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How can a spineless winter have its backbone broken?

Castro says he's going back to Venezuela. We sympathize with the country.

"Street car straps are loaded with microbes," says a college professor. Mean thing to call us.

Athlete, crazed by drink, puts 20 men out of business. This suggests a new style of training.

About 4,000,000 sugar maple trees in the western reserve promise to do their all-nuts this spring.

The world is doing better all the time. The tobacco trust is going to raise the price of cigarettes.

The price of possum is going up presumably on the theory that anything that is fashionable must not be cheap.

Tennessee has passed a law to license boxing. Fine! Now it's up to Nevada to offer a premium on the game.

The price of cigarettes is going up, but this won't bother the man who gets his cigarettes out of the other man's box.

Burglars in Youngstown stole the burglar alarm. The blamed things are expensive, too—ought to have a watchman to protect them.

The latest New York fad is fighting duels with wax bullets. Now watch for the arrival of the men who didn't know his bullets were made of lead.

The Missouri penitentiary does not furnish baths to the prisoners. Punishments are getting milder and milder, remarks the Cleveland Leader.

One of our newest mental healers says that tired feeling is a delusion. It is certainly a mighty pleasant delusion when one is able to humor it by giving it full swing.

Wilbur Wright only charges $600 per for giving lessons in aeronautics. At the price he must give instructions as to how to fall gracefully and land with the least damage.

"How to Be a Cheerful Taxpayer," is the title of a series of articles being written by a Chicago editor. Send it to the kaiser. He is in need of that sort of cheerful literature.

Chinese in the Flowery kingdom, having been forbidden to smoke opium, are said to be turning to cheap whisky. A local option movement in China seems to be about due.

Alaska last year exported products worth $34,200,000 and imported articles worth $18,000,000. That left a very handsome balance of trade in Alaska's favor and showed that the territory is getting into line commercially.

King Alfonso seems to be a good monarch, anxious to deliver Spain from all traces of medievalism, and give her an up-to-date administration, but it is doubtful if he owes half as much of his popularity to the fact that he is a good king as to that other fact that he is a good fellow.

Jails as financial centers are something new under the sun, says the Baltimore American, but Mr. Morse, the financier during the day, attending to his usual business and making money in the ordinary ways, and Morse, the convict during the night, locked up in jail, is decidedly a picturesque feature of our complex and curious modern life.

A Syracuse woman refused a legacy of $5,000 on the ground that she believed it was justly due the nearest relative of the decedent. It is ominous if the world is growing this honest, for Hamlet long ago declared it a condition in which doomsday would be near. But comfort is to be found in the fact that such startling honesty is just a very rare exception to prove a very common rule.

Prof. Arthur Korn of Berlin has perfected an invention which proves the theories of gravitation. He fills a metal globe with water and imparts vibration to the contents with an electric motor. He has thus found it possible to construct an exact working model of the solar system in water, in which the planets all move in their appointed paths without any visible support or externally applied power.

"It is said that the explosion was caused by one of the workmen entering an abandoned portion of the mine with a lamp, thus igniting a body of gas." This is the explanation of the recent tragedy in the colliery of the Red Coal Company at Port Blanchard, Pennsylvania. The occupation of coal mining is beset with dangers, and one of the greatest of these dangers is the recklessness of ignorant or thoughtless miners.

The crown prince of Germany thinks he can not come to this country incognito. True for him. The reporters would get all he knows and then some before he could cross the gangplank.

The czar was so angry at the opening speech in the Finnish diet that he dissolved that body and there must be a new election. The unfortunate parliament thus cut off in its infancy may well echo the historic lament, "If I was so soon done for, I wonder what I was begun for."

Most of the British suffragettes who have been sent to prison for disorderly conduct accept the situation and martyrdom in a cause to which they are devoted. Still, there are a great many persons who do not consider law-breaking as the best possible qualification for participation in lawmaking. The American woman suffragist act much more wisely in refraining from lawlessness. Consequently, says the Troy (N. Y.) Times, their position is stronger and they retain the respect even of those who hold opinions contrary to theirs.

