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THE WEATHER. Reported for The Independent by R. M. Crawford, United States observer.

Barometer... 30.75 30.6 Temperature... -1.1 Wind... SW-3 Maximum temperature, 3. Minimum temperature, -12.

Story and Rickards are said to see points in an offensive and defensive alliance.

Eugene Field has written for the New Year's Independent a story that everybody will enjoy.

It is unnecessary to wish Investigator Goff of New York, a Happy New Year. He is bound to have it, anyhow.

Orders for advertisements and extra numbers of to-morrow's Independent should be sent in early to-day.

Helena is a pretty tidy little city when you come to size it up. Read how its account for 1894 stands in to-morrow's Independent.

The Rickards literary bureau is far and away the best of them all. It is getting its deadly work in the columns of west side newspapers.

Crocker's violent and abusive language toward Bourke Cockran in recent newspaper interviews and the latter's refusal to say a word in reply shows Cockran to be the shrewder politician of the two.

Mr. Rockefeller's great Chicago university is not only not so rich as Mr. Stanford's great California university, but Mr. Stanford's collegians can walk Mr. Rockefeller's collegians at football. And that settles it.

Representative Monteth's bill to prevent corrupt practices at elections will be introduced on the day the house is ready for business. It should be made applicable to senatorial contests and passed under suspension of the rules.

What Montana was in 1894, the story of its progress, its financial status, the condition of its leading industries, as told in to-morrow's Independent, will astonish even Montana readers. Hard times as they have existed in some parts of the world have really not been known here at all. The figures prove it.

The Independent in 1895 will be a better newspaper than in any past year in its history. It will give especial attention to the resources of Montana, and full records of the growth of its many enterprising communities. These special features will begin in a few days and will, we trust, contribute to the rapid growth and prosperity of the enterprising towns of the state.

Gen. Coxe has formally announced that he will be a candidate for the populist nomination for president in 1896, and his lieutenant, Carl Brown, is out with the platform. He declares the proposition to make free silver the sole plank will not go. "One faction may attempt this," he says, "but we will fight it. The time is coming when we've got to denounce both gold and silver. Until we realize that paper backed by government credit is the only money, affairs will always be involved." That is the ultimate of populism.

Cities are whatever their inhabitants make them. If a majority of the people of this town believe in a great future for Helena they will make it great. Lack of faith will keep the city where it is. The Indianapolis Journal tells an anecdote that illustrates this point: "I fear that Indianapolis is not yet more than a three-story town," said a citizen the other day to Gen. Lew Wallace, referring to the latter's seven-story building. "If we do not attempt to make it more than a three-story town," said the general, "it will remain one for all time. I believe in making it a seven-story city." The application is obvious.

The Boston Herald says of Broker Moore's suit to test the legality of the income tax:

"It is not exactly fortunate that the first suit to test the constitutionality of the income tax should be brought by an operator in Wall street who is popularly supposed to have made large sums of money by virtue of his close connection with the senate chamber in Washington and the violent fluctuations in the price of Sugar Trust shares during the past year. The legal questions involved in the suit will not be

affected by the plaintiff's operations in the stock market, but popular sympathy is not likely to be awakened in his behalf to the extent that it might otherwise be."

The St. Paul Pioneer Press promptly jumps on a proposition to let a private corporation control the water service of that city. It says:

"In all countries and times the public ownership of the sources of water supply necessary for these purposes has been recognized. It can no more be denied than the right to the air we breathe. The city government has simply succeeded to its ownership, and as the agent of the public it becomes its duty to furnish the machinery of its distribution; to place it as far as possible within easy reach of every household at the lowest rates which will pay the cost of its distribution. To turn this natural element over to a private corporation to make merchandise of it for profit, is repugnant to the natural sense of justice."

Emigration Agent Hubbard, of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad company, has been in California investigating the causes which have led to the rapid settlement of that state in the last few years. He finds it is the result of judicious advertising, in which many thousands of dollars were spent. He says the districts of southern California have spent more than \$100,000 during the past three years, with the result that the country is settled by an industrial class of people, who have set out thousands of acres in fruits. Already ten fold of the amount expended in advertising has been returned in increased products. Mr. Hubbard visited the chamber of commerce while he was in San Diego, and was attracted by the class of advertising that was done by that institution, with the most wonderful results. As evidence of the benefits to be derived from advertising, Mr. Hubbard quotes from a report of Dan Freeman, president of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce, to the effect that 10,000 settlers had come to southern California as a direct result of advertising.

