

NOTES OF THE CAPITAL.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Washington, Dec. 14. HARD STRAITS TO BEAT—Western precocity was well exemplified in a story told in the lobby of one of the big Washington hotels the other night by John A. Dewese, of Denver. "I used to think," said Mr. Dewese, "that Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer as well as Tweed's Bad Boy were interesting but fantastic creations. That was before I acquired two boys of my own. The other day, to my great horror, the elder of my boys was sent home from school in disgrace. Naturally I was somewhat wroth at the youngster, and sat in judgment on his conduct. "What's the trouble, Johnny?" said I, severely; "what did you do?" "I didn't do nothing," said he. "Don't know?" said I incredulously. "What do you mean?" "Well," he replied gravely, "the teacher asked the class what a strait was, and when I put up my hand she called on me. There was a little pause. "What did you tell her?" I interjected impatiently. "Ace king, queen, jack, ten," said he, without a shadow of a smile. "Wasn't that right, papa?"

THE RESTORATION OF FORT PUTNAM—After it has endured, with little or no repairs, the storms of 125 years, a project is at last under consideration to restore Fort Putnam, at West Point. The sum mentioned as sufficient for the carrying out of the work is \$25,000. Fort Putnam was the key of the defenses of West Point in the Revolution.

EXPORTS OF MANUFACTURES.

They Now Amount to One-third of the Entire Exports of the Country.

Washington, Dec. 14 (Special).—Manufactures, which have been steadily increasing as a factor in the exports of the country, this year reached a value equal to one-third of the entire exports of the country, the highest percentage they have ever attained. For the first ten months of the current year exports of manufactures constituted 32.6 per cent of the total value of goods sent out of this country. The nearest approach to this figure was in 1900, when they amounted to 31.65 per cent. The figures for the first ten months of the present year indicate that the total exports of manufactures for 1902 will amount to about \$415,000,000, an amount surpassed only once in the record-breaking year of 1900 their value was \$423,000,000. The Bureau of Statistics has prepared a statement which, for the first time, shows the exports of manufactures in each year from 1790 down to date. During the first half of the last century the share which manufactures formed of the total exports was small, ranging from 7.8 per cent in 1800 to 21.5 per cent in 1850 and 13 per cent in 1859. Since that date there has been a marked upward

INJUSTICE OF THE LAW.

Governor Odell's Commission To Investigate Delays in Civil Suits.

WHAT IT IS HOPED TO ACCOMPLISH.

The hearings of the commission appointed by Governor Odell to investigate the law's delays in New-York and Kings counties have been given thus far to permit the presentation of suggestions for remedies. No formal testimony has been taken yet to show that the delays in civil suits are causing a practical denial of justice in many cases in the two counties. If such a state of affairs had not become known to thousands of lawyers and litigants, however, there would have been no excuse for the appointment of the commission. To arouse a public demand for remedial legislation, without which the legislature might not act on the recommendations of the commission, the investigation is expected to disclose to the great mass of people who do not get into the courts the wrongs which are inflicted upon many who are obliged to seek for justice there. A resolution of the Chamber of Commerce, passed on February 6, caused the preparation

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COMMISSION ON THE LAW'S DELAYS.



From the left to right, Lawrence Godkin, Horatio C. King, Wheeler H. Peckham, Edmund Wetmore, Robert E. Deyo and Edward Lauterbach.

It is situated on Mount Independence, in the Highlands of the Hudson, 465 feet above the river, and clustered around it are many of the most memorable points of Revolutionary history and interest. The fact yearly draws many visitors to the old fort, and restoration and preservation is a patriotic duty, and can no longer be delayed with safety. The parapet of the wall is supported by rubble masonry work, and the mortar, which has totally disintegrated and permitted the face stones of the walls to fall away from the backing over nearly the whole work. It is only a question of a short time when all these parts must also crumble away. The rebuilding of the parapet walls entirely, from the foundation up, is the only practicable way to restore and preserve the work. The masonry of the old casemates is in fairly good condition, and will require little work.

WHERE WAS ERNEST THOMPSON-SETON?

Among the favorite stories of Senator Hoar is a tale of a remarkable toad, possessed of an intuitive knowledge of articles. "I was out in my garden one day," said the senator from Massachusetts, "and noticed a toad hopping along toward the veranda. At the edge of the low flooring was a spider's web straight across his path. Mr. Toad didn't observe it, and plump he landed squarely in it. "This unceremonious and burglarious entrance naturally provoked the resident spider, who was strongly of the opinion that his home was being invaded. Accordingly he proceeded to give the toad a most vicious bite, instantly the toad hopped back on the lawn, and the spider, who had been chewing it. Then back he hopped and hit the same obstruction, whereupon he got another bite. Seven times he repeated the attempt, each time going back to the toad for an antidote for his bite. At last he succeeded in demolishing the spider's web and hopped on his way rejoicing."

