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MEN AND THINGS.

Professor Lecky says: "The extreme difficulty of finding any efficient test of thrift is very evident, and those proposed by a large number of the advocates of old age pensions are so easy as to be almost worthless."

Senators of the United States have a special restaurant at the Capitol that surpasses in completeness those attached to the legislative halls of other nations.

In Franco military pensions are granted only for wounds or for disease contracted in the service, says the New York World.

But no enlisted man is entitled to a pension as of right unless he has served twenty-five years, and no officer unless he has served thirty years.

"The prevalence of bribery at the polls is due partly to the lack of moral training in our public schools," remarks the Catholic Columbian.

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are building a mosque, at a cost of \$20,000 to accommodate from 800 to 400 worshippers, in addition to the women, for whom a gallery will be provided.

At a meeting of creditors of F. Tennyson Neely, the publisher, held in New York, the statement of his affairs showed the liabilities to be \$300,000 and the assets only about \$115,000.

A jury awarded a verdict for \$1,000 last week, at Elizabeth, N. J., to E. E. Runyon, who brought suit against the Central Railroad of New Jersey, whose agents prevented Runyon from boarding a train at Jersey City.

One can talk on the government owned telephones of Germany any distance for twenty-five cents, and the cost between towns is only ten cents.

At a recent trial for murder at Bastrop, a small town in Colorado Co., Texas, there were 1,240 witnesses summoned.

Norwegian statesmen are planning a system of national insurance to protect people incapacitated to earn a livelihood.

A bill has been introduced in the parliament of Belgium by the socialists providing for a general eight hour day.

There are hundreds of our readers who are strong believers in the cause of the "True Witness" advocates, but are doing little to aid its circulation.

PEN-PICTURE OF PAUL KRUGER.

"First pray to God for guidance and inspiration, then fight," is the motto of President Paul Kruger of the Transvaal.

Imagine a man less than five feet seven inches in height, but in build like a giant; his hair white with years, his features homely and coarse, wearing an ill-fitting double-breasted frock coat reaching below the knees—such a man is Oom Paul.

He was born on Oct. 10, 1825, near the present town of Graaf Reinet, Cape Colony. His parents were South African farmers, who left their home in Holland a few years before Paul was born, hoping for good fortune in the new country.

When Kruger was about 15 years of age his father, sister and he went with the bullock team some distance into the Orange Free State.

Everything went well until Paul and his sister were about five miles from home. Then a panther appeared in the road. The sixteen bullocks in the team took fright and ran away.

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ing the short time that I was to remain in Pretoria, an invitation which I readily accepted. He would not talk English to me on this occasion, so I had to carry on conversation with him through other members of the family.

"I can trust Americans," he would say, "for I know that they do not want my country."

Every morning at 6 o'clock, a negro servant takes a cup of black coffee and a big pipe filled with tobacco to the President's room.

Since Kruger was elected President in 1881 he has been confronted with some trying times. In 1883 his country was in a bankrupt condition.

He was told that the country was rich in gold ore, and that millions of pounds could be secured where that came from.

"Thank God! My country is saved!" was his reply.

On the occasion of laying the last bolt in the Pretoria Delagoa Bay Railroad, November, 1894, the President went out in his private train to perform the act.

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The DRINK HABIT CURED.

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The head office of the corporation shall be in the city and district of Montreal. The objects of the corporation are as follows:

- (1.) The maintenance of public worship. (2.) The religious education of the people and especially that of the poor and abandoned, particularly by holding missions in cities, towns, villages and parishes. (3.) Taking spiritual charge temporarily of small congregations which cannot afford to support a priest. (4.) Giving moral education particularly to poor and orphan children. (5.) Helping in missions and in education within the limits of their duties. (6.) The maintenance of public cemeteries connected with buildings devoted to public worship, and the construction and maintenance of halls attached to or belonging to the buildings under their care, for the public purposes of such buildings respectively. (7.) Giving aid and assistance in the promotion of Immigration. (8.) All other works depending upon those above mentioned and all other works in any way connected with the objects above set forth.

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