The trustees of the Helena public library are awake to the meaning of the modern library movement which makes of the institution a laboratory and a workshop rather than a storehouse, a common meeting ground and a center of the intellectual life of the community rather than a secluded out-of-the-way place. In these days the public library is becoming a general information bureau, the first place to be thought of when one is in search of knowledge. It is becoming a leading educational force in American life, exceeded only by the public schools and the press.

The suggestion of The Independent that the library be kept open an hour later at night, until 10 p. m. (thirteen hours a day, instead of twelve) has met with general approval. The public will be gratified when the trustees are able to add this other hour and Sunday evening opening. Enlargement of rooms is needed to remedy the present overcrowded condition, and, beside this, the trustees have other plans in mind for enlarging the facilities of the institution and giving better service to their patrons who have shown such high appreciation of library privileges.

The money spent by the city on its public library is producing large returns in good citizenship which will become more and more apparent as the years go by. It tends toward a higher public life by its power to inspire, unify and make effective the best aspirations of the community. And more valuable than all is its improving effect on the lives of the generation now growing up, in behalf of whom the library staff is taking special pains.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Count Constantine Nigra, the poet, at present Italian ambassador at Vienna, relates in his latest book that as a child of six he once played the role of an angel at some private theatricals, adding this comment: "As a child, an angel; as a man, a diplomatist—how are the mighty fallen!"

Major Morrill, who has been elected governor of Kansas, is a man of impressive physique. He is over six feet tall and his 200 pounds of flesh are well proportioned. He is in many ways the mainstay of Hiawatha, his place of residence, and highly popular with his neighbors.

In the life of the late Dean Buckland, which has just appeared in England, it is related that one time "he and a friend, riding toward London on a very dark night, lost their way. Buckland therefore dismounted, and, taking up a handful of earth, smelled it. 'Cabbage!' he exclaimed, his geological nose telling him the precise locality."

M. Y. Chung is the diplomat of the Chinese legation in Washington, whose thorough knowledge of English makes him the medium of communication between the legation and the press and public. Mr. Chung is a Yale graduate and a member of the Delta Kappa Upsilon fraternity. He is one of the first of the Chinese officials able to speak English without a trace of foreign accent.

Gen. Cassius M. Clay's roomy old mansion, Whitehall, is full of handsome antique furniture that would delight a collector. Among the other rare articles in the house are portraits of the Czar Alexander and the royal family, presented to Gen. Clay by the emperor himself. The old Kentuckian has always dispensed a fine hospitality at Whitehall. It is one of the show places of the Blue Grass region, and visitors, especially feminine ones, are charmingly entertained there.

By New York reporters, his hair manifestly cut by a Philadelphia barber, his hat seemingly saved with difficulty from the pirates by whom he was surrounded at a Chicago luncheon, while his overhauled boots trace of Buffalo mud, and there was an odor of a 'toca clear upon his person." The doctor surrendered at discretion, and gave the fellow a ticket for his whole family.

Samuel Edison, of Port Gratiot, Mich., the venerable father of Thomas A. Edison, is now in his 81st year, and is in full possession of all his faculties. He is known locally as "Uncle Sam." Speaking of the great inventor, an old resident of Port Gratiot says: "As for Tom Edison, why, as I remember him—well, no one thought he was very smart; he used to be called 'Edison's fool.' I remember how he used to sit about the store with his head in his hands, always moping and always in the way. His folks or any one else always had to speak to him half a dozen times before he would seem to hear or pay any attention; and I remember one day when asked if he was deaf, and I told him I didn't believe he could hear it thunder, he threw up his head and scowled and said: 'I wish I was so deaf I couldn't hear it thunder nor see it lighten.'"

The possibility for the attainment of wealth and affluence which this country offers is shown in the career of Isaac H. Hunter, who was born in slavery. He had almost attained his majority before he looked into a school book. From his early youth he had interested himself in politics, and in later years figured conspicuously in the reconstruction of Virginia. His rise in politics was rapid. In July, 1863, he was selected by the Virginia conservative state committee to deliver the welcoming speech to the late Gilbert C. Walker on his election to the governorship of Virginia. He was a delegate to the democratic convention which nominated Cleveland and Hendricks, and for sixteen years was the trusted friend and confidential secretary of the late Lieutenant Governor Dorsheimer. Mr. Hunter is a real estate lawyer and is wealthy.

NEW ENGLAND MAGAZINE.