IMPORTANT NEWS

NOTES OF A WEEK

LATEST HAPPENINGS THE WORLD OVER TOLD IN ITEMIZED FORM.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

Condensed Into a Few Lines for the Perusal of the Busy Man—Latest Personal Information.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Members of the house of representatives already are beginning to speculate upon their individual chances of securing choice committee assignments, which are expected to be made just before the present special session of congress ends.

Representatives Fordney of Michigan and Byrd of Mississippi, nearly came to blows on the floor of the house in an argument over the tariff bill.

Charges were made in the house that the retention of the countervailing duty on oil was left in the Payne tariff bill in the interest of the Standard Oil Company.

The Republican insurgents in the house have prepared to fight any rule that will limit amendments to the tariff bill.

PERSONAL.

King Peter of Servia, according to a London report, intends to give up his throne and go to Switzerland to live.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., denied the report that he is to wed Miss Munn of Washington.

Frank A. Vanderlip, on a special train, broke the speed record from New York to Chicago, but failed by 28 minutes to reach the home of his mother before she died.

Frederick Weyerhaeuser, the St. Paul lumber king, answering Champ Clark's speech in the house, said there is no lumber trust and never has been.

In the presence of representatives of the entire department, Ormsby McHarg of North Dakota was inducted formally into the office of assistant secretary of commerce and labor.

Charles D. Norton, of Chicago, recently appointed assistant secretary of the treasury to succeed Louis A. Coolidge, resigned, is to enter upon his new duties April 5.

Mrs. Carrie Nation called at the White House but was told that President Taft was "not in." She said she wouldn't cry if the lions ate Roosevelt.

GENERAL NEWS.

At a banquet in New York South Carolinians listened to brilliant tributes by speakers on the life of Wade Hampton.

Joe Gans, former world's champion lightweight pugilist, has developed tuberculosis of the lungs and may never again be seen in the ring. Referee Charles White is quoted as being responsible for the statement.

William J. Lemp, Jr., will not have to pay any fees to Mrs. William Handlan Lemp's lawyers for prosecuting the appeal of her divorce suit at St. Louis.

Three men were instantly killed and two seriously injured in Los Angeles, Cal., when a brick wall of the old jail building collapsed.

Many men employed at the several plants of the Reading Iron Company have failed to get to work because of a reduction in wages.

Mrs. Mary Farmer, who was electrocuted at Auburn, N. Y., made a sworn statement that her husband, who is also under death sentence, had nothing to do with the murder of Sarah Hendrickson.

Mrs. Mary Farmer was electrocuted in the prison at Auburn, N. Y., for the murder of Mrs. Mary Brennan.

A rate war among the transcontinental railroads probably will be averted by the executive officers of the trunk lines operating from the ports of Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Persistent rumors have it that the pope is seriously ill, and the continued suspension of audiences at the Vatican seems to confirm the report.

While riding a spirited horse in Altadena, Cal., Miss Edith Ogden Harrison, daughter of former Mayor Carter Harrison of Chicago, was thrown violently to the ground and severely hurt.

The Vincennes (Ind.) police are baffled by the mysterious death of Mrs. Russell Culbertson who claimed a man and woman forced carbolic acid down her throat.

President Taft told Chief Engineer Goethals, before his departure for Panama to make every effort to complete the canal before the close of 1913.

Mrs. Amos Miller drowned herself and two children at Sumsbury, Conn., while mentally deranged.

While hundreds of persons looked on, powerless to render aid, Christ Anderson, Henry Bothman and Frank Bentz were swept over the falls at Waterloo, Ia., and drowned.

Twenty persons lost their lives when the sloop Kearsarge was wrecked and sunk near Bluefields, Nicaragua.

When accused of murdering his servant, George, crown prince of Servia, renounced his right to the throne.

Gen. Cipriano Castro, former president of Venezuela, has sailed from Havre for home and, it is believed, intends to attempt to rule the country again.

Mrs. Anna Leeline of Lindenwold, Ill., may contest the will of James Millikin, the Decatur banker who left a $1,500,000 estate.

The miners' convention at Scranton, Pa., decided that there will be no strike on April 1, when the present agreement with the operators expires.

Mayor Rose of Milwaukee and President Dickie of Albion college engaged in a debate on the prohibition question.

