

THE LORDS OF LABOR.

[In a recent speech at Newcastle-on-Tyne John Morley referred to the leaders of the workmen who have tried to ameliorate the condition of their fellows as "the plain, russet-coated captains" as the "lords of labor," and quoted a couplet or two from the following fine poem by James McFarlan, a Scotch workman with the soul of a bard, who died of consumption in London in 1826 after a somewhat erratic and checkered career.]

NEWS AND NOTES.

A commercial panic is reported at Buenos Ayres. The human race is increasing 30,000,000 a year. Silcott, the defaulting House of Representatives cashier, has been traced to Quebec. Germany makes the slowest railroad time, twelve miles an hour on accommodation trains. "Hurray!" This exclamation, so familiar to English ears, is said to be of Slavonic origin. A circular saw that splits gold pens is the size of a quarter, and revolves 3,000 times per minute. A general boycott of the Knights of Labor on Sugar trust sugar is predicted in a short time. Chautauqua has 150,000 literary and scientific students and probably will have as many religions. A palace conspiracy has been discovered at Tangiers, and the Sultan's brother has been put in prison. Sir John Lubbock has just discovered that the death rate in London is 16 1/2 per 1,000 as against 17 1/2 in other English cities. Over one hundred first-class ironclad war steamers are now said to be in process of construction in various parts of the world. The largest collection of coins in the world is in Vienna. They are placed in the Public Cabinet of Antiquities, and number over 125,000. It has been found in England that some of the more delicate pigments of water-color paintings are faded by the glare of the incandescent light. The Municipal Council of Paris has passed resolutions congratulating the people and government of Brazil upon the organization of the Republic. The Queensland Legislative Assembly recently held a continuous session for eight days. There was a sharp struggle over an appropriation for railways. A French manufacturing firm has brought out a new fabric made of the fiber of ramie, and called ramie linen, that is said to combine the qualities of linen and silk, with double the strength of linen. Philadelphia crematorists are rejoicing over the action of the health authorities in recommending the burning of a crematory for the burning of the city's unclaimed dead. The medical students object. Hammerfest, perhaps the northernmost habitation in Europe, is about to adopt electricity to illuminate her streets. The town is in the polar circle and darkness prevails three months out of the twelve. There are in the United States 58,999 Post offices, an increase over the previous year of 1,623. The number filled by the President is 2,684, an increase of 196, and filled by the Postmaster-General 56,315, an increase of 1,427. There are 3,000 medical women in the United States whose incomes range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 a year. The number is increasing every year, and the supply of "lady doctors" bids fair to be as great as that of the male physician. While the United States has been adopting the Australian ballot the Australians have been introducing an American institution—Arbor day, wit: in South Australia the first Friday in August has been selected as tree-planting day. The debt of the city of Paris amounts to 790 francs for every man, woman and child within the city limits. In Frankfurt the debt is equivalent to 317 francs per head, in Milan to 218, in Berlin to 154, in the Hague to 136, in Brussels, the most heavily indebted of all European cities, to 1,905. Over 30,000 people in St. Petersburg are reported suffering from influenza. The chief center of interest is the handkerchief, and even the

