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THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1898.

The New York Herald is printing the names of pensioners for total or partial disability who hold good paying offices in the department at Washington. Some of them are on salaries of \$2,000 and \$3,000 a year, and yet draw pensions ranging from \$20 to \$40 a month.

"Bio Six"—or more properly the New York Typographical union No. 6—says the New York World is planning to buy a tract of land on which to colonize those of its members who cannot secure employment at their trade. The idea is to help their brethren to support themselves instead of adopting the cheap device of pauperizing aims.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN is in some respects one of the most remarkable men the country has ever produced. This is the estimate of his enemies as well as his friends. His hold on the masses has not lessened by his defeat, and people flock to hear him speak now as they did during the excited period of the campaign. Mr. Bryan's popularity gives evidence of abiding. The republican press is as much exercised over what he says as though he was running for office.

SPECIAL teachers are employed in some of the evening public schools in New York for the instruction of foreigners in the English language. There are said to be something like 4,000 pupils of this kind, most of them men, many of advanced age. The teachers say they learn with surprising quickness, especially the colloquial terms bearing on their special branches of work. No foreign text books are used. The Russians are declared to be the quickest in acquiring the new language.

The closing days of the year 1897 may remind the reader of the fact that the winter of 1897 is the seventh anniversary of the discovery of coal as fuel in Europe. It was toward the end of 1897 when it was first used by a blacksmith of Liege, Belgium. The season had been very severe and wood was scarce in the old Flemish town on the Meuse. Master Houlliez, for this was the smith's name, hit upon the idea of substituting a certain "black earth" he had found for dearer combustibles in his forge. After him the French to this day call coal houille. By the year 1828, according to authentic records, several houilleries, or coal mines, were in full operation in Belgium, while those of north Germany began to be worked about 1800. The introduction of coal for home heating was very slow on the continent, and even now its domestic use is by far not as general in Europe as it is in this country.

Improving the Mississippi.

When the czar of Russia, so tradition runs, wants a railroad he takes a ruler and draws a straight line on the map, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Lately he has decided on the construction of a ship canal, deep enough for modern battleships, to connect the Baltic and the Black seas. Great ship canal projects are not unknown in this country, based on the enormous and rapidly increasing commerce of the lakes. But here is the Mississippi, the main waterway of North America, rolling quietly on its way to the sea, with fewer signs of commercial activity than were visible 40 years ago. A great ship canal fires the imagination; the mighty Mississippi, ready to carry all possible burdens to the fleets of the world, is neglected. The czar's canal, which will be of limited business utility, will cost \$100,000,000. Nature furnishes the Mississippi free. There must be a blind spot somewhere in the mental vision of men when they can become so interested in ship canal projects, de-

manding an outlay of hundreds of millions, and so oblivious to the largest and most important natural waterway of a continent.

It is stated from Washington that the river and harbor committee of the house will give hearings this week to a number of delegations presenting arguments in favor of the improvement of the Mississippi. The time is ripe for this action. The government is justified in giving steady attention to developing the commercial capabilities of its chief river. Our exports are assuming vast dimensions, and we are successfully competing with Europe in many agricultural and manufactured products. The cost of transportation is of the first consequence. On the lakes it is surprisingly cheap, and the increase of freighting in that region is phenomenal. It will be the same on the Mississippi when the channel is properly deepened and banks protected. While the government may reasonably be expected to do its part, all states and communities interested in the Mississippi should exert themselves to place the river on the best commercial footing. In the building up of railway systems, the river has been overlooked, and its facilities lag behind. But fortunately its great possibilities are not lost, nor will they, in the end, be slighted.

TAYLOR RIDGE TOPICS.

Taylor Ridge, Jan. 11.—There will be an entertainment and oyster supper for the Court of Honor Thursday evening, 20th inst., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson expect to move to Missouri the first week of February.

Isaac Kicketts is suffering from quinsy.

Mrs. T. B. Tapp is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. William Barnett and little son are still on the sick list.

Master Ed Webster has been a sufferer from sore throat this week.

John Perkins, of Virginia, is visiting his sister, Mrs. William Barnett. Protracted meetings have been in session this week at the Zion church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Doe, of Duquesne, were visiting with relatives here.

Some of the young folks enjoyed the moonlight nights of last week by going to the river at Andalusia to skate.

The Excelsior Literary society expects to give an entertainment at the school house on the night of Washington's birthday.

