

## "NOW'S THE DAY AND NOW'S THE HOUR."

Procrastination—the putting off till to-morrow of what should be done to-day—is a sin which costs many people much trouble and expense besides frequently cheating them out of splendid opportunities. We have made a splendid offer of prizes to those who get the seventeen largest lists of subscribers for this paper to the end of the year. Any one of our readers may put off working for the prizes for one, two or three weeks and still run a good chance of getting a prize, but each week lessens the chance a little. One month still remains before the prizes will be given so that the chance for a prize is still nearly as good as it was when we first made our offer. It is not by any means too late to

## BEGIN WORKING NOW.

Though many of our readers have sent in lists of subscribers to the end of the year, these lists are nearly all small numbers. Anyone and everyone, therefore, stands a good chance of a prize. Those who have already sent in lists should supplement these by sending in any more names which they can procure; one or two names may make all the difference between a prize and no prize.

We have determined to give the *Messenger* from now until the end of the year for FIFTEEN CENTS, so that everyone may have a chance to take it for a short time on trial. Speak to your neighbors at once, and if you cannot get them to take the *Messenger* for a year, ask them to take it on trial till the 1st of January, 1886. Every day that passes there is less chance of getting so many papers.

To the person who sends us the largest number of subscribers to the end of the year at fifteen cents each, we will give a prize of \$5 and our book of reprinted stories. To the one who sends us the second largest list of subscribers to the end of the year, we will give a prize of \$2.50, and to the next 15 most successful competitors, we will give our large story-book described elsewhere in this paper. There is a chance for everyone to obtain one or other of these

SEVENTEEN PRIZES, WORTH \$16.50 IN ALL, which will be awarded in a month from now.

Clip this offer out and keep it in mind. Remember, too, our special offer in regard to yearly subscribers. In obtaining yearly subscribers to form clubs of five, you may either send \$2.00 for each five, keeping fifty cents for yourself, or you may send \$2.50 and obtain our story book. Young folks will find that they can spend a few hours very profitably in canvassing for this paper.

TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY SENT IN LISTS OF NAMES of subscribers to the end of the year we would say that the numbers of subscriptions against each person's name is kept track of and that they can therefore still supplement their former lists and have the two counted together. In other words, it is not necessary that all the names should be sent at one time to have them all counted.

NOW-A-DAYS when newspapers of all sorts are so plentiful, most of them find their way to the waste-paper basket as soon as they are read. We find that the *Weekly Messenger* is so well appreciated that frequently our readers keep their papers for a time to re-read them before throwing them away. We have had a number of letters asking us for back numbers, and in some cases we have been able to grant the request. We will always be happy to do all we can for our readers in this respect.

THE END of our temperance story is on the 6th page under the heading of "War Notes." So many people make the same calculation as did the hero of the story, and though people's attention is called again and again to the fact that little sums saved soon become considerable amounts of money, yet the realization of this does not come to them forcibly until they are induced to make the calculation for themselves.

## THE WEEK.

MR. GLADSTONE is suffering from lumbago and is confined to the house.

CONGO CANNIBALS, so it is stated, have attacked several stations of the African Association, capturing a number of whites. These latter were killed, roasted and then devoured by the natives.

THE PREMIER OF FRANCE has stated that what the Republic desired was peace on all sides. He hoped that in future distant colonial ventures would be given up, and well he might for France has had very little success in her attempts to establish colonies.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has returned from his summer vacation earlier than he expected to. The President appears to be in excellent health, and his sojourn in the pure Adirondack air has undoubtedly braced him up to the arduous duties which await him.

KING CHRISTIAN OF DENMARK has given a state banquet at Copenhagen. This was attended by himself, the Czar and Czarina, the Prince and Princess of Wales and King George of Greece—quite an assembly of monarchs.

GEN. SIR FREDERICK MIDDLETON and Sir A. P. Caron are to take a journey to British Columbia to provide for the strengthening of the military defences of Victoria and other leading ports in the province.

SIR MOSES MONTEFIORE in his will left money to all sorts of persons, the list of legatees comprising the names of Earl Shaftesbury and a cowherd. The amount of money left to different individuals amounted in all to \$1,500.

A LUNATIC was arrested in Buckingham Palace, a short time ago, while seeking an interview with Queen Victoria. He had with him an ordinary glass bottle, which he insisted upon presenting to the Queen, and which he said was a magic mirror, which would enable her to see through everybody.

A LUNATIC in annexing the Caroline Islands, seems to have done so in order that her ships, bound for New Guinea via the Panama canal, might have a handy port at which to call. Germany expects that when the Panama canal is completed there will be a great increase of trade for her in the Pacific.

A REVOLUTION in a small way has taken place at Lyons, France. The municipal council of that city had refused to assist people who were out of work. A mob of 10,000 unemployed workmen—quite an army—besieged the Lyons Town Hall shouting "Vive la Commune," and it was with great difficulty that the police dispersed the hungry crowd.

THE YELLOW FEVER has made its appearance in the town of Guaymas, in Mexico, on the Californian Gulf. The population is being rapidly thinned out. The state of affairs is simply horrifying—frightful. The place is in a horribly filthy condition, and no effort is made to improve it. There is no abatement of the scourge in Vera Cruz and adjacent towns.

THE CITIZENS of JACKSON, Michigan, have curious municipal rulers. The police force being found inadequate to the task of keeping the disorderly element of the town straight, a police commission was appointed to control the police force. Late one night they investigated a new gambling room, and captured the mayor and several of the most prominent city officials who were all having a "great old time." The affair will probably cause considerable trouble before it is done with.

