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THE REASON WHY.

Why do you read THE EVENING WORLD?

That was the question asked of a lot of people yesterday who were found with a copy of THE EVENING WORLD in their hands. The object of that question was to ascertain, if possible, the underlying reasons for THE EVENING WORLD'S remarkable growth, which is utterly without parallel in the history of evening journalism.

The answers to the query are very interesting and significant.

The pith of them all is that THE EVENING WORLD is popular because it is "Above All a Newspaper" and "Beyond All a Public Servant."

In these two epigrammatic phrases lies the secret of its phenomenal success.

MUNDANE MATTERS.

In view of the fact that Jay Gould is up to date the fiyest man on Manhattan Island—in many respects, it seems a little singular that visitors from Wayback are styled, in current metropolitan slang, "Jays." Perhaps the gullible hayseed should be called a "New Yorker" and the man who buncoes him a "jay."

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When the spring-time comes, gentle Annie,
And the wild flowers blossom o'er the plain,
We will all of us have tonsilitis,
And ache with a balmy vernal pain;
We will put on goloshes and gum-coats
As we guess if it's going to snow or rain,
When the spring-time comes, gentle Annie,
And the wild flowers go in their holes again!

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Mr. Cleveland has not become a Tammany brave. He is in Florida, however, which at this season is a favorite place to pitch wigwams. Perhaps the ex-President will ride the Tammany goat under a spreading palm or in the gorgeous plaza of one of Mr. Flagler's Moresque caravansaries. Goats can live in any climate.

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If the Chief-Justice's daughters go on changing their names his family circle will get larger and larger, but not Fuller and Fuller.

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A ragged tramp entered the domicile of Mrs. John W. Sayres, of Bangor, Pa., the other day, boldly proclaimed himself to be her long-lost brother, threw himself into her arms, and asked if he could end his poverty-stricken days there. She said he could. Thereupon he drew a large wad of greenbacks from his bootleg, handfuls of coin from his dilapidated trousers pockets, checks, drafts and negotiable securities from his vest pockets, and, pouring them about the premises in wild profusion, avowed that he was indeed no poverty-stricken wretch, but a wealthy and benevolent old gentleman, whose heart and pocketbook both yearned for his long-lost relatives.

Then all was lovely. But ladies at a distance from police stations and unprotected by bulldogs should find in this remarkable and isolated case no encouragement to give tramps a friendly reception. Most tramps have long-lost sisters somewhere. But precious few of 'em have anything to give those long-lost sisters except impudence, fleas and a big appetite.

Beware of the brotherly tramp!

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Many such hard knocks as this Vernal Equinox has dealt Spring will knock the poor, misguided young season completely out!

MRS. MATSADA SORAKICHI ARRESTED.

She Refused to Leave Miner's Theatre When Requested to Do So.

Mrs. Ella Matsada Sorakichi, wife of the Japanese wrestler, was arrested last night in the lobby of Miner's Eighth Avenue Theatre for disorderly conduct, and arraigned to-day at Jefferson Market Police Court.

Mrs. Sorakichi told Justice O'Reilly that she had been abandoned by her husband, and it was to see him that she visited the theatre where he is performing.

She purchased a box, but had not been seated long before an usher desired her to leave, saying that her money would be returned.

She declined to go as she was behaving herself like a lady. By this time a crowd gathered in the lobby where the conversation was held, and a policeman arrested her.

Lawyer Stiner stated that he had sent Mrs. Sorakichi to the theatre to find out what salary her husband was getting, that he might be prepared for her case against her husband when it comes up to-morrow.

The woman was promptly discharged.

A Change Only in Name.

[BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.]

BERLIN, March 21.—The *Volks Zeitung*, recently suppressed by the Government under the Anti-Socialist law, has reappeared under the title of *Zukunft*.

The Emperor Dines Out.

[BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.]

BERLIN, March 21.—The Emperor and Empress dined yesterday with the Count von Waldersee.

Racing at Guttenburg To-Day.

There will be racing at Guttenburg to-day, rain or shine; positively no postponement.

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Why Do You Read "The Evening World?"

There are so many EVENING WORLDS read nowadays that it has become of interest to know why the thousands of people who take it daily prefer it to other papers. With this object in view a corps of reporters were sent out to interview people in all walks of life whom they found reading THE EVENING WORLD, and to ask them for their reasons for so doing. Their answers are as follows:

Henry Clews, Mills Building—Why do I read THE EVENING WORLD? Why, because it is readable and snappy. In form it is concise, and in make-up attractive. It commends itself to everybody.

