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### INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS.

The Star has received from Charles F. Pidgin, chief of the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics, a copy of the report of the labor and industrial conditions in that state for the year ending Sept. 30, 1906. The volume is for the most part a chronological catalogue of strikes and industrial changes and forms rather tiresome reading in any other sense than that it is a statement of industrial progress. Mr. Pidgin sets forth that during the year there has been an increasing tendency towards the shorter work day, the nine hour day being substituted in many instances for the ten hour, without change in wages, and the eight hour day for the nine hour schedule. The weekly half holiday during the summer months has become almost general in the various industries and trades and the early closing movement so long and urgently agitated by organized labor has met with a more generous response than formerly. Massachusetts has participated in the remarkable increase in wages which have taken place throughout America during the year, and it is noted that the most pronounced increases have been in wages paid to employees engaged in transportation and the textile industries. There has also been a strong tendency towards providing of systems for furnishing pure drinking water for employees, for proper ventilation, devices for destroying dust and removing gases, for better light and for properly guarding machinery. In some instances emergency hospitals, laundries and private elevators have been provided for the employees, and it is to be noted that the state hall for dancing parties, gymnasiums and summer excursions have also appeared. Funds for insurance, for pensions and savings accounts are becoming quite common in the larger establishments. The report shows that during the year there were 417 new incorporations with authorized capital of \$42,756,000, of which sum \$32,747,035 was paid in, the preferred stock amounting to \$11,888,000. Of this total 200 were entirely new firms, while the other 217 represented changes from private firms to corporations.

### LOSING, ALL THE TIME.

A despatch from Halifax yesterday, giving facts concerning the sale of certain timber limits contained the usual expression "the pulp wood will be shipped direct to the United States mills, there to be converted into pulp." It is nearly time that some policy was adopted to put an end to this. Almost every day we read of similar transactions, United States companies invade Canada for timber supplies and take the wood across the line to be manufactured. This country profits only in the laborers wage paid for the cutting of the trees. The United States secures the great bulk of the output for manufacturing. There is little or no protection for our forests, we are not only not keeping them for ourselves but are content to lose as well the profits which should accrue from their conversion into mercantile commodities. There is no reason why this country should not be attended with pulp and paper mills, excepting that we are too sleepy to pay any attention to what is being done under our very noses.

### BUY IT IS WARMER TODAY.

When folks have little else to do they grow about the weather. If a warm day comes it is too hot; if rainy, we want it dry; if clear, rain is badly needed. But surely there is some reason for dissatisfaction with the abominable sample which has this spring been handed out to suffering humanity. It is safe to say that not within the past fifty years at least has New Brunswick—speaking from local knowledge only—endured such a cold spring. In the fire of 1877 the meteorological records were destroyed but the general information contained in them has since been gathered in another form, and there is nothing to show that in all the time the service in St. John has been maintained there ever such a backward season. Thirty years ago, on the 26th of May, there was a flurry of snow. But it came in a spring which had been as mild as usual. Warm weather had prevailed previous, and followed immediately afterwards, so that the storm, if it could be called such, was phenomenal. This season we have had nothing but a succession of snow low temperatures and biting winds. The weather in May has been colder than usually prevails in November; it is, minus the snow, what might be expected in March. And the conditions existing in St. John prevail all over the country. The eastern and middle states, Eastern Canada and the middle west are all suffering. Crops are backward, business is dull, and the buoyancy which spring should bring is missing.

Mrs. Russell Sage appears to be a woman of sound judgment. She has set aside the sum of ten million dollars to be used in improving social conditions, relieving poverty and generally assisting the lower classes. But Mrs. Sage has wisely decided that to accomplish the desired end the causes which lead to poverty must be removed. The money will not be expended in direct relief, but in educating the poorer classes to overcome the difficulties now encountered.

That no lives were lost in yesterday's fire on King street, is a matter for congratulation. But there is even greater satisfaction in the knowledge that numbers of the employees of the firm which suffered, and several members of the fire department exposed themselves to grave danger in the determination to perform their duty. Although no publicity has been given, incidents occurred which developed true heroism, and which reflect the greatest credit on those most closely concerned. Some of the young ladies employed in the building are deserving of all honor.

