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there is no question but that the merged condition places the public at the mercy of the company.
Fireproof cars made of steel are being tried on the New York elevated. Other people who travel would also prefer not to be burned to death.
Give Them Their Dues.
The Russians have so far got so little glory out of the war, that we ought to be careful to see that they get all they are entitled to.

discovery of Elk lake, to which he gave his own name on his own charts, and which he claims as the source of the river.
Hennepin county ought to be concerned in the passage of the 4 per cent gross earnings law. The law means at least half a million dollars of state tax added to the railroad companies and taken from the burdens of the other taxpayers. As Hennepin pays one-fifth of the state tax, this means \$100,000 less taxes for Hennepin county every year after the increase takes effect.

MINNESOTA POLITICS
Democrats Expect to Nominate John A. Johnson, and Rely on Him to Accept—Belief That He Will Do So, in Spite of His Present Attitude—Winston for Running Mate—Legislative Gossip.
There is every reason to believe that the democratic state ticket will be headed thus: For Governor—John A. Johnson of St. Paul. Lieutenant Governor—Fendall G. Winston of Minneapolis.

THE NONPAREIL MAN
Saturday night Al J. Smith and Dr. Golden were out spellbinding, holding a great audience entranced by their honeyed words—when the storm broke. A rush was made for the doors. The speakers escaped by a side entrance. There they saw Dr. Golden's horse in the act of climbing thru a plate glass window at so many dollars money market.

NEWS OF THE BOOK WORLD
Literature as a Check to Evil Tendencies—Address of Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke Before Pan- Presbyterian Alliance—Booth Tarkington Will Continue Political 'Studies'—What the Magazines Say.
It is hopeful that as much of the world's literature as possible be clean and wholesome and sweet, as delightful to the mental and moral senses as the flower-scented, rain-washed air of an early June morning is to the nostrils of a healthy man or woman.

twenty-millionth of an inch in thickness. We should like to have Sir Oliver measure some of the things we have read; we believe the principles of typographers in maintaining the place of distinction it now holds.
The same number of the Scientific American contains information about the 1905 eclipse of the sun, and an interesting article about Togo's flagship, the Mikasa, with a very fine picture of the vessel.

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Journal's Great Storm Story.
Last night's Journal contained twenty columns of original news matter about Saturday night's terrific storm, besides eight columns of interesting storm pictures. The Journal's account of the storm was as graphic and complete as good service could make it, and the big catastrophe "thoroughly covered" in a truly Journal way. Hundreds of extra copies have been mailed by readers to their friends and the statement volunteered many times that "The Journal story was the best of all."

Exploring Canadian Sentiment.
The Chicago Tribune has become greatly interested in the subject of reciprocity with Canada and has sent a staff correspondent to visit the principal centers of Canadian industry and politics to ascertain what the attitude of the Canadians now is toward the improvement of trade relations with the United States. This correspondent is finding out just what every inquirer into this matter has found out before him. That is that the people of Canada have become indifferent to reciprocity either because they have made up their minds that there is no hope of getting it, or because they have found that they are able to get along very well without reciprocity.

How to Lose Your Money.
Thomas Lawson, the Boston speculator to whom the Standard Oil people handed out a financial transaction that made him very indignant, has just issued his second chapter of "Frenzied Finance" thru a New York magazine. The deal he relates is something that can only be described in the slang of the streets as "fierce."

Reciprocal Demurrage.
There is an element of fair play in the "reciprocal demurrage" agitation that must appeal to anyone who gives the subject attention. Demurrage charges are imposed by railroad companies in order to prevent their rolling stock from being tied up. No one questions the right of the companies to make the charge, and no doubt the practice results in a freer movement of cars. In this respect it is a benefit to the shipping public, which has at least an equal interest in prompt service.