Assistant Corporation Attorney Herman Stiefel—Because it stands alone as a fearless advocate of beneficial reforms and is always foremost in the fight against the oppressors of the people.

Julius Harburger, Clerk of the Fourth District Civil Court—Not only because of its newsy character, but for the additional reason that it is a fearless and intrepid champion of the people's rights.

Richard Marsland, of E. G. Blackford's, Fulton Market—I read THE EVENING WORLD because it is bright, newsy and the friend of the people.

John Dougherty, of the Steam-Fitters' Union—I indorse THE EVENING WORLD for its fairness to organized labor and its championship of the poor toilers of this big town. We have always been fairly treated in its columns. It's a boss newspaper in all respects.

A FRIEND OF THE POOR AND DOWNTRODDEN.

P. J. Hayhyrne, Secretary of the Miscellaneous Section of the Central Labor Union—THE EVENING WORLD is the friend of the poor and downtrodden and the supporter of organized labor, and is a newspaper in every respect. That's why I buy and read it.

De Wolf Hopper—Can you ask me if I read THE EVENING WORLD after the charming letter I received in it. Every night I live in hopes of finding another.

C. H. Gridley, salesman at Ira Perego & Co.'s—I like THE EVENING WORLD because I think it is the best evening newspaper published.

Officer Volk, of the Broadway Squad—I read it because it is a good newspaper.

Dr. Trankard, of Nassau street—It's a good newspaper and I read it for that reason.

Dr. Swett, pharmacist, Park row—I read it because it is bright, spicy and newsy.

William Wightman, journeyman barber, Nassau street—It suits me because it is interesting, newsy and brief and pointed.

David Robinson, journeyman barber, Nassau street—I read it. What more could I say in its favor?

John Blakeley, cigar dealer, Broadway—I buy and read it because it gives me the most city news in which I am interested in the evening. Foreign news I can get out of the blanket sheets in the morning.

MOST NEWS AND COSMOPOLITAN.

G. W. Meeks, of the General Post-Office—I read THE EVENING WORLD because I believe it contains the most news and is cosmopolitan.

T. J. Connolly, of the Oystermen's Union—I read it because it is a model of fairness, and represents organized labor in its true light, and in a manner never seen before in another newspaper.

THE BEST AFTERNOON PAPER PUBLISHED.

C. G. Clark, Mills Building—I read it because its the best afternoon paper published.

Henry Seligman, Mills Building—THE EVENING WORLD always touches upon the general topics of the day, and it is an interesting sheet otherwise.

F. R. Gainer, Mills Building—It is newsy and attractive.

L. G. Quinlan, 11 New street—I buy and read THE EVENING WORLD because it never fails to have something in it that is interesting.

D. M. Marsch, 11 New street—I wouldn't miss my copy of THE EVENING WORLD for a good deal. It is bright, newsy and in every way up to the times.

C. P. Follett, 60 Maiden lane—I buy it because of its general appearance and make up. Everything in it is clear and concise, and it contains all the news. It is the best afternoon newspaper published.

BECAUSE IT'S THE ONLY NEWSPAPER.

H. James Anderson, decorator, of 43 East Nineteenth street—Because I want an evening newspaper, and I consider THE EVENING WORLD the only one published in the city.

P. J. Cody, liquor dealer at Third avenue and Twenty-seventh street—My customers insist on my keeping it on file, especially the Sporting Edition.

JUDICIAL OPINIONS.

Judge Welde—I read THE EVENING WORLD because I get all the best news.

Civil Justice Joseph P. Fallon—I read it probably because it contains better news than any other paper.

Ex-Assemblyman Nicholas R. O'Connor—I read it because it's enterprising and newsy. Why, I saw people offer 15 cents for the St. Patrick's edition at the Grand Central Depot.

Counsellor John M. Coman—I read it because it is the best, the brightest and most enterprising newspaper in this town. Its court news is especially good, and for local news it excels everything.

Charles Lambert—I read it because I am sure to read what's worth reading. I like its enterprising way of doing things.

Ex-Assemblyman Daniel M. Van Cott—I like its news, and that's why I read it.

WHAT SOME POLICEMEN SAY.

