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Charles Hallam Keep, formerly assistant secretary of the treasury, is chairman of the commission appointed by the president to reorganize the electime methods in use in practically all of the government departments. Much of the red-tape has been abolished by the body and the government service generally revolutionized. Before entering the government service, Mr. Keep was a Buffalo lawyer.

MADE RAPID ADVANCE.

Plainsman Accumulates Millions by Ventures in Oil in State of California and in the Republic of Mexico.

Ed. L. Doheney rode out of Texas on the back of a paint pony, driving a governor. herd of cattle toward Wichita, Kan. He was employed by the firm of Lee cludes Highland take, which is to be Indian territory. His fortune was tion. It is expected that during the represented in his six shooter and his coming year much progre

The other day, after a trip back to the old state he knew as a cowboy. Doheney again departed from Texas, this time in a special car of which he is the owner.

Times have changed for Doheney Balted away in California banks he has a dozen millions or so, and planted in Mexico he has the monopoly of the oil production which is netting him millions more.

While in the state on his last trin he visited Columbia and the oil disstrict being developed by Capt. Lee, son of his former employer, associated with W. C. Hoggard and others. It is on the banks of the Brazos river. from where Doheney formerly drove the long horns to Wichita.

The 35 years that have intervened between the wild life of a cow puncher and the wild life of high finance were those of experience. A year before Doheney came to be a millionaire he was riding around Los Angeles on the high seat of an oil wagon, guiding a team and measuring gasoline to cus-

a Afterward he.steered a drill into the oil sand and made the stake upon which he started. Then he turned the screws of a contract into the Santa Fe Railroad Company and made a fortune. At the same time he made things so interesting for President Ripley that the two became business associates.

Mr. Doheney did not say whether he expected to invest in the Columbia cil field, but the association of his trip there caused a number of others to invest. He said he did not want his name to influence anyone to make an investment.

"They seem to have found some off down there," he said. "What they are going to find remains to be seen. As for my going in, I cannot say. It is possible, but at present I do not

Asked concerning his rapid rise and gareer, Mr. Doheney said:

"Any man's career is interesting if you get down to brass tacks. Thirtyfive years ago I was a cow-puncher in Texas. That's about all there is

From the saddle on the back of a paint pony to the uphoistering of a private car represents what the career of Mr. Doheney happens to be. The rich was the car he rides in now. That was all for comparison.

Mr. Doheney is president of an oil company in the southern republic that is selling 600 barrels of oil daily to the Mexican Central railroad. That ground beyond. means almost as many dollars every

26 hours. A Prime Requisite. There is one thing absolutely necessary to make this medical command tore a hole from end to end.

of war vessels effective." "What is that?"

Umore American.

WILL ABANDON SING SING.

Famous Prison is to Be Replaced by a New One.

Albany, N. Y.-Sing Sing prison, ED. L. DOHENEY OF TEXAS HAS known and dreaded by criminals all over the United States, is to be abandoned owing to its insanitary condition, according to the annual report

of the state commission on prisons. The commission declares that the special commission appointed to select a site and construct a new prison to take its place has selected such a site on the west bank of the Hudson Denison, Tex.—Thirty-five years ago river, near lona island, and that this selection has been approved by the

It consists of 500 acres and in-& Reynolds, then the great traders of the water supply of the new institumade in the construction of the new

> It costs the state of New York almost twice as much, to care for a woman prisoner as it does to provide for the wants of a male inmate in any one of its several prisons, according to the report.

> Another interesting feature of the report is that the state prisons in October last had a larger number of inmates than at any time within ten years, with two exceptions. The total number was 12.277.

Much progress in the education of illiterates in the prisons is reported by the commission to have been made during the year.

ON TRAIL OF OLD WHISKY.

Gens. Chaffee and Sherman Find Traces of Sunken Liquor Cargo.

Los Angeles, Cal.—One hundred and fifty barrels of Kentucky's best whisky that has lain and aged in wood since 1859 may be recovered as a result of an exploring expedition by a narty headed by Gen. Adna R. Chaffee and Gen. W. H. Sherman. In anticipation of a rare treat Californians who take an occasional drink as well as old topers are smacking their lips.