FAT MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

The Virginia Legislature has in the person of James Banks, of Carroll, one of the largest men in public life. He weighs three hundred and seventy-five pounds. A huge chair is to be provided for his accommodation in the Virginia Capitol. The avoirdupois of this member of the Virginia Legislature recalls some interesting notes in regard to several unusually heavy legislators of the past. In 1829, in his twenty-seventh year, weighed four hundred and thirty pounds. During his term of service in either end of the Capitol a chair of very large dimensions, and of the strongest manufacture, was provided for him. He travelled to Washington in the public mail coaches, and as a passenger he paid for two seats, a space which he entirely filled. Mr. Lewis was chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in the House, and became chairman of the Finance Committee when he was advanced to the Senate. The great chair which was provided for Mr. Lewis was retained for years by the late Mr. Bassett of the Senate Chamber, and when John David Davis, who was a very large man, came to the Senate from Illinois the Lewis chair was carried to his office, and he sat in it with disgust and observed that he did not want a lounge for a seat. He had it removed and a very large chair was provided for him, which he retained until the Senate Appropriations Committee room. The Lewis chair was asked for by the World's Fair officials, who carried it to the fair, and when informed that Mr. Davis never occupied it the officials returned it to the Senate Chamber, where it remains to this day. It was purchased by the family of the Alabama Statesman.

CRUELITIES OF VIVISECTIONIST.

Senator Gallinger Denies Results Claimed by Dr. Keen.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, who also is a member of the medical profession, to-night gave out a letter he has written in reply to the letter on vivisection which he received from Dr. W. W. Keen, of Philadelphia, a week ago. Senator Gallinger says in part: "Receiving your letter of December 5, 1902, which you gave to the press of the United States respecting your success in the case of Middispan Alken, I note four points: "First, the self-advertisement is prohibited by the ethics of our profession. "Second, that vivisection is forbidden by the ethics of mankind. No measure that would prohibit vivisection, or prevent any of the experiments which you claim were made in the Alken case, has ever been introduced by me in the Senate, nor has any such legislation been recommended by me in any efforts to secure 'inhumane and cruel legislation,' as without the slightest warrant in fact, I have been engaged in efforts to secure humane legislation that would prevent cruelty. The bills which I have introduced would, in fact, have enacted vivisection in the District of Columbia, so that vivisection would be permitted by me to prevent admitted cruelty, and should have the support of every humane legislator. "Third, that your argument turns entirely on an assumption which cannot be maintained, namely, that the localization of the functions in the brain of man has been determined by experimentation on animals. The brains of animals differ from those of man, and the localization of functions in the brain of man has not been determined by experimentation on animals. The brains of man and of another, so that stimulation of a certain part of the brain will produce a certain effect in the human brain, and another part of the brain will produce another effect. The long history of experiment on the brains of animals has shown that it is not only unsafe to assume that the localization of functions in the brain of man has been determined by experimentation on animals, but that such reasoning is not safe as between the brain of one animal and that of another. "When such experiment has established a fact with regard to any species of animal the next day we are told that the human brain is different. The experimenters, therefore, 'saw' by experiment in some form upon man, and sometimes the result was a torment, and sometimes a relief. "That such experiments upon man, as results of reasoning from the lower animals, have been a great deal of harm to the human race, and that the 'experiment' upon man in general, and the 'experiment' upon man in particular, is a cruel and inhuman act, and that it is a crime against humanity, and that it is a crime against the progress of civilization. "Fourth, that the suggestion already made, that I have introduced into the Senate, and advocated any bill that would prohibit vivisection, I beg to say that the purpose of the bill is to regulate the 'inhumane and cruel' practices which have shocked the moral sense of our people. You will doubtless recall the fact that when you gave testimony before the Committee on the District of Columbia, on February 21, 1901, I asked you if you would give your consent to the introduction of a bill that would prohibit vivisection. You promptly replied, 'I think it would be most unwise legislation.' "In view of that reply, and in view of the fact that your bill, which I introduced in efforts to secure humane and cruel legislation, would have been withdrawn, and especially so when we have introduced legislation to the fact that one experiment on a dog, and the use of a fastener for thirty seconds into the dissection table, and discarding the use of anæsthetics, stands above it with a large empty stomach, which he swallows with all his strength a dozen blows on the head, while the same experimenter says that he discards both the same experimenter, doing it with difficulty. "Another experimenter claims that he has 'consecrated' more than eighty large animals, mostly horses and mules, expressly to solve any problem in medical science. I can lift the animal by the sufferings of his part; I can tear it or crush it in all sorts of ways, and he adds that 'with much delight and extreme patience for the space of a year.' "If, sir, to attempt to prevent such barbarous practices under your condemnation, I am willing to have the case submitted to the judgment of the American people."