Czar has joined in the general blowing up. The epidemic was spreading at last accounts. The railroad service of the United States for the year cost \$19,441,095; the number of routes was 2,113; aggregate length 150,381 miles, and number of miles traveled 204,192,489. The rate of cost was 9 1/2 cents per mile. It is now established that flowers and the perfumes distilled from them have a salutary influence and constitute a therapeutic agency of high value, and that residence in a permanent atmosphere forms a protection from pulmonary affections and arrests phthisis. In the town of La Grasse, France, where the making of perfumes is largely carried on, phthisis is unknown. Sir John Macdonald says that if the national policy fails in Canada annexation to the United States will follow. The national policy may be said to have already failed. It has burdened the Dominion with an increasing debt and failed to harmonize conflicting interests and prejudices. On the alternative of annexation America will have something to say. The San Francisco Grand Jury has animadverted severely upon the practice of bringing together depraved criminals and comparatively innocent youths in the Reform School. That is what goes far to make the school a preparatory seminary for San Quentin. If the facilities do not exist for separating and grading the inmates they should be provided. It is poor economy to breed crime. Since 1882 eighty-two miles of streets have been built, paved and drained in Rome, at a cost of \$30,000,000, and 3,000 houses erected in large, modern blocks, where old quarters formerly stood, and five new bridges thrown across the Tiber. In consequence of these improvements, the old city has been so changed that the visitor of twenty years ago would hardly recognize it. Hongkong is growing with marvelous rapidity, and the rumor that it is to be made the Oriental terminus of the line from British Columbia, completing the British circle around the world, is tempting thither capital from all sections of British dominions. It now has 7,000,000 tons of shipping per year, over \$35,000,000 of locally registered capital, and it is practically the financial center for the whole East. The Australian Ballot System. The success of the Australian system of voting at the late elections in Massachusetts and Montana renders it certain that the reform will spread throughout the Union. In testing a new system an ounce of trial is worth a pound of theory. The main purposes of a general electoral reform law are perfectly well understood. They are to secure secrecy to the ballot, to prevent bribery and intimidation, to remove the main pretext for political assessments by having the State supply the ballots and to free the people from the domination of professional politicians. This reform is bound to come, and ambitious leaders would be wise to step out of its path.—[N. Y. World.] The most enthusiastic advocates of the Australian Ballot law could hardly have anticipated such an unqualified approval of that measure as was given to it by the people of this State. We confess that, although we were strongly in favor of the reform, we had imagined that after the first trial it would be necessary to urge many of our citizens not to judge too hastily of this new method, on the ground that successive trials would accustom our people to what, at first sight, might seem an intricate system of balloting. These fears have proved to be groundless. There is not one voter in a hundred in this State who, after the experience of yesterday, would go back to the old order of things. The Australian ballot plan is not only destined to be a permanent method in Massachusetts, but, after the practical unanimity in endorsement of the people of this State have given to it, it cannot fail to be speedily incorporated into the electoral methods of the other States of the Union.—[Boston Herald.] A Dangerous Rock. Some time ago Captain Lee of the C. P. steamer Abyssinia reported a rock as lying off the coast of Japan, and the position given was latitude 36 deg. 39 min. north, and longitude 142 deg. 26 min. east, or thereabouts. The Admiral of the English fleet then on the station told off two of the men-of-war, on their return from Hakodate to search for the reported rock. After spending some time in vain, they returned to Yokohama and reported that no such danger existed in this particular spot, or for several miles round. The sealing schooner Rose, Captain Gierow, while on her cruise north at about noon on the 11th of July, 1889, and while the crew were below having dinner, ran on a rock and heeled over so far as to throw the dinner and plates off the table. The crew rushed on deck and at that moment the vessel slipped off into deep water. After the surprise was over the lead was thrown, but no bottom could be found at thirty-five fathoms. Capt. Gierow had just previously taken the sun, and found the position of the vessel to be latitude 36 deg. 26 min. N. and the longitude by dead reckoning 142 deg. E. Although this is not exactly the spot indicated by the Abyssinia, it is possible that a dangerous rock lies in or about the position pointed out by Captain Lee a year ago.

