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UNION LABEL

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13.

JAPAN'S little brown soldiers are going to find it a hard job to train the yellow streak out of the Chinese.

CONGRESS is left to dispose of the Philippine problem as it may see fit—provided that it is faithful to the president's injunction to hold fast to the islands.

IT took Gen. Lew Wallace seven years to write "Ben Hur," which has just been produced on the stage in New York City. The general says that these seven years were the best years of his life.

IF the man who is without sin in congress were to cast the first stone at Brigham H. Roberts, the stock of pebbles in the congressional back yards would show no perceptible diminution—Springfield Register.

MANAGER GRAU claims that he lost $30,000 by grand opera in Chicago. The chances are that Grau figured up what he thought he ought to have made, and that this represents the sum total of the amount that the entertainments lacked of filling his expectations in a financial way.

No less than five piano firms sent pianos to Admiral Dewey. The admiral and his wife were in a dilemma as to what was to be done with them; but Mrs. Dewey finally settled the matter by deciding that it should be a case of first come first served. The piano which first arrived was accepted, while the others were returned with thanks, as "unavailable."

THERE may not be much in the late movements of France and Russia, but there is not a particle of doubt that Europe is on the eve of one of the most tremendous wars that she has ever witnessed. The question is, can this country be kept out of it when it comes, as it surely will? We may find out that we have assumed responsibilities, since becoming a "world power," that it would have been better to have dispensed with.

DAVID RAMSAY, a postman connected with the Kirriemuir (Thrums) Scotland, postoffice, has been on duty thirty-seven years, during twenty-five of which he covered a distance daily of twenty-four miles, and twelve miles a day for the other twelve years, which makes a grand total of over 232,000 miles. During the thirty-seven years he never was known to be off a single day on account of sickness and never received holidays. He is now bordering on four score years, and resigned his appointment the other day on account of failing health. His youngest daughter has been appointed in his place.

THE Philadelphia Ledger, republican, suggests how to deal with trusts. It says: "There is one method of coping with monopolistic trusts without attempting specific legislation pronouncing them unlawful. It would effectually cripple the power for oppression exercised by the practical monopolies which are the beneficiaries of an excessive tariff. Should congress lower the rate of duties on all products that are the subjects of monopoly in the home market the competition of Europe would compel extortionate trusts to deal justly by the American consumer. This is an eminently practical plan, which is in complete accord with the protective tariff principles as defined by the last national convention of the republican party, which condemned equally foreign control and domestic monopoly."

Latest in Advertising.

Philadelphia Call.

A new scheme of advertising was resorted to by a progressive business firm in a prosperous city in the south. The junior partner of the firm swore out a warrant for the arrest of the senior partner on the ground that he was selling goods below cost and that the firm was constantly losing money thereby.

The case came up in court, and the counsel for the senior partner asked for a postponement in order to have more time to prepare his case. The judge granted the request, bail was fixed and the senior member released. As he left the court room the junior partner arose and exclaimed: "If he is released the sacrifice will go on!"

The news soon spread and the firm did a better business.

When the case was called again no plaintiff appeared and the charge was dismissed. The firm had succeeded in their object—advertisement.

McKinley and the Dinner Pail.

Kansas City Star.

The men with dinner buckets, who are the professed objects of Mr. McKinley's tender solicitude and in whose behalf he advocates the policy of protection, help to pay the enormous profits enjoyed by the producers of tinplate, amounting, in some instances, to 100 per cent. Thus the contributions to the republican campaign fund are swelled by the wage earners, who are compelled to pay more than is just for the benefit, as Mr. McKinley puts it, of American labor.

JOSLIN JOTTINGS.

Joslin, Dec. 13.—Miss Dollie Nold is again clerking for W. H. Whiteside.

Frank Crompton, Jr., has purchased a new organ.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hanna visited Sunday in Joslin.

Ira Wainwright sold a young horse to Boyd McMichael.

John Brown was initiated a member of the M. W. A. Thursday evening last.

Miss Mamie Schafer has been visiting with Miss Mamie Walker for a few days.

A large gathering attended the dance at Woodman hall Friday evening last.

The protracted meetings at Joslin are still in session and much interest is manifested.

Miss Nellie Yolton visited a few days with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hubbart and family.

W. H. Whiteside has bought his brother's interest and stock of goods in the store at Hillsdale.

Mrs. Alonzo Dunbar has been taken down with typhoid fever and been taken to the Moline hospital.

Mrs. Ben Woodburn is much improved and when well enough to travel she and her husband will go to Florida to spend the winter.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by Hartz & Ullemeyer, druggists.

Does it Pay to Buy Cheap?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the only remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boschee's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. Sample bottles at T. H. Thomas', druggist.

For Over Fifty Years

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. 25 cents a bottle.

Licensed to Wed.

