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Black Snowfall in Alps.

In the Emmenthal valley and on the surrounding mountains "black" snow fell recently to a depth of 15 inches, giving the whole country, which was white with snow before, a funeral aspect. The first few inches of the snow was of a grayish color, as it mixed with ashes but the gray became darker and darker in hue, until now it is almost black.

Such a phenomenon has been witnessed in the Alps in former years after volcanic eruptions in different parts of the world, and on this occasion Swiss scientists are of the opinion that the black snow is due to ashes blown over the sea and Alps after the recent eruption of Mount Etna.—Ex.

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Will practice in the courts Watauga, Mitchell and adjoining counties. 7-6-'10

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Will Practice Regularly in the Courts of Watauga, 6-1 '10.

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Will practice in the courts of the 13th Judicial District in all matters of a civil nature. 6-11-1910.

J. C. FLETCHER,

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Careful attention given to collections.

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Special attention given to all business entrusted to his care. 7-9-'10.

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Prompt attention given to all matters of a legal nature. Abstracting titles and connection of claims a speciality. 1-1-'11.

The Birth of a Soul.

The Commoner.
Have you ever heard the story that Rudolph Spreckles tells of his initiation into the study of public affairs? It ought to be heard by every citizen who desires to live up to his civic responsibilities. It is especially important that young men shall hear it. Mr. Spreckles has been speaking before clubs, colleges and legislature. At Lincoln, Neb., he first addressed the Commercial club, and the members crowding every foot of space in the banquet hall, listened with breathless interest to the plain and simple story of the way in which his own heart was reached and his manhood stirred by the knowledge he acquired of crookedness in business and municipal government. He was then invited to speak before the State Senate of Nebraska, and in the evening addressed a body of students at the university. Everyone who listened to him went away stronger for what he said.

Spreckles began business as a young man—as a boy, in fact—under his father's tutelage. His first recollections were of the lawless conduct of rivals who were attempting to prevent competition. Machinery was damaged by persons obtaining admission to the works, and a trusted employe was bribed to furnish information. Later as a director in a local gas company in San Francisco he became aware of the indefensible methods that were being employed by the company. He appealed to the stockholders, reorganized the company and started out to put the corporation upon an honest business basis. Then he came into contact with the grafters in municipal life, chief among whom at that time was Abe Ruef. He had been gradually becoming conscious of a work that needed to be done, but the final fact necessary to arouse his moral nature was an offer made by Abe Ruef that involved consequences so flagrant that young Spreckles burst forth into a reformer. It was the birth of a soul, to borrow a phrase that has been used many times before. He dates his political career from that date. Since then he has not only spent his money but what is even more noteworthy, he has risked the social ostracism which the predatory interests are able to visit upon those who hold virtue above might. He is largely responsible for the shaking up in California politics—a shaking that will do the State more good than the earthquake did harm.

One of the best tests of political wisdom and moral courage of Spreckles is that he recognizes the premiership of La Follette among the progressive Republicans; he appreciates the long and unaltered fight that the Wisconsin Senator had made. The Commoner rejoices that a man like Spreckles has thrown the weight of his influence in favor of reforms. Instead of using his wealth to pamper the flesh and to chloroform his intellectual energy, he is contributing to the advancement of political measures which he believes to be right. Instead of fearing the masses, he was wisely determined to be their friend. He is willing to trust his fortune to laws made by the people. The initiative and referendum and referendum and recall have no terrors for him. He has confidence in the patriotism and the intelligence of the average man, and that confidence is not misplaced. Nebraska is better for the visit paid by Rudolph Spreckles. May his life be spared and his zeal unabated until his dollars will be

THAT HAIR.

Charlotte Chronicle
That hair which you pull off and lay on the bureau before going to bed, lovely woman—we are going to tell you something more about it. First of all it seems to be pretty well sterilized and is all right from that standpoint. The departing Chinaman may have left germs in it, but the manipulator of the product seems to have been doing his work well. Consul George Anderson of Hong Kong contributes an entertaining article on the hair supply to the Daily Consular and Trade Reports. It seems that an American has got on to the business over there and is working hair into the most modern shapes for the export trade. The hair is first combed into lengths. It is then washed in soda, soft soap, and ammonia, is dried, and then boiled for one day in plain water. It is again dried, and then treated with four or five chemicals, according to its condition, to sterilize, preserve and render it fit for use. It is then bleached, washed again, and prepared in different colors and packed.

