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NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Discussing the conditions of the iron and metal trades the "Iron Age" will to-day say: There has been a very active week in some branches of the iron trade and in the cruder products some large transactions have taken place. One interest has purchased fully 50,000 tons of basic pig in different parts of the country and has options on some additional amounts. It is reported that, so far as the iron purchased in Western Pennsylvania is concerned, it was on the basis of \$21 at furnace.

In bessemer pig one large consuming interest has taken about 75,000 tons at \$23, at valley furnace, for the first half of 1900. In addition to a lot of 30,000 tons referred to last week. Pittsburgh reports sales of forge iron aggregating 25,000 tons.

In charcoal iron there has been a heavy movement also. Report has it that a very large block has been taken for car wheel purposes and some good business has been done in iron for malleable purposes, with one inquiry for 10,000 tons in the Western market.

A number of conferences have been held by some of the large billet producers, but so far as we can learn, no definite action has been taken. Some large trades have taken place on the basis of relatively low figures, but special conditions governed these transactions so that the prices do not reflect the market accurately. In that way a 30,000 ton lot was placed, in addition to the 50,000 ton transaction referred to last week.

The opportunity given to the railroads to come in at \$33 before the price was raised to \$35 seems to have been widely availed of and in some instances the tonnage placed by individual roads was very large, while in others it was below the usual quantity.

The prevailing car famine has again emphasized the necessity for more and modern rolling stock and it looks as though very large requirements will come upon the market from that quarter. As a matter of fact, a considerable number of orders have been placed lately.

The lake shipyards and the yards along the Atlantic Coast are crowded with work and have added to it lately, notably on the lakes, so that some of the plate mills are now under heavy pressure and will remain so for many months to come.

Reports from the wire trade refer to heavy commitments for the future with deliveries still behind. This is at a time when in this branch the manufacturers ought to begin to accumulate a stock for the spring trade.

The past week has been one of receding values in the metal market. Large blocks of lake copper have been offered unsuccessfully at 17 1/2. Tin had a sharp drop in London and here, declining down to 30 1/2, from which it reacted at the close. Spelter has weakened sharply and lead, too, is somewhat easier.

BANQUET OF VICTORS. Officials of the C. C. W. Banquet the Winning Team.

The Race Committee and Captain of the Capital City Wheelmen last evening gave a banquet to the club team which defeated the Olympic team of San Francisco on the 22d inst. It was purely a personal committee compliment to the team.

The spread was made at the Maison Faure and covers were laid for five members of the committee and the ten members of the team, J. Hirsch, Gil Eddred, C. Noyes, Thomas Welch, W. Ferry, Percy Valentine, H. Noyes, Leith Turner, R. Backrath and Len Dorsey.

The members of the committee present were Chairman L. S. Upson, Captain Ammon Clay and Messrs. Little, Lavenson and Woodson. Messrs. McDonald and Goethe of the committee were unavoidably prevented from attending. Mr. Upson presided as toastmaster, and very happily and wittily filled the office. President Woodson supported him at the opposite end of the table.

An elegant repast was served after which the toastmaster gave "The Olympic Club," which was drunk standing. From the other end of the table came the toast the "C. C. W. Team," and then the committee was toasted, the C. C. W. Club, the President, the Captain, the city, and so on. Bouquets were thus thrown in toast form all down the line and happy speeches were made by nearly all present.

A pretty poem by James Whitcomb Riley was read, then followed recital of personal experiences, sentiments, anecdotes, etc., until a little after 10 o'clock when "good-night" was called and the company dispersed.

During the evening a very warm congratulatory letter was read from Chas. Albert Adams of the Olympic Club, which was tinged with the regret that his club team had been defeated, but had consoling lines in the expression that it was gratifying to realize that defeat came from friends esteemed so highly as the C. C. W. are by the O. C. W.

In the middle of the table during the banquet there was displayed the trophy which is to remain as a memento of the victory of the 22d. It is a handsome French gilt vase of classic design, with enamel inlaying of chrysanthemums. It will be placed on public view presently.

BRANCHING OUT. George Brissel Now in England on a Business Venture.

John P. Brissel yesterday received a very interesting letter from his son George, written on board the United States mail steamer New York a few days before her arrival in England, which goes as agent for the American Guitar and Zither Company of San Francisco.