Roundsman Jimmy Hanley, of Harlem Court—Why do I read it? Look here. (Pulling one out of his pocket, a St Patrick's edition.) Any paper that has enterprise enough to print a paper like that suits me. It's the boss paper of all, and don't you forget it.

Sergt. Reynolds, of Harlem Police Court—I like it for its enterprising way of getting up things. It is a bright, newsy paper.

John J. O'Brien—It is a bright paper. My nephew always buys it and I read it. I like it.

SPORTING MEN LIKE IT.

Frank Stevenson—Of course I read THE EVENING WORLD. I buy it for its sporting news. It always has it.

Billy Oliver—I buy THE EVENING WORLD every night. It has the best sporting column of any paper in New York.

Augustus Tuthill—I buy THE EVENING WORLD both for its general and sporting news. It gives the best news of any evening paper.

Arthur T. Lumley—I read THE EVENING WORLD every day for its sporting news.

Billy O'Brien—I think THE EVENING WORLD is the most enterprising paper in the city. Of course I buy it chiefly for its sporting news.

Steve Brodie—Of course I read THE EVENING WORLD. I get it principally for its sporting news.

W. E. Harding—I always get THE EVENING WORLD. I want to see its sporting news.

Billy Edwards—I read THE EVENING WORLD every day. I am interested chiefly in the sporting.

Jack McAuliffe—I read THE EVENING WORLD every day. I get it for its sporting news and also to see what it says about me.

Phil Dwyer—Certainly I read THE EVENING WORLD. I want to read its sporting news. It's the best evening paper published.

John McDonnell—Any paper that gets the news as well as THE EVENING WORLD and presents it in the racy, crisp style peculiar to the paper deserves to be read by everybody. Of course I read it. I get it for its sporting mostly.

George H. Engeman—Of course I read THE EVENING WORLD. I get it for its sporting.

OPINIONS OF SOME SHOPGIRLS.

B. J. Ludwig, of Ludwig's, 38 West Fourteenth street—I read both the morning and EVENING WORLD, and take great interest in doing so. I am a heavy advertiser in both papers, and can truthfully say that no paper yields a larger return for the money than THE WORLD. THE EVENING WORLD seems to be the favorite paper around here. A newspaper boy comes in here every afternoon, and when he leaves his pile of EVENING WORLDS has decreased by more than one-half. Just take a walk around the store and inquire for yourself.

Miss McGuire—I read it because—well—I don't know why—but I like it and that's the reason why I buy it.

Miss Smith—THE EVENING WORLD is just and fair towards all.

Miss Goodman—It is the people's friend.

Miss Hartenhorst—I like the short stories in it.

Miss Wehl—It is a bright afternoon paper, and I like it on that account.

Miss Ahearn—It's the best paper published.

Thomas McCarthy—THE EVENING WORLD is a I. Ludwig—Why, of course, I read THE EVENING WORLD. I wouldn't miss it for anything. It's my favorite evening paper.

Morris Ludwig—I read THE EVENING WORLD simply because it is newsy. If you read it regularly you will be sure to know everything that is going on.

NEWSY, BRIGHT AND ATTRACTIVE.

Mr. Doty—I buy it because it contains all the news.

Mr. Norris—THE EVENING WORLD is my favorite afternoon newspaper. It always gives the latest news in a bright and attractive form.

Mr. Cockle—It is the people's friend. It is cheerful and interesting.

Mr. Gallagher—I never miss buying it. It is newsy and contains many other attractive features.

Mr. Katz—I read THE EVENING WORLD. First, because it gives all the news, and secondly, because it prints those attractive stories.

Manager Haas—I read both editions. THE EVENING WORLD gives all the news in a clear and concise form and is always bright and interesting.

OPINIONS FROM THE EAST SIDE.

Mr. I. L. Rodberg, ladies' hat department of Ridley's store—I read it for its general news. I like its enterprise and originality.

Miss P. Weil—Because I like its style, and I think it more interesting than any of the other newspapers.

Miss S. Cohen—I read it for its humorous articles.

Miss Katie Ryan—I read it for its funny paragraphs.

Miss M. O'Rourke—Because it is interesting.

Miss H. Hickey—I read it for its news.

Miss Lena Ash—I think a great deal of THE EVENING WORLD and find it very interesting.

Miss Rosa Loewenberg—I read it for its society, dramatic and general news, both foreign and domestic.