Gen. Chaffee and Gen Sherman and members of their party have just returned from a trip down the Colorado river from Yuma to the Tiburon islands in the Gulf of California, up the Hardy river to the head of navigation. and across the delta of Colorado to the slopes of the Cocopah mountains. In a day devoted to treasure hunting discoveries were made of traces of the sunken schooner Arna and her \$100,000 whisky cargo which may lead to the ultimate recovery of the prize. The vessel was wrecked in 1859 on the Colorado river island, a few miles below the mouth of the Hardy, and for half a century 150 barrels of liquor she carried have been lost. Frank Norris worked the story of this sunken whisky into his novel. "Blix." and many treasure seekers have vainly tried to locate it.

Log Wrecks Miner's Home. Spokane, Wash.-John Bernard, master mechanic of the Success mine, first thing he bought when he became and his family escaped death by a narrow margin the other day when a log 75 feet long and 18 inches thick plowed through the family home near Wallace, Idaho, and after doing so buried ten feet of its length in the

Bernard's house is at the base of at mountain. The log got away, presumably, from cutters, and shot down the mountain side nearly half a mile. It struck the rear end of the house and

The family, consisting of Bernard. his wife, and three children, were in "The public view of the situation the kitchen, and, though the log must be rendered anti-skeptic."—Bal- passed between them, all escaped with a few minor bruises.

KING OF MODERN VIOLINISTS.

Kubelik the 8on of Poor Bohemian Market Gardener.

Kubelik, the famous viclinist, is a living proof that even in Europe merit may carry a man from a peasant's hut into exclusive society, says the De-

Twenty-seven years ago the poor Bohemian market gardetier Kubeitk, to whom a son had just been born. would have called insane anybody who predicted that the bahy would live to marry into the most exclusive aristocracy in Europe. In his part of the world music is the supreme art, and it seemed natural that the king of modern violinists should wed Countess Marianne Czaky, daughter of one of those ancient Hohemian houses that trace their origin farther back than any other aristocracy in Europe. Kubelik was but 33 years old at the time of his marriage and the little countees was even younger. They live at Kolin, Bohemia, where the famous violinist has bought a castle, and there they divide thier time between music and the care of their twin daughters. If there is anything in the adage that a good son makes a good husband Mrs. Kubelik should be very kappy, for her husband is devoted to his old peasant. mother and deeply reveres the memory of his father, who made every sacrifice for his son's musical education. The first money Jan earned by playing he spent in buying a wreath for his father's grave.

HAD MIXED UP THE GARMENTS.

Amusing Comedy of Clothes with New Yorker in Star Part.

He was the sort of man one always turns to look at the second time. His fine silvery head was carried proudly. The glances, however, which followed him the other morning as he walked through Forty-second street from the Grand Central station were not of admiration undiluted: there was at least a half-portion of mirth in the mixture. But under the heavy gray sky through the drizzle he walked, unmindful of the smiles and giggles he was exciting all along the way. His deep, glowing eyes seemed pondering some abstruse law problem or dwelling upon one of the speeches for which he is famed. At last, however, a voice pierced his consciousness. "Say, boss," said the voice, "why don't you put your shirt in your grip and put on your coat? It's rainin'!'

The big man came out of his day dream with a start. He looked with rising color at the garment over his arm. Then he looked at the small "newsie" in front of him. He put down his bag. "Right!" he said, confidentially smiling at the small boy.

"Right, son! I've got 'em mixed." When, a minute later, he resumed right, respectable feeling one has when one knows that his raincoat is upon his back and his flannel nightshirt is packed safely in his bag.--New York Press

A Memory Test.

A professor of mnemonics had gone to lecture at or near Canterbury. After the lecture was finished he had to wait for his London train. It was a most comfortless day, and he retired to an inn for shelter and refreshment. To pass the time he began to exhibit his feats of memory to the yokels in the inn parlor, and one and all were thunderstruck except the waiter. There is always one skeptic in every communion, whether of saints or sinners. Do what he would he could not mitigate the acrid smile of acrid incredulity of that glorified potman! In the midst of one of his most difficult feats the whistle sounded of the "Only train to London to-night!" and he rushed off to catch it. He caught it at the station, and his reputation caught it in the inn parlor, for the waiter-coming in with some ordered refreshments and finding him gone-pointed to the corner where he had been sitting and exclaimed: "Silly 'umbug, he's forgot his umbrella!"-The Young Man.

Polar Automobile.

