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Astor did not invent his flute; but the toy which another famous pilgrim relied on when going to New York to seek his fortune was of his own inven-tion. It was also in a country store that the astonishing financial genus of descens have been to be also in a country store that the astonishing financial genus of descens have been asleen ried being \$282,000,000 for the corp of the astonishing financial genus of the score and ask for any tem-the astonishing financial genus of the score as a state of the sco

riod being \$222,000,000 for the crop of German-American vote. Already this 1898-99, which was 11,274,000 bales. Last is being safely discounted by the Re-year's crop of 9,400,000 bales yielded publican managers in the state, who have felt of every county from the Illi-nois line to the shores of Lake Superior. They say that the German-American vote can be counted on for McKinley to very nearly its usual strength. If the Germans do anything averse to the support of McKinley it will simply be to stay away from the polls. Sending Tillman up there is liketo the legislature; but I have seen the bottom knocked out of that illusion al-ready. I won't have to go a hundred miles in any direction to find that the court house rings are still at their work, and they pitch the tune by which the gene singe and L am going to keen the two preceding or the south of the gene singe and L am going to keen the two preceding or the south of the gene singe and L am going to keen the two preceding or the south of the two preceding or two small crops against the gene singe and L am going to keen the two preceding or the south of the gene singe and L am going to keen the two preceding or the south of the gene singe and L am going to keen the two preceding or two small crops against the gene singe and L am going to keen the two preceding or the south of the south of the south of the gene singe and L am going to keen the two preceding or the south of been entirely disfranchised in his state. The abuse of the black man is meat the two preceding crops, each of which

the two preceding crops, each of which exceeded 11,000,000 bales. It is, of course, possible that the yield will not only fall below 9,500,000; but, if this bales, but below 9,000,000; but, if this be true, the price would probably ad-vance to a price sufficient to make up the difference. But with even 9,000,000 a bale the value would be \$450,000,000 which would still be the most valuable course in the present selling price of \$50 a bale the value would be \$450,000,000 which would still be the most valuable course in the south has even a difference in Wisconsin. Serman a vote. bales at the present selling price of \$50 a bale the value would be \$450,000,000 which would still be the most valuable cotton crop which the South has even a difference in Wisconsin. Berman-American before a German-American service in the presence before a German-American service in the prevence in Wisconsin. Berman-American service in the prevence and the prevence and the policy of giv-ing the black man a vote. cotton crop which the South has even a difference in Wisconsin. Berublicans cotton crop which the South has ever

presence before a German-American audience in Wisconsin, Republicans from that state declare, is bound to re-act in McKinley's favor and the Re-publican leaders in that state are de-lighted at the idea of having Tillman ome to see them.

### OUR PRIMARY SYSTEM.

Some Changes Must Be Made Before Another Election

Spartanburg Herald: It is to be hoped the discussion now going on in the newspapers relative to the defects in our primary system will bring forth results. Our election laws must be more

stringent, our rules more specific, and It must be provided that no man who holds office or who is a candidate for office, shall be on the executive committee.

Spartanburg Free Lance: Before the meeting of the last county convention The Free Lance insisted that no man who was a candidate for office should be elected county chairman. We are glad that other papers in the state are taking up the matter and we trust before another election the constitution of the Democratic party will be amend-ed so that a candidate for office will be ineligible either for the position of county chairman or executive commit-

Sumter Item: Fraud in the Democratic primaries has become so fre-quent that there is a growing demand for a reform or the abolition of the system. For some years it has been the custom to speak of such frauds as

when he becomes a candidate, to resign his place on the committee. It is far out of the way of the fitness of things for a man to sit as a juror on his own cause. The man who is fairminded and desires nothing that is not just to himself and his friends, should see at once the impropriety, at least, of his position in such a case and should not suffer himself to be entangled by any such relationship between himself and the electors. Columbia Record: The News makes the point that the purely honorary places in the Democratic party are too much filled by Democrats who have been placed in profitable offices by their party. The point is well made. The practice should be discontinued. There should be no congestion of honors and profits in the hands of a few. They should be distributed. Those who have the profits should leave the honors to others. Candidates for office ought to be made to resign party positions.

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OF THE RAIL

By FREDERICK REDDALL.