### JACK.

Stranger, you ask accommodation. Say, I ain't a crouch, but then it's just this way: You come a-steam'n' up in that big car O' yours—doin' the thing. You've travelled far. Got far to go, an' ask me for the night To put you up. It ain't my style—not quite!

To grudge a traveller a bed an' snack. But—well, stranger, say: I ain't forgot Jack!

Who's Jack? Oh, jest a leetle yaller cur— But my gal loved him, an' we both loved her. We shored did, stranger! Mary died at seven. Jest sort o' went to find her ma in heaven. An' that left me an' Jack—jest him an' me.

Jack—cutest little pup you ever see. Bright as a button, busy as a bee. An' everthin' I'd left in God's good world— Come limpin' in one afternoon an' cur'ded Up in my arms—you never see such eyes!

I done the best I knowed how, doctor—wised, Bandaged the bleedin' paw—big tootin' car Done it an' then, jest prayed an' wait-ed Far Inter the night I held him. Then I saw Poor Jack was swellin'—for 'twas't jest the paw. Like I'd be'n hopin'—Jack was hurt inside. Injured internal like, Midnight, he died.

But I'm keepin' you, Stranger, I—shot Jack! Then, somehow, outin' hit me; things went black. Next day—right over there by yender tree I dug another grave; there—don't you see, Three graves arow! An' this yere cab-in's mine. Poiks call me Crazy Bill, an' I spine They ain't so fur off. Mighty out o' date, Thinkin' dogs has souls! Well, it's gittin' late, An' I don't b'lieve there's no use stoppin' here, Stranger! It sort o' seems like I don't keep For company, for somehow—I'm sort o' queer!

### JOY.

Once more the buds begin to sprout, Once more the sunbeams play; Once more the flowers are summoned out.

To make a holiday; The song birds gather to augment The general acclaim; Life is a thing of sweet content. The home team's won a game. So tell us not in words of gloom Of griefs that may befall; At last the Springtime is in bloom, At last we're playing ball. Fate vainly strives to fret us by The terror it can frame. This thought makes every shadow fly: The home team's won a game.

### BASEBALL LANGUAGE.

"Friel hit a weak and nervous roller to Anderson, who slugged at it." "The two men on bases were tearing around like tomcats filled with bird-shot." "Friel was throwing the mud bead high as he plowed." "Anderson gathered the damp horsehide and checked it." "A conclusive gasp and Patten had it."

"The fielding on both sides was green, with siffion touches." "The signal to turn the electricity on was made by Castillon." "Nill bored it through to left." "Big John Anderson nipt a single off Robertaille." "Nill and Perrine grabbed the bounding atmosphere." "Hughes and Patten got demerits for scaling their left feet." "Robby tried a damp sling."—Washington Post.

### THE SAME ACT.

An old negro was recently brought before a Justice in Mobile. It seemed that Uncle Mose had fallen foul of a building while in the act of entering the henhouse of the dog's owner. "Look here, Uncle Mose," the Justice said, informally, "didn't I give you ten days last month for this same thing? Same henhouse you were trying to get into. What have you to say for yourself?" "Uncle Mose scratched his head. "Mars Willyum, yo' sent me ter de chain gang for tryin' ter steal some chickens, didn't yo'?" "Yes, that was the charge."

"An' don't re law say yo' can't be charged twice wid de same fence?" "That no man shall be twice placed in jeopardy for the identical act, yes?" "Den sah, yo' hab ter let me go sah. Ah war after de same chickens, sah?"

### SATURDAY SERMONETTE

#### MISTAKES.

I suppose since the days of Adam there never has been man or woman who has not made mistakes, and the most of us have made plenty of them, and the man or woman who thinks they have made the least, have made the most. The consequences of our mistakes seem out of all proportion to the slight mistake we made when we took the wrong turning and met the wrong person, or took the wrong trail and went miles out of our way seemingly, and yet found out that it was the right train for the one we missed came to grief. The "Mystic Shriner" who made the mistake of two, three or five minutes in the time the train was to leave must have been very glad that he missed it when he heard the train was wrecked and many of his brethren were killed. There must be a "Divinity that shapes our ends" when we see so many of our mistakes working for our good, and yet we had better not make the mistake of taking prussic acid instead of our medicine.