A queer automobile was shipped from London recently for New Zealand, whence it will be sent on board the Nimrod for the use of Lieut. Scheckleton in his dash for the south pole. The car has wheels like those used on motor omnibuses, but when ice has to be traversed the rims will be fitted with four-inch spikes, set in pairs, to afford a grip. In these circumstances, too, the front wheels will not revolve, but will be fixed to broad runners, resembling skis. The exhaust gases will be used to heat a snow-tank, on the car, thus providing a supply of drinking and washing water. The gases will also heat a foot warmer fixed to the floor of the car.

Conscientious. "The counterfeiter faced the court. "Your honor," he said, "It is true that I made a few coins, but conscience impelled me to do so." "State your meaning clearly," said

"I had been shocked by the absence of the motto," centinued the prisoner; "you will observe that it appears on every one of my manufacture."

Peternal Care. "Na," said the girl's father impatiently, "you and Fred can't have the automobile to elepe in." "Now, pape," replied the girl, "do be

"I am reasonable," rejoined the old man. "D'ye think I'd trust Ered with that machine? Maybe you forget it's

reasonable.

GOT RECOGNITION FROM STAR.

How Mansfield Made Student the Envy of His Comrades.

When Richard Mansfield produced "Cyrano De Bergerac" in Cleveland the production necessitated the use of a large number of supernumeraries. Most of these extra hands were Adelbert students, who greatly enjoyed the opportunity of supporting the eminent star. Of course Mansfield's persomality was the prime source of interest to them, and every super in the mob-courtiers and Gascon cadetswas wildly anxious to gain a personal recognition from the great Cyrano, but he appeared entirely oblivious of

the presence of each and all. But one night toward the end of the week a student-super who had strayed away for a few moments rejoined his comrades. His face was radiant. "Well, fellows," he said, "the old

man spoke to me."
"Mansheld spoke to you?" "I was standing in the runway at

the right." "Yes, yes." Mansfield was hurrying to his dressingroom. I smiled and nodded. He

saw me. Then he spoke." "What did he say?" "He said: 'Out of the way, you

idiot,' and passed along." And the envied youth remained the only super to whom the star extended a personal recognition during the engagement.

CARRIED ECONOMY TO EXCESS.

Good Story Told by James J. Hill on New York Firm.

James J. Hill, the well-known railway magnate, was talking in Kansas City about railway economy:

"Economy is excellent," he said, "but even economy must not be carried to excess. Railways must not be managed as a certain New York necktie manufacturer manages his business. A drummer in this man's enploy showed me the other day a letter from the firm. It ran thus:

"'We have received your letter with expense account. What we want is orders. We have big families to make expenses for us. We find in your expense account 50 cents for billiards. Please don't buy any more billiards. Also, we see \$2.25 for horse and buggy. Where is the horse, and what did you do with the buggy? The rest of your expense account is nothing but bed. Why is it you don't ride more in the night time?

"'John says you should stop in Boston, where his cousin, George Moore, lives. John says you should sell Moore a good bill. Give good priceshe is John's cousin. Sell him mostly for cash. Also, John says you can leave Boston at 11:45 in the night and get to Concord at 4:35 in the morn ing. Do this—and you won't need any bed. And remember, what we want is

Skillful Telegrapher Who Is Deaf. Peter A Foley, the "lightning taker" of Portland, Me., is the most wonder-

ful telegraph operator in the world. Foley is totally deaf, an affliction which ordinarily would be supposed to make telegraphy an utter impossibility to him, but since he became deaf eight years ago Foley has developed what may be called a sixth sense and by touch and sight he can detect the finest movements of the instrument and correctly interpret them. His nervous system is part and parcel of telegraphy and by means of the sense of touch in his finger tips he takes messages transmitted from the ends of the continent. He can read a message by watching the sounder.

With his left forefinger placed light ly on the sounder he can by his wonderful sense of touch take a megaage as accurately as any man in the office.

Easing His Conscience.

In a Scottish town a commercial traveler who called upon a tradesman at long intervals made a visit at Christmas time. "Here's a box of cigars," he said to the tradesman, "and I hope you'll enjoy them."

"Na, na," replied the trader; "I couldna tak' them--- I never dae business that way." "Tut, tut-nonsense, air!" exclaimed

the traveler; "It's just a Christmas box." "Na, na, mon! I never tak' any

thing for naething." "Well, well-give me a shilling for the box," said the traveler, "if that will ease your conscience."

"Ay ay! Weel let me see," said the honest shopkeeper, running his eye over the silver he took from his pocket; "I see I've got a florin here-I'll tak' two boxes."