A CENSUS of DOGS has been taken in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota. In the former place there are only 224 dogs, valued at \$1,509 and in the latter there are 802 valued at \$5,445. The cheapest value placed upon a Minneapolis dog in the list is 92 cents and the highest is \$12. The whole dog population of the State of Minnesota is 59,996 and these dogs are valued at \$197,375. The last legislature passed a law providing that all dogs in the State should be taxed at par value, so the State gets over a hundred thousand dollars a dogs tax.

THERE IS NO DOUBT now but that there will be a terrible famine in India. In some districts the crops have been ruined by a scarcity, and in others by an excess of rain. The floods have also done great havoc. The country for miles around Calcutta is completely under water, and nearly all the railways in the province have been greatly injured. One particular railway track has been completely swept away. Public subscriptions are being got up in Calcutta and all possible preparations are being made to provide against famine, which is now inevitable, and to mitigate its horrors.

THERE WAS GREAT EXCITEMENT in the harbor of Algiers a week ago over the mutiny of the French bluejackets belonging to the transport "France" which was returning from Tonquin with a number of sick and wounded soldiers. The bluejackets and soldiers during the voyage had violent quarrels, fighting each other and smashing things to pieces. Some of the sailors were court-martialed and punished, but when they were released the mutiny broke out. They cut loose the anchors and threw the lifeboats and fire pumps into the sea. One of the ringleaders was caught in the act of attempting to scuttle the ship. A number of the malcontents have been landed and will probably be shot.

THE RIOTS against John Chinaman whose only offence is that he can live cheaper than others, still continue. There are one or two serious ones to report in the United States every week. One night last week a mob of Indians, headed by white men, attacked a party of Chinese hop-pickers in Seattle, Wyoming Territory, with clubs and stones, killed five and wounded four. The cause of the row was that in former years Indians had been hired exclusively to pick hops, and this year one firm hired Chinamen. They were warned to leave, but refused to go.

BIG BBAR has been tried at Regina, the capital of the North-West territory, and being found guilty was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. In the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench, appeal side, the Riel appeal was refused. The judges took no stock in the insanity plea. The interest in the Riel case is now increasing because of the growing conviction that the law will be allowed to take its course. A New York paper has offered to subscribe \$100 to the Riel fund on condition that the condemned man write an account of the half-breed troubles to cover 4,000 words.

IN ORDER to get to heaven quickly, so that he might see his sister who had died, a little boy committed suicide a few days ago in Bradford, Pennsylvania. This is the story: A little daughter of David Norf died a few weeks ago. Willis, her five-year-old brother, mourned constantly for her, and repeatedly declared that he wanted to go to heaven to see her. His mother tried to comfort him by telling him that if he was good he would see his little sister when he died. On Friday he asked his mother if he was good enough to go to heaven if he should die. She assured him that he was. Soon afterward he went up stairs and shot himself through the heart with his father's revolver.

IN IRELAND the favorite kind of enjoyment among the Nationalists is "moonlighting." To explain what "moonlighters" are it is only necessary to give an example of the kind of work they do. "By their deeds ye shall know them." About a week ago a party of moonlighters raided a farmhouse. They pulled a girl out of bed and cut off her hair. They tied two donkeys tail to tail and burned them alive. They burned a rick of hay also, and stabbed a horse to death. Notwithstanding such barbarous crimes some of the most prominent Irishmen say that the Crimes Act is not necessary in Ireland and only produces harm. The quiet in Ireland which Lord Salisbury boasted of not long ago has not lasted very long. In fact as soon as the Crimes Act was no longer in force there was a renewal of the agrarian outrages which seem to be getting worse and worse.

THE ARMSTRONG ABDUCTION CASE, of which we gave an account in our last issue, was continued in London last week. Mrs. Jarrett, on the opening of the court, began crying. Mrs. Armstrong, mother of Eliza, testified that Mrs. Jarrett obtained her daughter from her on the plea of needing the child to assist in the house work of her home. The witness scouted the idea that she knew anything of the character of Mrs. Jarrett other than was represented by the prisoner herself—that she was a woman of respectability. Mrs. Armstrong, with very vulgar and abusive language, denied that she had sold her daughter with the belief that she was going to be led into a bad life. Eliza Armstrong, the girl who was abducted, also gave evidence, and in many points contradicted her mother. Mrs. Armstrong admitted that she had been three times fined for being drunk, once for using obscene language in the streets, and that she was drunk the night Eliza departed from home.

THE FRENCH JUDGES are apt to be far more austere and jealous of their dignity than are those on the English Bench. It may be that they have as a rule less dignity to lose. A few days ago a native of Prussia was sentenced to 15 days' imprisonment in the Paris Court for vagrancy. On hearing the sentence he accused the judges of unfairness because he was a German, and was forthwith sentenced to six months' imprisonment. He made further remarks about the cowardice of the French and his sentence was increased to two years.

LIEUTENANT G. M. STONEY, who went on an exploring expedition to Alaska this summer, reported to the Navy Department at Washington that he had visited the new volcano on Bogostoo Island. The only apparent changes since last year were a smaller discharge of smoke and steam. The birds had actually begun making nests in the new volcano. Lieut. Stoney procured all the dogs required for the expedition at \$1.50 apiece. Natives were engaged as drivers.