Was England's Oldest Physician.

England's oldest physician, Dr. J. W. Edgar, died recently at Monkseaton, at the age of ninety-nine years. He had two brothers, also doctors, who died at ninety-four and ninety-three, and a third doctor brother cut off at eighty.

Gold Counterfeiting.

The gold used in color printing and on mirror and picture frames is only an imitation. It is made from bronze and spelter, and not from the pure gold leaf. There is another article also very much imitated, and that is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the celebrated family remedy for indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, biliousness, and liver and kidney troubles. Beware of counterfeits when buying. The genuine must have our Private Stamp over the neck of the bottle.

It's funny that people are not in the swim when society throws them overboard.

Lessens the Cost of Grain.

It is said that automobiles have so cheapened the cost of harvesting grain in the immense California fields that wheat can be raised at less actual cost than in the Argentine Republic.

Flies and Dust Spread Disease.

Typhoid fever in South Africa has been spread largely by means which sanitation could not cope with, the germs being conveyed into food and water by flies, and the dust which pervades everything.

Hogs Fattened on Wheat.

Grant Hallett, of Rush county, has marketed thirty fat hogs which were fed nothing but wheat. On commencing this feed, Mr. Hallett weighed the hogs, as he did again when he marketed them. The difference in weight showed that he received exactly $1 a bushel for the wheat which they had consumed.—Kansas City Journal.

Dinner at $150 a Plate.

A Baltimore woman temporarily in New York gave her husband a surprise party at Delmonico's on his birthday. It took the form of a dinner, to which twelve married couples sat down. The cost was $150 a plate. The greater portion of the cost was for music and flowers. The dinner itself was one of the most elaborate ever served in New York.

The Dog's Fire-Escape.

As an offset to a large loss by fire, James Ross, a colored farmer living near Blackwood, New Jersey, is inclined to rate his dog. Ross' house and barn were burned, but, says the Philadelphia Inquirer, his dog escaped. The dog was chained to the barn, but when the heat got unbearable the sagacious animal dug a deep hole and hid himself in it. The post to which the dog was chained fell over the hole and protected him. After the fire the dog was found not even singed.

True Gratitude.

The following recently appeared among the obituary notices of the Dublin Independent: Smit—On the 28th inst., Amy Jane Mary Smit, eldest daughter of John and Whillemina Smit, aged one day two and a half hours. The bereaved and heartbroken parents beg to tender their hearty thanks to Dr. Jones for his unremitting attention during the illness of the deceased and for the moderate brevity of his bill. Also to Mr. Wilson for running for the doctor, and to Mr. Robinson for recommending mustard plaster."

Nothing is so regular as the happening of the unexpected.

If you wish beautiful, clear, white clothes use Red Cross Ball Blue. Large 2 oz. package, 5 cents.

The man is truly happy who doesn't want the things he can't get.

In Winter Use Allen's Foot Ease,

a powder. Your feet feel uncomfortable, nervous, and often cold and damp. If you have Chilblains, sweating, sore feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Is an inquisitive person always a questionable character.

Read the Advertisements.

You will enjoy this publication much better if you will get in the habit of reading the advertisements; they will afford a most interesting study and some excellent bargains. Our advertisers are reliable and send what they advertise.

The people who neglect to make hay while the sun shines cut no ice.

THE CLASSES OF FREIGHT.

No one has ever attempted to enumerate the various kinds of persons carried in passenger cars on a transcontinental railway—such as how many men, women and children; how many Whites, Negroes, Indians and Chinese; how many natives and foreigners; or how many Democrats and Republicans.

In the matter of freight, though, the various items carried are frequently tabulated, throwing side lights of the products, industries and wants of widely separated communities. The Santa Fe, for example, during the last fiscal year carried 3,430,000 tons of agricultural products, 1,115,000 tons of animal products, 3,435,000 tons of mineral products, 885,000 tons of lumber, 1,225,000 tons of manufactured articles, 600,000 tons of merchandise and 425,000 tons of miscellaneous stuff. The most important items are in order named: Bituminous coal, wheat, live stock, lumber, stone and sand, merchandise, corn, ores, fruits and vegetables, cement and brick, flour and cotton.