Taking No Chances Henry Clews, the banker and author. was talking about a certain financier. "No wonder the man is so success ful," said Mr. Clews. "He is the most careful, the most suspicious fellow ! ever heard of. In fact, he reminds me of a Staffordshire farmer my father

"It was said of this farmer that whenever he bought a herd of sheet he examined each sheep closely to make sure that it had no cotton in it."

used to tell of.

Queen Runs Drug Store. The queen of Portugal has a chem ist's shop in Lisbon, registered in her lows name. The establishment is conducted entely in the interests of ther ity and, consequently, when the queer attends to the wants of customers personally—she often makes up pre scriptions herself-she is working it a good cause, and need fear no critidiam.

GREAT "PUG" AFRAID OF RATS.

Explanation of Sullivan's Predilection for Tight Trousers.

John L. Sullivan fears a rat as much as an elephant does. Circus people always put a small terrier in with the elephants to keep the rats away. and the big animals, knowing this, make great nets of the small dogs. Before Sullivan over appeared in the prisering he was working in a tinshop in South Boston repairing furnace flues. While busy at his trade in an old building one day a large rat ran up Sullivan's trousers leg and gave the big fellow a flerce battle before it was killed. John was bitten on the leg in two places. "That's the reason," said Sullivan to a friend one day, "that I wear tight pants. I'd never take a chance with a rat in loose pants again. It was a lesson I'll never forget." When Sullivan first made his appearance in New York in 1880 he wore the slickest skin tight trousers ever seen on a man in this city, and with a short pea jacket he presented an unusual picture. When John L. became the champion. therefore, the other fighters and dead game sports copied the fashion set by him and even to-day the big fellow wears the same kind of leg coverings. This is one reason why Sullivan has always had a valet, for it is no easy task for a corpulent person. to pull off tight trousers, especially after a night in the Great White Way. Sullivan, like the elephants, has often taken a good ratting dog to his room at night when he had a suspicion that rodents were at hand.

HE WANTED ONE BRIGHT SPOT. Newspaper Man's Visitor Tired of

Continued Tales of Gloom.

In some way he managed to reach the city editor, and before that important personage could say a word the visitor blurted out:

You meet with many sad tales in the course of your day's work, eh? Murder, homicide, suicide, moving accidents by flood and field, hairbreadth

"Well," said the city man, "we-" "Oh, I know, I read the papers," continued the garrulous one. "I know what goes to make up the news of a great city. It's all sadness, horror, degradation, vice in a hundred

"Come," said the news man, "my time is valuable-if you have an item--

"Oh, I forget. I just dropped in to say that I feel sorry for the harrowing experience you have to go through. You see, business is booming, my wife and I get along amazingly well together, the weather suits me to a T. no one borrows any money from me, my watch keeps time, my stay tied, and-"

"Good day," said the editor. ""Good day;" said the voluble one, "but before I leave I just want to add" that I think it would do you good if you'd put in a little Item stating that you met one happy man to-dayneedn't mention any names. Here's my card. Good day!"

Lace Dressing Not Unhealthy. Lace dressing has ben considered a necessarily unhealthful occupation on account of the intense heat required to be maintained in the room. In some cases the temperature exceeds 100 degrees Fahrenheit and much moisture is evaporated from the wetfabric. The evidence brought forth at a recent investigation in England, however shows it to be an exceptionally healthful pursuit. New hands are often temporarily upset at the beginning by the high temperature, but no cases could be found where health had broken down. On the contrary, some ailments-colds, for instancewere found less prevalent among lace dressers than among the workers in other branches of the industry. Timekeepers' books showed few absences from illness. No special tendency toward lung diseases could be found, notwithstanding that most of the workers lived in poor and insanitary localities and held irregular lives. Many lace dressers now enjoy vigorous old age after doing this work from childhood.

Passing of Script Cards.

Shaded old English is now the most approved form of engraving for visiting cards. The script style, time honored and artistic though it may be, has had its day, according to stationers who speak with authority. Fashion dictates a graduated scale in the matter of shading effect, young folks' cards showing but delicate lines, while those adapted to middle aged and old. persons bear medium and heavy tracings respectively. A novel process in imitation of expensive plate printing has lately been introduced in the metropolitan market. The promoters of this project state that results equal to high priced tool work are available at about haif the figures usually charged.

