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POPULAR INDIFFERENCE.

During the past few days the Star has published interviews with well-known citizens secured in response to the query: "What should be done to bring to the average citizen a fuller realization of his duties as a citizen..."

Although it is early yet to comment on these expressions of opinion, one point must be strikingly apparent to all readers of the Star, namely, that among those who have already been seen, all of them men who have given some time to the study of civic government, there is absolute diversity.

So far, with the exception of two who are holding public meetings, advocated holding public meetings, there has been no agreement whatever as to either of the points included in the original query.

Another feature in the undertaking which is not apparent to the reading public, but which is painfully evident to the Star, is the extent of their indifference to civic affairs exists.

The interviews now being published are being secured not solely on the initiative of this paper, and not merely because of their value as a news feature, though this is fully recognized, but on the request of a number of leading business men, who asked that the views of others be obtained and given to the public.

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the noise made in this way is considerably more noticeable than the actual report caused by the discharge. If Mr. Maxim can invent a device which will pass from the rifle to its mark without disturbing the silence during its passage, he will succeed in making the battlefield almost absolutely noiseless.

GETTING TO THE POINT.

"Now, sir," began the prosecutor, as he proceeded to address the unfortunate witness, "I trust I shall have no difficulty in inducing you to speak up."

THE TIMBER RADES

Farnworth and Jardine's Wood Circular, under date of Liverpool Feb. 15, says:—In the business of the past month there is little change to report, the demand very quiet and again a poor consumption.

Canadian Woods—One Pine Timber, Wany.—The demand for both 1st and 2nd class is quiet, and the consumption during the past month is decidedly disappointing.

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Have not coughed once all day? Yet you may cough tomorrow! Better be prepared for it when it comes.

HETTY'S CASE WILL BE TAKEN TO HIGHER COURT

The first moot court for the term of 1909 was held in the law school classroom on Saturday night. The case argued was one on appeal and Mr. Cyrus P. Innes sat as judge.

Mr. Logan opened for the defendant. He contended that the plaintiff's negligence was only remotely connected with the accident, and that the defendant broke a city by law. He then took up the defendant's brief and severely criticized it.

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MRS. ISAAC DOBSON. At Jolures Saturday the death took place of one of the oldest residents of Westmorland.

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DEATHS BURCHILL—At the residence of her brother-in-law of Charles E. O'Reilly, 123 Dorchester, on the 13th inst., Emma J. youngest daughter of Thomas and Ellen Burchill.

Broken Lenses! The replacing of lenses should be entrusted to a thorough optician. To get your eyes examined and fitted with the best optically correct lenses, call at D. BOYANER'S.

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SKIPS PRISON, BUT FORFEITS \$50,000 IL. ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. 15.—Special from Tulsa, New Mexico, says that news has been received here that Albert Twining, the former bartender of Ashbury, N. J., sentenced to six years' imprisonment for operating with the bank's funds in trading properties in Tulsa county, has appeared and that his bondsmen anticipated the case has been taken to the courts for 5 years and last day the supreme court ordered Twining to commence serving his sentence.

SPECIAL—Captain Dreyfus got a new trial so does Carter, asking you to come in and see the bargain for five days only, in the line of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Clothing, Boots and Shoes, that will satisfy you, style and price.

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CAPTAIN GEORGE GILLESPIE STABBED FOUR TIMES IN THE BACK DURING A DRUNKEN ROW

As the result of a drunken row Saturday night on board the schooner Norembega, moved at Walker's wharf, Capt. George Gillespie lying at his home with four knife wounds in his back, and three members of the crew of the schooner W. L. Elkins, lying alongside, are locked up, charged with being implicated in the affair.

AMERICAN GIRL DESERTED IN EARTHQUAKE DISTRICT

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 14.—Through the intervention of Senator Knox, the state department has taken up the case of Ernestine Moore, a Pittsburgh girl, 15 years old, abducted from home and deserted in Sicily and has called Ambassador Lloyd Griscom at Rome, to have her provided for until funds can reach her.

SHOT TWO OF HIS BROTHERS; RESULTS PROBABLY FATAL

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 14.—As the result of a quarrel, the cause of which is unknown, Alfred Vaurin, a 19-year-old boy, shot and mortally wounded his two brothers at his home on West 41st street, tonight, Mrs. Vaurin, the wife of the young man who did the shooting, told the police that her husband had long been embittered against his oldest brother, Emil, who was a printer and that a week ago he ordered Emil out of the house and threatened to shoot him if he returned.

MINISTER WILL PREACH HIS OWN FUNERAL SERMON

On Deathbed He Talks Into a Phonogram—Record to be Reproduced at the Grave. NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—A special from Fairfield, Conn., to the World says: "The Rev. Daniel Bassett Leach, an aged clergyman of Bone Gap, was dying yesterday that he was going to dictate to his graphophone the text of his own funeral sermon."

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