Henry Van Dyke.
Who Delivered an Address Which Attracted Special Attention at the Liverpool Meeting of the Pan- Presbyterian Alliance.
A sane and virile and lovable literature, embodying the spirit of Christianity, can do much to guard us against evil tendencies. Henry Van Dyke in an address on "Christianity and Current Literature" before the Pan- Presbyterian alliance in Liverpool, an address which is said to have touched "the oratorical high-water mark" of the convention.

WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK
Rural School Ventilation.
To the Editor of The Journal.
I noticed an article in The Journal of the 19th in regard to applications for state aid to rural schools. Our state superintendent, J. W. Olsen, early in the school year, issued a circular in which he stated among other things that to secure state aid "some other system of ventilation than by windows and doors would be required; and heating simply by stove would not be accepted."

Books Received
CARTER'S NATURE STUDY WITH COMMON THINGS. By Mrs. H. Carter. Elementary science. New York training school for teachers. With illustrations. New York: American Book Company. Price 60 cents.
WALZER'S OUR GIRLS AND THEIR NEIGHBORS. By Margaret Conklin Walker. With numerous illustrations. New York: The American Book Company. Price 60 cents.
PRIVATE LECTURES TO MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS. By Mrs. D. O. Tinsley. Mountville, W. Va.: Gospel Trumpet Company.

Source of the Mississippi.
Professor H. W. Kingery of Washash college has written an interesting article for the Popular Science Monthly on "Solving the Mississippi's Source," in which he is content to take Lake Itasca as the origin of the river. He recognizes, of course, the fact that there are streams and other lakes emptying into Itasca which may be regarded as "higher sources" than the lake which Schoolcraft and the schoolboy have agreed is the beginning of the great river, but this tracing of ultimate sources is capable of being pursued to absurd extremes.

At the Monticello Times drags an auto-convention issue forth long enough to say:
The difference between Judge Parker's attitude and that of the late Judge Collins is marked that comment is unnecessary. The latter dragged the crime thru a most dirty trial in the case of the late Judge Collins. The principal difference between the course of the two judges is that Judge Collins resigned from the bench before the convention; Judge Parker waited until after.

AT THE THEATERS
Lycæum—'A Night Off.'
'A Night Off.' Daly's farce comedy, is the offering of the Paris players at the Lycæum this week. Wags have said that it is a sequence of 'The Roof On,' the five-minute tragedy which Dick Ferris staged with excellent effect Saturday night. Despite the interpolation the show is well staged and well worth the while of those who have the inclination to have a laugh with the comedians.

THE FOX-PEOPLE.
(A Japanese Superstition.)
Painted faces creep out amid the bamboo walls, Wavered and flanked with an eerie grace And strange contortions.
From our heart goes forth The prayer: "O Shaka, save us from the fear That may jostle our souls, for drawing close Are the Fox-Beings. They who steal the breath, The mind, the life, to shape to their own sin, Shutting from view the teacher's sparks, and all The eastern night is fair and still again."
—Elsie Cassell King, in Lippincott's Magazine.

MR. W. B. HEDGE, Advertising Manager of R. A. McWhir Company, Fall River, Mass.
The R. A. McWhir Co. of "Fall River," Mass., succeeded R. A. McWhir, who started a small store in that city in 1879. The opening was on a very modest scale, the store occupying a space of about 180 square feet. The venture was a successful one from the start. The phenomenal growth of the present firm dates from its reorganization in 1898 by Mr. A. A. Hills, Richard Thompson and James Mahoney. Vigorous and energetic management instilled new life, and the business has grown very rapidly. In fact, so fast that many additions have been made from time to time, the store at this date occupying 65,100 square feet. The builders are at present engaged when improvements are completed this fall the store will cover 75,000 square feet with a frontage of 142 feet, making one of the finest and most complete department stores in all New England and the pride of the city of spindles.

THE MAGAZINE SAMPLER
Reminiscences of Stanley—There are some fine tributes to the great explorer in the "Reminiscences of Sir Henry Stanley" by A. J. Mouteney-Jepson in Scribner's Magazine for September—things to set the thrills going thru one's blood. The writer is the last surviving officer who crossed Africa with Stanley. Of all the tributes perhaps the finest is that which Mr. Mouteney-Jepson quotes from Harry Johnston, who has spent half his life in Central Africa as a British official. He says:
The character he (Stanley) has left behind in Africa is a grand one. All native traditions of "Maji Maji" are grateful to the memory of the man who has ever, in my hearing, fallen from the lips of the natives. Stanley was, beyond all universal respect, a great traveler in Africa. His memory is loved and cherished in Uganda. A month, two months, three months hence, men will meet in knots in the towns and villages of central Africa and say in one another with unfeigned regret: "Stanley is dead."

THE THINNEST THING KNOWN.—The Scientific American for Aug. 20, contains something about atoms by Sir Oliver Lodge, F.R.S., in which we learn that the really "thinnest thing known" is the thinnest portion of a soap bubble just before the moment of bursting. It is about the

President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor and Daniel Davenport, executive agent of the anti-lobby association, will debate the "open shop" question tomorrow before the Washington County Agricultural society at Fort Edward, N. Y. The discussion will no doubt be interesting, but the "open shop" is a local question, depending upon local conditions. Where the union can enforce the "closed shop" it will do so, where it cannot the "open shop" is likely to prevail until the unions make marked superiority of workmanship and skill an essential to admission.

In New York meat is selling for prices much lower than before the strike was instituted. The dealers were forced gradually to reduce rates owing to the fact that the public would not buy. Nearly all the shops in the borough are overstocked at present, and the butchers are glad to sell at very reasonable prices. Best beef at wholesale is worth but 9 cents per pound, and there is no lack of it for even lower prices.

Fred Sander of Hutchinson is not a candidate for the house this year, and George A. MacKenzie of Gaylord, present county attorney of Sibley county, has announced himself for the republican nomination.
There are feverish inquiries at the Metropolitan concerning the forthcoming engagement of "Way Down East," which comes to this city on next Sunday for the fair work. William A. Brady is sending the rural drama with a completeness of investment never given it before. The presenting cast is still headed by Phoebe Davis.

Next week Grace Hayward will return to the cast at the Lyceum in her success, "Thelma," by Marie Corelli.
The history of international arbitration shows that by 1840 from 1840 to 1890, there were, respectively, six, fifteen, twenty-three, twenty-six, forty-five and sixty-two cases. In the last three years there have been sixty-three cases.

There are a few cyclone cellars—not many in town, and the people who constructed them are patting themselves on the back. The finest anti-cyclone refuge in the city is at Lake Harriet. You go into the basement and then you keep on a little further down some steps into a windproof apartment neatly constructed of concrete as dry as a bone and as tight as a miser's pocket. It has some substantial furniture and a good fire, and nothing could touch it unless an earthquake reached for it. And when an earthquake comes you are in the position of David Crockett's coon. You might as well come down.

There are three "mischievous and perilous tendencies" in our modern civilization, says Henry Van Dyke in an address on "Christianity and Current Literature" before the Pan- Presbyterian alliance in Liverpool, an address which is said to have touched "the oratorical high-water mark" of the convention. His emphasis on this point is summarized as follows by The Literary Digest of Aug. 20:
There are three "mischievous and perilous tendencies" in our modern civilization, says Henry Van Dyke, embodied in the spirit of Christianity, embodied in the same virile and lovable literature, can do much to guard us against evil tendencies. The first is the growing idolatry of military glory and conquest. A literature that is Christian must be a literature that is not only the strongest thing in the world, but the greatest thing in the world. The second is the growing idolatry of wealth. A noble literature is only a harmony with the spirit of Christ, will reiterate in a hundred forms of beauty and power his teaching that a man's life is only a harmony with the spirit of things which he possesses. The third is the greatest service that Christianity can render to current literature is to inspire it with a grand ambition, lifting it to a higher level.

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