On Wednesday morning John Draper's first inquiries were directed to left by several people, and I have no the Drovers' bank. There he learned, of course, that Reuben Filley had drawn the \$50,000. At the bank doors all trace of the fugitive ceased. He was not at any of the hotels, nor had any of the president's Denver acquaintances seen him. It was certain that the money had not reached the hands of Dallon's men and that they had not set eyes on Filley since he left them.

NINTH DAY.

FILLEY EXPOSED.

Greatly puzzled and surprised was Draper at this state of affairs. Two theories presented themselves. Either Filley had met with foul play at the hands of some one who witnessed him draw the money or else he was pursuing some ulterior plan of his own. But stance," she concluded, laughing. among the letters and dispatches waiting for him Draper found the following telegram, dated New York, Tuesday, from the cashier of the Grain Exchange National bank:

Notes for fifty thousand drawn by R. K. Filley, favor of Cutting & Cutting, indorsed by you, pre-sented payment. No funds Filley's account. Shall we take up? Answer.

The language of the dispatch was explicit enough-notes drawn by Filley for \$50,000. What had he been up to? To say that Draper was indignant is to put it very mildly. He was simply furious. In all his long business career it had been his proud boast that no commercial paper bearing his name was ever protested. Even when he was a struggling merchant doing a big business on a small capital his name always stood high, for he had always protected his signature.

He knew that at the time he had no "paper" out. His private means were ample, and there was no need for him to raise money in that way. None but Filley could explain the mystery. However, one thing was certain. He, John Draper, had never appended his name to anything of the kind. Suddenly it oss his mind that there was a curious coincidence between the amount of the notes and the sum which Filley had drawn out of the bank. What treachery was afoot he could not tell, but it began to look black for Master Reuben. Seizing a felegraph form, Draper rap-

but to Florence in particular, "what dering tradesmen to that of the sushall we do and where shall we gor 1 see that some cards have already been Yet Millionaire Collis P. Huntington, doubt they will do all in their power to

entertain you charmingly." "For my part." said Mrs. Hurst, "I don't feel like entertaining or being en- a common lot. Probably not one of city. tertained. I'm a perfect wreck, and them ever wasted a dollar that he you'll never catch me so far west of earned—which is less common. Not one New York again."

"Oh, you don't know the west yet, my dear," replied her brother. "This has been an unfortunate trip, but you

cent, and the climate is superb, but I must confess I don't admire some of its

"Well, I can't blame you for that, only I had hoped to show you something of the west at its best before we turned our faces toward the rising sun again. What do the girls say?"

"The girls say, 'Stand not upon the order of your going, but go quickly,' said saucy Madge. "Flo and I have settled everything. We don't want any more adventures. We've seen enough of the country, and the people can than \$70,000,000, which is even now bewalt. We want to go home!" and she put her knuckles in her eyes and pretended to boo-hoo like a spoiled child. Draper turned to Florence for confirmation, who said:

"I don't want to seem ungrateful, but should like to get back to New York.' "Well, Ives, my boy," said their host, "you and I evidently have no option in the matter, but as a mere matter of politeness I should like to hear your wishes."

"Oh, I'm for New York," was the unblushing reply. "You know my leave

a Dollar. Cincinnati Enquirer. Who are the builders of great for-tunes? In what fashion did they first begin to roll the little ball of savings that finally resulted in mountains of wealth? If you will consider you will find that the richest men in America be-gan life as peddlers. Russell Sage, the actual extent of whose great fortune is unknown, was first developed. Until he was 12 the boy worked on his father's farm in Dur-hamville, N. Y. At 12 this independ-an errand boy in his brother's grocery But when a boy has the thrift and business ambition of Russell Sage, it an or the senate, one or the other or both, the voing man left home and became an errand boy in his brother's grocery that finally resulted in mountains of that the richest men in America be-gan life as peddlers. Russell Sage, the actual extent of whose great fortune is unknown, was first developed. Until he was 12 the boy worked on his father's farm in Dur-hamville, N. Y. At 12 this independ-ent young man left home and became an errand boy in his brother's grocery store at Troy: But when a boy has the thrift and business ambition of Russell Sage, it or the senate, one or the other or both, is ore at Troy: But when a boy has the thrift and principles of buying and selling gro-ceries, farm produce and notions gan life as peddlers. A long leap-from the estate of wanthe same shop.

Miscellancous Reading.

FOUR FAMOUS FORTUNES.