What is dug out of the ground equals what is raised on top of it. Animal products are nearly as important as manufactured articles. The least important item is tobacco. The shipments of household goods exceed those of liquors. Agricultural implements are on a par with wagons and carriages.

When you ship anything on the Santa Fe it finally gets into this annual round-up.

CENSUS LIQUOR STATISTICS.

Interesting Figures on the Manufacture of Liquors.

BEER FIGURES LEAD THE LIST.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The census preliminary report on the manufacture of liquors in the United States in 1900 shows the following results, with percentage of increase:

Number of establishments, 2,849; increase, 48 per cent.

Capital, $457,674,087; increase, 70 per cent.

Wage earners, average number, 44,417; increase, 23 per cent.

Total wage, $28,005,484; increase 20 per cent.

Miscellaneous expenses, $183,099,736; increase, 61 per cent.

Cost of materials used, $70,512,042; decrease, 12 per cent.

Value of products, $340,615,456; increase, 18 per cent.

These items include both distilled, malt and vinous liquors. Of the total figures malt liquors show the larger amount of capital, being $415,284,468; while distilled liquors employ a capital of $32,551,604; and vinous liquors a capital of $9,836,015.

The other of the classified items given, are of about the same percentage as is that of the capital employed.

Anti Everything Respectable.

Cincinnati, Jan. 28.—The National Liberty party was organized here by representatives from all parts of the country. The preamble to the new constitution that was adopted declares for the seperation of the church and state to the extent of abolishing chaplains in the army and navy, legislative bodies and all public institutions, the taxation of church property and abandonment of Sabbath observance. The National Liberty party is the amalgamation for political purposes of Free Thinkers, and it is more distinctly in politics than the American Secular Union. The Free Love element was not admitted into the organization, but the women suffragists were admitted.

For opening Reservations in Okla.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Indian Agent Jensen is here with a delegation of Otoe, Missouri and Ponca Indians from Oklahoma, who want to be heard pro and con on the question as to the opening of such of their lands as have not been taken as allotments, or which have been released by the death of their Indian allotees. These lands comprise nearly 100,000 acres. There is considerable demand for their opening to white settlement. These and the Osage lands are the only Indian lands in Oklahoma not yet open to settlement.

Dr. Rixey Appointed.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Rear Admiral William K. Van Reypen, chief of the bureau of medicine and surgery, closed an active career in the navy extended over a period of forty years and including service in the war of the rebellion and the Spanish war. He goes on the retired list with the rank and pay of a senior rear admiral, corresponding to that of major general in the army. He will be succeeded as chief of the bureau by Medical Inspector P. M. Rixey.

Danish Treaty Ready.

Copenhagan, Jan. 25.—Authority to sign the Danish West Indies treaty was cabled to the Danish minister at Washington, C. Brun, this afternoon. It is expected that the treaty will be signed today or tomorrow. It is understood here that it will be immediately transmitted to the senate. Its prompt ratification is expected.

Treasure Found in Pekin.

Pekin, Jan. 28.—Chinese officials have found a treasure to the value of over 100,000,000 taels in gold and silver, which was buried in the woman's quarters of the palace before the court fled from Pekin.

The court has granted 5,000,000 taels annually to Yuan Shi Kai, viceroy of Chi Li for the maintenance of an army of 100,000 men in Chi Li province. Yuan Kai Kai has been given practical control of the army and navy of China and proposes engaging Japanese instructors for the army and British instructors for the navy.

The Kaiser's Gift.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—The gift of Emperor William to Harvard university will be much larger than was at first supposed. The Emperor's gift consists of casts and some bronzes, illustrating every phase of the German plastic arts from the Romanesque period to the Renaissance. The entire cost of the collection will be defrayed from the emperor's private purse and is estimated at about half a million marks.