Miss A. Barnes—Because I am interested in it.

Miss A. Miller—Because it is interesting and for its special features.

Miss A. Cohn—I prefer it to any other paper. I like its features, particularly "Marriage Is a Failure."

Miss S. Gallin—I like it, and because it is interesting.

LIKES ITS STORIES.

Miss K. Knoop—Because it is very interesting and for its stories.

Miss Rose Sutton—I like it for its features and general news.

Miss Tillie Hahn—I like it for its features and as a general newspaper.

Miss Annie Lilly—Because it is a very interesting newspaper. I was particularly interested in the special topic, "Is Marriage a Failure?"

Miss Angeline Gude—Because it is a good newspaper. Its features please me.

Miss Amy Brady—Because it is more interesting than any other newspaper.

Miss Josie Gillin—Because I like its jokes.

Miss Frankie Casinauro—Because it is interesting.

Miss Russell—I have no particular reason for reading it.

LIKE IT FOR DRAMATIC NEWS.

Herbert Kelcey—Because I like to read the latest news about myself. Sometimes I am tempted to forget that I am beautiful. I invest a cent in THE EVENING WORLD, and am concerned as to my loveliness.

Charlie Chatterton—I revel in the open letters. If you only knew how I enjoy them you would have one every day.

Charles Frohman—For its dramatic news, of course. I only read dramatic news. Haven't time for anything else.

Arthur Miller—I like breeziness, and I find it in the dramatic column of THE EVENING WORLD.

John Harley—I never like staying in New York, but I can console myself while here with THE EVENING WORLD'S dramatic news, which is an innovation and different to that published in any other paper.

Mrs. Fernandez—I read the dramatic column, of course. I'd sooner have six paragraphs of theatrical gossip than ten murders. Some of my people on the road write me to be sure and send them THE EVENING WORLD.

DANCED ON HIS CENTENNIAL.

An Active Hundred-Year-Old Way Down in Maine.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

AUGUSTA, Me., March 21.—Jabez Crowell, of Vassalboro, celebrated his one hundredth birthday to-day.

A reception was held which the townspeople attended in large numbers.

The festivities closed with an old folks' dance at Citizens' Hall, Mr Crowell taking an active part.

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MYERS UNDER FIRE.

The Comptroller Before the Market Investigators.

A Little War Over Lawyer Nicoll's Cheerful Smile.

Clerk McAdam Does Not Put in an Appearance.

Commissioner of Accounts Holahan to-day reported that with Commissioner Barker he visited the new West Washington Market Tuesday and made an inspection for their personal information.

They found fully forty stands which had not been fitted up, although many of them had been supposed by them and by the Comptroller to be ready for business. Among these stands are those obtained by ex-Warden Fatty Walsh for a restaurant.

The Comptroller has determined to revoke the permits for all these stands, which are not fitted up at the conclusion of the investigation.

The reason for the Comptroller's failure to suspend Chief Clerk Graham McAdam on the occasion of the damaging testimony of Mr. Wickes being given was revealed to-day.

Mr. Myers's counsel, Frederic R. Coudert, consulted with the Commissioners of Accounts as to the advisability of such action on the part of the Comptroller. Commissioner Holohan thought that, inasmuch as the evidence of Mr. McAdam's having received $3,000 is only hearsay in character, it might prejudice his case and cause the public to unjustly prejudge him guilty should the Comptroller suspend or discharge him.

It was finally decided to follow the Commissioner's advice and retain Mr. McAdam in office.

Hugh F. McDonald, bookkeeper for John H. Hanley & Co., was the first witness in the market investigation this morning. He brought the books of the firm, but Mr. Nicoll could not find the suspicious entry he expected in them.

From the examination of Mr. McDonald it appeared that the Hanley brothers keep their private accounts in a book which he had not produced.

He was instructed to bring this book and also the private accounts of Messrs. John H. and George W. Hanley in the Bowery, Seamen's, Greenwich, Emigrant Industrial and Manhattan savings banks, where these gentlemen have deposits.

Bartholomew Gray, the Centre street liveryman who secured two stands in the new market for his clerk, George H. Schweitzer, told how he got them through the influence of Supt. of Markets John J. Kelso.

Richard H. Thorn, who was very indignant when examined some weeks ago, and declared that the investigation was injuring his business, was recalled to the stand by Mr. Nicoll to acknowledge that he has been present at the investigation every day since he was first examined, and that his business hasn't been greatly injured because he hasn' much if any.