The Men Who Built Them Started Without

So while a lean stripling, Russel Sage who died the other day, made such a leap; so did the first John Jacob Astor, cautiously such goods as he believed and Jay Gould and Russell Sage. were easiest and most profitable to sell Not one of these great fortune build-ers began life with a dollar—which is was no shrewder merchant in the

At all events the boy was astonishingly successful, and at 21 became the partner of another brother, also in the grocer's business. This brother he shortly "bought out." Stephen Girard, the great benefactor had any other than himself to thank for his success. Equipped with mar-velous shrewdness and acquisitive power, each contrived to selze for him-

of Philadelphia, was born in Bordeaux, was left an orphan at 10 and put on a self a position of more than princely lominion.

mustn't blame the country for our ex-ceptionally trying experience." "I like the country well enough," was the response. "The scenery is magnifi-Astor, with his flutes and furs; Jay soon set up a shop in Walker street, Gould with his mouse traps; Hunting-ton with his clocks; Russell Sage with Lum, the daughter of a calker, against products-the Dallon gang, for in-his country store "notions"-was any her father's wish. The marriage proved man wise enough to read in their eager unhappy and Girard went to sea again, unhappy and Girard went to sea again, before, at 40, he found his real voca-tion as a merchant in Philadelphia. faces the power and sagacity that were

to make them money kings? GOULD PEDDLED MOUSE TRAPS.

When in 1793 yellow fever broke out in the city Girard proved himself a true Jay Gould's juvenile energies had been employed in the production of a hero and organized the public hospi-tal. His magnificent bequest to the city is famous the world over. In one room are kept his boxes and his book-case, some of his papers, his clothing— a pair of homely old knitted braces, bespeaking his plain and frugal habits. mouse. trap. When he went to New York in 1853, he took the little machine with him, incased in a mahogany box. Without introduction or guidance he tramped the city until he sold it. The

POLITICS AND RELIGION.

Are Unmixed and Unmixable.

noney he got for it was the nucleus of he colossal Gould fortune of more the ing employed in so many remarkable vays-in the philanthropic pursuits of Helen Gould, in the pretty and costly fancies of Count Boni de Castellane, in

the railroad schemes of George Gould, and in the social schemes of three Atlanta Journal, Sept. 22.

eautiful women in New York. Many persons have professed to see They are unmixed and unmixable. Pure and undefiled religion is to visit something prophetic in that first ven-ture of Jay Gould's, and to declare that all his later schemes were but glorified "traps," and the genius that operated them that of the "great

blushing reply. "You know my leave expires tomorrow." But the rogue had taken his cue from Madge. If she had said, "Stay." he would have found means to square the office for a few days longer. "That settles it!" said Uncle John. did not appear to him, however, that less he will mix with religion and there was a fortune in farming. So he righteousness. I will never go to the learned something of surveying and legislature or a congress to hunt a con-science nor hunt among politicians for through the Catskill mountains. At every farm house he found the far-mer's wife anxious for a "noon mark" on her porch. A noon mark was a fies; religion elevates, politics putri-

have seen to it that they have a good, wholesome majority either in the house or the senate, one or the other or both, to kill any temperance legislation in Georgia to further abridge the traffic. I am not much, either, on white prima-ries. I used to believe that if the Ne-gro was eliminated from the ballot in Georgia we would elect only good men to the legislature; but I have seen the bottom knocked out of that illusion al-will be \$353,000,000, or \$31,000,000 more than the preceding crop. On the basis of a pos-sible valuation of \$475,000,000 for this year's crop, the difference to the South, as compared with the crop of 1898-99, would be over \$190,000,000. Taking last year's crop and this crop together, and the total valuation on the basis of an to the legislature; but I have seen the bottom knocked out of that illusion al-will be \$353,000,000 for the two years and the total \$475,000,000 for the two years will be \$353,000,000 for the two precedceries, farm produce and notions-which in those days were all sold in the gang sings, and I am going to keep RUSSELL SAGE'S EARLY THRIFT.

on talking this way and writing this way until my tongue is paralyzed, my right hand loses its cunning or until reformation comes. SAM P. JONES.

TRYING TO DODGE DEATH.