Headed by Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman a party of evangelists sailed from Vancouver to spread the Gospel in the orient, Australia and Pacific islands.

After chasing the wily chief all day the militia trapped Crazy Snake and his band near Pierce, Okla., and was prepared to begin battle unless they surrendered.

Five American miners are known to have been wounded in a battle with Hungarians at the Bogle mine north of Jasonville, Ind. The casualties on the foreign side were not known.

A big celebration of the completion of the $1,000,000 Laguna dam was held at Yuma, Ariz.

President Taft in a talk with congressmen and friends is reported to have said that he favored a cut in the tariff on the necessities of life.

Former President Roosevelt, soon after the steamship Hamburg left New York, was attacked by a crazed Italian, but not injured.

A report from Mercer, Pa., declares Mrs. James H. Boyle, who is said to have admitted planning the kidnaping of Willie Whitla, will not be prosecuted. It is understood that Mrs. Whitla does not want the woman punished.

George Hoopfer, arrested for slaying his wife and child near Mancelona, Mich., confessed, saying he entered into a pact with his wife to kill her and the baby and then commit suicide, but lost courage when it came to taking his own life.

An attempt to shoot Commissioner Bingham of the New York police is attributed to the Black Hand society.

Governors and other prominent persons of the south met in New Orleans to formulate plans for uniform child labor laws and the uplift of the southern children and mothers.

William Vanderhorf, an elevator boy in New York, saved the lives of many occupants of a New York apartment house which was destroyed by fire.

Dana Estes, publisher, who has just returned from Africa, says the big game is so tame that Theodore Roosevelt's hunt will be like "shooting cows in a back yard."

It is reported from Vancouver that the Japanese, under the guise of enforcing the country's pure food law, have started a boycott on American goods.

Thousands of women and children marched through the streets of Springfield, O., in a demonstration against the saloons of the city.

William Grant Eyester of McKees Rocks, a Pittsburg suburb, says he believes he is Charles Ross, who was kidnaped from Germantown, Pa., in 1874, and was found.

James Vango, a young negro, who after his arrest in Chicago, confessed that he had murdered Isadore de Valant, night clerk in the Eastern hotel, New York city, for the purpose of robbery, strangled himself to death in the Tombs prison.

James Boyle and the woman he calls his wife, kidnapers of Willie Whitla, were placed in jail at Pittsburg for safe keeping, the authorities fearing for their safety at Sharon.

The woman who planned the Whitla kidnaping and is known as Mrs. James Boyle, was Anna Overton, daughter of a former fireman of Chicago.

Mrs. Jessie Overton Culbertson of Vincennes, Ind., committed suicide and was not slain, according to latest developments in the strange case.

President and Mrs. Taft entertained at dinner at the White House warring factors in the house of representatives.

The original "affinity" wife, Mrs. Ferdinand Pinney Earle, has sued for an annulment of her marriage, declaring her husband is a lunatic.

The new military post to be constructed at Waiano, Uka, Island of Oahu, Hawaii, has been designated Schofield barracks, in honor of the late Lieut. Gen. John M. Schofield.

Mrs. Pierre Lorillard, Jr., wife of the tobacco magnate, committed suicide in Washington. Illness is believed to have caused her act.

Unopened notes buried with Mrs. Pierre Lorillard, Jr., the Washington society leader, carried to the grave the secret of her suicide.

The First National bank of Gibson, Okla., has closed its doors. It is capitalized at $25,000. All the deposits have been transferred to the Citizens' State bank. Depositors will be paid in full.

Frederick D. Prentice and Miss Hope Yeager were returned to Toledo, O., from Oklahoma to answer to charges of larceny of the investigation of the German Fire Insurance Company, of which Prentice was secretary and treasurer, and Miss Yeager a department manager.

Representative Cox of Ohio called on President Taft to discuss plans for the delivery of the gold medals awarded by the Aero Club of America to the Wright Brothers of Dayton, O.

Mrs. Lloyd C. Griscom, wife of the American ambassador to Italy, who has been ill, underwent a slight operation which, although successful, will prevent her leaving Rome until May.