Young Brissel is but 20 years of age, but he was one of the first to offer his country his services in the Spanish war. He was in Captain Lucey's Sacramento Company, which was mustered out last spring.

Inclosed in the letter is a neatly printed program of a "Grand Concert" given by the saloon passengers on board the New York in mid-ocean. It was in aid of the fund of the American Seamen's Friend Society of New York; the Society for the Relief of the Destitute Children of Seamen, Staten Island; the New York Mariners' Family Asylum; the Blue Anchor Society, and the Seamen's Orphanage of Southampton, Eng. The part that fell to Mr. Brissel was the recitation of "The Diving Singer."

Judging from the numbers on the program, the entertainment was first class. The "Star-Spangled Banner" and "God Save the Queen" were also rendered. At the bottom of the program the guests were informed that "Chargers may be ordered at 10:30."

Young Brissel, who was born in this city, has started out with a determination to make his way through the world on business lines, and will first try his hand in the big cities of Europe.

BRIEF NOTES. Officer Bagley has found a bicycle, which awaits the owner at the Police Station.

A buggy robe was stolen from Dr. Chatter's registry at 1200 L street yesterday morning.

TO-DAY AT 9:30 A. M. TO-DAY WE OFFER: TO-DAY AT 9:30 A. M.

SALE OF Nottingham Lace Curtains and Rug Lengths of Carpet.

LOT I—Four choice styles in Nottingham lace curtains, full width and length; some with fine net centers sparsely covered and others with the ground more completely covered in small delicate spray and figure designs. The border in every case is a feature of the curtain, and in this lot you will find them surprisingly pretty. In some patterns we offer both ivory and white, but mostly white. If in need of a good lace curtain at a low price you will find this a most favorable opportunity to supply your wants. A \$2.50 value for \$1.74. TO-DAY'S PRICE, \$1.74

LOT II. Remnants of Carpet in Rug Lengths. The brisk carpet selling which has been done here has left us with remnants of tapestry, moquette and velvet carpets. Just now, while there is such a demand for rugs, we have decided to cut these in 1 1/2 yard lengths to be used for that purpose, and will offer them at our usual liberal reduction from former selling prices. Some very pretty designs to choose from.

John B. Stetson Co's Fine Hats for Men. The "Stetson Special" and "Philadelphia Styles," two specialties in black stiff hats made by John B. Stetson & Co. are here. Also a complete line of Fedora and staple shaped soft hats. No better hats made anywhere. Prices \$4, 5 and \$6. Young men's soft hats with full crown, medium set brim, bound edges and narrow band. Can be worn with or without dents in crown. Price \$1.50 and \$2.50. This is a popular hat with young men.

Boys' and Girls' School Caps. Boys' navy blue cloth school caps, naval shape with glazed covers. 15c and 35c. Girls' blue cloth caps, yacht shape, with gilt loop cord. 25c. Girls' and boys' Tam O'Shanter caps in all colors. Some with blue and red trimmings, others with gilt edge trimmings. 50c. Boys' golf caps of serviceable material. 25c. Boys' black golf yacht caps with glazer vizors. 19c.

The Correct Shade in Castor Twills for Millinery Trimming, 1c

The price of these quilts to-day will be 1 cent each. They are for trimming popular Fall hats.

Hat News. To-day we shall place on sale in the Millinery Department the favorite San Francisco golf walking hat with Tam crown, straight rim to face, in black, tan and gray. It will cost you nothing to try them on. This is the popular hat on the coast to-day. \$2.50.

Capes, Suits and Jackets. There has been a continual bustle in our Cloak Department since the Fall goods commenced arriving. An unusual business commotion mainly brought about by having the right garments at the right price, and plenty of them. Never before have we been so well prepared to supply your cloak wants in every detail as now. Better values, better styles and larger assortments are what customers seem to appreciate. You can safely make your Fall selections here in suits, jackets, golf capes, separate skirts and Winter waists.

The Prize Descriptions Must be Handed in by Wednesday, Nov. 1. Boys and girls who expect to win one of the handsome two hundred prizes for the best descriptions of the Japanese tea garden must be prompt in handing in their manuscripts. There is a big red iron letter box by the main doorway in which to place them. Some of the prize books are also there and on exhibition. Also the set of encyclopedias that is to go to the class that has the largest number of individual prize winners.