A Laborers' Colony.

Fort Scott, Kan., Jan. 28.—A party of about twenty people living in the northern part of the country will leave next week for the state of Washington, where a labor colony will be established. A company has been formed with D. M. Harris as president. Some of the members of the company have families and the men and women are about equally divided. The colony will be established somewhere near Spokane Falls. They are enthusiastic and expect to build an important town.

THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE.

Oklahoma Statehood Ranks Are Filling Up.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

Debate on the Philippine tariff bill commenced in the senate. There was a majority and a minority report upon it from the committee on the Philippines.

The measure for establishing a department of commerce was under consideration during a large portion of the session. The departments which will be most affected by the transfer of certain bureaus to the new department are the treasury and the interior departments. The treasury department has 4,414 employes in Washington and the interior has 4,881; each having a greater number than all the other departments combined.

Delegate Flynn, by bill, asks that the Oklahoma & Western railway be given right of way through the Fort Sill reservation.

The house spent much time in debating the urgent deficiency bill. An item carrying $600,000 for a military post at Manila occupied much time in debate. The matter of providing entertainment for the Germaa prince was talked over at some length.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

The Philippine tariff bill was further discussed in the senate, the minority supporting the substitute bill which promises the Filipinos independence as soon as a stable government is established.

Senator Lodge appealed to congress to deal with questions as they might arise, and not to give mortgages on an uncertain future.

The senate passed Senator Burton's bill authorizing the Rock Island to bridge the Missouri river at St. Joseph.

Delegate Flynn has a bill in the house which would grant the two school districts of Oklahoma City and El Reno the right to issue bonds to the amount of 5 per cent of the assessed value for school buildings.

Mr. Stephens introduced a statehood bill for Indian Territory and Oklahoma as one state.

Mr. Wiley (Ala.) wants a law passed to make train robbing punishable by death or life imprisonment.

Wide range was given to the discussion of the urgency deficiency bill in the house. Mr. Sibley (Penn.) opposed entering at this time upon irrigation schemes in the West. He based his argument upon the decline in value of Eastern and southern farms, caused by opening up so much land for settlement in the West.

THIRTIETH DAY.

The senate did not take up the Philippine tariff bill as no senators were prepared to speak upon it. The department of commerce bill was debated for two hours, with little progress made. No objections to the main features of the bill appeared, though there was developed a disposition to give it careful consideration and to perfect its details.

A letter from President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, was read, in which he protests against the labor bureau being incorporated with the department of commerce.

Partisan fires were rekindled in the house in the debate over the item in the urgent deficiency bill of $600,000 for a military post at Manila. This subject was kept at the front for nearly three days. The item was ruled out of order in the shape it appeared in the bill, because it provided for a permanent military post. This was cured by making it provide for shelter and protection for soldiers. This change brought to its support Mr. Cummings (N. Y.) democrat who hoped he would be paralyzed when he refused to vote to protect American soldiers.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

The senate refused immediate consideration of a joint resolution in honor of Rear Admiral Schley and referred it to the naval affairs committee. The department of commerce measure filled most of the time of the session without definite progress.

The senate has confirmed the nominations of J. V. Admire, receiver at the Kingfisher land office; and as registers P. Healy Woodward O. T.; E. D. Brownlee, Kingfisher; A. R. Muesleler, Alva; and J. A. Gilpinant, Mangum.

The senate passed a bill authorizing the construction of a bridge over the Arkansas river at Fort Gibson.

The house passed a bill to increase salaries of rural free delivery of mail from $60 to $90, by a vote of 139 to 78.

Mr. Clark (Mo.) introduced a resolution of sympathy for the two South African republics.

The Urgency deficiency bill was completed by the house, but it was so late that its passage was deferred.

There is a bill in the house to stop leasing pasture lands of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indians until legislation concerning mining there has been acted upon.

THIRTY-SECOND DAY.

The senate has so much of committee work that its sessions as a body are mostly short, and adjournments, which snip a day or two, are frequent.