More than 20,000 persons demanded seats in the Milwaukee hippodrome where the liquor debate between Mayor Rose and Samuel Dickie was held. The building holds 4,000.

The French chamber of deputies unanimously adopted M. Delcasse's motion to appoint a parliamentary commission to inquire into the state of the navy before fresh credits were voted.

King Edward has appointed the earl of Granard a knight of the Order of St. Patrick in place of the earl of Howth, deceased. The earl of Granard married Miss Beatrice Mills of New York in January of this year.

Adjt. U. T. Webb, head of the Salvation Army of Youngstown, O., committed suicide by swallowing morphine. He knelt in earnest prayer with his wife after taking the drug.

Frederick Richardson, wanted on charges of fraud amounting to $390,000, committed suicide in Harrisburg, Pa., just as the police were about to arrest him.

The 18 railroads of Missouri have decided to put into effect April 1, a three-cent passenger fare.

The lower branch of the Connecticut general assembly adopted a resolution instructing the Connecticut delegation in congress to favor changing the date of the presidential inauguration from March 4 to the last week in April.

Two children of Hosea Webster, a merchant of Deals Island, Md., died as a result, it is thought, of ptomaine poisoning, caused by eating canned ham. Other members of the family are in a critical condition.

SUDDEN FRENZY SEIZED HIM

SUFFERING FROM ACUTE MANIA HE KILLED HIS ASYLUM FRIEND.

STRUCK DOWN AT WORK.

Facts and Fancies Gathered Here and There About the State of More or Less Importance Briefly Told.

Alex. Ferguson, an inmate of the northern Michigan insane asylum, sent there from Charlevoix for alcoholism late Friday afternoon, killed Isaac Fuller, 45, a fellow patient, by striking him over the head with a portion of a limb from the asylum orchard.

"He talked to me, so I killed him in self-defense," said Ferguson, just before he was locked up in one of the cells for incorrigibles. The body of the victim was removed to the asylum morgue.

Both men, who were trimming trees, were under the charge of George Newman, an attendant, at the time of the tragedy. As soon as the first blow was struck, Newman hurried to Fuller's defense, but the man was already dead, though Ferguson landed a second blow before he could be restrained.

Dr. Munson, of the institution, says Ferguson is suffering from acute mania. He had been released as cured on Feb. 26, but returned to the institution of his own accord.

Fuller was suffering from melancholia.

Ferguson, say the authorities, will be confined for life in the institution, without trial.

The State Treasury.

The state treasury will be "broke" by August 1. On or before that date the general fund will show a deficit and unless the members of the legislature take steps to fill up the bag the deficit will exist until January, 1910.

On February 28, when the state treasury made its last monthly report, there was a balance of $28,000 in the general fund. Figuring on a more than conservative basis there may be enough to exhaust the general fund by August 1, with no more receipts in sight.

Figuring along this line, the gladsome prospect presents itself to the state officers and taxpayers of a deficit in the general fund on January 1, 1910, of more than $1,000,000.

Pere Marquette Wreck.

Two persons were injured when Pere Marquette passenger train No. 27 was wrecked at Appan Junction about two miles west of Port Huron, by the breaking and dropping down of a brake beam, which derailed the smoker and day coach. Edwin B. Wyman, of Armada, was seriously bruised and cut about the back but will recover, and a woman, whose name was not secured, sustained a sprained ankle. Mr. Wyman is at the hospital and the train continued on to Bay City on a later train.

The train was running at a high rate of speed when the beam, breaking in the center, dropped in such a manner that the end struck the ties, tearing up the roadbed for a considerable distance, and finally catching in such a manner that the smoker was raised from the rails and thrown crossways of the track, with the forward end in the ditch. It was turned over on its side. The day coach was also derailed, but did not get far from the rails and maintained an upright position. The engine and baggage car were not derailed.

Arrived Too Late.

Reaching Delta, Col., to take charge of and bring back to Vicksburg the father who disappeared from that place 40 years ago, Daniel Rishel arrived too late. After packing his trunks to make the journey east the old man burst a blood vessel getting his luggage out of a burning boarding house, and he died just as the train bearing his son pulled into town. The father was Jacob Rishel, a farmer in the old days who was a miller. His wife died and left him with a large family of children. He went away, leaving the children to the care of relatives. All but one are still living, but they are scattered all over the country. Many people believed that the missing man had been slain.