These are all attractive prizes and they are going to some one. We are quite sure that all wide-awake, ambitious boys and girls will be sure to try for a prize. The committee is going to group the awards so that the smaller people will stand as good chances of winning as the larger ones. Full particulars may be had by inquiring at the store, also blank paper upon which to write the description.

Blankets, Eiderdowns and Unbleached Canton Flannel.

LOT 1. Gray Blankets. This special blanket is made by a California woolen mill to our special order. We have had over 200 pairs since August 15th, but we shall offer this lot to-day at a special price, which will be lower than we have ever offered this quality, and less than the factory price to-day. Good, serviceable, heavy blankets, with dark borders. Weight 6 lbs and full size. It is household economy to buy these blankets at \$2.98, and make inexpensive warm bed clothing. TO-DAY'S PRICE, \$2.98

LOT 2. Eiderdowns. The colors in this eiderdown are: Pink, Cream, Sky, Cardinal, Tan, Gray, Light Blue. These are the shades most wanted for dressing saques, children's coats, etc., and are excellent quality for the price. All wool fleece surface insures the warmth wanted. TO-DAY'S PRICE, 21c yard

LOT III—We have on hand about one dozen pairs of our special \$5 white blanket, which were accidentally soiled, mostly on the edges and outside fold. We shall close them out at TO-DAY'S PRICE, \$3.90 pair

LOT IV—One lot of fair quality unbleached cotton flannel. If you are interested be on hand early. TO-DAY'S PRICE, 6c yard

China Closets. Price, \$15. These china closets are made from selected quartered oak, polish finish and are very pretty. They have five shelves which can be adjusted to suit the dishes. The top is neatly carved and fitted with a French pattern plate mirror, size 9x20 inches. Price, \$15.

Money-Saving Items. White agate or rice buttons, large size for children's corset waists, 6 dozen for 6c. Medium size for underwear, 6 dozen for 5c. Small size for aprons and dresses, 12 dozen for 3c. White drill bands for boys' trousers. These bands are about 27 inches long and have 8 worked button holes. Price, 4c.

Weinstock, Lubin & Co., 400 and 412 K Street, Sacramento

A FINE LECTURE.

HOME LIFE IN DIXIE DURING THE WAR.

How Dr. Samuel A. Steel of Nashville Delineated It Last Night.

"Home Life in Dixie During the War" was the subject of the lecture delivered by Dr. Samuel A. Steel of Nashville, Tenn., at the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Fifth and J streets, last evening. The hall was well filled, and those so fortunate as to be present enjoyed a thorough treat.

Dr. Steel lost no time in ingratiating himself with his audience. He took it into his confidence at the start, and to the close his lecture sparkled with pleasant and unexpected surprises. The trials of the home-people of the South during the dark days of the rebellion were tempered with mirth-provoking incidents, told by a master, and sunshine chased the shadows and smiles followed choky descriptions, so that one who heard wondered how it was all done.

And the speaker was at home with his subject. He had been there. He was entertaining and unique in his selection of words to express his thoughts to a degree seldom equaled. A close student, an inimitable mimic, a logical reasoner and a certain happy-go-lucky style of delivery, clothed even his saddest pictures in the garb one is glad to meet, whether from Dixie or California.

The lecture, by the way, has been delivered not only throughout the South but in New England and the great Middle West, and as all question as to the rightfulness or wrongfulness of the principles of secession was eliminated, nobody's toes were trampled.

His first picture was that of his father's home in the Old South, the occasion being the fall of 1860, when he heard his first of war, and when, boy-like, he hung upon the words of the minister, who contended that in case war was declared the South would win in ninety days, and that if gunboats started down the river to divide the country, they would be blown out of the water by cannon posted at the first bend in the stream, and that night he dreamed of booming cannon and exploding gunboats.

His next sketch was drawn while war was young. Bull Run had been fought and a rally was held with a view to enlisting the young men of the neighborhood. The orator, with a broad-gauge voice, announced that the Yankees were still running, and the young men fell in line, talking and acting as though they were going on a summer excursion. They knew not what they were doing, but the old men who looked with solemn faces on the gay gathering, knew it was not to be a picnic, and the mothers knew it.

