

Eating Pie with a Fork.
If the governor of a state refuses to eat with his fork, what will become of that state? This is the grave question now awaiting the bread of society in one of our sister states. The governor is a honest man; he is forced, intelligent in a sort of crassing, thus far, and full of energetic ability. The prospect is that by sheer force of heresies he will lead the state to prosperity, but—he will not eat pie with a fork.

Society is convulsed, in its inward part, in that portion of the Union, supposed a delegation of fashion and beauty, from New York, belonging to the Four Hundred, with Ward McAllister himself at their head, should visit that state in quest of opportunity for investing their capital. The governor would naturally receive them, would naturally extend a banquet at his estate. But he is watched at his estate, until the bald-headed mount of New York society go away and return, by the next volume of re-elections that he and the governor of the sovereign state—shredding food into his gaping mouth with a knife! Heaven forbid!

One of two courses seems proper to be pursued in this serious emergency. The people of the state should frame a petition, couched in respectful language, signed by all the members of society in the first circles, ideally but powerfully indicating that for the honor and good name of the Commonwealth, the chief sacrifice so far demanded by the petitioners of more refined refinement is to let him eat pie with a fork. The signatures of the petition should agree to provide at the right hand of the petitioners the portables of solid refreshment, and put his silver when he makes a clip and lapses through forgetfulness into the ancient knife swallowing habit of his youth.

If all this does no good, if he still persists, then that governor should be gently but truly pressed to resign. If he will not, then impel him to turn him out.

Work of Earthworms.

In one of the last pieces of writing to which he put his hand, Darwin describes the marvelous work of earthworms. They build tunnels far subterranean than the coral workers. Through these agency whole buildings gradually sink into the earth and are lost to view.

Small minute observations demands that on this helpless and insignificant creature depends the food of the inhabitants of a considerable portion of West Africa. In Yorubaland, in Yorubaland the traveler sees undermost the great little cylindrical holes of dried clay, covering the ground so thickly that it is in some places impossible to lay a finger down except upon one of these tiny sun-dried nests.

They are from a quarter of an inch to three inches high. They are the burrows of the earthworms that are abroad in nearly everywhere else. The worms are large, fat, and bore to a depth of two feet to get at the moist soil just below the surface. As they bore they turn up the earth, till the whole ground is powdered with their tunnels. It is drawn up loose and turned over. The system of farming pursued by the Yorubas seems so wasteful that he would soon waste the ground out, so that it would not raise a crop, only for the tiny school government that turn it over for him, ventilate it and render it loose and cultivable. So well is the worm's agency in farming understood that the Yoruba natives will not plant his farm over from the earthworm's work. From calculations based on the quantity of earth in the worm's cast on a given surface, it is found that every particle of ground in a ton of soil to a depth of two feet is brought to the surface each twenty-seven years.

The secretary of the interior recommends that a thorough geological survey of Florida be made for the purpose of getting at the economic products, led while it is believed are located in the Florida soil once thought to be one of the poorest states in the Union. Now new sources of wealth are springing up there constantly. New fruits and early vegetables are a vast sum of money yearly, on the coast are untried health resorts and it has lately been found that the state furnishes excellent facilities for the sheep raising industry. If now to this can be added vast deposits of fertilizing phosphates, then indeed Florida's fortune may be made. Besides the phosphates other valuable minerals have been found.

The Knights of Labor and other working people's organizations that will join them to appear directly or indirectly to support or disapprove of their aims. The noted bodies will hold a convention in February at which a platform will be adopted expressing the views of workmen, declaring their fundamental principles and laying down plainly what its frances and those they represent demand in the way of state and national legislation. The nomination and election of candidates favoring these views will be strongly urged.

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According to the report of the United States treasurer the national debt has been diminished over \$600,000 in the past year.

We shall soon have barrels of Dr. Koch's lymph in America, and consider the progress of the country will have opportunity to test whether they can be reduced.