EDISON'S NEW CLOCK. Possibilities of the Speaking Timepiece. Thomas Edison, the phenomenal inventor, has reached a critical stage in his career, and it would be a strange sarcasm of fate if his latest invention should make him positively abhorrent to the growing generation. Over in his laboratory at Llewellyn Park is this invention. It has been tried and found perfect, and it is a photographic clock which, instead of chiming the hours, calls them out at every quarter in a voice full of clearness. It may be fitted with any set to suit the purpose for which it may be intended. To a reporter it was exhibited recently. The inventor was as chery and playful as he always is. "The clock," said he, "is an improvement, and if it were only on the market now it would save you reporters a good deal of worryment. For instance, say you are at a political meeting with a dozen speakers carded. They are to have each a half hour. You know what a fiction that is. But now, if you had a clock like this, see how it would work," and here Mr. Edison placed a set with it. He pointed the hand to the quarter of an hour and a voice came ringing out: "This speaker is half through." At the half-hour the clock blurted out: "The audience will please not encore. The gentleman now gives way to another." "The only fear I have," continued Mr. Edison, "is that the young unmarried folks may not relish it. You are married? No! Well, I don't give this out as a bribe, but when you get entangled in the preliminaries come to me and I will give you one that you may present to the family into which you aspire to be admitted. It will be a fibber. I'm a little in doubt about the popularity of the parlor clock with the younger people." Mr. Edison has got good reason to fear. A more tantalizing ornament to a pair of ardent lovers than a matrimonial parlor phonographic clock cannot be imagined. Fancy, for instance, a Sunday evening in a cozy parlor with two hearts beating as one, stilled by the voice from the mantle: "Good night, a fond good night. In another hour it will be midnight." Then dolefully at a quarter past and each succeeding quarter comes out its hoarse croakings, until 11:55 o'clock, when it blurts out: "In five minutes more it will be tomorrow," and every ten minutes subsequently the air is filled with its maddings, such as "Ah! how still the hour," "Mabel, I am watching thee, ha, ha," "Methinks I hear the spirit of thy mamma upon the stair," "Please don't heed me; it is my misfortune to remind you that the hour is half-past 12," "Did I hear you ask me to get that hat?" "Will you kindly remember me in your prayers?" "Look out! I hear a footstep. Ha, ha! I was only fooling thee!" "I'll soon have to call father to go to his office." And so the clock jabbers on most exasperatingly. Of course the words are set to suit the circumstances. If the wooer be a favored person the language will be much different, the tone of the clock will be sweet and simpering and the words coy and captivating. About Mailing Letters. There are undoubtedly a great many stupid people in the world. A large number of them do not seem to know how to perform the simplest acts of life properly. There is another large class that is careless in the doing of almost everything. The people who do all that their hands find to do with care and exactitude are not as numerous as might be supposed in these days of mental training. The statistics of the post-office show what a dreadfully stupid and careless lot of people there are in the United States. The simple yet important act of mailing a letter properly ought not so often to be the subject of error as it is. The Superintendent of the Dead Letter Department at Washington reports that 6,266,893 pieces of dead mail matter were received during the year. The most of them were imperfectly or wrongly addressed. An average of more than ten mistakes were made for every man, woman and child in the country. Of the whole number of letters improperly mailed no fewer than 21,670 contained money, to the amount of \$34,830; negotiable paper was found in 24,075 letters, amounting to the large sum of \$1,497,282, and 3,417 wrongly addressed letters contained \$5,320 in postal money orders. From these figures it is very apparent that one of the good resolutions of the new year with a large number of people ought to be a determination to be more careful and exact in the matter of mailing their letters. The numerous errors now committed cause endless confusion and trouble in the postoffice, and are a sad reflection upon the business exactitude and intelligence of our people.—News Letter. New Advertisements. CASTLE & COOKE, HARDWARE, Shipping and Commission Merchants IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE. Plantation Agents, Life, Fire and Marine Insurance Agents. 153 HONOLULU, H. I. 1y