Frank McCourt, of Rockwood, in a haul of his fishing seine secured a fish which has no mouth, though it is fully developed otherwise.

Saginaw county is experiencing an epidemic of measles. County Commissioner of Schools Teft estimates that 25 per cent of the enrolled pupils throughout the county are ill with the disease.

Louis Poquette, of Menominee, was knocked senseless and badly beaten by Albert Cavanaugh because he had fired a revolver at his hands and knees and squeal like a pig at the latter's command. A dispute over nationalities is said to have started the row.

Hattie Talket, the 14-year-old girl who walked from her home in Grand Rapids to Muskegon, and is now being held by the sheriff of that place, is said to have run away because her stepfather would not allow her to entertain boys at the house.

If sufficient interest be manifested, sailors at the close of navigation can go to Ann Arbor for instruction at the University of Michigan in either marine engineering or in lake navigation. The courses would be so arranged that sailors could sail the entire season and lay up their boats the college work to begin about holiday time.

While clearing away the ruins of the burned Edwards & Son's elevator, in Webberville, workmen found under the debris in the basement two 65-gallon tanks and in the engine room a five-gallon can filled with gasoline. On the day preceding the fire, Edwards had the tanks and cans filled, and although the oil was subjected to the terrific heat to the extent that the paint on the receptacles was scorched and peeled, the oil failed to explode.

Napoleon Stonege, of Champion, dropped dead in Negaunee Thursday. He had come to the city on business and was about to call on friends. He leaves a widow and 12 children.

MICHIGAN ITEMS.

John Collier, of Muskegon, who has successfully defended four diverse suits by his wife, now asks that he be granted a decree.

After a battle lasting nearly an hour, Dolph Gagon, assisted by many other residents of Northport, succeeded in landing a muskalonge which weighed 54 pounds.

Miss Amy Connor, of Lansing, has begun suit for $25,000 damages against E. Geldart and P. E. Jackson, of Flint, alleging that she was knocked down and permanently injured by the defendant's automobile, in Detroit, last August.

Grave fears are held for the recovery of Dr. Warner Cornell, of Port Huron, who has been in a critical condition at his home since his fall on the sidewalk during the latter part of February. He may be blind if he recovers.

Peter Vernon, of Flint, after a five weeks' trip through the Canadian woods, was taken to police court and for the first time saw his child which was born during his sojourn. He was released on promise to support his wife and child.

Edward C. Thomas, who was arrested on a charge of assaulting a Lansing hotel clerk when the latter refused him a room, pleaded guilty in case at the trial, but lost, being sentenced to serve 80 days in the Detroit house of correction.

Chester Driscoll, 30, tried to stop a limited car on the G. T. R. lines at Galesburg, by stepping in front of it, and waving his hand. He was knocked down, sustained several broken ribs and severe cuts about the head. He will recover.

E. A. Haven, state dairy and food inspector, has procured samples of maple sirup, made by farmers in Bloomfield, and taken them to Lansing where they will be analyzed for the purpose of making a standard for the pure article.

The body of William Arnold, who died at the Jackson prison, will be sent to Ann Arbor and consigned to the pickling vat at the university. All efforts to locate the son of Arnold, thought to be living at Orino, Mich., were fruitless.

It is expected that there will be 21,000 Knights of Pythias at the grand lodge meeting of the order to be held in Lansing in October. Many teams from the uniform rank lodges will compete for the prizes offered for the best drilled teams.

While rowing near the shore in a small skiff, two Coldwater boys discovered the body of a man floating in the water in North lake. Later the body was identified as that of Sidney Brown, 65, an inmate of the Branch county poorhouse.

In a two-hour canvass of part of the business section of Muskegon the finance committee of the Chamber of Commerce collected $500 for the "boost fund" of the city. Similar trips will be made each day until the entire city has been canvassed.

John Gijlman, aged 74, of Marshall, walked into a barber shop and announced that he felt better than 10 years. He said his wife was ill and wished that she could be in as good health as he. He got a shave and walked home, dropping dead of heart failure.