Senator Mendenhall has presented the most practical plan yet for subduing the red man. Every year passes are given to the Indians to use in plowing their fields and cultivating the soil. They do not use them for this purpose, but for raising red meat about the country in the manner depicted in the Wild West show. The ponies serve merely to increase their idleness and roving, restless disposition. Senator Mendenhall proposes that instead of ponies the United States government give to the Indians cars with which to till the soil. They will probably kill the cars and eat them, but they will have many ponies to ride through the country, killing and robbing. A big Indian who has been educated and becomes tired of cannibalism or the thought of riding six or twelve miles, and becomes weary of his ponies, will be compelled to return to his tribe.

Presidental Suggestions.
Some points in the president's message referring to the progress of the country are of general interest. The "Farmers' Alliance" has assumed such proportions that it is worth being mentioned, though not by name, in the president's message. Mr. Harrison says, "The year has been marked in a very unusual degree by agitation and organization among the farmers looking to an increase in the profits of their business." He congratulates himself that his agricultural department, under the leadership of Uncle Jonathan, has helped the farmers enough that they now get increased prices on all their produce.

Our trade with Mexico is growing in value and importance, and there is good prospect that we shall have reciprocity with Spain and Cuba. But we must have increased steamship facilities to move the trade growing out of our ports, or it will do no good. Therefore he favors national reorganization to steamship visiting reciprocity ports.

The president wants the International Pan-American bank scheme to be consummated, so that we can have international coin, bank checks, etc. The fact that every year 2,000 railroad men lose their lives through defective car coupling appliances is a very serious matter in the judgment of the president, and he calls for the production of safety car coupling machinery, and in this the whole country is with him.

Mr. Harrison also wants congress to take action in the matter of conserving the water supply of the arid regions of the country. He favors a postal telegraph, too.

Farmers Building a Railroad.
Many begin to believe that co-operative will solve all the present difficulties of the world. Certainly it is co-operative capital and effort that have built the colossal industrial enterprises of our time. They are so stupendous that they would not be possible without co-operation.

Most classes of society have been better able to take advantage of the coming industrial tendency than farmers. They seemed to "look by themselves" however, and it was difficult to see how co-operation could help them. At the same time the class who have most of all needed help of recent years. But a young farmer who had been poor and had to start life as a penniless boy in New Jersey, that she may even build a railroad all themselves without the help of any city capitalists.

In the west, where he had caught so many new ideas, the young man had been a surveyor and mechanical engineer for some time. He had learned how to lay out a railroad, route and construct the road. He returned to his father's farm in New Jersey full of plans. The farmers in his father's part of the country raised vegetables and small fruits. But there was no railroad convenient by which to ship their produce to market. The young man proposed that they build one themselves. They did not see how it could be done, but a proposition was made that those who could not pay money for the stock they authorized might pay it partly in work. Immediately they caught the idea, and went to work. A railroad from New Jersey to the White mountains of New Hampshire was planned, from Montpelier to the White mountains of New Hampshire. The farmers along the line were building the railroad, and the others with a view. When it was completed, some strawberries, onions and vegetables will pour into market along its line. Already agreements in its vicinity are planting great peach orchards, and it will probably transform a poor Jersey country-side into a prosperous region.

One of the strange sights on this road is the principal stockholders themselves with pick and shovel digging ditches or making fills. A newspaper correspondent saw the vice president of the line grubbing a huge four horse plow, and with his own hands breaking ground for the track. He was foreman of the gang of laborers, who were neither drivers nor penitentiary convicts, but his own friends and neighbors. They display no energy and intelligence never before seen in railroad laborers. No better story of co-operation than this was ever told—a railroad built by the hands of its own stockholders.

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LEGAL NOTICE.
In the Probate Court, in and for Salt Lake County, Territory of Utah.

In the name of the Estate of John T. Thompson, deceased.

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Prob. No. 10, of Salt Lake City, Utah.

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