

will lead them directly to the same goal in time. They forget that one does not grow old in a day—it takes a lifetime to produce old age.

The man who passes his youth in the pursuit of pleasure and his maturity in the pursuit of gold, ignoring the feelings and rights of others during both periods, cannot fail to become a most unpleasant old man.

It is only through sympathy with others and through a lifelong habit of loving and thoughtful consideration for those about us that we can hope to avoid swelling the great army of "disagreeable old people."

No matter how you may get along without these qualities in early life through brilliancy, power, beauty or position, you will be disliked and avoided, and possibly neglected in your old age if you do not possess them; they alone can offset the unpleasant and unattractive phases of old age, and unless they are cultivated in early life it will be almost impossible to acquire them when needed.

I believe the wave of theosophical thought which is passing over the earth will serve to dignify and glorify old age as orthodox religion has failed to do. While our churches teach respect to the aged, they do not teach the advantages and desirability of long life. They impress us with the idea that a young angel occupies quite as exalted a position as an old one in the heavenly choir; and youth seems to have the advantage in the next world as well as this. The belief in re-incarnation and all that belief involves will work a vast change in human thought in this respect. The value of a long and varied experience in this phase of life will, if properly utilized, be of vast account to us when we return, as we must, to still further develop the divine element within us.

The earnest and sincere student of re-incarnation must desire a long and complete life; he must welcome sorrow as well as joy, pain as well as pleasure, since only through these well borne experiences can be hope to occupy a better and higher position in his next earth life. He does not believe that he can repent upon his death-bed for an ill-spent existence, and bathe in the glory of paradise through eternity. He knows that as he sows shall he reap, and that he must carve out his future position by the use of his opportunities here. The more extended those opportunities, the better. He does not think that the "time of his usefulness is past," and that he has nothing more to do save to die, because he has reached threescore years and ten. He believes that while he has the power to think he is still carving out position and events for his coming incarnation, and therefore he rejoices in life. Once let the old people be filled with this thought and the young must respect and venerate them, and find in them that strength, help, and guidance which so few old people ever give. It is a great step toward the uplifting of old age when the head of an orthodox church preaches re-incarnation from the pulpit—a miracle which occurred in one of our prominent parishes recently, and which augurs still greater miracles for those who listen and understand.

ELLA WHEELER-WILCOX.

The completion of the school census at Fresno, Cal., shows a total of 1745 children in that city between the ages of 5 and 17.

THE CITY FINANCES.

Auditor Raybould has prepared his statement of the city finances and will submit the same at the meeting of the Council tonight. It is as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
Liquor licenses.....	\$ 8,250 00
Watermain extension tax.....	4,169 67
Miscellaneous license.....	1,887 75
Merchants' license.....	1,815 10
Fines.....	1,318 00
Paving tax, district No. 1.....	1,170 00
Sewer tax.....	1,208 00
Tax sales.....	620 44
Sidewalk tax.....	528 84
Dog tax.....	516 00
Water rates.....	392 81
Cemetery.....	320 00
Engineering department.....	250 20
Street department.....	168 99
Interest.....	99 69
Rent.....	100 00
City and County building.....	43 10
Waterworks.....	87 75
Sewerage.....	37 56
Poll tax.....	37 00
Sprinkling tax.....	84
Watermaster.....	65
Total.....	\$ 22,943 84

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Waterworks department.....	\$ 11,375 15
Street department.....	8,323 15
Salaries.....	6,455 25
Street lighting.....	3,1 01
Watermaster department.....	8,175 45
Claims and damages.....	8,086 00
Fire department.....	8,025 60
City and County building.....	2,487 00
Engineering department.....	2,387 25
Mayor's contingent fund.....	1,851 75
Sewer department.....	1,658 35
Health department.....	1,240 50
Jordan and Salt Lake canal.....	1,189 65
Police Department.....	681 85
Prison Department.....	659 00
Cemetery.....	560 60
Street sprinkling.....	463 50
Treasurer's office.....	440 50
Expense.....	381 20
Furniture and fixtures.....	835 40
North Temple street aqueduct.....	320 80
Crematory.....	269 50
Parley Creek canal.....	265 50
Legal expense.....	254 65
Dog tax.....	234 00
Rent.....	230 00
Recorder's office.....	192 90
Liberty Park.....	192 00
Hospital.....	186 65
Sidewalks.....	151 93
Gas and electric light.....	135 81
Printing and advertising.....	107 90
Donation.....	83 33
Parley conduit.....	70 00
Fines.....	89 60
Crosswalks.....	82 25
Curbing and guttering.....	28 60
Watermain rates.....	18 35
Suspense.....	15 59
Auditor's office.....	0 35
Total.....	\$ 55,769 80

