

manufacturing three-fourths of the of the country, responded actively to the circular sent out August, concerning the settlement of tare on hops. Subsequent conference with the hop-growers and dealers resulted in the adoption of rules and regulations by the trade and produce commission exchanges throughout the country. The report condemns the analysis on beer made at the expense of local brewers as unsatisfactory, but expresses confidence in any analysis made by the State or National authorities, and expresses a willingness to accept such as to the duty of beer. Reference was made to the efforts before the last Congress to have the internal revenue on beer removed, and the failure of the effort. It was intimated that the next would likely be pressed upon attention of the next Congress. Association was congratulated for the defeat in the House of the measure which passed the Senate, leaving the duty on bottles from 150 per cent. ad valorem. A promise on the rate of one cent pound was regarded as oppressive, but if obtained would have a prohibitory effect.

test case from Kansas touching scope of the prohibitory law denying private business had been made at the expense of the National Association. It will be carried to United States Supreme Court. Attorney Vest, of Missouri, was retained as counsel, and thanks were tendered for aid in defeating the objectionable law and useful legislation in Congress, to Senators Bayard Delaware, Beck of Kentucky and representatives Nolan of New York, Harrison of Illinois, Deuster and another of Wisconsin. The report concludes as follows: We again draw your attention to the fact that a considerable number of brewers are active members of this Association, and that this lack of connection is especially notable in some States where our active sympathy and material aid are most frequently demanded. It is a matter of common prudence that this body should be strengthened by the affiliation of every brewer who knows, (and what brewer does not?) that only by unswerving we can resist encroachments of narrow-minded fanaticism and raise business to a high position among the needful industries of the land. In conclusion, we congratulate upon the fact that during the year fanaticism has received a marked rebuke from the people at ballot box.

PITTSBURG, 16.—The Miners' State Convention assembled this morning. Eighty delegates were reported present from Ohio, Maryland, Illinois and Pennsylvania. The question of holding open, secret sessions was referred to a committee. A resolution expressing sympathy with the striking miners of Pittsburgh district, met opposition, was finally adopted. The afternoon session was called to order at 3 o'clock. The committee organization submitted the following:

Resolved, That this organization known as the Amalgamated Association of Miners of the United States and the object of the Association be to bring within its folds every miner and laborer in and out of mines in the United States, to secure unanimous action in matters pertaining to the interests of its members, adopting wherever and wherever practicable principle of arbitration; to shorten the hours of labor as far as practicable, and restrict production deemed practicable. The members of the association shall consist of an executive board, to consist of the presidents of the different boards, said board to select its secretary, and to meet at least once in six months, or as often as necessary to discuss the condition of the miners in different localities, and whenever it is deemed necessary to take action on questions regarding advancement of the whole, it shall be submitted to the constitution for the purpose of deciding whether such action should be taken or not. President McBride then appointed the committees, after which adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

ELKSBARRE, Pa., 16.—Ten miners of the Diamond Mine returned to work on the company's terms. It is expected all the strikers will return.

MILWAUKEE, 16.—The International convention of the Y. M. C. A. of the United States and British provinces opened this morning at Grand Avenue Congregational church, with five hundred delegates in attendance.

The International Committee in their report say: "For the current year the committee has received subscriptions to the amount of \$14,648; of this sum \$5,000 was received in gifts of \$500 each; there was also one gift of \$450, one of \$200, two of \$250 each, and 14 of \$100 each, and the balance of \$493 comes from persons and associations in amounts of less than \$100 each. The expenses of the committee for 1883 to the date of the convention have been \$107,910.93. All are paid, and there remains in the treasury \$293.65. There is needed for the balance of the current year the sum of \$19,000, for which this convention is asked to provide. The budget for the current year, as made up on careful estimates, calls for an expenditure of \$30,000. The convention has also to provide for the balance of the period that shall elapse prior to the next convention.

KANSAS CITY, 16.—The Times Wichita, Kansas, special reports of the late severe storm from the surrounding country indicate severe loss of live stock by drowning. Many bridges were washed away, and the streams are higher than known for years. The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe bridge across the great Arkansas was swept away.