To the last generation of Americans, especially of New Englanders, Lowell Mason's name was the commonest and most influential name in music. There were hundreds of church choirs where Handel and Haydn and Bach and Beethoven were almost unknown names; but there was not one in which Lowell Mason was not looked upon as a master. Our fathers and mothers all sang "Hamburg" and "Boylston" and "Bethany" and "Olmütz" and "Dear"; and there were few New England people who had not seen, or whose cousins had not seen, Lowell Mason conducting musical conventions. To every one who remembers this unique influence it will be a delight to read the thorough article upon Mason by Francis H. Jenks, in the January number of the New England Magazine, to see the portraits and other valuable pictures which illustrate the article, and to sing on Sunday nights the dozen famous old tunes which are here reprinted. Lowell Mason was surely a great force in our musical and religious life, and this fine tribute to him is something to be grateful for. A dear friend of Lowell Mason's was Rev. F. Smith, the author of "America." Indeed it was Mason who first married that famous national hymn to music and set it in circulation. Mr. Smith contributes to this number of the New England a most interesting chapter of reminiscences of Mason, which will be read as eagerly as Mr. Jenks' article. "Christ Church Bells," a finely illustrated article by Ralph Adams Cram, will also appeal especially to musical people, as well as to the patriotic. Mr. Cram makes the recent revival of the pealing of the bells at the old North church in Boston the occasion of a plea for more scientific and artistic attention to the whole matter of the ringing and pealing of our church bells. Radcliffe College—the Harvard Annex—is the subject of a fully illustrated article by Helen Leah Reed, in this number of the New England. Miss Reed is herself a graduate of the college, and traces lovingly the story of its notable growth. James P. Baxter, the president of the Maine Historical society, contributes a valuable article on "Ratcliff's Last Colony." Illustrated by many reproductions of curious sixteenth century drawings. There is a beautifully illustrated article on Burlington, Vermont, by G. G. Benedict, one of the articles on New England cities by which this magazine appeals so warmly to local interest. "A Chapter of Alaska," by C. E. Cabot, brings to light an important episode connected with our first occupancy of Alaska. "By Way of Panama" is a charming chapter of travel by Helen M. North. "The Passing of the Squire," by Edward Porritt, is an interesting study of that remarkable social fact in England. There are some excellent stories in this number of the New England, and half a dozen poems, besides the bright things in the "Omnibus." The Editor's Table is devoted to George William Curtis, Warren F. Kellogg, Publisher, 5 Park Square Boston.

THE HOUSEKEEPER.

Monday, Dec. 31, 1894. For looking backward through the year; Along the way my feet have pressed, I see sweet places everywhere, Sweet places where my soul had rest. —Phoebe Cary.

BREAKFAST. Baked Potatoes, Coddish with Cream, Buckwheat Shortcake, Bread, Apples, Coffee. DINNER. Beef (pot roast), Potatoes, Cabbage, White and Brown Bread and Butter, Baked Apple Dumplings with Sauce, Oranges. STEPPER. Bread and Butter, Cold Meat, Apple Sauce, Coconut Cold Milk. Apple Dumplings: Pare sour apples and remove the core; make a crust as for cream biscuit; roll thin and cut round pieces, wrapping each apple separately, bake until well done. Serve with sugar and cream, or maple syrup. Coconut Cake: Plain layer cake with soft frosting, and decorated coconut between and over the top.

Bicycle in All Tongues. Here is an amusing linguistic consultation on the subject of the denomination of the velocipede in different languages: In French it was called celerifere and velocifere. Then came the words bicycle, bicyclette, velocite, and at last velo. The word became, which has also been given to it, is taken from the argot. Its etymology is unknown. It signifies simply machine. In Italian it is called velocifero, velocipede and bicicletta. The same in Spanish. In Germany it is farfad of simply rad, just as in English they say "wheel." The Chinese call it sometimes "gaigama," which means "foreign horse," and sometimes "felchah." "Flying machine." They also call it "tan tsun," carriage that goes without horse, but the palm must be given to the Flemish, in addition to the appellations "velocifere" and "velocifere," etc., some of the ways on the banks of the Escaut have baptized this winged contraption with the centipede name, "Gielwielandrijvoettrappeneudroekergestel!"

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As He Rolls In

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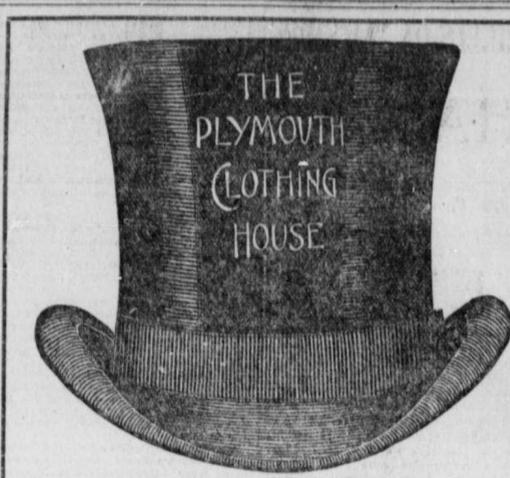
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