And then the feast was spread beneath the trees, the last spread of the Old South, and the boys marched away, many of them taking their swallow-tailed coats with them. Then came the change. One day a coffin with its freight arrived, and soon men returned with arms in slings and on crutches, and then they did not come, and those at home only knew from occasional letters from the front,

that they would never return—a realization of what war is coming to be understood. And so it went on until no home was without a sorrowful heart, and no woman who did not wear the weeds of mourning.

The lecturer could scarcely, he said, recall those days without a shudder. "Men who have been war," he explained, "want to see it no more. He into whose soul the iron has entered, will shrink from it and cry for peace."

"Yankees" was a detested name and applied to everybody outside of Dixie, and as they "kept a-coming, and kept a-coming," he began to imagine them as something with hoofs, horns and a tail. He stopped long enough to say that he had since mixed with Yankees, and the more he mixed with them the more he liked them.

Then came the fall of Island No. 10, the fortress which the people of the South had deemed impregnable. He was at church the day the news came. A man hurried down the aisle and whispered to the preacher. The latter announced that Island No. 10 had fallen. There was no service that morning. The hullwark of the Mississippi had fallen, and he was rather glad of it, as it would give the guns on the bluffs at Memphis a chance to blow the gunboats up as they came around the bend.

Then came the boom, the rattle, the clash of battle, and as one listened to the lecturer he could almost hear the sound of the guns as the speaker heard them thirty-five years ago. It was thunder in a strange part of the sky, but his father and his mother knew the meaning, and the latter promptly went into hysterics and stamped every-thing about the place, negroes and all. Then came the silence, harder to bear than the rattle of battle, and a night of horrors followed.

In the morning the speaker and his father started toward Memphis to reconnoiter, and upon reaching the railway station seven miles away, learned that Memphis was lost; that the gunboats had rounded the bend and were blowing out of the water, and that the Yankees were "still a-coming." Other people were there, and all were panicky. They started to retreat several times, but were great on a rally. "The Colonel" who was invincible in peace and invisible in war, made a speech, and then the commander of marines—a man—was induced to tell the truth, that Memphis had fallen and that its loss was a calamity to the South.

The soldiers, who only the day before had taken part in the battle, glared and laughed, barefooted and bareheaded, though they were, and then along from Memphis came a train—the last one to move over that line for months, and the people went home.

When Island No. 10 fell, the young men went to the front. When Memphis fell those left at home went, but those who remained at home, agreed to cripple the United States Government by purchasing nothing from it.

Then supplies began to "give out," and the speaker applied all the changes to the word. Coffee "gave out," and rye took the place of rice, but the bread made from the sweet potato was the most popular one. Sugar "gave out," and sorghum intervened to fill the gap. Medicine "gave out," and lobelia and boneset tea reigned. He had never forgotten those horrible Confederate remedies, still the people, who had not taken the oath of allegiance, had to take the medicine, bitter though it was.

The efforts to make shoes and the failure were food for mirth, and the patchwork trousers as pictured by the speaker were things to treasure up, and then came the hardest trial of the war—except General Lee's surrender—the salt gave out. He told how his mother had gone through the lines, accompanied by himself, to get salt, and how, after she got through she could neither get the salt nor get back home without taking the oath; he told how she was given the Evoyest Marshal as only an irate woman could, and how she finally went into a room to take the oath, and kept both hands down and her mouth tightly shut while others were swearing, and, finally, how she got her salt.

And Dr. Steel was under fire. Major Wallace, a neighbor who owned an orchard on the river bank, told him that June apples were ripe, and the hint was enough. He also told his father that June apples were ripe, and the next day they rode over, six or seven miles, to take a chance at the Major's apples.

The speaker's father, upon reaching the levee, reconnoitered, and saw a gunboat down the stream in front of the Major's orchard, and he left for the mules. The boy begged to stay and get a look at the boat, and his request was granted. He pressed through the undergrowth to the edge of the water and the boat came up the stream. He had in his hands a stick, and as the boat came alongside he stepped to the edge of the water and pointed his stick at it. It was the first time he ever shook a stick at Uncle Sam, and the last. Every gun on the boat opened fire on him, and he ran. He, however, had the satisfaction of knowing that the United States Government wasted more ammunition upon him than any one individual in its history, for while the opening broadside was delivered at 12 o'clock noon, the bombardment was still in progress at 11 o'clock at night. The Federals were expecting an attempt to cross the stream would be made by a body of Confederates and had orders to shell the woods if they saw a man, and—they obeyed orders.

