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THE WEATHER.

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What China needs just now is a revolution to wind up the business.

Helena's bank clearings for the past week, \$1,079,686. This is nearly \$400,000 more than the combined clearings of Seattle and Spokane.

The big rush of holiday buyers will set in this week and from present indications the merchants of Helena will have no occasion to find fault with their patronage.

Before the end of 1895 Helena should have, and we believe she will have, an even 25,000 of inhabitants? Then we will set the mark at 50,000 and make it within five years.

The late Leon Abbott, of New Jersey, who died last week, was the David B. Hill of his state. He was a brilliant, dashing, audacious politician, who was always at war with the other leaders of his party, and was as dangerous to them in defeat as he was in victory.

Like the vigorous and determined man that he is, Hon. Nelson Story has moved promptly toward securing the finest quarters in Helena for his senatorial canvass.

It needs no argument to convince anybody of the rottenness of New York's police force when a captain unblushingly testified that he paid \$15,000 to secure an appointment which legitimately could bring him but a bare living salary.

The city of Helena pays from 15 to 25 per cent. more for everything it buys, because it pays in depreciated warrants. The first thing to do is to fund the outstanding warrants at a low rate of interest, then reduce expenditures so that we will not run further in debt, and then pay current bills in money worth one hundred cents on the dollar.

Speaking of the effort in Butte to raise a fund for a monument to Thomas Francis Meagher reminds us that one of the most glorious opportunities ever offered is open to some wealthy citizen of Helena to present statues of Lewis and Clarke to the county which bears their name.

If there is any country on earth that can show a brighter, sunnier, more enjoyable climate than we have had in Montana during the first half of December, we should like to know its name. Why is it that our climate is not better known to outsiders? Take it the year round, our climatic conditions are more favorable to health, out-door life, and longevity than those of any other state. Why is it that the rest of the world will persist in judging us falsely because on the map our location seems too far north? California is not in it with Montana.

Some of our esteemed contemporaries have not even yet discovered that the capital fight is over. It is high time the various communities of the state ceased to say unkind things of one another. Why cannot they all unite and pull together for the common interests of the state? We renew our previous suggestion of a state board of trade composed of the representative men of every county. Such an organization would do much to prevent unfriendly rivalry between sections, of which there is no need. If all would work together, we could get the resources of Montana before the eyes of the people of the eastern states, and by systematic

effort a great stream of immigration could be drawn to the state and distributed among the several counties. Let us have an end to petty bickerings and backslapping. Let every man in the state, in whatever community he lives, have a good word for other communities than his own. The progress of the state has been retarded by our internal dissensions in the past two years. Let us quit.

Butte is on the move. A chamber of commerce organization has been formed there and a vigorous campaign for the city's advancement and improvement is planned. We hope to report like snap and vigor in the Helena Board of Trade. A grand opportunity is before that body. The next year in Helena is going to be an active one, and our progress will be great if, instead of desultory effort at cross purposes, we have well directed organization. In two weeks more the holidays will be over and then our business men should take hold of this board of trade movement.

Despite the winter season, the trade reviews of the mercantile agencies make a very good showing for the manufacturing business. Earnings for the month of November as compared with the same month last year show a gain of 15.2 per cent. There is an increase of 10.2 per cent in the number of persons employed and the average earnings of 250,000 operatives is 4 per cent greater than one year ago. These figures indicate a steady improvement in the business of the country. Six months more will see our manufacturing interests more prosperous than they have been for years and then we shall hear the last sneer about democratic times.

The Anaconda Standard agrees with The Independent in condemning the proposition to make the office of city marshal an elective one. It also well says that the police force of a city should not be controlled by its council. The police force of every city should be absolutely divorced from politics. The appointment of the head of the force should be left to the mayor, or as a non-partisan police board, and the members of the force should be chosen after careful examination without regard to their politics; and the first man of them who meddles with politics should be summarily dismissed from the force.

Criminal insanity has had its day and now comes hypnotism as a defense for criminal acts. There is no doubt that Harry Hayward, the murderer of Dressmaker Catherine King, of Minneapolis, had for a long time exercised a strange influence over his victim. Hayward's brother, who was implicated with him in the crime, avers that the murderer exercised an evil spell over him which he could not shake off. Claus Blixt, the other accomplice, in his confession says that Harry Hayward compelled him to do as he wished and exerted a power over him which he could not resist. These confessions of Hayward's accomplices were made separately, and there seems to be no doubt that the murderer really possessed that strange power known as hypnotic influence. How far is a man responsible for his acts under such conditions? How can it be positively ascertained that men at any given time were so controlled? These are the great problems with which medical scientists, courts and juries must now wrestle. The New York Sun of last Tuesday says: "Robert Safford Newton, head of the department of insanity and nervous diseases at St. Mary's hospital, read a paper on 'Hypnotism as a Defense for Crime' last night at the Academy of Medicine. He thought if the hypnotic theories were accepted they might act as excuses for crime."