Among the visitors to the Andalusia Court of Honor Saturday evening were Messrs. T. B. Tapp, William Connolly, H. P. Webster, Dr. Eckhardt and Mrs. R. S. Kirk.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of the vital organs. If the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach be disordered, you have a dyspeptic look; if your kidneys be affected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good alternative and tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys. Purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at Hartz & Ullemeyer's drug store. 50 cents per bottle.

There is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called Grain-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over one-quarter as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cents and 25 cents per package. Try it. Ask for Grain-O.

Pilest Pilest Pilest

Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment will cure blind, bleeding and itching piles when all other ointments have failed. It absorbs the tumors, allays the itching at once, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief. Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment is prepared only for piles and itching of the private parts, and nothing else. Every box is warranted. Sold by druggists or sent by mail on receipt of price, 50 cents and \$1 per box.

WILLIAMS MANUFACTURING CO., Proprietors, Cleveland, Ohio. Sold by M. F. Bahnsen, Druggist.

Sciatic Rheumatism Cured.

L. Wagner, wholesale druggist, Richmond, Va., says: "I had a fearful attack of sciatic rheumatism, was laid up almost two months; was fortunate enough to get Mystic Cure for rheumatism. This cured me after doctor's prescriptions had failed to have any effect." Sold by Otto Grotjan, 1501 Second avenue, druggist, Rock Island; Gust Schlegel & Son, 220 West Second street, Davenport.

A White Mark.

Foley's Kidney Cure is a perfectly reliable preparation for all kidney and bladder diseases. The proprietors of this great medicine guarantee it or the money refunded. Do they not deserve a white mark? For sale by T. H. Thomas.

When doctors fail try Burdock Blood Bitters. Cures dyspepsia, constipation; invigorates the whole system. Sold by Marshall & Fisher.

CASTORIA.

The best medicine for infants and children.

HELD UP AND ROBBED.

Leon Conover Attached by a Foot Pad on Twenty-third Street.

Leon Conover, messenger at the Rock Island & Peoria depot, was the victim of a daring hold-up at the corner of Seventh avenue and Twenty-third street at 9 o'clock last night. Leon was on his way to his home at 516 Twenty-third street, when a tall man, wearing a slouch hat and a light-colored overcoat, and having a heavy beard, stopped him.

The foot pad first requested financial assistance, but Leon said nothing and asked by the fellow, whereupon he was dealt a violent blow in the face which knocked him off the curb. The thug then gave the boy a kick, and plunging him to the pavement by placing his knees on his body, rifled his pockets, relieving him of his month's wages, \$20, and a watch chain. Leon was dazed for a moment from the blow, but as soon as he recovered his bearings, he rushed across the street to the residence of S. J. Keator, from where the police were notified by telephone. Chief Pender, Sergeant Archer and Officer McCarthy went at once to the scene, but the foot pad had made good his escape. The victim of the hold-up, fortunately, had left his watch at a jewelry store for repairs, or he would also have been minus that.

THIS WOMAN A DEGENERATE!

She Murders Her Stepdaughter and Nearly Gets Four Men Lynched.

Algonquin, Ill., Jan. 12.—Mrs. Annie Wollert has confessed that she killed her 15-year-old stepdaughter Tuesday and has been removed to the Woodstock jail for safe keeping. The woman first told her neighbors that a tramp had shot the girl. Within an hour after the crime was known searching parties were scouring the country in every direction for tramps.

Suspicion did not attach to the woman until the bloody dress she had worn while killing the girl was found thrown by the side of an outbuilding not far from the house. In the meantime four tramps had been rounded up, Marshal Dodd having driven one before him for two miles at the point of a revolver, while the others had been encountered by the posse sent out from Algonquin. If the dress had not been found there would probably have been a quadruple atrocity in the way of a lynching.

Spanish Boat Captures a Filibuster.

Havana, Jan. 12.—The Spanish gunboat Galicia has captured off the coast of Cuba, near Manzanillo, a fishing smack from Jamaica, having on board a cargo of war material, medicines and clothing apparel.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

Thomas A. Edison denies the story sent out that he had discovered a new metal.

The customs receipts yesterday were \$389,624, the heaviest since the new tariff went into effect.

The vote of the Weavers' union at New Bedford, Mass., was 655 for striking to five against.

Judge Scott, of the district court at Omaha, holds the law under which the Omaha police commission is appointed to be unconstitutional.

W. G. Dustin, of the Dwight Herald, has been elected president of the Illinois Republican Editorial association.

News has been received at Calcutta from Metram, in Beluchistan, of an outbreak against a British survey party there.