Lee's surrender was like a funeral in the speaker's mind. For the speaker, he cried because it was all over and he had not killed a Yankee, not being old enough to go to the front.

He saw the soldier boys of the South depart for the battle at the call of country, and he saw them return. As they viewed the scenes of desolation about their former homes, the same spirit actuated them to go to work and rebuild which had actuated them to march away to the beat of the drum, and it was by that tireless energy that Dixie was made again to blossom from the Chesapeake to the Rio Grande.

"And," the speaker said, "the same men still own the country; the men who wore the gray are the men who made the New South."

When General Forrest came to die, Dr. Steel said, he presented to his son the sword he had worn, with injunctions, should occasion require it, to unsheath it on behalf of the Union, as he had done for the South. And the injunction was followed. When war with Spain was declared, the sons of the South sprang to the colors as their fathers had done, and the stars and bars, ready to die for the flag their fathers had fought against.

The Creator, Dr. Steel said, had been in a good humor when he formed California. In the morning as he came down from the summit he had seen some of the beauties of the great Golden State, and was pleased with what he saw, but as he looked the thought

came to him that while the Creator was kind when he formed California, he had reserved his finishing for the sunny fields of Dixie.

UNKNOWN MAN DROWNED. Walked Off the Deck of a Barge Into the River. An unknown man was drowned last night about 9 o'clock at Front street, between O and P, by walking off into the river.

Watchman Beck of the Transportation Company, noticed him go down the gangway at Front and N streets and come back and go to Front street. Shortly afterwards he went down to the river and walked out on a plank to a barge lying between O and P streets. Going across the barge he walked off into the water on the other side between it and another barge. Ybad Plombren, a Swede who was watchman on the outside barge, asked him what he was doing and pushing down a plank to him, told him to catch hold of it, but he merely waved his arms a little and made no effort to catch it.

The watchman described him as a well-dressed young man about five feet in height and wearing an overcoat. He seemed to have something white wrapped around his right arm. Nobody seemed to know who he was last night.

PERSONAL MENTION. C. E. Spencer received a telegram yesterday announcing the death of his brother John, at Portland, Or. Mrs. James O. Tebow and daughter Bertie have returned from a trip to San Francisco and Santa Rosa. Ex-Mayor B. U. Steinman and wife have returned from their visit to Portland, Seattle and other places of interest up north. They were absent about three weeks.

A. T. J. Reynolds and wife of Grand Island, will start on November 1st on the steamer Moana for a trip of nearly a year to far-off Tasmania, where Mr. Reynolds formerly resided and has relatives. They will touch at Honolulu, Apia, New Zealand and ports in Australia.

Death of an Old Resident. The death of John F. Menke, an old and well-known resident of the city, took place yesterday morning at his residence, 1600 R street, at the age of 71 years. He was one of the pioneer dairy-men of Sacramento and had many friends here. He was a native of Oldenburg, Germany, and leaves a wife, Catherine Menke, and two children, John Menke and Mrs. M. Gyr.

Oakland vs. Sacramento. The Oakland baseball team will make their last visit of the season to Sacramento this week and will play two games at Oak Park with the Sacramentans, one to-morrow at 3:15 p. m., the other on Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

Everybody tries to sneak off the back way when going to a photograph gallery.

A FEW POINTERS. The recent statistics of the number of deaths show that the large majority die with consumption. This disease may commence with an apparently harmless cough which can be cured instantly by Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs, which is guaranteed to cure and relieve all cases. Price, 25c and 50c. For sale by all druggists.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT in pursuance of an order of the Board of Supervisors of the county of Sacramento, State of California, made on the 30 day of September, 1899, an election will be held on the 29th day of November, 1899, for the purpose of electing three Trustees of said district.

Said election will be held at the Runyon Point Ranch in said district in the county of Sacramento, and the polls will be opened at 10 o'clock a. m. and will close at 4 o'clock p. m. of said 29th day of November, 1899. P. H. McGRATH, Secretary of Reclamation District No. 556.

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