How Some Rich People Spend Miserable Lives.

produced. With a probable valuation of \$450,000,-000 this year, and possibly a still high-er value, the South will doubtless be in better financial shape than for many man who, while poor, is not more afraid to die than most people, often develops a haunting terror of death after he has made a big fortune, and spends an unhappy life and huge sums of money to avoid the coming fate, fre-In 1890-91 a crop of 8,650,000 bales, the

quently hurrying himself into a preaverage price per pound of middling uplands in New York for the year be-ing 9.03 cents, brought \$450,000,000; and mature grave through sheer worry and fear. This passion has turned the brains of a good many wealthy people and made monomaniacs of them. They from this figure there was a rapid de-cline to \$284,000.000 in 1892-93.

resort to the most childish expedients to keep death from their doors. You remember Kippling's character

ers in the South

The organization of cotton planters ginners and bankers in the cotton belt has assumed unexpected proportions and is spreading with such rapidity that within a few months every cotton After exhausting all the saleguards state will be thoroughly organized, it is London could offer, he bought a small expected, says a Columbia dispatch of rocky island called Brychil, on the September 22 to the New York Sun. West Irish coast. taking with him one The scheme originated in Georgia this faithful servitor. Here, in feverish haste, he had four stone pillars raised and a small one-storied cabin, with three rooms, rather like a house boat, Texas is being pushed. Harvey S. Jorslung on chairs from iron girders that dan, president of the Georgia associacrossed the pillars and swung clear to the ground. Once inside this he shut himself up, with some books and a pet jackdaw for company, and never left his swinging house until his double the states and he is, temporarily at least, the chief officer in the organization, and the nature and scope of the work proposed can best be given in his own words words.

"We will secure," he said, "for our The attendant, who lived in a small operated them that of the mouse catcher of America." Another early scheme of Jay Gould was equally successful. He was a country boy, brought up on a farm. It did not appear to him, however, that is he will max with religion and has got the less he can mix with did not appear to him, however, that is he will max with religion and has got the lesislature or a congress to hult a con-through the Catskill mountains. At an illustration of what the ten com-mandments can do in elevating man-w every farm house he found the far-w every farm house for a "noon mark" kind. Religion purifies, politics degene-w the anxious for a "noon mark" kind. Religion purifies, politics degene-w term and the term of the evates, politics degene-to the state a prior to be anxious for a "noon mark" kind. Religion purifies, politics degene-to the state of a "noon mark" kind. Religion purifies, politics degene-to the state of a "noon mark" kind. 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Hey the though he was only 43. house close by, used to row to the own information and the protection of mainland—a mile and a half—when the producers, correct statistics such names and address of 10,000 of them by shrewd speculation, also gave way to dread of death. He conceived the in South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama-and each Saturday night they idea that all movement and will report on cards furnished the numwasted the tissues of the body, and this ber of bales ginned that week. notion sunk so deeply into his mind that "We propose during this time to ashe went to bed in a quiet country certain as accurately as possible the house and hardly moved hand nor foot probable consumption of American cotfor years; if he even stirred a finger he did it with dread, believing that he ton for the next year and the prices of goods. With this information we can used up his vitality and shortened his life by so much time. He spoke as litfix a fair price for cotton. To make the tle as possible, sometimes not opening buyer give our figures we must be inde-pendent of immediate sale; be enabled his lips for days, and was fed by at to hold the raw material and limit the tendants, with spoons. All his food supply to urgent demand. It is here that our bankers come in, and, thank consisted of "slops," to save him the fatal exertion of chewing, and his one amusement was being read to by the God, we of the South, are now able to do most of our financiering. Bonded hour together, for he would not hold a warehouses are being built by capital-ists all over the organized states; built book or turn the pages. Even the reading he did away with toward the close on specifications by insurance compaof his life, believing that listening shortened his existence. nies, they can insure and store cotton for 2 per cent. per annum, and will ad-One of the queerest cases was that vance money at the rate of 4 per cent. of a Mrs. Holmes, a very wealthy widow, who had a terrible fear of germs and bacilli of all kinds. She had stud-The receipt for cotton from a bonded warehouse, is gilt-edged collateral in any bank in the country. Independent led the subject deeply and it affected her reason, to all appearances. The dread of death seized her and she was planters can hold their cotton at home and those who are forced to sell will find a strong market. "Southern cotton mills favor this convinced that she would die by some wasting disease inspired by microbes plan and it should be acceptable every-Knowing that cold is fatal to the averwhere. We have been forcing mills to age germ, she had two rooms fitted as buy within a few weeks stocks for refrigerators and kept constantly at full year. It is often inconvenient to temperature of about 30 degrees, or do so; they have to borrow money, and just below freezing point. One would of course, they allow for a lower marsuppose this to be more trying than ket for their goods and pay less than any quantity of microbes; but the cotton is worth. owner was happy in her consciousness 'Our members will receive weekly re of freedom from germ diseases. Winte ports from headquarters during the and summer the rooms were kept at selling season and will have true inforthe same temperature, and the adjoinmation of the situation as to cotton." ing rooms and hall were also kept cool, President Jordan went on to say that that no current of warm air might the association would begin its work at bring bacilli in. the best time, when the crop was short This lady lived clad in furs through and the demand must continue high. out the hottest days that blazed out commented on the difference in He side, and her attendants and servants were obliged to constantly disinfect finished fabric. The farmer buying themselves before entering her presthread pays \$4.80 for what he sold last ence. They lived in a perpetual air of season for 8 cents. Concluding, he carbolic acid, and their mistress had said: to pay very high wages to induce ser-"The members of our association will vants to stay with her.-London Anbe as fully informed as the spinners, swers.