How many pounds of hair do you wear, and how much do you pay for it? A woman with a good head of hair paid, probably, five or six dollars for it, and the hair would scarcely weigh over six or eight ounces. Yet this Chinese hair, in the raw, sells over there for 57 cents a pound. But the manipulator of it is no doubt worth the difference.

A Fierce Night Alarm

is the hoarse, startling cough of a child, suddenly attacked by croup. Often it aroused Lewis Chamblin of Manchester, O., [R. R. No. 2] for their four children were greatly subject to croup. "Sometimes in severe attacks," he wrote "we were afraid they would die, but since we proved that a certain remedy Dr. King's New Discovery, is, we have fear. We rely on it for croup and for coughs, colds or any throat or lung trouble." So do thousands of others. So may you. Asthma, Hay Fever, LaGrippe, Whooping Cough, Hemorrhages fly before it. 50c and \$1.00 Trial bottle free. Sold by all druggists.

It has been said that our present difficulty of making ends meet is not so much the high cost of living as the cost of high living. There is some truth in that, but it is not complete or satisfactory. For the past ten years the problem of existence has become more difficult. There is enough for all to live in comfort, but somehow the distribution has been unequal and unfair. Somebody has the advantage and the meanness to squeeze us hard and we squeeze until we sweat.—The Mountain Scout

Kills a Murderer.

A merciless murderer is Appendicitis with many victims, but Dr. King's New Life Pills kill it by prevention. They gently stimulate stomach, liver and bowels, preventing that clogging that invites appendicitis, cures constipation, headache, Biliousness, chills, etc. at all dealers.

If the people about you are carrying on their business or their benevolence at a pace which drains the life out of you, resolutely take a slower pace. Be called a laggard, make less money, accomplish less work than they, but be what you were meant to be and can be.—George Merriam

forgotten in the public's admiration of those qualities of head and heart that outshine money metals.

Knocking at the Knocker.

The "knocker" is a person we all can well spare. He is known in every town and community. That Texline, Tex., has had its experience with him may be inferred from the following editorial by Thomas Denial, editor and publisher of the Texline Herald, in a recent issue of that paper in which he hits the "knocker" in almost every form and on his most vulnerable spot:

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Later he created man and woman. Next the 'knocker' butted in without an invitation, and he has been butting in ever since, just at the time when his presence is least desirable. He first appeared in the form of a serpent, and he has been appearing in the form of most everything from a grasshopper to a donkey ever since. When he can't find anything else to knock on, he growls about his wife's cooking and eases himself by telling his children what good for nothing brats they are. He knocks on the church because there happens to be people almost as worthless as he is in it, and he knocks on the saloon-keeper, because, perhaps, he can't get booze on a credit. He knocks on the school, when, in some instances he has no children to send. He knocks on the postmaster because he fails to get a letter or paper just when he imagined he ought to. He knocks on one neighbor because he is successful and on another because he is unfortunate. He knocks on his town constantly and keeps a chunk of discouragement hand to throw at every public enterprise that comes along. He contributes nothing to the public welfare, yet is everlastingly nursing a sore spot against the world, because he feels he has not been treated properly. He knocks on his local paper, because it is not as big as big as the Chicago Tribune, but roars long and loud when he is asked to pay up his subscription. Knocking is like small pox; it's contagious. Most any man is likely to be guilty of the offense occasionally, but he ought to go out and kick himself every time he errs in this way. Don't heed the knocker: turn a deaf ear to his tale of woe, lest you be repeating it. Knocking is an expensive pastime. It has destroyed friendship, broken up houses, changed the course of railways, blocked important legislation, depopulated cities and played 'old nick' ever since the devil broke into the Garden of Eden and knocked the apple off the tree, 'whose mortal taste brought death to the world and all our woe.' If you have the 'knocking habit,' now is a good time to take it out.

Warning to railroad Men.

Look out for severe and even dangerous kidney and bladder troubles resulting from years of railroading. Geo. E. Bell, 639 Third St., Fort Wayne, Ind., was many years a conductor on the Nickel Plate. He says: "Twenty years of railroading left my kidneys in a terrible condition. There was a continual pain across my back and hips and my kidneys gave me much distress, and the action of my bladder was frequent and most painful. I got a supply of Foley Kidney Pills and the first bottle made a wonderful improvement and four bottles cured me completely. Since being cured I have recommended Foley Kidney Pills to many of my railroad friends." M. B. Blackburn

Don't be a small potato. It never gets to the top of the heap.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY PILLS
FOR RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, BLINDNESS

THE BIBLE.