DENNY'S DAUGHTER.

Denny's daughter stood a minute in the field I was to pass. All was quiet as her shadow laid before along the grass. In her hand a switch of hazel from the nut tree's crooked root; An' I mind the crown of clover crumpled under one bare foot. For the look of her, The look of her Comes back on me to-day! With the eyes of her, The eyes of her That took me on the way.

THE HOUSEKEEPER.

Sunday, Dec. 15, 1894. Be a gift and a benediction. BREAKFAST—Graham Gems, Baked Potatoes, Boiled Eggs, White Bread and Butter, Apple Jelly, Coffee. DINNER—Roast Beef, Apple Jelly, Mash-ed Potatoes, Beets, Squash, White and Brown Bread, Steamed Rice with Raisins. LUNCHEON—Bread and Butter, Stewed Apricots, Cookies, Milk. Graham Gems: One cup of sour milk, one cup of sweet milk, one egg, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, one teaspoonful of soda, and two cups of graham flour; bake in hot gem pans. The greatest theater-goers in the world are the Italians. There are more theaters in Italy in proportion to the population than in any other country.

A POPULAR PRIEST.

For The Independent. The Rev. Thomas J. Ducey is a thorn in the side of Archbishop Corrigan, and by all means the liveliest Catholic priest in New York. His attendance at the sessions of the Lexow committee from the start with as much, if not more, regularity than any one of the senators was considered remarkable. But when Archbishop Corrigan called the committee an indecent body and practically ordered him not to repeat his action when the committee reconvened, and Father Ducey promptly disobeyed the mandate of his superior officer, all of churchdom, Protestant and Catholic, was set agog with speculation. Father Ducey is a most interesting man. So is Archbishop Corrigan, they say. But the archbishop never sees reporters. Father Ducey does. He sees everybody who comes to his residence at 18 East Twenty-ninth street, when he is in. Very often he is not in, a fact which only goes to show how exceedingly active he is. Probably he knows more people personally than any other priest in the city. He is invariably in a hurry, and invariably has a good natured and clever remark for everybody he meets. He sleeps on the average about three hours a day, and says he never tires. He is 51 years of age, of Irish extraction, and educated by the Jesuits. He is pastor of the fashionable St. Leo's, whose congregation exhibits a peculiar phase of metropolitan



Rev. Father Ducey.

life. Very rarely, indeed, is he called upon to perform a baptismal or marriage ceremony. St. Leo's is in the center of the great hotel and apartment house region, which is distinguished by its wealth and the absence of births and marriages. The parish work, therefore, is not extensive. The parishioners require little more from their pastor than a graceful sermon every Sunday. Father Ducey has few rivals among American Catholic priests as an orator, and it was his eloquence which won this pastorate for him. He alone of the Catholic priests of the city brings topics of the day into his sermons, and handles them without gloves after the style of half a dozen well known Presbyterian ministers. In conversation, besides his wit, he has the aid of a wonderful flow of language and a very mellow voice.

For many years he has opposed Tammany hall. He has known of the corruption which existed in its government, but, like other good men, found his knowledge futile until a great general was discovered in Dr. Parkhurst. And Dr. Parkhurst is not more radical than he. "Clean out the whole Augean stables!" is his brief comment upon the police department.

The most conspicuous feature about Father Ducey's person is his hat. It is a high silk one and the circular brim is as flat as a cheese box cover. This style of hat was in vogue a great many years ago, and is sometimes worn in Europe, and by clergymen in this country. Indeed, in some parts of Europe the style is supposed to represent the correct thing for a swell to wear. That is, of course, if Father Ducey's hat belongs to any style at all. I think it absolutely peculiar to him. Maybe it is the joke of his tailor on him, and maybe it is strictly in accordance with his own ideas. Neither he nor any one else seems to have time to smooth down the silk.

The banged hair, although it is as white as snow, adds to the youthful look which so belies his years. His eyes are laughing eyes that beam on you. He loves a joke, and there is nothing sour about him; but he never smiles when the Lexow committee is in session. He regards the revelations quite as solemn as they are disgraceful. Doubtless his presence has been of great assistance to Mr. Goff in prosecuting the work of investigation. More than once witnesses with a lie fairly upon their lips have repented and told the truth when their eyes met the steady gaze of those of the priest. Although Father Ducey is a deal of a society man, and "Uncle" Daniel Bradley is a bluff old fellow who chews tobacco, takes snuff and calls a spade a spade, a great friendship has sprung up between them. The senator admires the priest's pluck, and the priest admires the senator's sterling independence.