and passage of the act under which the Governor recently appointed the commission. It was then declared that the delays were denying justice to many, and the resolution mentioned the abuses in the system of compulsory references as administered by the courts in the city as "costly and dilatory and otherwise detrimental to the administration of justice, and as denying equal protection of the laws to certain classes of litigants, particularly those suing upon commercial accounts." Charles Stewart Smith, representing the Chamber, told the commission at its first hearing that the resolution was called forth by information of intolerable conditions in some of the courts, and he mentioned a case before the Appellate Division in Brooklyn which had been in the hands of a referee several years, and the fees of the referee, stenographers and counsel in the case amounted to over \$10,000 more than the original claim. The case moved the court to this vigorous language: "It is these things which bring the administration of justice into disrepute. This practice courts should lay hold of with an iron hand, setting their stern disapproval upon such methods. The system impoverishes litigants, amounts to a denial of justice, and is the cause of just complaint by the people."

TWO YEARS FOR CASE IN COURT.

Mr. Smith told the commission that he had information that a case begun to-day in the Supreme Court in New-York County could not be reached for trial in less than two years, and probably not in three years. In the trial term of the court there are about 10,000 cases waiting to be tried, and the court disposes of about 3,000 cases a year. There is work for three years ahead, therefore, while thousands of new cases are to be added this year. A business man, suing for a just claim, might be bankrupt before he could get an award in the court. His children might die of starvation before his property could be apportioned for their support. Many of the business men of the city, Mr. Smith said, had come to the conclusion that they would rather lose their money than have interminable lawsuits. He had come to that conclusion himself, after starting a case and finding at the expiration of fifteen months that it was apparently no nearer trial than when it began, and that one of his two witnesses had died and the other had moved out of the State. Speaking upon the apparent inability of the courts to keep up with their work, and the fact that it took three years to get a case to trial in the Supreme Court, Mr. Smith said: "Now, if a business man was asked what he would do in such a case in his own business, he would say he would get more help. It seems to me the obvious answer is that we want more judges to dispose of these cases. I think it is a fair statement to say we should have judges enough to do this service until a litigant can be sure that his case can be tried and have an end to it in from four to six months."

HE DECLARES THEY CREATE A PROPER STATE OF MIND FOR MORAL BETTERMENT.

Dr. Felix Adler lectured yesterday morning in Carnegie Hall on "Religious Forms and Ceremonies and Their Counterparts in Ethical Societies." He said in part: "In my mind eye I see the priest bowing and bending the knee to the Altar, the Hebrew father kneeling in benediction on his knees, and the Buddhist prayer-wheel spinning on Tibetan plains. Can there be any counterpart of these ceremonies in our society? Does there need to be any? "I deal with reality in ideals, just as poetry deals with ideals. To the crude, primitive, undeveloped mind only that which is clothed in the thought underlying all this being to emphasize the difference between the 'Old World religion' and the 'New World religion,' and this whole difference is centered around the point of holiness. I interpret holiness as expressing itself through physical objects. In the old heathen world the holiness was in the gods, and their God could visit them in dreams. The idea lives to-day. The uneducated think that when you say to a certain body of men who have pronounced religious that certain forms of words are holy. If a man and woman decide to enter into marriage certain words must be spoken. "The educated man of to-day finds the church no more holy than any other building. The place is holy, but the words are not. Yes, there should be a radical point of saying that there should be no forms or ceremonies, though I admit this state of so-called holiness is simply a state of mind; yet it may be that these same ceremonies create the holiness of mind for more holiness. Religious views are no more holy than any other body of men, although I do think it important to set aside a certain body of men who have pronounced religious views. We do really need Sunday more in this haughty, hasty, overworked day of personal interest than ever. "Our Christmas should be to us a festival not only in commemoration of the Holy Child, but of all holy childhood. Our summer festival should be a festival of maturity, and in the fall we should have a festival of old age. We should have men and women of the past. In our festive days we should commemorate supernatural events in which we believe, we should commemorate great moral events. "Is there to be a marriage ceremony? You can't say to a man and a woman, 'You are married,' and still want your son and daughter to go to the altar in the marriage ceremony. The purpose of the ceremony is to bring out a higher and holier idea than the mere bond or contract of law would imply. I think we ought to have something to take the place of the religious ceremony. The ground that things need to be expressed and ritually expressed, I would call the name giving ceremony, and would have it preceded by music, and the recording of the name in the family record, the ceremony is to bring out a higher and holier idea than the mere bond or contract of law would imply. 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