

**Southerners Excited Over Cooper's Work**

There seems to be no letup in the excitement over the remarkable cures of stomach trouble and rheumatism that L. T. Cooper, the young philanthropist is effecting with his medicines. His work in New Orleans for the past few weeks has been creating wide attention in that section of the country. On the streets, in hotels and other public places Cooper's cures are the sole topic of conversation. He is discussed everywhere, and the newspapers contain daily reports of his work. A number of startling cases have been cited and the names of the most prominent citizens have appeared in connection, which fact seems to verify the truth of the reports. In an interview with Mr. J. T. Russell, a well known business man of New Orleans, living at 2538 Delachaise St., who is reported as having been cured of rheumatism with the new medicine, he said: "It is true that I have been wonderfully benefited by Cooper's New Discovery medicine in a very severe case of Sciatic Rheumatism, from which I suffered for some time. I have used Cooper's medicines one week and the results have been truly marvelous. Before that time I was almost helpless, and now I can use the afflicted parts freely without the least pain. The swelling and soreness disappeared soon after I began using the treatment and now I am improving every day." Mr. A. J. Erskine, another prominent and influential man of New Orleans, living at 1005 An-

**THE STAGE**

**"Uncle Tom's Cabin."**  
Stetson's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is the mammoth double production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will appear on Wednesday, November 21st, at the Grand Opera House, matinee and night. The rendition of Uncle Tom by this well known and well liked company will never grow old. This management evidently believes in the maxim: "What's worth doing is worth doing well." There runs through this grand story a pathos peculiarly touching and sweet. It speaks the universal language of the heart. It reflects like a mirror the innermost phases of the human emotions. It is more than a play—it is a moral classic. It argues for two of the greatest themes that can engage the mind—human liberty and the immortality of the soul. Notwithstanding the frequent production of this play, it is never produced in the sumptuous manner by other companies as it is in Stetson's. It is like meeting an old friend after a year's absence. In his theatric offering, Manager Washburn has brought together all the requisites that go to make up a really great production and one it will be a real loss to miss.

**"York State Folks."**  
"York State Folks" leaves this country after its coming engagement at the Grand next Saturday. This is the announcement made by Manager Wright, and it will be with a feeling of annual loss that we shall see this great and beautiful play for the last time.

Each year "York State Folks" has visited this city and each year found its popularity unimpaired. The homely beautiful story, interpreted by Mr. James Lackaye, Ray L. Royce and the splendid troupe of players, has appealed to the hearts of our theatergoers as no other play has, and now with the announcement that this is to be the final American tour preparatory to the play touring England, will come so strong a desire to see Arthur Siddeman's idyl of life in New York State, that the theater will hardly be large enough to accommodate the crowds. The same cast that has made the play so famous still is with it. Jas. Lackaye will again portray the hard hearted Simon Peter, and Ray L. Royce will lend all that is lovable to the character of Myron the organizer. Probably never in the history of the stage save perhaps the original Hazel Kirk Company, with Coudcock, has a company continued intact in one piece, for, starting with its original cast of 25 people, "York State Folks" has during the past six years made but five changes in the cast and there at the present time 20 members of the original company interpreting the characters in the splendid drama. Seats for the matinee and night will be on sale at Christie's on Thursday.

**Queer Side of Japan**

**ODD NOTION OF THE MAN WHO CAPTURED THE CROW CHICK.**  
In Japan the lower orders of life not only make way and supply meat, but evince sundry other peculiarities that render the invaluable concomitants of civilization. A few days ago a number of people were seen gazing intently toward the upper limbs of a large pine tree. Stopping to learn the secret of this unusual interest, a man was observed descending the tree, while a crow was furiously cawing and beating about his head; then it was seen that the trespasser had possessed himself of one of her brood, an unprepossessing little chick that no one could be imagined to fancy for a pet. Asked what he intended doing with the young crow he replied that it made excellent medicine for the blood, "Chino-michi-ni kusuri," to use his exact words. To insure the efficacy of the medicine, he explained, leaves the nest, if possible, or, if it has left the nest, before it gets to where it can drink water, for, he asserted, if it has of itself taken water it loses all virtue as a blood cure. The process of preparing the remedy is, first, to kill the crow and without cleaning it, to incense the body in an airtight covering of cement or clay. The mold is then baked for two or three days in a hot fire. When the clay crust is removed naturally the crow will be found to be black, a lump of pure charcoal. This is pulverized and converted into pills of the "pink" order, which are very popular here as a blood regulator. He reminded his interlocutors that the medicine was very rare because of the difficulty of finding a crow that had not taken water. The man was perfectly sincere, and appeared extremely proud of his success in having secured the bird. He was reluctant to leave the tree lest there should be another one on the ground somewhere. Those who, since the brilliant achievements of the Japanese Red Cross Society in the late war, are accustomed to take for granted the advance of medical science in this country will, of course, bear in mind that the practitioner under consideration had not at this time acquired membership in any legally recognized therapeutic fraternity, but probably his nostrum was quite as effective as much of the medicine that is sold to a large constituency at a higher price in other portions of the globe.

