week or wait until August or September has not been fully determined. To-day the president is inclined to defer the inevitable appeal for reinforcements until six or eight weeks hence. The season of incessant rainfall is now on in Luzon. He believes it would be impossible to make any headway against the acclimated insurgents at this period of the year.

WAITING FOR DREYFUS.

Not Yet Known Whether or Not the Famous Prisoner Will Be Landed at Brest.

Brest, France, June 26.—The French first-class cruiser Tage put to sea Sunday evening, the official explanation being that she has gone to experiment with carrier pigeons. She is, however, a much larger cruiser than the Sfax, which is bringing Capt. Dreyfus, and the dispatch of such a big vessel with carrier pigeons is quite unprecedented. Usually a torpedo boat is sent, and the opinion, therefore, gains ground that the Tage has gone to meet the Sfax and to take Capt. Dreyfus on board. The pigeons can be used to announce the transfer, and the Tage might proceed to another port to land the prisoner.

As against this theory, and as an indication that the landing of Dreyfus will be effected here, there is the fact that a large number of gendarmes from the country around Brest are arriving. The treasurer of the famous League of the French Fatherland reached Brest Sunday evening from Paris, and as this organization has been at the bottom of the anti-Dreyfus movement it is thought he has probably come to organize a demonstration.

GOLD IN THE HILL CLAIMS.

Many Miners Think They Will Surpass the Creek Claims in Their Output.

Port Townsend Wash., June 26. — F. H. Hinton, of Victoria, who has just returned from Dawson, says that the miners are now turning their attention to the hill claims which are making excellent showing. Many are of the opinion that they will surpass the creek claims as gold producers. The future output of gold from the Klondike will largely depend on them.

Victoria, B. C., June 26. — In an interview printed in a late issue of the Klondike Miner, Commissioner Ogilvie states that he never advised the imposition of royalties on the gold output. He believes that sensational reports are being shipped out of the country were the direct cause of Canada imposing the royalty tax. The commissioner has not lost faith in the richness of the country, and predicts that the whole district in the vicinity of Dawson will probably yet yield \$100,000,000 in gold.

Yellow Fever at Santiago. Santiago de Cuba, June 26.—Thirty-three cases of yellow fever, with five deaths, have been officially reported since the beginning of the present outbreak. One of the deaths occurred in the Fifth infantry. The other four fatal cases were civilians.

Illinois Music Teachers. Quincy, Ill., June 25.—The eleventh annual convention of the Illinois Music Teachers' association began Tuesday afternoon. The session will continue for four days with business and concert programmes mixed.

Killed in the Alps. Vienna, June 28.—Two Bavarian officers, Baron Bounet and Baron Godin, were killed Monday while attempting to ascend the Ackerspitze, in the Tyrol Alps.

Three large buildings were destroyed at Crystal Falls last week. Dr. O'Keefe of Menominee is dead.

Advertisement for RATHFON BROTHERS, featuring clothing and furnishings. Text: "AT LAST SUMMER IS WITH US! You also have RATHFON BROTHERS with just what you want for warm weather. In the line of FANCY and SOFT SHIRTS at 50c, 75c and \$1.00. MANHATTEN SHIRTS at \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$2.75. CRASH HATS and CAPS, for the coming warm days at 25c, 50c and 75c. Always remember we guarantee every article in price and quality. RATHFON BROTHERS, MASONIC BLOCK, ESCANABA, MICH.

Advertisement for EMIL NOE—VEGETABLES AND FRUITS. Text: "JULY... FOURTH! The Day We Celebrate. Everyone is patriotic on that day, and everyone always includes a display of fireworks in their program. You may be at a loss to know where to get your fireworks. Let us advise you, and at the same time enumerate some of the things we have for the occasion: Fire Crackers, per packages... 3 to 15c. Sky Rockets... 5 to 15c. Pin Wheels... 10 to 25c. Vertical Wheels... 10 to 25c. Flower Pots... 10c. Torpedos... 1 to 10c. Mandarins... 10 to 25c. Heavy Guns... 2 for 5c. Nigger Heads... 5c. Thunderbolts... 3 for 5c. Giant Crackers... 15c, 2 for 25c. Two Boxes Caps... 1c. Chinese Lanterns... 5 and 10c. Sun Wheels... 5 to 20c. Roman Candles, 4 to 20 balls... 3 for 5c, and up to 25c. Mt. Vesuvius... 2 for 5c and 5c. Heavenly Twins... 2 for 5c. United States Flags, all sizes... 1 to 25c. FRUITS. Fresh fruit will keep your blood cool and act as a corrective, insuring a good digestion. Much cheaper and more enjoyable than patent medicines. Bananas, Blood Oranges, California Peaches, Pears, Plums, Prunes, Pine Apples, Apples, Royal Cherries, Gem Mellons, Watermellons. Vegetables. CELERY, TOMATOES, CUCUMBERS, SWEET CORN, WAX BEANS, CAULIFLOWER, SPINACH, PEAS, BEET GREENS, NEW CARROTS, RADISHES, STRAWBERRIES. Emil Noe Goods Delivered. ESCANABA.

Advertisement for PFEIFER'S Meat Market and WALDO'S. Text: "Pfeifer's Meat Market. All the meat you buy at our market is raised in Delta county and the money paid out does not go to the big houses in Milwaukee and Chicago, but remains at home and benefits you, besides the meat is fresh and just as good as you can obtain elsewhere. Remember, I buy all my meats at home and give you just as good an article as you can get anywhere else for the same price, besides you have the satisfaction of patronizing home production. 'Everything to Eat and Wear' at PFEIFER'S RAPID RIVER. July Bargains AT WALDO'S. Lion Coffee, per pound... 10c. Delicacies Baking powder, per pound... 10c. Light prints, per yard... 3c. 120 pieces Granite Ware, at each... 10c. When you have purchased goods to the amount of 25 dollars you get a beautiful framed picture of the Royal Family of Sweden and Norway. WALDO'S, RAPID RIVER, MICHIGAN.

Advertisement for BUSINESS DIRECTORY and PURE DRUGS AND MEDICINES. Text: "BUSINESS DIRECTORY. DR. J. C. BROOKS. PURE DRUGS AND MEDICINES and Druggists' Sundries. A Full and Complete Line of Confectionery. FRED E. DARLING JEWELERS. Fine Watch Repairing a specialty and all work guaranteed. Don't send your work out of town when it can be done as well at home—and cheaper, too. PHOTOGRAPHS. 15 PHOTOS For 15 Cents. Eagle Photo Company Cor. Tilden and Ludington. Over Warren's Store.

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