The house completed the urgency deficiency bill and passed it. The $500,000 for protection and shelter of American soldiers in the Philippines remains in the bill intact and sixteen democrats voted for it.

Much of the session was taken up with private pension legislation. Among the pension bills passed was one granting $50 a month to the widow of Rear Admiral Phillips.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

The object of a bill introduced by Mr. Stephens (Tex.) to stop leasing the 480,000 acres in the Kiowa-Comanche-Apache country while the bill pending to sell the lands is before congress, is to compel the immediate disposition of the land.

Mr. Cowherd (Mo.) introduced a bill authorizing the Rock Island railroad company to put a railroad and wagon bridge across the Missouri river at Kansas City. And the same bill was introduced in the senate by Senator Harris of Kansas.

Mr. Tawney, chairman of the St. Louis exposition committee, said that congress would demand its postponement under certain conditions. If it should appear that foreign nations cannot participate in 1903, but can exhibit liberally a year later, there is no doubt the general sentiment of both houses would be in favor of waiting a year. Having appropriated five million dollars for this great project, of course, the national government cannot be indifferent to its success.

Unexpected support has come to Flynn's statehood bill for Oklahoma, from democrats who had left the single statehood crowd. The solid delegations from Texas and Missouri are now counted for Flynn's bill.

Schley not in Politics.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Rear Admiral Schley thrice declared that he had no intention of entering politics. His remarks were calculated to set at rest for all time the political ambitions which some of his admirers have entertained for him. He said that no office, however high, would tempt him to jeopardize the love which the people of this country have expressed for him. The Admiral was given a round of receptions, at each of which he expressed his gratitude for tokens of esteem and approbation.

Blizzards out West.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 27.—The first blizzard in Seattle for several years has completely tied up all street car traffic and generally interfered with business. Snow, the first this year, is falling heavily, with no sign of cessation. No snow fell in Seattle last winter.

Helena, Mont. Jan. 27.—A cold wave covers all of Montana. In 24 hours the mercury fell from 2 above to 25 below. The wind is blowing at a general rate of 25 miles an hour.

Famous Monastery Burned.

London, Jan. 28.—The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says the newspapers of Athens report that the celebrated Saint Paul monastery, on Mount Athos in Athens, Greece, was burned last Thursday night. The prior and nine monks perished and twenty others were seriously injured. The occupants of the monastery were sleeping when the fire broke out, according to the Athens papers, and the monastery itself was damaged to the extent of $400,000.

'OLD JOE, THE NIGHT WATCHMAN

(From the Pall Mall Gazette, London.)

How often on returning home late on a dreary winter's night has our sympathy gone out to the poor old night-watchman as he sat huddled up over his cage fire, overlooking the excavations which our city council in their wisdom or otherwise, allow the different water companies to make so frequently in our congested streets. In all weathers and under all climatic conditions, the poor old night-watchman is obliged to keep watch over the companies' property, and to see that the red lights are kept burning. What a life, to be sure; what privations and hardships; no wonder they have aches and pains, which nothing but St. Jacob's Oil can alleviate.

"Old Joe" is in the employ of the Lambeth Water Works, and is well and favorably known. He has been a night-watchman for many years. In the course of which he has undergone many experiences. What with wet and cold, he contracted rheumatism and sciatica, which fairly doubled him up, and it began to look a serious matter for old Joe whether he would much longer be able to perform his duties, on which his good wife and himself depended for a livelihood; but as it happened, a passerby, who had for some nights noticed Old Joe's painful condition, presented him with a bottle of St. Jacob's Oil, and told him to use it. Old Joe followed the advice given; he crawled home the next morning and bade his wife rub his aching back with the St. Jacob's Oil "a gentleman gave him," and undoubtedly his wife did rub, for when old Joe went on duty at night he met his friend and benefactor, to whom he remarked: "Them Oils you gave me, Guv'nor, did give me a doing; they was like pins and needles for a time, but look at me now," and old Joe began to run and jump about like a young colt. All pain, stiffness and soreness had gone; he had been telling everybody he met what St. Jacob's Oil had done for him. Old Joe says now he has but one ambition in life, and that is to always to be able to keep a bottle of St. Jacob's Oil by him for he says there is nothing like it in the world.