Three hundred years ago next April Barker, the king's printer in London, published a book which had a great vogue.

It is still "the best seller." The book had its beginnings back in the mists of the world's infancy, and its latest sentences were penned 2,000 years ago.

It has been coned by the wise of earth, discussed for centuries, and portions of its text have been memorized by millions. It has been purchased in numberless editions, and yet—

Its sales are growing. Its present popularity is attested by the fact that the Bible societies of this country and of Great Britain—to say nothing of those in other countries and of hundreds of private publishers—print and publish each year between nine and ten million copies.

Moreover— Since the era of printing literally billions of copies of the book have been printed, circulated and read.

To us of the English speaking world the translation of 300 years ago by forty-seven leading scholars of King James' reign is the most interesting.

Revised and rewritten again and again, it remains substantially the same.

Men have fought for the book and died for it.

It has been carried by the most daring heroism to earth's remotest bounds.

It has informed childhood, comforted age and afforded inspiration for every forward movement of the race.

Now— Is it not significant that today it should be "the best seller" of all printed books?

And— Putting aside the reasons which make it for millions the most precious book extant, how may its popularity be accounted for by those who are disposed to measure the value of things by commercial standards?

Must not its material success be accounted for by its value to humanity?

How else will you explain the phenomenon of the Bible as the best selling book in any language?

How else?—Edwin A. Nye.

Attacks School Principal.

A severe attack on school principal Chas. B. Allen, of Sylvania, Ga., is thus told by him. "For more than three years," he writes, "I suffered indescribable torture from rheumatism, liver and stomach trouble and diseased kidney. All remedies failed till I used Electric Bitters, but four bottles of this wonderful Remedy cured me completely." Such results are common. Thousands bless them for curing stomach trouble, female complaints, kidney disorders, biliousness, and for new health and vigor. Try them. Only 50c at all druggists.

"What do you do for a living, Moses?"

"I'm de manager ob a laundry."

"What's the name of this laundry?"

"Eliza Ann."

When you have rheumatism in your feet or instep apply Chamberlain's Liniment and you will get quick relief. It costs but a quarter. Why suffer? For sale by all dealers.

Many a dangerous temptation comes to us in fine, gay colors that are but skin deep.—Mathew Henry.

Gumptions on the Farm.

April Farm Journal.
Steady, now! Don't rush into the spring work like a "house on fire." Take things easy until man and beast get accustomed to the strain.

The toad is the gardener's friend.

When you don't know just what to do, go in and have a good talk with your wife.

Save your metal roofing by giving it a good coat of paint, and do it before it is too late.

The mountain of work before you can all be worked off if you just keep a cheery heart and pig away.

A man with a large family can live better on the farm, where money grows than in the city, where money goes.

Take time to look into every project that is suddenly sprung on you. Life's greatest successes come out of the most careful consideration.

Can't you fix it so that you will not have to buy any garden stuff this year? Of course you can. What any farmer can do, you can. Get right at it now and make the best garden in town. Surprise yourself and the neighbors.

Here is the formula for treating seed potatoes to prevent scab: Soak the whole seed for two hours in a mixture of one-half pint of formalin (formaldehyde) and fifteen gallons of cold water; dry the seed, cut and plant in ground that has not recently grown potatoes.

If you are planning to grow your own asparagus plants, sow the seed as soon as the ground can be worked. Palmetto is a splendid variety and you will make no mistake in planting it. Be sure to get seed from a reliable grower. Make the drills wide enough apart to permit cultivating with a horse. Thinning the plants to two inches in the drill, and through shallow cultivation are necessary to secure strong, well-rooted plants by fall.

A Special Medicine for Kidney Ailments.

Many elderly people have found in Foley's Kidney Remedy a quick relief and permanent benefit from kidney and bladder ailments and annoying urinary irregularities due to advancing years. Isaac N. Regan, Farmer, Mo., says: "Foley's Kidney Remedy effected a complete cure in my case and I want others to know it." M. B. Blackburn.

Sympathy is a form of christian service. It is not a favor granted by one and received by another, it is that action by which one life enters into another's life, takes up a portion of the burden, and shares the joy or success, becomes for the time being a part of that life and contributes to it some of its own strength. It does not weaken the individuality of the life it helps, it rather strengthens it. It does not lessen responsibilities, it helps to bear them, by relieving the tension it gives ability for advance when the assisting process is withdrawn.—Independent.

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Col. William F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill") wants to be first United States Senator from Arizona.

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