As the mistakes the most careful of us make, would fill columns I can only mention a few minor ones, that a little thought and tact may help us to avoid. Don't tell a woman after she has bought her hat or dress or married her man that the hat does not become her and the dress does not look well after it is made up, and the man is cheaper than she thought and she has got to keep the man, so why make her dissatisfied with her goods and make an enemy of her by telling her the truth? Don't make that mistake. A friend of mine bought a costly fur and gave forty per cent. more than it was worth, but I did not make the mistake of telling her so. She made mistake enough without me making another.

It is a mistake to ask any man or woman how old they are unless you know they are past ninety, for they are proud of the years then, and sometimes add to them, just as they subtracted from them when they were younger. It is a mistake for a man to cry at his wife's funeral, if he kept her crying until she died.

It is a mistake for a man to give his wife a casket that cost more than any dress he ever bought for her when she was alive enough to wear one. It is a bad mistake when a young girl marries an old man unless he is ninety or more and sickly. It is a mistake for an old man to marry a young girl when he can marry an old woman.

It is a mistake to marry for money, for the money may take wings and fly away, and then what have you got? It is a mistake to preach after your congregation are asleep. You might wake them up.

### Thaddeus

### YOUNG MEIKLE TO BE TRIED FOR KILLING HIS FATHER

NEWBURGPORT, May 17.—The Essex county Grand Jury reported a long list of indictments early today. The most important case upon which a report was made was that of Thomas F. Murphy, of Haverville, who was indicted on a charge of murdering his wife two weeks ago. Although the grand jury considered the evidence against the boy who is charged with murdering his father, Charles S. G. Meikle, in November, 1895, no report was made. The grand jury indicted Meikle several months ago, but for some reason the case was reconsidered. It is expected that the boy will be placed on trial. The Meikles belong to P. B. Island.

### AN IGNORAMUS.

(Christian Register.) An ex-governor of Wisconsin, a famous story teller, thus reported his experience at a New Jersey clam bake: "I started my speech," said the ex-governor, "by stating that I had been enjoying the low-necked clams. A long-faced old man across the table scowled and said in a stage whisper, 'Little necks, not low necks.' I paid no attention to him, but after a while he followed me out of the hall. 'You don't have many clams in Wisconsin,' I reckon," said he. "Well, I said, 'we have some, but it's a good way to water, and in driving them across the country, their feet get sore and they don't thrive very well.' 'Why,' he said, 'I have heard that you are a smart man, but you are a fool at a clam bake.' 'I am a fool at a clam bake,' he said, 'but I am a smart man for Wisconsin, but he's a good deal of a fool at the seashore.'"

### COCHINEAL.

Every pound of cochineal contains 70,000 insects boiled to death, and from 20,000 to 70,000 pounds are annually brought to Europe for scarlet and crimson dyes.

### PRIZES GIVEN BY PRINCE LOUIS OF BATTENBERG FOR NAVAL GUNNERY



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### DEAF MUTE'S BREACH OF PROMISE.

What is believed to be the first breach of promise case in which both parties are deaf and dumb, is down for hearing before the Johannesburg High Court. The plaintiff is a pretty Boer girl and the defendant is the son of the proprietor of the Grand Station Hotel, Johannesburg.

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### DEATHS.

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### THINKS PLAN FOR PEACE WOULD INCITE WAR

German Historian Believes That Disarmament of Nations Would be Menace.

BERLIN, May 18.—Professor Delbrueck, the successor of Ranke and Treutzel in the chair of history in the University of Berlin, contributes a remarkable article to the Preussische Jahrbuecher, entitled "Disarmament and Germany and England."

Professor Delbrueck says that there can be no doubt that the British proposals, as to the arrest of armaments, at the Hague Conference will fail, even though it results in Germany being regarded as the holder of barbaric and retrograde ideas. He believes that the first result of the discussion of the question would be an increase of tension between the two powers rather than an rapprochement, an increase of the danger of war rather than its diminution. The cardinal mistake of those who advocate the arrest of armaments is, he says, that they believe their ideas, if realized, will strengthen the cause of peace. The very opposite will be the case. He draws the conclusion that there can be no greater safeguard of peace than the "greatness and intensity" of existing armaments. He does not believe that the cost of armaments presses

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