St. Jacob's Oil serves the rich and the poor, high and low the same way. It has conquered pain for fifty years, and it will do the same to the end of time. It has no equal, consequently no competitor; it has many cheap imitations, but simple facts like the above tell an honest tale with which nothing on earth can compete.

The Kaiser's Choice.

The dish dearest to the heart of William of Germany is sauerkraut, served with sausages and bacon fried together. We should scarcely like to apply below the maxim we so often hear: "Tell me what you eat and I will tell you what you are." The Kaiser also is passionately fond of beer soup, made up of potatoes, onions and beer. The Kaiser's cooks are strictly limited as regards table expenses, and never are allowed more than a very limited sum for each person a meal, unless, of course, there is a state dinner, when the allowance is more liberal.

Czar Prizes His Ring.

The Czar wears a ring in which he believes is imbedded a piece of the true cross. It was originally one of the treasures of the Vatican, and was presented to an ancestor of the Czar for diplomatic reasons. Some years ago the Czar was traveling from St. Petersburg to Moscow. He suddenly discovered that he had forgotten the ring. The train was stopped immediately, and a special messenger sent flying back on an express engine for it, nor would the Czar allow the train to move until, several hours afterward, the messenger returned with the ring.

Is Diabetes Curable?

Halo, Ind., Jan. 27th.—In answer, Mrs. L. C. Bowers of this place has this to say:

"I had Kidney Trouble which, neglected, finally ran into Diabetes; my teeth all got loose and part of them came out; I passed from one and a half to two gallons of water in twenty-four hours, and such a burning sensation attended it that I could hardly bear it. I lost forty pounds in flesh and was very much discouraged.

"Two doctors treated me and I took every Kidney Medicine I could hear of, but got no relief whatever from anything till I began to use Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"Seven boxes of this remedy drove away every symptom I have mentioned."

The bugler frequently gives a blowout and the drummer is frequently on tap.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'BRIEN, 322 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

Fradulent bankruptcy is another example of false profits.

To Cure a Cold in One day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

The servant problem will be solved when a circle can be squared.

If You Suffer From Kidney Trouble

try a bottle of SEELYE'S NER-VENA. Cure guaranteed. All druggists, $1.00.

Age withers the body but blossoms the heart.

The Acme of Food Perfection

is reached in ATLAS OATS. It is an absolutely pure cereal food. Try it.

It pays better to sing in grand opera than in Grand Rapids.

The greatest of professional athletes use Wizard Oil for a "rub-down." It softens the muscles and prevents soreness.

The white ribbon of the ticker is apt to be read tape.

Some men are so thoughtful they buy boxes of cigars for their wife's birthday.

ARE YOUR CLOTHES FADED?

Use Red Cross Ball Blue and make them white again. Large 2 oz. package, 5 cents.

It's the chronic kicker who stubs his toe.

A Cure for the Tobacco Habit.

Mrs. J. Kay, A. W. High street, Des Moines, Iowa, has discovered a harmless and inexpensive remedy for the tobacco habit, which has cured her husband and hundreds of others. Any druggist can put it up. The prescription and directions sent free for a stamp to pay postage.

With the dealer in second hand goods it is never too late to mend.

This Will Interest Mothers.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, cure Feverishness, Teething Disorders, Stomach Troubles and destroy worms. At all druggists', 25c. Sample FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

The man with fringe about the bottoms of his trousers has a poetical look.

Mrs Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

The friends of your prosperity are the enemies of your adversity.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES color silk, wool or cotton perfectly at one boiling. Sold by druggists, 10c. per package.

Most men, instead of being born leaders, are born followers—of women.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Reading maketh a man full—but they have another name for it in Old Kentucky.