WINNIPEG, 16.—Reports sent out by special correspondents regarding smallpox at St. Boniface are greatly exaggerated. Authorities state there is only one case in town and that is in the hospital. Two children died yesterday and two other persons who were reported ill a month ago have now recovered. Two or three houses are quarantined, but owing to the fact that cases did formerly exist. The foregoing statement is based upon the report of physicians attached to the health committee. The smallpox hospital is so arranged that nurses are not allowed to go to the city. Necessary supplies are furnished by messengers who are not allowed to enter the building. There is considerable excitement over the disappearance of Wm. Kittson, son of Commodore Kittson, of St. Paul, who was stricken down with the disease a few days ago and taken to the hospital at Winnipeg, and escaped while the nurse was absent from his room. He was delirious when he escaped. Men with horses were scouring the prairie all day, but searched in vain. He is believed to be dead, as there was but little hopes of his recovering at any rate. Only one other case in the city hospital. The city offers \$100 reward for the recovery of the body of Kittson, dead or alive.

OUR RIDDLE BOX.

This department will contain once a week original puzzles for the young folks. The answers will be given the following week. Our juvenile friends are invited to send the solutions. All who forward correct answers will receive due credit and their names will be printed in the NEWS.

NO. 27.—FIFTY ANIMALS.

[Concealed in a talk on house-plants.] To watch a lovely bud expand and unfold each glowing color, is, no doubt, a charming mental pastime, but if any person can name any real comfort to be obtained from house plants it would be a real pleasure to hear from them. I have only a batch of mishaps and accidents to narrate. Let me give you one incident out of many. A kind friend had sent me a little tamarind tree, with beautifully variegated orange and white flowers. As it came in a small box, Jean Fleming and I raced off to a florist's for a pot to put it in. We both decided it must be a very nice one, but none of those we at first saw in shape, or color, or quality, suited us. Suddenly Jean pounced upon one with an "Oh ain't it a beauty? It's just the thing exactly!" "Aye, aye, it's a bonnie pot," chimed in the dealer, a shrewd Scotchman. I shared their admiration, for it was a lovely basket, with artistically curved wires to hang it by. I didn't feel as if I was able to pay the price, but finally took it, and we came lightly home with our prize. But when we got the plant in, basket hung, and were fixing the wires, we discovered an ugly kink. A journey to the shed for a wrench was necessary; then I mounted a chair to untwist it. All at once the chair tilted. Jean tried to catch the basket, stumbled, and sat down on a geranium behind her. I demolished a new easel that Jack, allured by its cheapness, had just bought, and the basket went smash against the grate. "For the land's sake!" says Jean, jumping up, and, seeing what a bad accident it is, ends with a sort of screech. I rub my brains in silence, and bestow a pitiless glance of scorn upon Jean, for I bitterly detest crying over "spilt milk," but afterward, when Jean is lost in reading on the parlor couch, I own I shed a few tears of regret, and mentally declare house plants an everlasting nuisance.

MRS. L. B. GILLET.

NO. 28.—ANAGRAM.

Charles Taylor is an editor
Who dotes on totals neat;
In general he is placid,
His manner calm and sweet.

Yet a total sometimes "riles" him
Until he his sub alarms,
And the typists whisper softly
Is C. T. up in arms?

ALEX GAINS.

NO. 29.—CONUNDRUMS.

1. What trades does the sun regularly follow?
2. When does a caterpillar improve in morals?
3. What is it that a gentleman has not, never can have, and yet can give to a lady?

HERBERT IRELAND.

NO. 30.—ENIGMA.

In other days, when hope was bright,
Ye spoke to me of love and light,
Of endless spring and cloudless weather,
And hearts that doted linked together.

But now ye tell another tale,
That life is brief and beauty frail,
That joy is dead and fondness blighted,
And hearts that doted doted disunited.

Away! ye grieve and ye rejoice
In one unfeeling, unfeeling voice,
And ye, like every friend below,
Are hollow in your joy and woe!

W. M. FRAED.

NO. 31.—ADDITION.

To one-sixth of the largest city, add one-sixth of "the Hub," one-sixth of the coldest city in the world, one tenth of the "Crescent City," one-fifth of the hottest city in the world, one-ninth of the "City of Churches," and one-eighth of the oldest city in the world, and you have what important character of Longfellow's "Hiawatha"?

SCHOOL GIRL.

NO. 32.—CHARADE.

Seek out a word of simple form
Which found will clearly show,
What every man must do to end
This tale of life below.

Then find another word which tells
In syllables but two,
Of sights and scenes which waking eyes
Have seldom held in view.

These words, in natural order said,
Will to your ear betray
A mighty host of armed men
Well fit for War's array.

RINGOL.

NO. 33.—A.