A GREAT COTTON COMBINATION. who had his chair slung on ropes from a beam that the world might spin Proposed Organization of Planters and Othunder him instead of carrying him along to grow older, There was an actual case like this a few years ago, when John Islip, an Englishman, made a huge fortune out of silver in Mexico, drove himself mad through worrying about his death.

The Famous Georgia Evangelist Says They

death.

idly indited the following reply to the Grain Exchange bank: Indorsement a forgery. Do not honor. Return New York immediately.

The next step was to endeavor to trace or find Filley. So to keep the matter from the ordinary police channels the Pinkerton agency was called in and the case placed in its hands, with a full statement of all the facts. And as Reuben Filley will not figure in these pages again it may be stated here that before leaving Denver John Draper had sufficient evidence to convince him that his trusted secretary was not only a forger and a defaulter, but a treacherous villain.

He was traced to the Union depot, thence to San Francisco, where the trail was lost. It was supposed that he caught an outward bound Pacific mail steamer for China and Japan, from whence it would be easy for him to reach India or Australia. Where he ultimately "fetched up" was never definitely known. John Draper declined to continue the search, preferring to pocket the loss. Neither the bank nor Cutting & Cutting cared to prosecute. The money secured on the forged notes for the partnership interest was refunded, and hence the matter dropped. a result which the astute Filley probably foresaw. The world of New York knew him no more.

The failure of President Draper to appear at the meeting of the railroad magnates occasioned no surprise at first, as it was expected that he might arrive at any moment. Then came the tidings of the mysterious disappearing of part of the express train, and the wildest conjectures became rife. Every foot of the railroad between Colorado Springs and Denver was searched again and again during the daylight hours of Sunday and Monday; but, as we have seen, it was not until Tuesday morning that the forgotten and disused railroad spur was thought of.

The news of the rescue was tele graphed into Denver from Castle Rock. and so when Draper appeared at the session of his confreres on Wednesday morning they knew all about his adventure and its happy termination.

Much of the routine business had been dispatched, and only a few weightier matters demanding unanimous action remained to be acted up on. Consequently by 3 o'clock the conclave adjourned sine die, and Uncle John hurried back to the hotel to an nounce that he was at the service of the ladies.

Chester Ives had improved the oppor tunity to change his clothes, and after a bath'and a shave and a good night's rest he was none the worse for his nocturnal adventure. Nor did the ladies show any marked effects of the strain of the last two days beyond some natural lassitude and nervousness. But a quiet night went far to repair the shock and strain.

Draper found all the party assembled in the hotel saloon. It had originally been planned that a couple of days should be spent in sightseeing, but the adventure with James Dallon, Esq., and their enforced stay at his hostelry naturally interfered with this.

"Now, children," said bluff Uncle John, speaking to every one in general, | to?"-Spare Moments.

"That settles it!" said Uncle John "I'm in a hopeless minority, and, to be frank with you, I want to get back myself." And then he told them of Filley's disappearance with the money intended for their ransom.

"The wretch!" hissed Florence Granniss, her usually pale face white with indignation. "We might have been murdered for all he cared! I always disliked him, but I almost came to hate him on this trip. So there!" And she subsided into a chair, all quivering

with the unwonted excitement. Mrs. Hurst beheld this little outburst with quiet satisfaction. If nothing else had been accomplished, Filley had put himself out of the running, and the danger was past. That Florence ever regarded the man seriously she had never been quite able to credit. Now it was John Draper's turn, and he should have his innings before New York was reached.