Mr. Nicoll here suggested that the Comptroller be called to testify.

Mr. Coudert mildly protested, saying that Mr. Nicoll had prevailed in the argument to punish Mr. McAdam for contempt. The Court has said that he must testify and the Comptroller has added his personal direction that Mr. McAdam testify regarding all matters concerning the management of the Finance Department in its relation to the new market of which he is cognizant. Mr. Myers's counsel said he hoped that Mr. McAdam would testify before the Comptroller is called.

Mr. Nicoll said that the Court had not ordered Mr. McAdam to testify, but had committed him for contempt, and he had sent his assistant, Lawyer McKelvy, to get a warrant committing the gentleman to the Tombs, from Judge Ingraham.

Neither Mr. McAdam, his brother, the ex-Assemblyman, nor his counsel, Peter Mitchell, was present at the inquiry, although the recalcitrant witness was downstairs in the Comptroller's office.

A messenger sent by Mr. Nicoll to ascertain why Mr. McAdam had not been landed in a Tombs cell, returned with the information that Judge Ingraham had granted the chief clerk until 4 P. M. to purge himself of contempt by testifying.

The Comptroller was accordingly summoned and took the stand. He testified:

"The whole matter of the allotment of stands in the new market was intrusted to Supt. Kelso, Chief Clerk McAdam and Clerk Woltman. These three gentlemen had the whole matter in their own hands."

"I did not even make the final allotment only so far as signing the permits, previously countersigned by the Chief Clerk. I could not consider each case individually.

"Of course I gave these gentlemen instructions as to how they should be allowed. I ordered them to cut down the immense holding of New Jersey in the old market, and instead of giving stands to sub-letters in the old market, to give them to the people who were occupying the stands at the time.

"I had the greatest confidence in Messrs. Kelso, McAdam and Woltman. They were bonded officers of the city, and men of the highest integrity.

"Athough I only actually allotted but four or five of the stands in the new market, I consider that I am responsible for the entire allotment. I am made so officially. I trusted entirely to my subordinates. They were men of experience in the market business. I was not, and had implicit confidence in Kelso, McAdam and Woltman. I made no personal allotment, excepting the applicant was recommended by people whose indorsement I respected.

"You allotted Walsh's stand, did you not?" asked Mr. Nicoll.

"I did."

"And Tom Campbell's?"

"And Campbell's."

"John Tubbs's, too?"

"I allotted one to William Tubbs. I don't know how the permit came to be issued to John Tubbs and didn't even know that William Tubbs is a son of John."

"You also alotted a stand to Assemblyman Daniel E. Finn?"

"I did not. I didn't know he had a permit, although I signed it."

Mr. Nicoll's countenance broadened into a smile at this suggestion.

This angered Mr. Coudert, who said:

"I object to this, Mr. Nicoll. This is a decorous proceeding and you shall not laugh in the Comptroller's face to bring down the applause of the gallery. If you continue to conduct this examination in such an indecorous manner I shall withdraw from the case."

Mr. Nicoll replied sharply that he should smile if he chose.

Examining the Comptroller as to the character of the standholders in the new market, Mr. Nicoll asked if Mr. Meyers considered the markets charitable institutions.

To this Mr. Myers replied that they appear to be, in a measure, for they seem to be intended to give cheap places for the transaction of business to people who cannot afford to rent stores.

He added that he did not see what good the markets are to the city anyway, as the revenue from them to the city is entirely inadequate.

The Comptroller asserted that he is satisfied that no market ever opened by the city had so many reputable, good business men among its stand-holders as are now located in the new market.

Mr. Nicoll went on to name some of the standholders he did not consider as coming within the Comptroller's category, when Mr. Myers responded that the present investigation had prevented his going on with corrections and reforms in the market which he desired to undertake.

"What! Don't you regard this investigation of great service to you?" asked Mr. Nicoll.

"I certainly do. It has brought to my knowledge a great many matters which will be of great benefit to me in my future administration of affairs and would have remained hidden had it not been for the inquiry."

Mr. Nicoll then cross-examined the Comptroller as to the policy which controlled him in allotting stands. He tried to make him say that a feature of his policy was to refuse permits to subletters in the old market.

Mr. Meyers refused to do this, saying that it was simply to prevent subletting in the new.