I am composed of 10 letters;
My 1, 2 is two thirds of a tavern.
My 3, 4 is two thirds of present time.
My 5, 6 is two thirds of a sort of vehicle.
My 7, 8 is two thirds of a useful metal.
My 9, 10 is two thirds of a single unit.
My whole is a novel change.

CARL.

ANSWERS.

Following are the answers to "Riddle Box" of May 5th:

20.—1. Pine, maple, elm, ash. 2. Pear, fig, orange, plum. 3. Pea, corn, turnip, bean.

21.—Pen-l-tent. (Penitent.)

22.—1. Washington. 2. Adams. 3. Madison. 4. Garfield. 5. Monroe.

23.—Scot-land. (Scotland.)

24.—1. Trace, crate, carat, react, cater. 2. Inlets, silent, listen, tinsel, enlist. 3. Butler, ulster, rustle, luster, result.

25.—Whichever.

26.—Woodview.

Correct solutions have been received to Nos. 20, 21, 22 and 26 from Carl Bassett, 2nd Ward; to No. 22 from J. C. Jones, 10th Ward.

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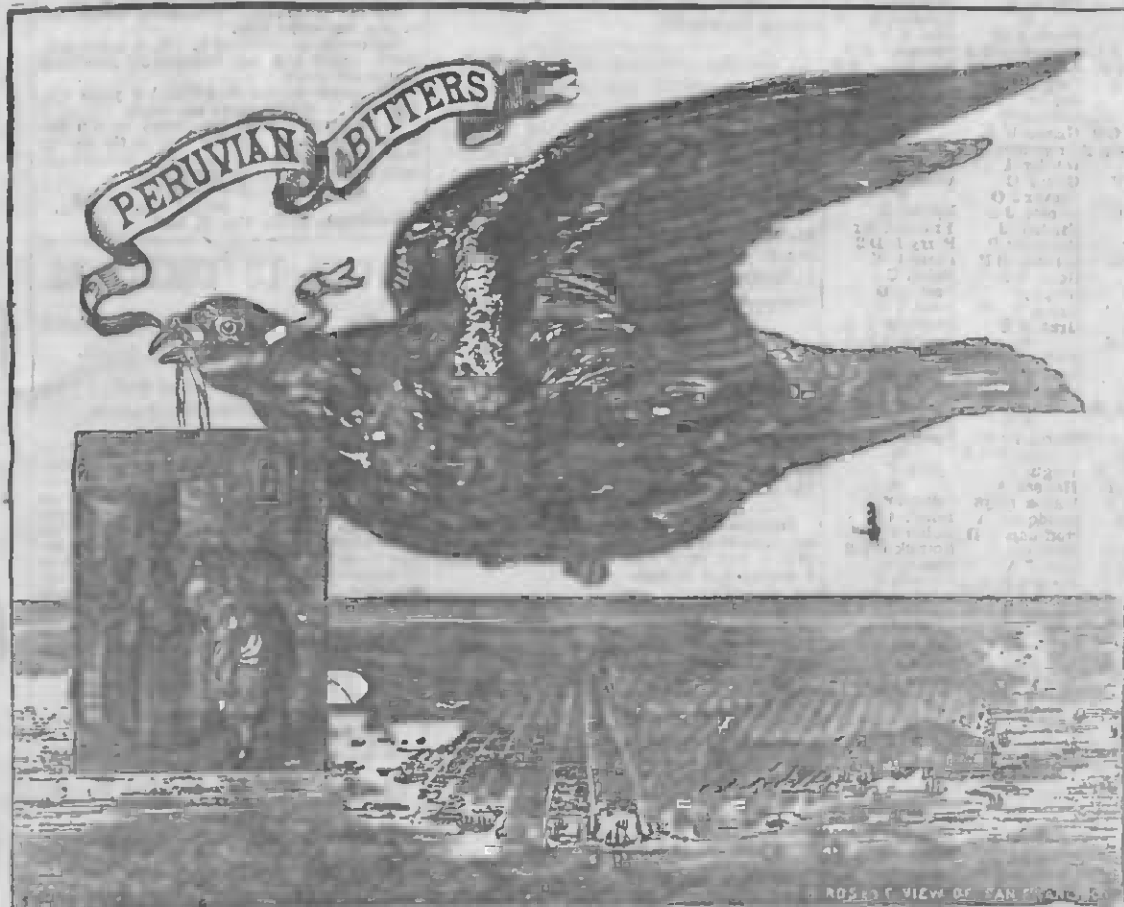
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