"Then it was Ches-Mr. Ives-who really saved us after all?" said Madge. 'What should we have done without you?" she said. The words were simple and commonplace enough, but the tone and the glance which accompanied them were eloquent of honest admiration and maidenly liking. Mrs. Hurst saw and in that instant submitted to the inevitable.

"Yes; we certainly owe our safety to Chester," said Uncle John. "I should fortune of \$82,000,000. never have thought of the little river as a means of escape, and if I had I'm too fat to wriggle along like an eel in a water pipe. Ah, Ches, my boy, it's you youngsters who capture all the best things in life after all, and we old fellows have to put up with what is left," sighed Uncle John in mock dismay.

But Florence would none of this and came to the rescue. "Why, Mr. Draper, what would we

poor women have done if you had left us?"

"Yes," chimed in Ives, modestly anxlous to change the direction of the conversation; "it needed more courage and fortitude to stay behind in that den of thieves than it did to cut and run. The only cur in the party vanished, and we can thank our stars that he did us none of the mischief he intended."

So saying he rose and went to the window where Madge was gazing down at the busy life of the Queen City of the Plains, and we will not disturb them.

"How soon can we start, John?" queried Mrs. Hurst.

"This very evening," was the reply. 'We can go east with the flier at 6 o'clock. Is it agreed?" "Oh. yes! Let us get away," begged Florence, and thus it was settled.

TO BE CONTINUED.

A Just Rebuke.

A young and newly married couple were entertaining their friends, and among the guests was one whose continued rudeness made him extremely objectionable to the rest of the company. His conduct, although most unbearable, was put up with for some time, until at supper he held up on his fork a piece of meat which had been served to him, and in a vein of intended humor he looked round and remarked:

"Is this pig?"

sitting at the other end of the table:

the noon hour. The boy was able to for 10 days of there reading the South Another wealthy man, Jean Ingle each one. He was, therefore, able to ing to get it. I do not blame the sant, though he had made a fortune each one. He was, therefore, able to ing to get it. I do not blame the arrive quite comfortably at his desti-Southern people and those who take arrive quite comfortably at his desti-Democratic papers for their faith in nation.

and enthusiasm for Bryan and his election; but when a fellow gets up HUNTINGTON HAWKED CLOCKS ABOUT. It was a curiously accurate power of North and reads only Republican padivination that led Collis P. Huntingpers, he thinks Bryan has no more ton to select watches and clocks as his chance for election than Georgia cotfirst stock of merchandise. He was ton has a chance of going at 5 cents likewise, a poor country lad, one of a Connecticut family of nine children. this winter. I am not a Democrat nor am I a Republican. I keep saying it: As with Astor and Gould, even the I am a Prohibitionist. I care no boy's schooling was of a fragmentary as to who is elected. Bryan or McKin-

sort. At 15 he got employment in a ley, than I care whether the liberal party carries the day in England at their country store, where he spent a year in learning the art of bargaining. With next election; but I say it from a the lesson well learned, he started out knowledge of this country which constant travel only can give a man, that the next year for New York, to underwe are today enjoying the most solid, take at 16 his first independent business venture. Most boys would have substantial prosperity that I have There is not a nook nor thought themselves fortunate to get ever known. corner of this country that is not prosa small salaried position. Huntington pering. America as a nation never prospered and never came to the front looked around for an "opening." He found it in a supply of watch and as she has in the last four years, not clock findings which he bought cheap only in all her manufacturing and comand believed he could sell at a profit. mercial interests and with the balance which he industriously set himself to

of trade millions and millions in her do, peddling faithfully and on foot unfavor, and for the first time in our hishe disposed of them. tory we are the money lenders to the Fortune, or his own shrewdness, faimperial countries beyond the waters. vored the boy. In a few months he had confidence is the basis of prosperity. realized well from his venture and was able to meet the bills he had incur-This is true of an individual. Business red during the meantime. With the s done on confidence and confidence is not something that is manufactured to profits he took a large number of what order like shoes or mowing machines; vere known as "clock notes" for colbut it grows out as a condition of lection. Again he was successful. In things. A man may have plenty a year he was established in his career a merchant. Never afterward did noney, but if nobody has confidence in he meet with a serious reverse. And him he has got a hard job in this counnot many days ago he died leaving a I care not what capital a man try. may have, however small, if he has the