As to transfers of stands the Comptroller said that he attempted to prevent this as much as possible, and but four have been made. Although the law allows the transfer of stands he has made a rule that none shall be made except with his consent.

The Comptroller made some interesting revelations regarding the letting of three stands to Bock & Steltjes, the liquor dealers and champion subletters of the old market.

He said that these gentlemen had nine stands in the old market, all of which they were subletting.

Kelso and McAdam had allotted them five in the new market and the Comptroller protested. Kelso and McAdam said that the gentlemen were "bankers" and their retention necessary to the market's interest.

These gentlemen were summoned before the Comptroller and by deeds and accounts pretended to show how they had lost $30,000 in the old market.

They melted the heart of Mr. Myers with their plaint, and he gave them three stands until they could get some of their money back, when he told them he should revoke their permits.

He was surprised to learn that instead of losing money Bock & Steltjes had made big profits on their old market investments.

Mr. Myers thought he had been pretty successful in rooting out the subletters, as there are only 20 in the new market to 150 in the old.

The continued examination of the Comptroller brought out the fact that he had on the list of "widows" to whom stands were allotted Mrs. J. Donnelly, who has a husband in the Public Works Department, and Patrick Curry, a Jerseyman, who has masqueraded for years as "Miss Curry." These revelations surprised the Comptroller.

KING SOLOMON AND THE MAIDEN.

[WRITTEN BY THE EVENING WORLD POET.]

King Solomon sat on his golden throne,
As handsome as he could be,
And the diamonds set in his wonderful crown
Were matchless in brilliancy.
There were courtiers around him, and soldiers galore,
And a few of his wives, say a hundred or more,
While overhead glittered a great letter G,
The meaning of which is abstruse, I'll agree.

King Solomon knew well its meaning, no doubt,
For during his travels East
He had picked up knowledge amazingly,
And understood "G" at least.
And this was the hour when he sat on his throne,
To show off his wisdom and solve all alone
The hardest riddles his people could bring
Regarding themselves, or, in fact, anything.

King Solomon's band was playing outside
A wedding march, for you see
The King sometimes married three times in a week,
And 'twas handy as it could be.
An attendant suddenly opened the door,
And slowly across the white marble floor
Two men and a maiden came humbly and bowed
Their heads very low to the King and his crowd.
King Solomon saw them, and beckoning said,
With a real good-natured smile.
"Daughter, I pray thee draw near unto me,
Fear not all this great style.
Thy beautiful face is both modest and sweet;
Nay, daughter of Israel, kneel not at my feet.
But stand here beside me and tell me thy tale,
Nor let thy bright cheeks as the lilies grow pale."

King Solomon reckoned if in anything
For shrewdness he did excel,
'Twas surely in reading a fair woman's heart
And its deepest secret to tell.
And so when he bent on the maiden a look
From his wonderful eyes, like an opening book
Did the heart of the maiden to him appear,
And all its pages to him seemed clear.

King Solomon waited for the maiden to speak,
And at last with faltering tone,
With downcast eyes and a crimsoning cheek,
Where pearly tear-drops shone,
She said: "Oh, sovereign most gracious and wise,
If I have found favor in thy kingly eyes,
Then perchance in thee my poor heart may find
A guide, for, alas! it with love is now blind."

King Solomon smiled in a satisfied way,
As he gazed on her countenance sweet,
Then ordered one of her lovers to come
And kneel at his kingly feet.
And then on his head King Solomon laid

A flashing and jewelled Damascus blade,
Saying, "Arise! for a noble art thou,
And thee with a province most rich I endow."

Then he gallantly turned to the maiden and said:
"Behold, now I give unto thee
A noble lover, with riches and lands,
And his happy wife thou may'st be.
Thus in the scales which so evenly stood
Balanced with hearts both honest and good,
To help thee to choose and decide 'twixt the two,
Honor and riches I place there for you."

The face of the maiden flushed red and turned pale,
As she lifted her beautiful eyes
And gazed askance with a natural pride
At her matrimonial prize:

And then she looked back with maidenly grace
And gazed at her humbler lover's face,
As proudly he stood from all others apart,
With his arms folded over a desolate heart.

And as she looked on him a far deeper love
Asserted its masterful power,
Awakened by pity it flooded her heart,
And won in triumph the hour.
For one moment only in doubt stood the maid,
By the contending billows of strong passion swayed.