Scores of deer are facing death on Chamers Island, less than 30 miles from Menominee, and it is believed that unless the owner of the island soon provides them with grain, the only tame herd of deer in the northwest will inevitably, will be completely wiped out.

The supreme court will decide whether or not a common law marriage is subject to divorce. The question arose on the suit of Dwain Moore, who is suing his wife for separation. The supreme courts of other states have held that common law marriages cannot be dissolved.

Hundreds of feet underground, in the Mesnard shaft of the Quinnesec Mining Co., Matt Hansen, a miner, suddenly became violently insane and for some time caused a reign of terror, his fellow workers being in fear of their lives. Hansen was finally overpowered and brought to the surface.

Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States bureau, and the man who decided against Michigan in favor of Wisconsin for the location of a forestry department, delivered an address to the students at Ann Arbor Wednesday night. To show that the local men held no grudge, Mr. Pinchot was tendered a banquet at the Michigan Union.

The German Gelatine Co.'s plant on the north side of Manistee lake was wrecked through the sudden collapse of a huge water tank containing 15,000 gallons of water, which crashed through the roof to the basement. All the machinery was smashed, 1,000 pounds of gelatine were ruined and the damage is estimated at $3,000, with no insurance.

To attain the age of 104 years and die with but $9.60 as the savings of a lifetime was the discovery made in the case of Daniel McPhail, better known as "Buckskin Dan," the Muskegon river hermit who passed away suddenly early this month.

Led by Fr. Hickey and with Mrs. Dunnigan and Miss Gorman, who have attended her constantly since she was brought to Auburn prison, Mrs. Farmer walked unfalteringly to the death chair, her eyes half-closed and clasping a rosary given her by an aunt. As she was being strapped in the chair Fr. Hickey stood at her side and offered prayers for the dying. Three shocks were given.

The Utah Fuel Co. pleaded guilty in the United States court to the fraudulent acquisition of 1440 acres of coal land, paid a fine of $8,000, and $192,000 for the coal extracted and relinquished the land. The land was acquired through "dummy" entrymen as agricultural land.

Representative Kinkaid, of New Jersey, one of the new Democratic members of the house, proposes in a bill introduced that the next state admitted to the union shall be named "Lincoln." His resolution declares the nation "owes to Lincoln, next to Washington, its very existence."

There is a shortage of almost 25,000,000 children in the United States, according to the census bureau. New England, with its old families, is principally to blame, most of the other sections of the country holding their own nobly. The first census, in 1790, showed two children under 16 to every white female 16 or over. In 1901 the ratio had declined to one. At the 1790 rate there should be 22,500,000 children in the United States. There are less than 24,000,000.

More than $12,000,000 in nickels is the annual tribute of San Francisco to the overbusy slot machines. They may be prohibited.

PRIZE BURGLAR SWIPES REAL BOA CONSTRICTOR

AND POLICE FORCE OF LOS ANGELES IN FEAR AND TREMBLING, ARREST HIM.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Did you ever steal a boa constrictor? Well, there's a man in Los Angeles did. Carried it right out of another man's house and sold it. Four and a half feet of it there was, all alive and wriggly. So Los Angeles claims to have the prize thief of the United States.

This was a real boa constrictor, too, not one of the kind you see after 3 a. m. as the schoolmarm slip uneasily across the bar, its genuineness is vouched for by no less a person than William Lefoy, its owner. Sylvester White, its abductor, and

The Policeman Speedily Retreated.

four stalwart members of the Los Angeles police force.

The other afternoon the chief of police received a message from Visalia, a suburb. Now Visalia has a marshal, but it is a timid sort of marshal on occasions, one of them being when malefactors of great snakes lock themselves up in their houses and say: "Come get me and snaky."

So the marshal of Visalia telephoned to the chief of police of Los Angeles and the chief of police of Los Angeles sent four tried and true members of the force to bring back the snake thief dead or alive.

There was a hurried consultation of bluecoats outside the White residence which resulted in an attack in force, the biggest man leading and the other three bringing up the rear in single file, ready to right about face at the first hiss.