unbounded confidence of the commu-ASTOR BEGAN WITH FURS. nity and the banks he has got some-Nothing could be humbler than the thing better than money. I have known fashion which the famous John Jacob ome rich fellows to "bust" because of the lack of confidence in them; I have Astor-whose grandson is now an exknown some poor fellows to do a big le from two nations—began his career. A German peasant, the son of a business because they had the unbounded confidence of all classes. There butcher, he could hardly have dreamed of the brilliant future that actually are business houses in Atlanta whose awaited him. At 17 he left home-the little village of Waldorf, in Germanycapital stock may not be large, but hey are doing a large business. Capihis wardrobe in a bundle slung tatus of I don't tal has confidence in the status over his shoulder on a stick, and \$2 in things as they are today. I don't know whether or not with a change of his pocket. Honesty was his watchword from the outset, and self-denial his will

political parties this confidence cardinal principle of living. In two years he was able to sail abide. If it does Bryan and his administration will be as good for the country as McKinley. I don't believe from London to New York, having pent the money that he had earned in that he has got any more backbone the interval for seven German flutesthan McKinley, and this isn't saying slender weapon with which to much for him. It does not take backwrench from the world its secret of to clamor for free silver or hone ommercial prosperity. But it is not recorded that Astor ever against imperialism; but it takes a thundering sight more backbone than Bryan or McKinley either has got for made a mistake. The seven flutes which he later so patiently peddled in them to give us their dead square hon-New York brought good prices. And est views on the whisky question. Mc-

thus the foundation for one famous fortune was laid. teen question, and Bryan knows it; but Bryan will shoot at every exposed place teresting in the South, The Manufactumen in this country on the army can-But, as young Astor could not be al together sure that fortune had intended him for a merchant prince, the voyage over was rather an anxious one. He had come on a steerage ticket, for ing nothing than to arouse the liquor facts and as to the outlook for the fall devil and the vote it controls against and winter. In reply many letters which he had paid five guineas, and he brought with him a "Sunday" suit of clothes, which, during a violent storm, him he amazed his companions by put-"But we are likely to be wrecked, he liquor traffic than it does to champion all the isms that Bryan champions they said to him, aghast. "Precisely," he replied,

and denounce all the isms that he de-"and if w nounces, and the same is true of Mcare wrecked and rescued I wish to have Kinley. I am hunting for a genuine, on my best suit since I cannot well first-class Christian who is whooping take another with me; while if we are for either Bryan or McKinley. There wrecked and not resoued, it will make no difference what I wear."

MADE A FORTUNE AT IT.

This logic was irrefutable. On the journey Astor made the ac-quaintance of another young German nember of the church in this country getting to heaven who is not a prohi-bitionist. I am sure this sounds like who had already achieved a business This young man success in America. ought furs from the Indians in exfanticism and reads like I was a fool; change for toys and trinkets, and had but if whisky is God's worst enemy found that the profit of reselling the and the devil's best friend, and if there Astor that he could not do better than

to take up the same business. Everybody knows how faithfully this advice was followed, how patiently the boy learned the details of the fur trade This immediately drew forth the re-in New York, how bravely he started mark from a quiet looking individual out to traffic alone with the Indians,

## FEWER POUNDS, MORE MONEY.

The Cash Value of This Crop Greater Than Any Previous Crop.

Bankers in the country towns of the South come in close contact with their local agricultural, industrial and business interests, and are in a position therefore, to judge accurately of these conditions, and to reflect the sentiment Kinley broke his neck with lots of good of their respective communities. Rec ognizing that fact and believing that Republicans Think It Will Prove a Boome-

in McKinley's administration; but he rer's Record recently sent a letter to is not going to shoot in at that hole. bank in every county seat in the South, He had rather risk the chances of say-lasking for information as to present Philadelphia Ledger. Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin, and