Unique. "Eggs for Invalida" read the sign at the market. "What is there unusual about those

egge?" asked a curious observer. Why, them eggs is an absolute novelty." said the dealer briskly, adding in awed tones, "Them eggs is franh "

Opinion of a Connoisseur. "Mr. Spoonamore, don't you think a kiss 295 seconds in duration is a great deal too long to be agreeable?" "Well, that depends entirely on the -er-cestrability of the kissee."

SEEMED RATHER LIKE A PLOT.

A Matter of Psychology Relating to Liquor and Mnemonics.

The introspective man said: "I heard a good story the other day. Wait a minute and I'll tell it to you." Then he sat and thought for almost ten minutes before he remarked: "No, it's no use. I can't think of it

when I'm sober." Then he went on: "It's a queer thing, and I don't know if it ever happened to you. I heard that story that I thought I could tell you three or four weeks age, one night when I was out with some fellows and had all I could drink.

"Some one told the story then and I remember that I thought it was great. So I determined that I would keep it in mind and tell it when I

"But the fact is that although I've tried to think of that story a dozen times since I can't recollect a bit of it when I'm sober. I know that I have told it three times since as soon as, I've had a little to drink. And it's a good story, too."

"Come on, have a drink," said the other fellow.

"Well, I will; but you'll-say now that it was just a plant. Oh, all right, Will help me remember the story."

MONOPOLY IN HUMMING BIRDS.

America is the Only Continent Where They Are Found.

Though the art museums of Europe may have some treasures of which America cannot boast, our continent has the distinction of a monopoly of the world's supply of humming birds. the gems of all the feathered creation. Of these there are said to be some 400 species-the 400 we may well call them'--nearly all of which are peculiar to the tropical regions. Only 13 cross the borders of the United States from Mexico, and occur only in our southwestern states.

The popular idea is that the hummer lives only on honey gathered from flowers. This is a mistake. The bird does secure some honey, but its food consists mainly of the small insects which frequent the flowers. Some of these insects are injurious to the blossom, and the tiny birds fuifiliaa useful function in destroying them. That the hummer is insectivorous is also shown by its habit of catching tiny insects on the wing, which is occasionally observed .- From Experiences with Humming Birds," by H. K. Job, in The Outing Magazine.

Sold His Refrigerator.

A well-dressed young man appeared at a second-hand store the other morning-just a day or two after Christmas It was-and wanted to find out what the second-hand man would give him for a good refrigerator. Hefore he left he made a deal to sell the refrigerator for five dollars.

"It's worth more'n that, but I spent all my money for Christmas, and what's a man want with a refrigerator in winter time, anyway?" He was the long-headed man:--not.

"I have dozens of people like that every year," said the second-hand dealer, "especially just after Christmas. They don't really have to well anything, but they are a little short of money, and a refrigerator looks so useless in winter time to them that they just let them go at about onethird of their value, and take a chance on getting another one in warmaweather."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Bank Deposits. "It's odd, the different sources of bank deposits," remarked George Lomnitz. "For example," he said, "we receive thousands of dellars every year from Cleveland men in the army and navy. The amounts range from five dollars a month from privates to \$39 or more from some of the officers.

"Most of this is sent to us direct by the paymaster of the army or navy as the case may be. Just now we are getting a lot of money from men in the navy on this cruise to the Pacific. The paymaster makes out a list of the various deposits and sends along a check to cover the total amount. Thus the men draw their pay and deposit it without ever seeing it. Their pass books, in a good many cases, are left right here."-Cleveland Plais Dealer.

Fewer Works of Fiction. It is interesting to notice that fewer new works of fiction were issued last year than in the year before. The modest total of 2,108 in 1906 fell to 1.862 in 1907. Theology, however, went up considerably and one may imagine that literature dealings with the new theology may have taken the place of fiction.

History and biography leaped from 541 to 718 or including new editions from 641 to 873. This, too, must have helped to account for the falling off in novels, for it will be remembered that there was an extraordinary number of popular biographies full of scandal and gossip, dear to the lover of light fiction.

Ayuncular Adviss.

Anxious Mother-O, John, I'm afraid baby has the whooping cough! What ought I to do?

Bachelor Brother-Let him whoop, Miranda. Do you want to take away the only amusement the little follow

Those Dear Friends. Nan-I could wear as small a shoe as you do if I wanted to? Fan-Yes, dear-if you wanted to taka chloroform.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS