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RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.

On the 7th of the month the B. & M. railroad company shut down on allowing passengers to ride on freight trains under any circumstances.

THE Denver & Rio Grande has just been mortgaged for \$50,000,000 to the Union Trust company of New York. What it wants with so much money, unless it is to extend its system to San Francisco, is what will puzzle the public. The probability is that in case of such an extension it will be heavily backed by the Burlington.

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MISS HELEN H. GARDNER, the latest disciple and protege of that prince of atheists—Robert Ingersoll—lectured Sunday, the 6th inst., in Chickering Hall, New York. After styling the Christian religion as wicked, unjust, unreasonable, cowardly, and infamous, she sallied forth in this most infamous tirade against the hope of the world:

"A religion which says that we should be miserable in this world that we may be happy hereafter has a false philosophy. A religion that says that believing vice is holier than unbelieving virtue is wrong. I do not believe in a religion which sends Emerson and Channing to hell because Eve ate the forbidden fruit or sends Chastine Cox to heaven because a mob murdered Jesus Christ. Most of the church-goers are women, which will make heaven a queer kindergarten, in whose classes will be few male voices, and those chiefly tenor. Wherever woman is mentioned in the Bible it is an insult to her purity. A woman should spurn the Bible and endeavor to destroy its influence; and I mean to do all I can in such a direction. Jehovah stands condemned before the bar of every noble soul. God might have hinted to Solomon in one of their numerous conversations that he had a few more wives than necessary. The Bible might be kept in one's library as a curious old literary work, but it should be kept on the top shelf. Don't let the children get at it. I want to do what I can," she said, "to show women that their mercury of self-respect must fall several degrees when they enter the church doors."

Just exactly the relationship Helen bears to Charles Guiteau is not stated, but they must be very intimately connected—their is a striking resemblance in their literary productions.

A MAN had met a girl in a lonely place and forcibly kissed her. She was terribly indignant, and had him arrested. She gave an account on the witness stand of how he gazed at her intently, and then, suddenly throwing his arms around her, imprinted a kiss upon her lips. The prisoner made no defense, and the jury was expected to promptly convict him of assault. They returned to the court room. "The ju-ju jury w-w would like to ask the young lady two questions," the foreman said. The judge consented, and she went on the stand. "D-d-did you wear the J-j-jersey that you've got on now?" "Yes, sir," was the demure reply. "And w-w-w was your hair b-b-banged like that?" "Yes, sir." "Then, your honor, we acquit the p-p-prisoner on the ground of emo-mo-motional insanity."—North Bend Flail.

THE Railroad Gazette shows that 7,200 miles of road were finished last year, as against 11,600 in 1882, 9,800 in 1881, and 7,200 in 1880. The country has now over 120,000 miles of railroad in operation.

DR. MARY WALKER, attired in a "full" suit, fur bound overcoat, and a plug hat, paid her respects to the president New Year's day. Evidently, Dr. Mary did not swear off.

THE Judge suggests that dudes should wear low necked garments as well as other folks. Not a bad idea. Their brains are already cut low in the neck.

A MONTANA girl died from the effects of an embrace. A sweet smile played about her lips even in death.

BY OUR ASSISTANT EDITOR.

THE marriageable young ladies of Hastings have mapped out a plan to bust the bachelors' association before the leap year wanes.

DENVER seems to be the Baden-Baden of the West in gambling; the Ninevah in regard to the social evil; a Mecca for the invalids, and paradise for political adventurers. Thus it is a good place for sensational journalists.

BACHELOR bald-headed bourbon Dick of the Hastings Democrat, in the travail of his soul, gives utterance to the following piety: "In the name of God, what has become of the Christ-like people?" And Hamlets advice has been suggested: "Get thee to a nunnery."

"O, Amy," said the high school girl's friend last night, "you ought to have seen me catch on to Gus's arm yesterday." "My dear," replied the high school girl, "after your studies of anatomy have further progressed you will not say 'catch on to his arm,' but 'I grasped his humerus with my phalanges.'"—Oil City Derrick.

AND now doth the frisky maiden improve each shining minute, making the most of leap year, hoping there's millions in it. The society young man can now rest from his arduous duties, as it is to him and not the ladies court must be paid. But there will be just as many theatre and ball tickets paid for by the young men as there ever was. This girl may see him home according to the etiquette of the season, but ten to one she will have to ask him to take her home afterward. Leap year is all right in theory, but it is poor in practice after all.—Peck's Sun.

So she was going to be married! to be mistress of a house; settle in London; be able to go out into the streets all alone, to shop or visit; have a gentleman all her own, whom she could put her finger on any moment, and make him take her about, even to the opera and the theatre; to give dinner parties her ownself, and even a little ball once in a while; to buy whatever dresses she thought proper, instead of being crippled by an allowance; have the legal right of speaking first in society, instead of sitting munched and mock modest; to be mistress instead of miss—a contemptible title; to be a woman instead of a girl; and all this rational liberty, domestic power, and social dignity were to be obtained by merely wedding a dear fellow who loved her and was so nice; and the bright career to be ushered in with several delights, each of them dear to a girl's very soul; presents from all her friends; as many beautiful new dresses as if one was changing her body or her hemisphere instead of her name; eclat; going to church, which is a good girl's theater of display and temple of vanity, and there tasting delightful publicity and whispered admiration in a heavenly long veil which she could not wear even once if she remained single. This bright and variegated picture of holy wedlock, as revealed to young ladies by feminine tradition, though not enumerated in the Book of Common Prayer, so entranced her that time flew by unheeded.—Charles Reade.