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THE DENVER DEALER.

Francis Schlesier, the "dealer," whom the Denver authorities were looking for, as he was accused of being a witness in a case against a couple of men charged with obtaining money under false pretenses in making purchases of handkerchiefs they purported to have been "blessed" by the "dealer," is at present receiving much attention in the newspapers. He suddenly left Denver and is now said to have been located, mounted on a horse and well equipped for a journey. In reply to a question, he said his destination was the mountains, and the latest news is that he will soon be in Chicago.

Schlesier, as now we can be gathered from the published accounts, was born in Alaska. He came to America in 1884; his parents having died a couple of years previously. He worked in his trade, that of a chemist, in various places in the country and came to Denver in 1882. While in that city, he says he had visitors, and he has since been guided by impulses of an alleged supernatural origin. "One day," he says, "Father told me to sell my business and abandon everything and go. I did so."

He first went to Kansas City, and from there to Pueblo, Colorado Territory. The object of his next journey was Hot Springs, Arkansas. Here he was arrested as a fugitive and held confined for five months and a half. He was not very strictly guarded, though, and he took the first chance he had to escape. In two days he was found at Sulphur Springs, and from there he commenced to walk northward. According to his own account, he seemed to have questioned the wisdom of this movement, although he felt assured the promptings to go in that direction were from a divine source. He continued to journey northward against his own inclination. How far north he went, he does not say, but he must have turned toward the south shortly, for his next public appearance was in Texas. Here he was arrested as a tramp but was again set at liberty and traveled through Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona to California. In San Francisco he remained only six hours and went from there East and came to Albuquerque, New Mexico. In that city he gained his first newspaper notoriety, which has increased with great rapidity.

That Schlesier is a sincere man, there seems to be no reason to doubt, and that thousands who have been "blessed" by him, go away rejoicing believing that they had been healed, seems to be a fact, if the accounts can be relied on. The phenomenon is by no means new, as was pointed out by the News some time ago. Once in a while the world is startled by appearances for which there are as yet no satisfactory scientific explanations, and probably cannot be, as long as science refuses to recognize the once popular belief that human beings may be subject to influences the causes of which are to be sought beyond the narrow limits in which the human senses are confined. In the early ages when it was generally granted that healing could be performed either through the power of God delegated to man for certain purposes, or to a certain extent, by the power of Beatitude in imitation of the divine work, the difficulty of explaining such phenomena did chiefly relate to a proper appreciation of their character, which had to be determined on other grounds. But at present, unless it be granted that there are more things between heaven and earth than philosophy has dreamt of, there seems to be no explanation of such phenomena as Schlesier, except a denial of what thousands claim to be facts.

The Denver "dealer" is likely to continue his career, and there will be ample opportunity to men of science to investigate his work. Are the alleged cures real? If so, how are they effected? Or, are they only imagination? If so, what causes thousands to believe in them? These questions are proper subjects of investigation by competent men.

UNION FOR NATIONAL REFORM.

Among the other interesting political movements of the season is the step, which has just been taken to bring about a union of reform forces for the campaign of 1896. It will be remembered that there was a national reform conference on Staten Island last July, the main object of which was to effect a political union of the reform forces of the nation. In accordance with the action then taken a similar letter has been signed and sent out to the national committees of the People's party, the Prohibition, New South Wales was \$10,000,000, inc.

party and the Socialist Labor party, calling each of these to appoint a special committee of three to confer and call a joint conference in Chicago or some other central point, not later than March 1, 1896, to consider the subject of a union of the reform forces.

This letter is signed by about one hundred men and women of more or less note in one or other of the minor parties, and almost all of them are prominent officials in reform organizations, some are members of national and state committees, and in signing the document it is observed that while several have designated their office in connection with the signature, the majority have not done this, probably to avoid the appearance of official instead of individual action. Among the signers are two United States senators, Kyle and Miller, nine editors of reform papers, the head of the Knights of Labor, the head of the W. C. T. U., the head of the Good Templars, the ex-president of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, one Presidential and four Vice-Presidential candidates of the Prohibition party, and various party officials, state and national leaders, congressmen, etc., besides Mrs. Mary E. Jones, of Kansas, who is perhaps a bigger name than any of them. As speaking from this part of the country, we note the names of James Thompson, chairman of the People's party of Utah, with this expression of sympathy with the work in hand: "You are doubly welcome to use my name, and I further pledge myself to use my influence in furthering the basis of principles adopted at your reform conference."

That there is need of political reform no one who is acquainted with American methods will dispute; and that the only way to make reforms possible and impressive is by union of effort on the part of those who see the need of them, is equally patent. We regret the inability to believe, however, that much benefit will come to the country through the rainbow-crossing endeavors of the unorganized elements above referred to; nevertheless we shall be most happy to be disassociated.

MEN AND WOMEN AS TEACHERS.