Ben Tillman, of South Carolina, are friends. Damon and Pythias both would hardly make a shadow to them. It takes more courage in a poli- have been received and are published tician to utter one sentence against in last week's issue. The majority of Their friendship in the senate is not only private and public, it permeates them, coming from the cotton-growing pretty much everything they do. They sections, point out that while the crop is short, the very high prices now pre-vailing will more than offset the small back each other up in legislation and appointments, lunch together, swap jokes, log roll in committees and play crop and give to the farmers greater profits on cotton than for many years. second gentleman to each other in ev-Some of the letters from other portions ery debate. If Spooner is to make a big are losts of Methodists, Baptists and of the South are less hopeful by reason Presbyterians, no doubt, who are do- of the small corn crop due to the severe to nerve the Wisconsin senator up to

drought. ng so; but I have more confidence in In connection with the cotton situaplain, old-fashioned sinner getting to heaven, who is an uncompromising prohibitionist, than I have for any will be at least 9,000,000 bales, and pos-Badger state returns the compliment. sibly more, though some able experts anticipate that the yield will be con siderably less. Even should the crop reach 9,500,000 bales the great shortage in the world's supply will probably garded as preliminary to an exchange

maintain prices at not much below the of shots at Bladensburg, is indulged in. PRICE OF COTTON SEED .- The price of furs was considerable. He persuaded are a hundred thousand drunken hus-Astor that he could not do better than bands and fathers and sons toppling in-But the galleries discount the wordroughly speaking, say \$50 a bale, and play, because everybody in Washingcotton seed went to 251 cents per bushf it should fall below this figure prices ton is in the secret and knows that the and the farmers are slow about selldred millions of hard-earned money ex-pended in this debauchery, then I am a fool and a fanatic on the right side, and wild be by far the most valuable crop and still believe that the man who would be by far the most valuable crop votes one way and prays another is not raised in this country. That of 1865-66, ger state to stump for Bryan. He told years ago: but now Concord. Monroe nark from a quiet looking individual itting at the other end of the table: "Which end of the fork do you refer o?"—Spare Moments. "Christian: but the head. "Spare Moments. "Which he stood at the head. "Which he stood at the head. "Spare Moments. "Which he stood at the head. "Spare Moments. "Which he stood at the head. "Spare Moments. "Spare Moments

TILLMAN IN WISCONSIN.

rang.

CROKER BETS ON BRYAN.

Tammany Chief, Gets Odds of 2 1-2 to 1, and

Thinks He is a Sure Winner. New York Herald 20th. Richard Croker's wagers on the elec-

tion of Bryan now aggregate \$100,000. Should the Democratic candidate win, the leader of Tammany Hall will real-

ize at least \$250,000 of McKinley money upon his risk. While the great majority of his wagers have been placed by him at a rate of 1 to 21, he succeeded in getting some bets early in the cam-paign at 1 to 3.

Mr. Croker has not only staked a fortune upon the success of Bryan but he has informed all his intimate friends price between the raw cotton and the in Tammany that Bryan is certain to win and has advised them to follow his own example. As a rule they are less sanguine than their chief and few of them have as yet taken his advice

Though the amount of Mr. Croker's wagers is an open secret, he himself will not admit for publication that he and will be in a position intelligently to market the crop for its true value. The has bet a dollar on the result of the movement is spreading very rapidly." The cotton bel will probably be dielection. "Is it true that your bets now amount

vided into three departments, the South to \$100,000?" Mr. Croker was asked yes-Atlantic, the Gulf states and Texas terday. "There are a great many more im-

in order that reports at headquarters "There are a great thing going on," portant things than betting going on," I am too can be received and handled with greater expedition. Five hundred thoubusy to keep answering all the reports that are brought to me. Why, they sand farmers, bankers and ginners are expected in the membership.

said a little while ago that I was going to give \$1,000,000 to the Democratic state campaign fund. They want to get me to answer all sorts of foolish things. That is just what they are af-

ter. I haven't time to do it." "But you think that 1 to 21 on Bryan

is a good bet, do you not?" "Yes, I do," said Mr. Croker positively, "I think even money would be a

good bet. Bryan is going to win. 'Some of the Republicans say that most of the bets reported are 'wash' it was suggested oets.

"What are they?" said Mr. Croker innocently.

It was explained that "wash" bets were dummy wagers, made for effect and not involving actual risk. "I don't think there has been much

speech Tillman interrupts him syste-matically for days at a time, in order far," remarked Mr. Croker. Some of the men who have received

his best fighting key. When the South Carolinian takes the floor in a set speech the little statesman from the vice two years ago in regard to Van Wyck. Those who pinned their faith to Sometimes they get pretty ugly to-wards each other and a good deal of language that in the old times was re-language that in the old times was re-