SUMMARY.	
Balance in treasury April 1, 1893.....	\$197,483 54
Additional receipts.....	22,943 89
Total.....	\$220,427 43
Deduct disbursements.....	\$ 65,769 80
Balance in treasury.....	\$154,657 63

NOTES.

Justus Loeber, a prominent business man of Wardner, Idaho, has hanged himself. Financial troubles, brought by the recent fire, are said to have been the cause.

T. J. Wolfley, editor of the *Arizona Republican*, has been indicted for criminal libel against O. S. Masten, superintendent of the Maricopa and Phoenix railway.

For the first time in the history of Arizona an oath of office has been taken before a woman. Col. Wm. Herring, curator of the insane asylum, and S. C. Bagg, prison commissioner, took the required oath before Miss Sarah Herring, daughter of the former gentleman.

Charles Streat, a Rio Grande brakeman, while coupling cars in the yard at Florence station was severely and probably fatally squeezed between two cars. The cars caught him in the small of the back and it is thought that his liver is affected. Streat was removed to his home at Pueblo.

Doc Goodwin, who recently broke the world's record by tying a steer in forty-eight seconds, has lassoed a mountain lion on the mountain trail near Wickenburg, A. T. The cougar made a desperate fight, but the skillful cowboy managed to run his horse on one side of a mesquite and the animal on the other, breaking its neck, and by a skillful movement hanging him in the tree. The scalp was sent to Prescott for the \$25 bounty.

Leta Jackson, a daughter of Sam Small, the evangelist, has brought suit against Arthur and Luter Wright to recover \$10,000 which she alleges her husband, James Jackson, had lost in gambling, so says the *Idaho Democrat*. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were married about a year ago. Soon afterward Jackson's mother died, leaving him \$40,000 in cash. He began going the pace then, and is now nearly penniless. The couple have not lived together for some time.

J. M. Campbell, the most extensive sheep raiser in Western Texas, lost 22 per cent of his flock, during the past twelve months by coyotes. Campbell has hit upon a novel plan of extermination. He entrapped twelve coyotes a month ago and shut them up with a dog, which was badly affected with mange. The coyotes soon caught the disease and are now thoroughly covered with the parasites which produced it. They will be turned loose on the ranch in a few days, and Campbell expects the disease to spread among the coyotes so rapidly that there will not be one of them left in Texas in two years.

A shepherd on Hunter's creek, seven or eight miles west of Reno, Nevada, went to Mayberry's ranch on the Truckee river and reported that Evans and Sontag came to his camp a day or two ago and purchased a couple of sheep, which they took into the mountains. The shepherd said he had worked with Sontag in Fresno and that he could not be mistaken in regard to his identity. George Carpenter, who works at the Mayberry ranch and who brought the news to Reno, says that the shepherd is a reliable man and he believes that the two desperadoes were at his camp as he stated.

While a party of workmen were extending a water tunnel into Indian hill, six miles north of Pomona, Cal., they found the remains of a mastodon ninety feet below the surface of the hill. When the news got abroad this morning there was flocking to the scene of the discovery by every amateur and professional scientist in Pomona valley. Several mastodon teeth in a fine state of preservation were found in the gravel, and also pieces of jawbones over a foot long and weighing over fifty pounds each were brought to the surface. The work is under the supervision of a local naturalist, who believes that valuable parts of the skeleton of a mastodon may be unearthed.