**Standard Oil Issues Letter**

**SAYING COMPANY'S POSITION IS UNASSAILABLE—FROM BOTH A LEGAL AND A MORAL STANDPOINT.**

**NEW YORK, Nov. 20.**—The directors of the Standard Oil Company have issued a circular letter to the stockholders, saying that the company's position is unassailable from both a legal and a moral standpoint. The directors declare themselves confident that in the proceedings instituted the company's position will be successfully maintained. The circular follows: "Regarding the suit commenced in the United States Court at St. Louis, in which it is sought to prevent the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, from holding any stocks of other companies, your directors are entirely convinced that the company's position is unassailable from both a legal and moral standpoint. We are confident that in the proceedings which will follow the company will successfully maintain its position upon the merits and vindicate it before the public and the law.

"While the directors feel that there is no adequate reason for such a suit either in the organization or the conduct of the business, yet, under the circumstances, it is perhaps better for your interests and for the business interests of the country that the controversy should be removed to the judicial atmosphere of the courts, in whose integrity and wisdom every citizen should have the fullest confidence—where mere allegation must give way to legal proof.

"The present organization was founded after an exhaustive consideration of the legal business problems involved. It has existed unchallenged for many years. Everything relating to it has been a matter of public report and at every step the utmost care has been observed to conduct the business honestly and fairly and in accordance with not only the spirit, but the technical requirements of the law.

"The legal organization of your company is of essentially the same nature and character as that of other important industrial interests of the country and the continuous growth and expansion of its business have been legitimate and normal. It is not to be lightly assumed that there is to be a reversal of the wheels of progress or a destruction of the foundation of the great industrial business of the country.

You may be assured that in this litigation, as in all matters affecting the company, your directors will see that the proper steps are taken to protect your interests."

The circular is signed by Secretary C. M. Pratt, "By order of the Board of Directors."

**To Build First All Steel Coaches**

**UNBURNABLE AND COLLISION-PROOF BAGGAGE, POSTAL, DINING AND SLEEPING CARS ALSO UNDER CONSTRUCTION.**

**PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 20.** — The Pennsylvania railroad has called for bids for the construction of 100 all-steel, non-inflammable passenger cars. This will be the first lot of such equipment to be made in accordance with the company's intention to build no more wooden cars. The decision on this point was hastened by the progress of the New York tunnel, through which the company will not run anything but absolutely fire-proof cars.

Bids are to be asked of the American Car & Foundry Company, the Standard Steel Car Company, and the Pressed Steel Car Company. One experimental passenger car has already been built by the Pennsylvania, but the new cars will embody many improvements upon this one.

The company's shops at Altoona will also complete now very shortly the all-steel baggage car, which is in course of construction there, as well as an all-steel postal car—the first to be constructed by any railroad. This will be delivered about January 1st.

The Pennsylvania has agreed with the Postoffice Department to construct its future mail cars of 70 feet in length, and suitable for use as either letter or paper cars. The present pay for railroad postal service is based upon a car of 60 feet in length, so that in the new cars an extra 10 feet will be provided for which the company will receive no compensation. The new cars will add greatly to the safety and convenience of railway mail operators.

The motive power department has also just approved designs for an all-steel dining car, and an experimental car of this character will be started at once. The Pullman Company, at the instance of the Pennsylvania railroad, is at work upon an all-steel non-inflammable sleeping car. Some 500 such cars must be completed and prepared for service by the time the New York terminal is ready for operation.

It is the expectation of the company's motive power officials that the cars, which are now to be ordered, will be as completely fireproof and collision-proof as modern engineering science has yet rendered possible.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HOTEL MEN.**

**PARKERSBURG, Nov. 20.**—Huntington and not Charleston will be the place for holding the annual convention of the Hotel Keepers' Association of West Virginia next month. The capital city was first selected but because the leading hotels there cannot furnish the desired accommodations, Huntington was chosen. December eleventh is the date of the meeting.

At both the Kanawha and Ruffner Hotels improvements are being made which will not be completed by that time, and it was impossible for those hotels to take care of the many visitors who will attend. The new hotel Frederick, in Huntington, will be the scene of the convention, and one of the most elaborate banquets ever given by the hotel men will be furnished there.

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**HEARST HAS ENOUGH.**

**Editor Says He Will Never Again Run for Office.**  
**SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 19.**—William R. Hearst, recently Democratic candidate for governor of New York, passed through San Antonio yesterday on the way to Monterey, Mexico. In reference to politics in New York he said: "I will never again be a candidate. I shall continue to live in New York, and advocate and support the principles of reform which I have always stood for, but these principles are now sufficiently understood by the general public for it to be no longer necessary for me to be a candidate, and on that account to be attacked with such bitterness."  
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**Creston Clarke.**  
Eager expectation will become full realization when Creston Clarke presents "The Ragged Messenger" at the Grand opera house on Monday, Nov. 20. This accomplished actor in this season giving an interpretation of a purely modern role in "The Ragged Messenger" that has set the entire theatrical world agog, and that must be proving disconcerting to those wiseacres, who, misled by his masterly effort as "Monsieur Beaucaire," a highly romantic role, contended that he could not portray a strictly modern character.

**Ministerial Association Meeting.**  
The Ministerial Association held a meeting last night in the Temple. Rev. G. W. Bent was elected secretary of the organization to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. J. J. Scherer. Rev. Boggs read a paper, "Christ's Disappointment in His Disciples."

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