Policeman No. 1 knocked on the door. Nothing happened out of the ordinary. White came to the door and asked what was wanted. He asked it, but he addressed four members of the Los Angeles force, who had speedily retreated to the road way.

"Did you steal a snake?" was the question.

"Sure, I stole a snake, a four-foot one, or larger," was the answer.

There was a sigh of relief when the thief added that he had sold the snake and did not have it with him.

Then the policemen were at home. White was arrested and brought to Los Angeles, where he awaits the pleasure of the court.

HEARS CRY OF DYING FRIEND.

Hartford Insurance Man Has an Unusual Experience.

Hartford, Conn.—Though nobody ever accused William A. Moore, first vice-president of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, of being a spiritualist or a member of any of those kindred cults, nevertheless Mr. Moore's former incredulity is staggering under a remarkable psychological vision and a weird conversation which he thinks he had at the moment that his friend Richard P. Romaine, president and general manager of the Windsor Locks Paper Company, died recently. Mr. Moore is vainly seeking an explanation of the marvelous phenomenon.

Just before closing time Mr. Moore, having signed his mail, was dozing on a couch in his private office, when he was suddenly aware of a familiar voice calling appealingly: "Will! Will!"

"Who is It?" he asked.

"It's I, Romaine," came the reply, in short accents. Bewildered, Mr. Moore shook himself together and searched his office, and then, bursting open the door into the main office, had the telephone operator bring a call to the Romaine home. When he asked for Mrs. Romaine he was told that she could not answer just then, and he inquired how Mr. Romaine was getting along.

"He died about two minutes ago," replied the maid. And now Mr. Moore wants an explanation as to how his lifelong friend communicated with him at the moment of death.

Can't Undress Both Twins.

York, Pa.—Twin boys which arrived recently at the home of Charles Neff, a Spry farmer, are giving the household more than the ordinary amount of anxiety which attends to the care of two normal babies.

So much alike are the Neff twins that the parents are in constant dread that they may get mixed. About one they constantly keep a red shawl, and about the other a white shawl. They are particularly careful never to undress both at the same time.

Calf Hanged on Mother's Back.

West Chester, Pa.—The oddest story of the killing of a calf by the canals of Chester county comes from Farmer William Reid, in East Bradford township. While the cow lay in her stall at night, a calf, tied in the same stall, clambered over her.

The cow rose, lifted the calf on her back, and when morning came there it was, dead, hanging on its mother's back.

A Pertinent Question.

Boss—When I was your age I had to look out for myself.

Boy—What was the matter—police after you?

A CONSTIPATION REMEDY FREE

There is no action of your daily life of greater importance than to see that your bowels move. They should move at least once a day naturally, and by that is meant without any help. If they do not move at least once a day you can consider yourself constipated and it is time you did something about it.

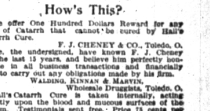
You will be glad to know there is a way out of the difficulty. Samuel Lauderdale, an old soldier at Quincy, Ill., Elmer McMillan, of Speed, Mo., Mrs. Monahan, of Stonewall, Miss., and many others were as you are now. But one day they awoke to the fact that Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin was curing their friends, so they bought it too and it cured them. To-day, they are loud in praise of it.

While Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin did relieve them of their constipation, if your constipation is no worse than theirs, one of whom had it since '61, it only remains for you to know that salts are of but temporary good, and what you want is a permanent cure; that purgative tablets, cathartic pills and such violent things make a great mistake of a very good thing, but do nothing that is lasting. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a scientific preparation, a laxative-tonic, a pleasant syrup liquid that contains ingredients that not only cure the constipation, but make the intestinal muscles so that they learn again to work without help. A bottle can be bought of any druggist for the small price of 50 cents, and there is a dollar size for families who have already found out its wonderful value in stomach, liver and bowel troubles, in old or young.

Send your name and address to the doctor and a free trial bottle will be sent you so that you can test it before buying.

If there is anything about your ailment that you don't understand, write if you want any medical advice, write to the doctor, and he will answer you fully. There is no charge for this service. The address is Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 201 Caldwell bldg., Monticello, Ill.

FREEDOM.



Son—Say, dad; when is the freedom of the city given to a man?

Pater—When his wife goes to the country for the summer.

How's This?

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