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To accept the office of secretary of war, Colonel Dan Lamont has resigned from the directories of fully 20 corporations with which he had become connected during the past Hayes, and the other respectable four years.

has lived in the lifetime of every president of the United States, excepting the father of his country, George Washington. Mr. Miller was fame. They are the mediocrities of 20 years old when Adams and Jeffer- political greatness whose lower statson, the second and third presidents. died.

MAJ. "LIGE" HALFORD, Harrison's late private secretary, who was appointed pay master in the army with the rank and pay of a major, has gone to Europe to pay the, salaries of Messrs. Harlan, Morgan and Phelps, our Behring sea commissioners, three clerks of the state department and his own salary. He will be on this detail duty for perhaps six months.

This is how the Syracuse Standard describes an initiation service in a secret society: "From out of the wind-beaten, snow-beaten atmosphere of the great City of Salt, attended by 200 nobles of dignified bearing, 60 candidates, who by their own venturesome spirits had determined to cross the burning desert in order to dwell in the camp of the faithful, in the oasis of happiness, emerged into the holy of holies that had been set up for their reception. and placed themselves without reserve in the hands of the majority."

#### Wilhelm's Varying Moods.

EmperorWilliam, of Germany, has turned over a new leaf. He has made some remarkable speeches since he mounted the throne of his fathers, mostly the result of dining well, and the world had come to look for strong language whenever he opened mess table with his officers or to his soldiers after a review, it was all the same. He never failed to threaten somebody or something. At one time it was the old statesman who had welded together the empire which he rules who excited his imperial wrath: at another it was the socialists, while at another it was the czar or the French republic at whom he shook his finger. His favorite threat was to pulverize his enemies, and half Europe was kept in constant expectation of being ground to powder under the heel of a Hohenzollern boot.

This year the emperor has opened the Brandenburg diet with expres-sions of peace and good will to all his subjects. No German is warned to quit the fatherland and no foreign foe is told to get ready to be crushed. He is still the God-given ruler of the country, the dwellers therein are still his people and it is he, not they, who will be graciously pleased to accept the help of his subjects and none of them need fear the pulverizing process if they only behave themselves and do what they are told. As emperors go, this is a decided improvement, and if the young man keeps on into a constitutional ruler with reasonable ideas. But it looks more like the calm that precedes the storm than an indication of change of heart. The kaiser wants the military bill passed, and when it becomes law it will be used for war purposes only. Then German blood will flow as freely as that of the foreign enemy to show that the kaiser is the equal of Frederick the Great or Napoleon as a "war lord."

#### Harrison in History.

Quincy Herald: The outgoing and incoming presidents have demonstrated the possibility of differing strongly and radically on matters of public policy. While yet holding each other in high personal esteem and observing all the kindly amenities of civilized life President Harrison differs as much from Mr. Cleveland in his personality as they do in their political opinions, but democrats have never failed to bear testimony to the high character of the republican president. Benjamin Harrison is not one of the greatest men who have occupied financially able to carry out any obthe chair of the chief executive. He is a man somewhat narrow in his ideas. He is not lacking in self assertion, and he has a keen and well trained intellect and an unusual gift of graceful oratory. But with all his admitted intellectual accomplishments he has not impressed public

matters has been grossly at variance with his previously pledged and ex-pressed opinions. His administra-tion has not been marked by any such potent and startling individualism as was seen during the term of his predecessor. He is as unpopular with many of the leading spoilsmen of his party as Cleveland was at the close of his first term, but has proved no such aggressive and efficient champion of reform ideas as the latter was and is. It is the evident ambition of President Harrison to lead his party back to victory as Cleveland did after a 4-year interim. He will probably fail. His personality has not impressed the country with anything like the power exer-cised by his predecessor. By common consent Cleveland is listed with the greatest individualities seen in the presidential office since the fasts, midnight suppers and the beef-government was founded. Benjamin steak and onions which every country Harrison must be satisfied with a place alongside of Polk, Pierce and mediocrities who have preceded him in the president al office. These men "UNCLE DAN" MILLER, of Keokuk, proved themselves the possessors of as lived in the lifetime of every abilities lifting them far above the crowd, but their occupancy of the presidential office and not what they did therein is their title to lasting ure makes more conspicuous the towering personalities in the presidential list, such as Washington, Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln.

#### Asiatic Brick-Making.

We should hardly expect to learn much about the arts of civilized life from the tribes of central Asia, and yet, according to M. Edouard Blanc, some of the inhabitants of western Mongolia know how to make better brick than we can make. They use the same material as we do, and singularly enough the thing that gives superiority to their process of brickmaking is one of the most powerful agents of western civilization, steam. When the bricks have been baked for three days the opening of the oven is closed with felt, which is kept wet,

so that the bricks, still intensely heated, are enveloped in steam. This process causes a remarkable change in the character of the bricks. From red they turn gray and at the same time they acquire a remarkable degree of toughness and hardness. Although porous they give out a sound when struck like that of a clink-stone and they resist the effects of the weather much better than do the bricks of Europe and America.

Necessity, as usual, was the mother of invention in this case, for the climate in which these ingenious Mongols live is subject to great extremes of temperature, which have a disastrous effect upon bricks made by the ordinary process .- Youth's Companion.

#### They Knew Messenger Boys.

They were sitting around the office telling lies for a medal. Four or five whoppers had been produced, when a mild - mannered young man, who looked as if he might have held a his month. Whether he talked to position in the Young Men's Christian his faithful Brandenburgers, at the association staff, was called on to show

> "Really, gentlemen," he began to protest, when a shout rose for him to go on and every time he tried to beg off the shout increased in intensity. "Well," he said at last, "I have no

> desire to win the medal and I can only tell a long yarn and tire you out, but if you want me to tell it I will." They said they did.

"All right," he began, getting himself in a comfortable position for his effort, "this morning as I came down to the office I met a district messenger boy running-"
"Hold on," interrupted the spokes-

man of the listeners.

The parrator bowed. "Was the boy carrying a message in the regular course of his business?" "He was," said the parrator.

The whole crowd gasped audibly. "Give him the medal." they all exclaimed as one man and the innocent Y. M. C. A. youth is still wondering why they didn't let him finish his tale, bewill do the things which will inure to fore giving him the medal.—N. Y. his glory and their benefit. But he Commercial.

#### Glad of It.

The mantle of snow that enshrouded the earth lay six inches deep on the level and a foot and a half on the sidewalk. Some obstinate little birds with red feet twittered gleefully, but the in that line he may in time develop man with a razor cut in his chin and a big wooden shovel in his hand obviously regarded the scene with resentment. The - stuff!" he profanely growled. A party with cloth gloves and grave aspect, who chanced to be passing, shuddered. "Sir-He of the grave aspect turned sud-denly. "- do you realize that you denly. "- do you realize that you are going to hell?" The shovel dropped upon the ground. "Can you-The man with the cut in his chin was wringing one of the cloth gloves. assure me of that?" "There's no doubt of it." "Thank you, thank you for your words of comfort." And there was a gleam of hope in his eye as he fell to work .- Detroit Tribune.

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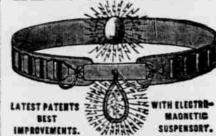
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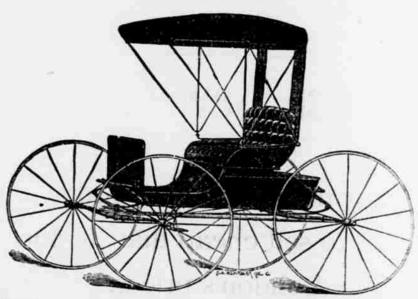
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