The pastor of St. Leo's has Shakespeare at his tongue's end, and he brings out quotations with a certain flip that gives their meaning added force. His power of mimicry amounts to genius, and he came near being a thespian instead of a theologian. He likes newspaper men, and it is worth a great deal more than the price of admission to see his sparkling eyes and his smile when he finds a half dozen of them waiting in his drawing room. "I am glad to see you, and sorry to have kept you waiting, gentlemen."

"Out come pads and pencils—great expectations. "I am sorry, but I really have nothing to say to-night. Good evening, gentlemen." And he will bow, those eyes still sparkling and the smile more expansive than ever, and straightway go up-stairs. Occasionally he will sit down and chat and perhaps tell a story or recall some Irish lullaby. But, although he never declines himself to a representative of the press, like Mr. Goff, as the saying goes, he can "glue his lips tightly together" when he chooses, and no amount of questioning will get any other reply from him than a merry: "You must answer that yourself," or "Ask the man in the moon." For he could not be gruff if he should make an effort. Some persons in a position to know say that Father Ducey may meet with the fate of Father McGlynn. He has certainly declared open war against the archbishop of his diocese and refused to obey orders; and that is a very risky thing to do in the Catholic church. But he is not afraid. He says he is willing to go before the public on his record, and he cares more for the opinion of the public than for the opinion of his archbishop. Whatever may be the nature of the future relations between

him and Mgr. Corrigan, they are certain to be interesting.

It is said that Father Ducey is a monarchist, the pope having sent the papers to Archbishop Corrigan, whose signature was necessary before the honor could be conferred. Father Ducey never saw the papers, and the gossips have it that they are still in the pigeonhole in the diocesan house on Madison avenue.

THE PROPER THING.

The fashionable chirography of the period is vertical. Souvenir cups and saucers have crowded out the spoons. Tortoise shell cigarette cases and match boxes are new extravaganzas. Handwriting on the wall says the days of the padded sleeve are numbered. Gold band bracelets of an almost forgotten period are in fashion again. Some of the winter hats must cause the drum major feelings of envy. Large silver waist buckles should be worn if there is wish to keep up with the procession. Ornamental handkerchiefs are the tiny kind that merely stick out of the pocket. Very wide, black bordered paper only represents a grief that is vulgar.

Women have adopted the shepherd's crook handle for their attenuated umbrellas. Good, well fitting gloves will atone for even a gown that has seen its best day. Bells of the kind that dangle from the neck of Swiss goats are a parlor decoration. Bonnets are the daintiest and prettiest mortal woman ever put on her head. Real jet plays a conspicuous part in the trimming of reception gowns this season. Full dress bodices, jacketed from fashion plates, take less material than ever. Youths who wear key chain with dress suit can be guaranteed to "talk shop."

The stock collar for women has come to stay. The variety of them is infinite. There is a rage akin to hydrophobia for "old lace of every kind and sort." In Paris fashionable women wear a large ribbon bow and streamer on one arm. Evidently the prejudice against green as a popular color has died away. Dull blue note paper and envelopes is the affection among society women. Fancy calendars for 1895 are out in an abundance, making selection a dilemma. English girls use artificial means to make them taller than nature decreed. Blondes are not in fashion. It is the girl with "chestnut brown" hair who reigns. Women with hour-glass figures often suffer as much as did the early Christians. Men's overcoats are not as uncomfortably full, nor as ridiculously long, as they were last season. Buttons on cloaks and coats cannot be too big. The soup plate size seems merely a question of a little while. Grandmother's enormous fur muff, something in size akin to the bass drum, has been revived in all its glory. Holiday bric-a-brac is displayed in the most bewildering variety. Some of it is actually useful as well as ornamental. Long, dove tailed cutaway coats for men are not a popular garment. Already the best tailors discourage them. Some men continue to wear a monocle to show that their head, in addition to one eye, is affected.—Commercial Advertiser.

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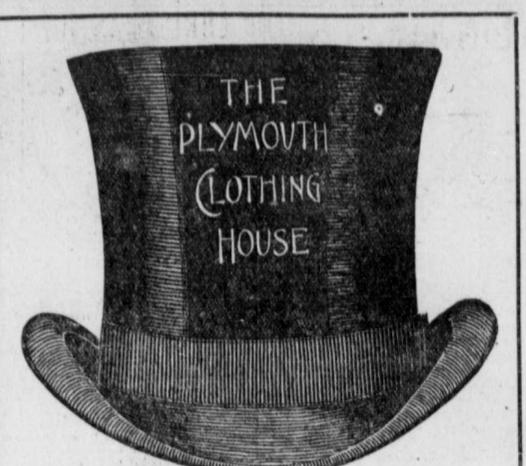
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