Susan R. Abel, deal in carpet and wall paper at Decatur, Ill., has made an assignment. Liabilities and assets each about \$10,500.

The Japanese transport steamer Nara, of 2,519 tons, bound to the Peccadores, was wrecked on Dec. 24 and about eighty lives lost.

The El Heraldo, of Madrid, says it learns that Senor Gullen, the foreign minister, has received a "disquieting dispatch" from Washington.

Justice A. W. Newman, of the Wisconsin supreme court, who fractured his skull by a fall on an icy sidewalk Tuesday, died at 11:30 yesterday.

The capital of Ambuoya, one of the Moluccas islands, has been completely demolished by an earthquake. Fifty persons were killed and 200 injured.

At a meeting of the New York board of trade a resolution was adopted endorsing Senator Gray's bill for the establishment of an international bank.

The London morning papers announce that the first battalion of grenadiers, now at Gibraltar, has been ordered to get in readiness for service in Egypt.

A dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Biarritz says the Carlist movement in Spain is growing so rapidly that a rising is possible sooner than had been expected.

A parliamentary bye-election held in Plymouth to fill the vacancy caused by the death of a Radical, resulted in the election of the Conservative and Liberal-Unionist candidate.

Thirty-nine cyclists were discharged from West Point, having been found deficient in their studies. Among them were George H. Baird, Elmer L. Ham, William F. Larkin and Omar F. Telford, of Illinois.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

Another Good Man Gone Wrong.

He failed to use Foley's Kidney Cure for his kidney complaint. For sale by T. H. Thomas.

The little folks love Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Pleasant to take; perfectly harmless; positive cure for coughs, colds, bronchitis, asthma. Sold by Marshall & Fisher.

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Great January Sale of Muslins and Muslin Underwear.

YOUNG & MCOMBS

And Muslin Underwear, Commencing Monday, January 10, and Continuing One Week.

This sale will be three times as large as any sale in this line we have ever attempted. We have scoured the earth to get the best things to give our patrons a sale of sales. Now is the time for the thrifty housewife to lay in your supply of muslin and spring stock muslin underwear. We have marked these goods for one object in view to make our sales swell and to advertise our immense line which no other house west of Chicago is showing as to price and magnitude of assortment. Your inspection cordially invited.

Ladies' Muslin Chemise.

Made of fine quality muslin, linen lace trimmed, for the January sale 19c

Ladies' Skirts.

Full size, extra width, 6-inch ruffle three tucks, yoke band, good quality muslin, sale price 39c

Skirts.

Same skirt as above, with cambric ruffles and embroidered edge, worth 68 cents, January sale price 42c

Other Skirts

Worth from 75 cents up to 3.50

Combination Corset Covers

and skirts attached. A beautiful garment, with fine torchon lace, three tucks, made from the best cambric, worth \$1.25, for our January sale 75c

Corset Covers.

Cambrics, a very good one worth 25 cents, all sizes, for this January sale 12c

Ladies!

It is impossible for you to make any such garments as we are offering this week for anywhere near these prices.

Sheeting.

36-inch extra heavy brown sheeting, always 7c—For this sale 4c

36 inch Lockwood and Virginia extra superior brown sheeting, always 8c—For this sale 5c

36-inch Blackstone, Fruit of the Loom and Lonsdale bleached, best known brands—to the trade for this sale Quantity limited. 5c

36-inch Berley cambrics, 12c, for this sale 7c

9-4 bleached sheeting, always 20c—For this sale, per yard 15c

10-4 brown sheeting always 25 cents—For this sale 15c

Bleached pillow cases, 42x22 1/2, good quality muslin, for this sale 10c

Sheeting—continued.

Ready-made sheets, 72x90, with two-inch hems, extra quality bleached—For this sale 47c

42-inch bleached pillow casing—for this sale per yard 8c

45-inch bleached pillow casing—for this sale per yard 9c

Bed Spreads.

Full size white crochet quilts—for this sale 59c

A better and much heavier one for this sale 72c

Marseilles quilt, extra heavy, worth \$2.25, special for this sale \$1.59

Crockery Dep't.

Gas saved, Money saved.

Eyesight saved, all by using our new American Incandescent gas burner, equal to the Welsbach burner at less than one-half the price. It gives a clear light and is superior to the electric light at a much less cost. We are agents for this burner and to quickly introduce it to the public we will place it on sale complete at 93c. Remember this is equal in every respect to those sold at \$2—Only 98c



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