August Sandholm	Davenport
Miss Gertrude Johnson	Davenport
Clarence Ward	Barstow
Miss Matilda Gerhardt	Barstow

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Some time ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25-cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping someone similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited.—Thomas C. Bower, Glencoe, Ohio. For sale by all druggists.

Try Veg-E-To

At Charles Ullemeyer's.

THE POET'S WIFE.

She brings her pretty knitting, bless her,
Or mystic threads for making laces
That by and by will serve to dress her
In new and no doubt charming graces.
She sits and rocks, her rocker chiming,
In measured cadence to my rhyming.

Sometimes with eye that proudly glistens
I read a sonnet I have written;
She counts her stitches while she listens
Or pulls a thread to make it fit in,
And, with her gaze intent upon it,
Asks, "What they pay me for a sonnet?"

She little knows of rhyme or meter
And cares still less, but asks me whether
Chiffon and roses would look sweeter
To trim her hat than jet and feather.
And while I'm "framing odes to Cupid"
She tells me, "Poetry is stupid!"

But, oh, her eyes—her silken lashes—
Her hair's sweet mutinies—the dimple
In cheek and chin—the outward flashes
Of inward smiles—her tranquil, simple,
Entrancing air! Did she but know it—
She is the reason I'm a poet!

—Madeline S. Bridges in Ladies' Home Journal.

Scenery That Acts.

Scenery that acts! If Wagner had wrought no other revolution on the operatic stage, he would deserve our gratitude. Take for purpose of comparison the vessel in "L'Africaine" and the ship in the first act of "Tristan and Isolde." The former shows the section of a vessel as neatly divided into various compartments as a box of seed samples. If the scene is well done, if, when the double basses begin to rumble and the ship begins to roll, the women shriek in their compartments, the priests pray in theirs, and the savages whose canoes would surely have been swamped in the storm, supposing they could have been launched at all, climb over the ship's side and massacre everything in sight—well, we see the cleverness of it and are entertained, but hardly horror stricken or overcome by terror.

On the other hand, the ship's deck in "Tristan," with its group of silent men near the helm and its passion torn woman in the foreground, the distant horizon line suggesting the sea far more effectively than a whole platoon of mechanically "worked" waves possibly can, creates illusion and atmosphere, and forms as much a component part of the music drama as the singers and orchestra. The ship in "L'Africaine" is a clever bit of stage mechanics; the ship in "Tristan" is scenery that acts.—Gustav Kobbe in Century.

It Paid to Be Cheerful.

A manufacturer of Kensington tells this true tale: "Fifteen years ago I was very rich, but ten years ago there came a time when it seemed that I'd surely fall. One day when a smash appeared a certainty I walked down Chestnut street toward the wool warehouses, blue, blue as indigo, but I braced up and put on a cheerful air. Just then a man I knew came in and said:

"'Say, Bill, what makes you always look so cheerful? Don't you ever have any trouble at all?'

"'Oh, yes,' said I, jollying a little; 'but to look blue doesn't do any good,' etc.

"'Well,' this fellow said, 'I tell you what I'm going to do. I've got $25,000 lying idle, and I'm going to get you to invest it for me. You're so well off, so lucky in business always, and so blamed cheerful, I'm sure nothing ever fails with you, and I want you to invest this money any way you please, and I won't even ask you how you did invest it.'

"Well, I took this man's money. It was just the amount my tottering business needed. A year later times and prices were vastly better, and I paid the $25,000 back with interest at—what do you think?—9 per cent."—Philadelphia Record.

Low Rates to Canada Points.

Dec. 13, 14, 15 and 16 the C., R. I. & P. railway will sell round trip tickets to a number of points in Canada at very low rates. Tickets good for return up to and including Jan. 6. For full particulars apply at C., R. I. & P. ticket office.

Prevented a Tragedy.

Timely information given Mrs. George Long of New Straitsville, Ohio, prevented a dreadful tragedy and saved two lives. A frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors, but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her, and she writes this marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attack of pneumonia. Such cures are positive proof of the matchless merit of this grand remedy for curing all throat, chest and lung troubles. Only 50 cents and $1. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles free at Hartz & Ullemeyer's drug store.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

Mystic Cure for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. 75 cents. Sold by Otto Grotjan, 1501 Second avenue, Rock Island; Gustave Schlegel & Son, 220 West Second street, Davenport.

Lost.

Many have lost confidence and hope as well as health, because they have been told their kidney disease was incurable. Foley's Kidney Cure is a guaranteed remedy for the discouraged and disconsolate.

A Card.

Phelp's "4-C" Cough, Cold and Croup cure is guaranteed. It cures chronic cases. It is out of the old rut. For asthma and all other lung troubles take "4-C." The Harper House pharmacy.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing, is requested to call on his druggist and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, which always gives relief.