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Railways in Michigan will charge only 2 cents a mile after this. The Michigan Central surrendered its old charter and took out a new one, in order to be in line with the other roads, but it is said the Company will see the State for loss of revenue traceable to the change. Perhaps there will be no loss of revenue. Mr. Molehill gets more money selling postage stamps at 2 cents than he got at 3 cents.

The judgment of the Court of Appeal in the Clark case follows closely the lines laid down by British practice. A voluntary statement made by an accused after warning may be used against him, and an accused who offers his evidence must answer questions asked, but if he objects that such answers may tend to criminate him he is protected against their being used against him, except in a prosecution for perjury.

It would probably be feasible to make the occupants of our prisons earn their keep and do something towards the support of those dependent on them were it not for the objections made by the labor bodies to the employment of convict labor on profitable work. While the people prefer to work to support convicts in semi-idleness or at unprofitable work, no scheme to make the convicts contribute to family support can be made a success.

Our esteemed local contemporary, the Times, is kicking because New York is building a monkey house at a cost of \$24,192. The Times is right. Our recollection is that the Times office didn't cost nearly that much. Spectator.

Why should the mention of "monkey" always put the Spec. into a rage? Aside from the fact that the cost of the Times office is a matter of no special interest to the Spec. or to the public, we have only to remark as apropos to the impatient reference, that the Times office is owned by the Times; that there is no smell of smoke attached to its history, and that it is not ballasted by a big or little mortgage.

Mr. Strauss, of the Mine Owners' Union, is credited with saying: "I have never seen a strike that could not have been averted had representatives of the two sides had a conference before the strike was declared." Perhaps that is a little too strong; there have been strikes after conferences between representatives of the parties; but there is a great deal of truth in it after all. The fault has not always been on one side; often one side has been as much to blame as the other. The record shows, however, that when employers and men were disposed to be reasonable strikes were unnecessary. Strikes are always a calamity to labor and an injury to capital. What has been needed is a fair spirit on both sides, and a disposition to take the other's view into account. As we attain that we shall get rid of labor troubles.

A correspondent of the New York Sun thinks he has found an explanation of the cause of the frequent railway and other disasters of late. He points out that on Nov. 28th last there occurred such a conjunction of planets as has not been since the year when Charles I. was beheaded, 1648-49. Jupiter and Saturn met, with Mars behind and Venus ahead. "The result of this conjunction," he says, "has been accidents of all kinds, including explosions, and the recent earthquake in Manila. December has been a peculiarly unfortunate month, and in January a panic in the money market will occur. The way of wisdom for all speculators is to trim their sails from now until February, when the effects of this conjunction will begin to wear away; 1901 has been an unfortunate year in many ways owing to these planetary disturbances. President McKinley's assassination was foretold to me last March by a crystal reader, as one of the unfortunate events of the year."

Notes on Etiquette. (White Hats Bulletin.) Don't come to breakfast in a night gown or your hair done up in curl papers. His Respectful. (Toronto Telegram.) At this festive season the aldermanic candidate is apt to mistake the throbbings of his own ambitious heart for the voice of public opinion.

A Kitchen-Laundry Fight. (Toronto Telegram.) A majority contest in Toronto has become a mere back kitchen in which jangling Conservative partisans must needs wash the family linen. Table Manners. (White Hats Bulletin.) Don't break an egg into a cup or glass, but eat it away from the shell, thereby avoiding the humiliation of fighting with the chicken who had it in for you, and laid for you so she could work the shell game.

Cold Comfort for McLeod. (Montreal Gazette.) The majority of Mr. Gibson, in York N. B., runs well up to a thousand. When he ran a year ago against Dr. McLeod he had barely a hundred, and some of his voters his friends had bought. A cold water opposition candidate is poor stuff in a bye contest.

A Mistake Often Made. (A. H. U. Columbia in Printer and Publisher.) The technical work of newspaper life—the printing, the news-gathering, the relative value of news and chief of all, its presentation in a form interesting to the public, can never be properly mastered without actual experience. A university man can

make no greater error than to assume that his superior education will enable him to dispense with the details and carry him over the grand-cry. If he deems himself a born journalist, he is probably a born fool.

Would Wink His Thumb. (London News.) "We observe—I said "we"—that our contemporary of Molehill fame, the Hamilton Times, makes the statement that in regard to Carnegie's money and the other money, it is the case of some grapes with London. We should feel constrained to call this Molehill individual names, but for an excess of fortitude which we possess. If we are not in a position to make irreverent signs at him with the aid of the thumb, we can at least think them."

The Dead Tree. (By W. F. Stuart, T. H. & B. E.) The sighing winds now sadly die away, The trees have shed their golden cloths, and now they lie dead. We mourn to think the grand old year is dead, And thus all nature now is robed in grief.

