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Newspapers at the present time contain many interesting stories of old people who are hearty, but it is doubtful if a more curious case than the one reported by The Fall River Globe has ever been published. It is that of a Dartmouth farmer named William Bennett, who is nearly 60 years of age. Bennett, who is nearly 60 years of age. He was born at Tiverton, R. I., and lived for many years in a comfortable farmhouse on the main road to New-

When he was about 5 years of age he was attacked with a child's disease for which Dr. West was engaged to prescribe. The Dr. West mentioned lived in a large mansion below Bridgeport, and was an ancestor of the pres-ent family which resides in that vicinity. At the time of Mr. Bennett's illness, salivation was a favorite form of treatment. Calomel was the drug ordered and administered to the paient. Either from carelessness or

tient. Either from carelessness or other cause the mercurial preparation lodged in the boy's jaws, and a cancerous sore was developed.

For many weeks his life was despaired of. Finally the growth was killed, but when it had disappeared it was found that the muscles of the child's jaws were ruined, and, like the upper, the lower jaw would always reupper, the lower jaw would always re-main fixed. To regain strength it was necessary to have all his food specially prepared before it was given to him. When placed before him he managed to squeeze it in between the lips which were slowly recovering from the al-most fatal work done by the deadly drug. The salivary glands were not injured by the burning of the calomel, Bennett recovered after a long illness and grew up as most Rhode Island boys do who spend a life on a farm. He pays visits to the Fall River mar ketmen, with whom he has done business for nearly fifty years. He is a ruddy featured, portly man of genial temperament, and with the exception of a slight facial defect he shows no signs of the accident which has kept his jaws immovable for so many years

One Year's Track Laying.

Notwithstanding the widespread im-pression that the additions to the raifway system of the United States dur-ing 1888 would be comparatively is significant, the evidence is now before us that the railway mileage of the country was increased during the year by no less than 7,120 miles of main track. While this is much less than the phenomenal increase in the year 1887, 1886, 1882 and 1881, when the new mileage was respectively 13,000, 9,000, 11,560 and 9,796 miles, the record for the past year exceeds that of every other year in history, with the exception of the year 1871, when 7,379 miles were added.

New track was laid in all but two or the thirty-seven states and territories, the exceptions being for Nevada. Kansas still leads the list in the extent of ew mileage, and she has done so for several of the years. California comernext. The most striking characteristic of the year's work is the large number of separate lines of which it is composed and the correspondingly small average—less than twenty miles—for each line. Only about twelve built more than 100 miles each; those doing the largest amount of work being the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska, 412 miles; St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba, 474 miles, and Southern Pacific, throug a various subsidiary companies, a little over 300 miles. These facts are important as showing how the nature New track was laid in all but two or important as showing how the nature of the work of railway construction changed in a single year The building of great competitive lines practi-sally ceased for the immediate present, and the year's work was chiefly de voted to the construction of short independent lines or branches.—Railway

Sculpture.

Sculpture must first be a commonplace, a fashionable necessity in the
aome life, before it can flourish greatly
and nationally in a commonwealth
like ours. The field of the sculptor as
the rival of the painter in the daily
affections of amateurs is practically
unworked, scarcely suspected; yet the
signs of its presence are on all sides.
One straw is the removal of an old
prejudice against plaster casts, used in
lieu of costlier materials. As to shat
is now called sculpture—backed as it
is by no large mass of trained, cultivated fosterers—the silent nation of
marble and bronze statues which men
think of when sculpture is mentioned think of when sculpture is mentioned becomes already oppressive. Our parks will soon offer the cluttered chaos of the cemetery and become a derision. But will not then a wider taste, wearying of easel pictures and pictures on the wall, carved woods and bric-a-brac, turn to statuary for agreeable, companionable forms of art, at once calmer in temperament and more indestructible than the fashionable decorations of our homes? It is only by beginning at the fireside that we can cultivate the public taste to the level of Athens and Florence, and have the knowledge to bid our sculptors grasple with those grandest forms of art that for their backgrounds demand a sea, a landscape, or a steepled town—Century. think of when sculpture is mentioned

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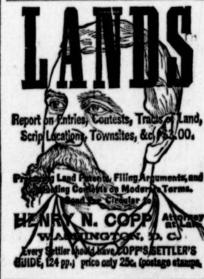
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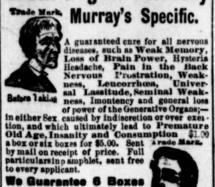
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