And then she flew swift, like a bird to its nest,
And laid her bright head on her sad lover's breast.

And then on the King, who stared in amaze,
And surely thought he was dreaming,
She turned her dark eyes all shining through tears,
But with tender love-light gleaming.
And said, "Oh, Sovereign, most gracious and kind,
Thy wisdom hath opened my eyes that were blind.
Lo, thus do I choose, most merciful King,
And our hearts thy praises will evermore sing."

The couple bowed low and passed out the door.
King Solomon scratched his head.
Such a case he had never met with before,
And his face began to grow red.
Then he wisely concluded he'd better keep still,
That his great reputation might suffer no ill;
But he'd learned what he ought to have known at the start.
There are fathomless depths in a true woman's heart.
And he also found out what we all know is true,
One seldom can tell what a woman will do.

WILLIAM EDWARD PENNEY.

Dangerous Use of Strong Purgatives.

Most pills, purgatives and Bitter Waters, which act quickly upon the bowels, irritate and often destroy the mucous coats of the stomach and bowels. Indeed, their cathartic action is directly caused by the irritation of the bowels which they produce. Their action should be soothing and stimulating instead of irritating. A continued use of such remedies produces chronic inflammation of the stomach and bowels. This often ends in dangerous disease. The use of the genuine imported Carlsbad Sprudel Salt is highly recommended as an aperient, laxative and diuretic, because its action is due solely to its solvent and stimulating properties. It soothes and allays inflamation, and is therefore much preferable to all strong purgatives and Bitter Waters.

Beware of imitations. Dr. Tobeldt's lecture on Carlsbad Sprudel Salt and pamphlets mailed free. Eisner & Mendelson Co., sole agents, 6 Barclay st., New York.

A BANK OF PARIS DIVIDEND.

It Has Strengthened the Market—New Comptoir d'Escompte Shares.

[BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.]

PARIS, March 21.—The Bank of Paris and the Netherlands has declared a dividend of 40 francs a share.

This has produced a very favorable impression on the general market, which showed immediate improvement this morning.

The first payment of 125 francs on the shares of the new Comptoir d'Escompte is to be invested in rentes according to law as a guarantee to the subscribers. Holders of shares in the old Comptoir will receive one new for every four shares of the old issue.

NO MORE BOODLE CASES UNTIL MAY.

The Extraordinary Term Adjourns Because Col. Fellows Isn't Ready.

Judge Daniels opened the Extraordinary Term of the Court of Oyer and Terminer at 10 o'clock this morning.

The jurors who were summoned in the Kerr trial and who had not been examined were present.

Col. Fellows said that the District-Attorney's office was not ready to proceed with any case at present, and Judge Daniels then adjourned the court until the first Monday in May.

Col. Fellows is about to start on a trip to New Orleans and other places South for the recuperation of his health.

Kellar Astonishes the Marketmen.

Magician Kellar visited Washington Market yesterday afternoon, and for a short time kept the marketmen in an uproar. Among the various sleight-of-hand tricks which he performed was that of purchasing a bottle of porter, which upon being opened was found to contain coffee. A few parsnips were purchased from a buxom Irish dame, and on being cut open silver dollars fell to the ground. These Kellar gathered and presented to the astonished female, but on touching her hand they changed to pennies. The crowd grew so large that the police were obliged to disperse them.

SAVED! SAVED!

Rescued from the sinking ship by the Life Line! How valuable is the Life Line as a saver of shipwrecked humanity! So in the world about us, many and many a life might be saved by the Life Line of cure by the sufferer from disease using the remedy which will save life and health as surely as the Life Line rescues those wrecked from impending death. All who are nervous, weak, tired, exhausted in nerve power and physical strength, whose nerves are shattered and who pass restless and sleepless nights, who suffer from spring debility, nervousness, headache, depression of mind and spirits, dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation, kidney or liver complaints, should read the following:

CHESTER, N. Y.

I was miserable, had no ambition, no strength in my limbs, and was tired all the while. When I walked a few rods I felt as if I would drop down on the ground. I asked the Doctor here if he could give me something to strengthen me. He told me to get Dr. Greene's Nervura. It has done me more good than anything I have ever taken. I look and feel like another person since I began to take it, and I recommend it to all that are ailing. MRS. FRANCES M. BODLE.