ABOUT TOBACCO. Some Potent Facts for and Against the Weed. The fact that in a single cigar is contained sufficient nicotine to kill two strong men is not so terrifying when it is remembered that the other substances which go to make it up have a neutralizing effect, though the schoolboy's experiences after his first pipe show the dire results of the drug when taken in unaccustomed doses, whether large or small. It is no argument in its favor to say that strong men, clever men—aye, great men—have smoked and owned no ill effects from it. Those strong men might have been stronger; those great men greater. It is not rational to argue, as the President of the United States did when certain officers of the army complained to him that General Grant was an immoderate drinker of whisky, and he replied: "Let me know where Grant gets his whisky that I may send a barrelful to every general in the army." A Bismarck may smoke but no amount of smoking will create a Bismarck; rather will it, in nine cases out of ten, destroy the embryo Chancellor or statesman. Neither are the facts that wounded soldiers or the battlefield cry out for tobacco, that the Indians go for days without food, subsisting only on the stimulus of the pipe, that lunatics are allowed to smoke to allay the frenzy of their diseased brains, and that by puffing at a big cigar the white man preserves himself in tropical climates from insect pests (though he destroys the insects) any proof that tobacco is the health elixir some people would have us believe it to be; abnormal suffering, whether of mind or body, requires a narcotic; unaccustomed situations demand unaccustomed habits. The chief harm of tobacco lies in the fact that the nicotine poison acts by a system of accumulation; its toxic influences are not transitory as those of alcohol. Moderate quantities habitually taken result in chronic nicotineism of the system. The process somewhat resembles that of tanning—it is slow but permanent. Cannibals are said to turn up their noses at the nicotineized flesh of smokers.—The National Review. Advertisements. Chas. Brewer & Co.'s Boston Line of Packets! IMPORTERS WILL please take notice that the fine bark Martha Davis will be laid on the berth in Boston to load for this port during February next, to sail on or about the first day of March, 1890. For further particulars apply to 120 N. B. ST. C. BREWER & CO. J. N. S. WILLIAMS, ENGINEER AND CONTRACTOR, IS PREPARED TO DESIGN AND contract for all classes of Sugar Extraction Machinery, Irrigating Machinery, Evaporating Apparatus, Vacuum Pans, Engines of all kinds and for all purposes, Water Wheels, Water Conduits, both Pipes and Flumes, Steam Boilers of various kinds, etc., etc. Diffusion Machinery In all its branches a specialty; Plantations supplied with Chemical and Analytical Apparatus of the very best description to order. Close attention paid to all orders and satisfaction to the purchaser guaranteed. P. O. Box 380, Fort St., Honolulu, 57 1287-1y The Liverpool and London and Globe INSURANCE CO (ESTABLISHED 1836.) Assets.....\$ 40,000,000 Net Income.....9,075,000 Claims Paid.....112,569,000 Takes Risks against Loss or Damage by Fire on Buildings, Machinery, Sugar Mills, Dwellings and Furniture, on the most favorable terms. Bishop & Co. 1188-6m 1-4m THE RISDON Iron and Locomotive Works, Corner of Beal and Howard Streets, San Francisco.....California W. H. TAYLOR.....President B. S. MOORE.....Superintendent Builders of Steam Machinery In all its branches. Steamboat, Steamship, Land Engines & Boilers, High Pressure or Compound. STEAM VESSELS of all kinds built complete, with hulls of wood, iron or composite. ORDINARY ENGINES compounded when advisable. STEAM LAUNCHES, Barges and Steam Tugs constructed with reference to the trade in which they are to be employed. Speed, tonnage and draft of water guaranteed. SUGAR MILLS and Sugar Making Machinery made after the most approved plans. Also, all Boiler Iron Work connected therewith. WATER PIPE, of Boiler or sheet iron, of any size, made in suitable lengths for connecting together, or Sheets rolled, punched and packed for shipment, ready to be riveted on the ground. HYDRAULIC RIVETING, Boiler Work and Water Pipes made by this method, riveted by hydraulic riveting machinery, that quality of work being far superior to hand work. SHIP WORK, Ship and Steam Captains, Steam Winches, Air and Circulating Pumps, made after the most approved plans. SOLE Agents and manufacturers for the Pacific Coast of the Heine Safety Boiler. PUMPS—Direct Acting Pumps for Irrigation or city works' purposes, built with the celebrated Davy Valve Motion, superior to any other pump. JOHN DYER.....Honolulu —13m Room No. 3, upstairs, Spreckels' Block

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