Bishop Spaulding's diversion against the employment of women teachers in schools has caused the Chicago Times-Herald to publish a table showing the percentage of men teachers compared to the percentage of literacy in the various states of the Union. The figures are:

Percentages Percentage
of Men of Literacy
Teachers, secy.

Alabama	62.9	41.6
Arkansas	62.9	35.4
Arizona	62.9	30.2
California	21.1	4.5
Colorado	21.1	4.5
Connecticut	19.8	5.1
Illinois	19.8	5.1
Florida	19.8	5.1
Georgia	19.8	5.1
Idaho	19.8	5.1
Indiana	19.8	5.1
Iowa	19.8	5.1
Kansas	19.8	4.0
Louisiana	19.8	31.6
Maine	19.8	5.5
Maryland	19.8	5.5
Massachusetts	19.8	6.2
Michigan	19.8	6.2
Minnesota	19.8	6.2
Mississippi	19.8	6.2
Missouri	19.8	6.2
Nevada	19.8	6.2
New Hampshire	19.8	6.2
New Jersey	19.8	6.2
New Mexico	19.8	6.2
New York	19.8	6.2
North Carolina	19.8	6.2
North Dakota	19.8	6.2
Oklahoma	19.8	6.2
Pennsylvania	19.8	6.2
Rhode Island	19.8	6.2
South Dakota	19.8	6.2
Tennessee	19.8	6.2
Texas	19.8	6.2
Utah	19.8	6.2
Vermont	19.8	6.2
Virginia	19.8	6.2
Washington	19.8	6.2
West Virginia	19.8	6.2
Wyoming	19.8	6.2

This table shows that in nine states where the percentage of men teachers is highest, or over 60 per cent, the percentage of illiteracy is highest, too, or an average of over 30 per cent, while in the states where the percentage of men teachers is under 20, the illiteracy is less than 7 per cent. This, of course, does not prove that the cause of illiteracy is the employment of men as teachers, but it does prove that in the states where education has taken the greatest hold on the population women are in favor as the educators of children, and that they, consequently, are capable of the work entrusted to them.

The table is also interesting as showing that the "Wild West" presents the most favorable figures as to illiteracy and Utah has a very advanced position in regard to the education of her population. In Utah only about five percent of the people are illiterate, while in some of the old states that figure is as much as fifty-five percent.

REVIVAL OF THE WHALE FISHERY.

Within the last few years several attempts have been made to revive the Australian whale fishery, especially in the waters of the eastern coast, where whales are becoming increasingly plentiful. The industry dates from the earliest period of Australian settlement, and afforded employment to a considerable number of persons. It received a check in 1812, because of the British import duties, and the heavy cost of freight. Moreover, Australian vessels were not allowed to navigate beyond the limits of colonial territory. Up to 1851, the estimated value of the whale oil exported from Australia was £10,000,000, inc.

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from Tasmania using valued services, and we thank The New Zealanders who initiated in 1882, but never reached anything like the proportions of either the New South Wales or Tasmania industries. In 1892 there were upwards of four hundred whaling vessels in the Southern Ocean alone, while in 1892 there were but seventy-two ships in the middle ground. In fact, the industry finally died out, but late in 1893, it has again attracted attention. About the end of 1893 Mr. Svend Foyn, a Norwegian captain, fitted out a ship for a cruise to the South Seas with the object of ascertaining whether the Greenland whale, which gives the most valuable whalebone, was to be found in those waters. The ship was out for a considerable time, and although the particular whale of which the capture was in search was not discovered, what was termed the "whale" was found in very large numbers almost everywhere down south, and the manager of the expedition gave it as his opinion that the species mentioned was sufficiently valuable to make whaling in those seas a profitable business, notwithstanding the employment of capital. In May of the present year several vessels were out of Tasmania and New Zealand ports, and were reported to have made fairly good catches. A few weeks later large numbers of whales were seen off the coast of New South Wales, and there are indications of their having since become unusually abundant.

EVERTHING seems to be ready now for the explosion of the Turkish bomb that will set Europe ablaze, but it is evident the powers are slow in applying the fuse. Lord Balfour, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, says that the explosion of the Turkish bomb is the explosion of many Ayer's Pills, which as an after-dinner purifier or a remedy for liver complaint, is far from being sedative. Ayer's Balsam is always bright and sparkling, because it is extract and not a decoction.

"I escaped being a confirmed dyke-hopper," says Lord Balfour, "because still in favor of maintaining the integrity of the Turkish empire. In Berlin the opinion is expressed that the catastrophe cannot be averted any longer than next spring. The probability is that the end of Turkish rule is drawing near and that the domes will come notwithstanding all the efforts of the European statesmen. The use of Hali's Hair Powder promotes the growth of the hair, and restores its natural color and beauty, free the scalp of dandruff, teller, and all impurities.

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