Dr. Greene's Nervura, the great brain and nerve invigorant and health restorer, is like the Life Line, for it rescues those who are wrecked in health—those who are weak and exhausted, who are shattered in nerve and debilitated in body, and restores them again to that sound health, perfect vigor, and lusty strength they have lost. It is a purely vegetable and harmless remedy, and is for sale at all druggists' for $1 per bottle. It is prepared by Dr. Greene, who is the most successful of our physicians in the cure of all forms of nervous and chronic diseases, and who can be consulted free of charge at his office, 35 West Fourteenth st., New York, personally or by letter.

The Day in Wall Street.

Speculation at the Stock Exchange was dull to-day. Chicago Gas Trusts were "boomed" on a story that the stockholders will shortly receive a dividend of 1 or 1½ per cent., but nothing positive is known in regard to the matter.

The Grangers were raided at the opening and later rallied under purchases by the shorts. It is said that the Rock Island report for the year will show net income equal to 5 per cent. on the stock.

The bulls were encouraged by the easier feeling in Paris and by the fact that no change was made in the Bank of England discount rate by the Directors at their weekly meeting to-day.

THE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
American Cotton Oil	55⅝	56⅝	55⅝	56⅝
American Express	110	110	110	110
Atch., Top. & Sante Fe	40⅝	41	40⅝	40⅝
Brunswick Land	21	21	20	20
Canada Southern	52½	53	52½	53
Cameron Coal	33½	33½	33½	33½
Cleve., Col., Cin. & Ind.	70¾	71¼	70¾	70¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	17	17½	16⅞	17½
Chesapeake & Ohio 1st pfd.	61	61	60½	60½
Chicago Gas Trust	40½	45⅝	40½	45⅝
Cinc., Burl. & Quincy	95⅝	95⅝	95⅝	95⅝
Chicago & Northwest	104¾	105	103⅝	104¾
Chic., Mil. & St. Paul	69¾	69¾	69¾	69¾
Chic., Mil. & St. Paul pfd.	99	100	98½	100
Chic., Rock Is. & Pacific	90⅝	91⅛	90⅝	91⅛
Chic. & Eastern Ill.	41	41½	41	41½
Chic. & Eastern Ill. pfd.	90	90	90	90
Cin., Ind., St. L. & Chic.	10⅜	10⅝	10⅜	10⅝
Col. & Hocking Valley	24⅝	25	24⅝	25
Col. & Hocking Coal	32	32	32	32
Colorado Coal & Iron	31½	31½	31½	31½
Consolidated Gas	82½	82½	82½	82½
Del., Lack. & Western	138⅛	139⅛	138⅛	139⅛
Delaware & Hudson	135	135¼	135	135¼
Denver & Rio Grande	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝
Den. & Rio Grande pfd.	42½	42½	42½	42½
Denver, Tex. & Ft. W.	21½	21½	21½	21½
E. Tenn., Va. & Georgia	22	22	22	22
Green Bay & Winona	8½	8½	8½	8½
Illinois Central	108½	108½	108½	108½
Lake Shore	100⅝	101⅛	100⅝	101⅛
Lake Erie & Western	17	17½	17	17½
Lake Erie & Western pfd.	54⅝	55⅛	54⅝	55⅛
Louisville & Nashville	60⅛	60⅝	60	60⅝
Louis., New Alb. & Chi.	42½	42½	42½	42½
Manhattan Consol	98	99⅝	97½	99⅝
Mil., L. S. & West	70½	70½	67½	68½
Missouri Pacific	68½	68⅝	67½	68⅝
National Lead Trust	21½	21½	21	21
Nash., Chatt. & St. L.	91⅝	92½	91⅝	92½
New Jersey Central	34⅛	35⅛	34⅛	35⅛
New York Central	106⅝	107	106⅝	107
N. Y. & New England	44½	44½	43½	44½
N. Y., Chic. & St. Louis	17½	17½	17½	17½
N. Y. Lake Erie & West	27⅝	27⅝	27⅝	27⅝
N. Y. Susq. & Western	8½	8½	8½	8½
N. Y. Susq. & West. pfd.	31⅝	31⅝	31⅝	31⅝
Norfolk & Western pfd.	49½	49½	49½	49½
Northern Pacific	25½	26	25½	26
Northern Pacific pfd.	59½	60¼	59⅝	60¼
Ohio & Mississippi	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝
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