The flowers are gone, the trees are bare and cold, Their naked boughs are bending to the blast, And now they sob and answer to the wind, They are sad because the year is past.

I look for one bright star, but none I see, For clouds so dark are passing o'er the sky, And charged with tears they now beg to weep.

"That old year should thus be doomed to die, Now the old year with all that came before, Is numbered now and weighed and laid to rest, To thy great worth our tribute we pay, And now the winter snows lie on thy breast."

But hope foretells another morning dawn, That breaks in glory o'er the eastern hills, 'Tis the New Year, we hail it now with song, And like anew through all our nature thrills.

'Tis not the year alone that gives such joy, Another flight has bound us to its wing, We march toward another hundred years, But who shall see 'we change its end will bring?

How strange the thought that all the surging mass Who now are tenants in this house at day, Shall all go down before the march of time, And nearly every trace be swept away. Hamilton, Jan. 1, 1902.

Wise and Otherwise. (Mama-Where has he been? Johnny sick? wonder what made Papa-Where has he been? Mama-From the appearance of his chin he has been playing on the ash heap. Papa-Oh! then I guess he found those Christmas cigars you gave me.

Levity in behavior is the bane of all that is good and virtuous.—Seneca. "What's the matter with Estmark?" "Oh, he's complaining that his lot is not as good as yours."

"Same old cry, eh?" "Well, in this case he's justified. He bought a farm without looking at it, and now he finds it's all rock."

In great attempts it is glorious even to fail.—Longinus. Hoax—What do you think of this scheme for getting sugar from beets?

John—It's no more than fair. Just think all the beets that get 'sugar' from us. THE ATTIC PHILOSOPHER. Instead of occupying a place on the table the turkey gobble sits in a chair.

Unless a man has rubbed up against the rough side of life he never accomplishes much. If a man has plenty of push he is bound to get there—but sometimes a pull helps along wonderfully.

Some men think twice before marrying—then regret that they didn't get a third think. A married man isn't necessarily a Hercules because he's fond of his club.

There is evidently electricity in a corn-field, and it produces shocks. When beggars cease to ask you for alms it is time for you to change your tailor.

Women and dreams generally go by contraries. Lots of the minor poets are old enough to vote.

Most things grow smaller as they are contracted except debts. LOOK OUT FOR IT. Another fashion letter will appear in Saturday's paper from our Paris correspondent, Chante-Clair.

—Millions of people are using "SALAD" Oylon tea because it pleases them better than any other tea they have ever tasted. If you are not already using this famous brand you should give it a trial. It will more than repay you.

Mrs. Nichol, who died in Guelph, bequeathed the sum of \$1,000 to the Kingston Hospital. John Watson, lumberman, was killed while working in Rathbun's camp in Finland's township.

William Jessop & Sons, of Sheffield, will erect new steel works at Washington, Pennsylvania.

THE JOKERS' CORNER

Sign of the Mule. "We were eating dinner the other day when a team of mules passed by. My little brother said and exclaimed: "Oh, see, there goes a team of mules."

"How do you know they are not horses?" asked mamma. "Why," said my brother, "because their tails are different. The mule's tail is sompium like a cow's, with whiskers on the end."—The Little Chronicle.

Willie objected. Little Willie rather objected to his mother's new dress. His mamma thought the light not good for him, and tried to make him understand that he was just as safe in the dark as in the light. "For," said she, "God is watching you all the time, and won't let any harm come to my little boy." "Does He watch all the time, mamma?" "Yes, all the time," "Well," said the little man, with a sigh, "I would rather that you and grandma would watch me awhile, and give God a rest."

His Reasonable Care. "Did you look at both sides of his argument?" "I answered Senator Boraham. As soon as he handed me a check I turned it over to see that it was properly lacinated."—Washington Star.

Know From Experience. One day a teacher was explaining the use of the different parts of the cow to a class of small children. When she finished she asked: "Who can tell me what the bones are used for?" One little boy jumped up and said: "Soup!"—The Little Chronicle.

Rabbits Good at "Fliggers." I was walking with my little cousin the other day and he asked me if it was rabbits that multiplied so fast. "Yes, dear," I said, "Why do you want to know?" "Because," he said, "they must be careful good in arithmetic."—The Little Chronicle.

A Family Secret. Papa had confided to Carry as a "dead secret" the fact that the lady who was coming to dinner that evening

was going to be his wife, and an interested scrutiny of the visitor Carry drew her aside and inquired with an air of great curiosity: "Do you suppose Cockran knows that papa likes to marry her?"—The Little Chronicle.

Singling Psalms. In the good days the precursor read over the psalms before singing, reading a line or two singing it. One old man did it differently. He named the psalms attached to the Psalms on one occasion the number of psalms bowed him over. But he was not a very happy man. He said, "Let us sing the glory of God in the X and L three eyed Psalm."

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