

MODERN BUSINESS METHODS.

Combinations of interests have brought about changes in ways of conducting large affairs.

The other day, says the Brooklyn Eagle, two men sat in the inner office of one of the magnates of the financial world. One was the magnate himself; the other an old friend of other days...

NEWSBOY TO PULPIT.

Remarkable Rise of New York Boy in Few Years.

Little Street Walk United Rise Through Church and is Now an Ordained Preacher of the Gospel.

Five years ago Willie Osmun was a newsboy selling New York and local papers on the streets of Danbury.

The rise of Rev. Mr. Osmun from the position of a newsboy, as a shrill voice, as bare of foot and as insistent as his relatives, to that of a promising preacher in the Methodist Episcopal church, has been rapid.

From the time he was ten years old he sold papers. Soon the boy's sales increased from pennies to dollars, and at the expiration of his common school course he informed his father that he had saved enough to pay his way through high school with the assistance of the income he expected to gain by selling newspapers.

On the day that Wilbur Osmun was graduated from the high school he sold his papers as usual. In the evening, before an audience that filled the local theater, the boy was graduated at the head of his class.

By that time his savings from the sale of newspapers amounted to enough to pay the youth's way through Wesleyan college, at Middletown, Conn.

A short time ago the ambitious young man was ordained as a preacher. He has been preaching for several months in various churches, not yet having a regular charge.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS DECREASE.

Falling Off is Nearly \$1,000,000 for Present Fiscal Year—Treasury Surplus Likely to Be Reduced.

The government customs receipts decreased rapidly during the first ten days of September, as compared with the same period of last year, and since this decrease began several weeks ago and shows no signs of abatement, the matter is attracting the serious attention of the treasury officials.

For the first ten days of September the receipts from customs were \$4,269,859, as against \$5,222,861 in the first ten days of last September. The falling off in this class of receipts since the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1 amounts to nearly \$1,000,000.

The expenditures of the government were, however, about \$2,500,000 less during July and August than during the same period of 1902. If the decrease in customs receipts continues, the treasury officials believe the surplus in the treasury will be much less at the end of the fiscal year than it was last year.

The cause of the falling off in imports is a matter of much speculation, but it is believed the markets of the country were largely overstocked by the phenomenally large imports of 1902 and the first half of 1903.

Despite the smaller customs receipts, the treasury deficit always incident to the early part of a new fiscal year was overcome a few days ago. There is now a surplus of \$73,917 for the current fiscal year, and this surplus is likely to increase steadily.

PLAN INTERESTING EXHIBIT.

United States Patent Office Will Be Represented by Various Displays at St. Louis Fair.

The exhibit of the United States patent office at the world's fair will show a series of models designed to represent ideas that have matured in the industrial history of the world.

As possible the first thing of this kind in every line of human endeavor will be shown. Visitors will have an opportunity to see the actual work of a machine which...

FAMOUS CAT IS DEAD.

Frances E. Willard's Feline Pet is No More.

Touts the Hair of Whose Photographs Brought Over \$2,000 to White Ribboners, the Victim of Tuberculosis.

Toots Willard, the most celebrated cat in the world, is dead.

Over a decade ago he came into international prominence when it was announced that Miss Frances Willard had a splendid Persian puss, who bore the stately name of Gladstone.

But when the "Grand Old Man" repudiated certain temperance principles dear to the heart of Miss Willard she promptly relinquished her pet and called him "Toots."

He instantly became the idol of the white ribboners on two continents, and there was an immediate demand for his photographs. And so it came to pass that "Toots" looked pleasant" hundreds of times while the big eye of the camera winked at him.

His picture hangs in thousands of homes. It graces the walls of noble houses in England, and can be found in the hut of an islander, for he has coined more than \$2,000 for the temperance cause through the sale of his photos.

However, his finest picture is a life-size water color painted by Miss Gertrude Eastbrook and owned by Mrs. Leland Norton, 3817 Michigan avenue, at whose home he died.

During his kittenhood hundreds of people visited Roth cottage to see Miss Willard's beautiful cat and lay their hands on his satiny coat. But adulation palled upon him and he became extremely irascible, and with tooth and claw protested against indiscriminate caresses.

His naughtiest trick was to hide in dark corners and spring out on people. But when he retired to private life he quickly regained his naturally sweet disposition.

When Miss Willard went abroad after her mother's death she brought Mrs. Norton, who had the largest aggregation of America cats, to take charge of her precious puss, and he remained there until he died.

As time passed, the cat's hair was used for various purposes. He was particularly fond of the delicious perfume, and would gather them in his paws, cradle them under his chin, toss them in the air, and finally go to sleep with his nose buried in the purple bloom.

Toots' most sensational exploit was to dig the cat kennel door open, which set off an electric burglar alarm. The buzzer buzzed, the bells jangled and held a noisy jubilee which roused the entire household.

The terrified family armed with revolvers, crept through the house and found it undisturbed. But someone was stepping softly around in the kitchen and then came a loud crash as a pile of pans clattered to the floor. The door was opened wide enough to thrust in a shouting iron, and there in the moonlight sat Toots "mooing" a welcome.

Toots' sole relative was Dixie Norton the famed Irish hound dog, the possession of Royal Norton, the most valuable cat in the world. Mrs. Norton, living near Toots, had been him all with her husband, and had been isolated from Mrs. Norton's pet, and was consequently suffering from loneliness.

He was a magnificent animal, weighing 12 pounds, with eyes like Jewels, a splendid plump nose, and long, silky coat.

DOG TRIES SUICIDE THRICE.

Spotted Owned by Cincinnati Woman Would Rather Be Dead Than See an Automobile.

Mrs. George Hauck, of Cincinnati, owns a spitzel which has taken a violent dislike to automobiles. Whenever one passes the home of his mistress he has spasms. Finally he seemed determined to end it all and deliberately leaped from a third-story window.

When placed upon the floor the dog made a second dash for the open window and again fell sprawling upon the sidewalk, unconscious. Mrs. Hauck ran down stairs and picked up the animal after being carried to the third floor the dog in a few minutes opened his eyes.

Looking about for a second, he darted out of the window for the third time. The last fall came near killing the desperate animal and after being tied securely he was put back to his bed and the window closed.

WATERWAY FOR INDIANA.

Engineers are Survey for a Ship Canal from Lake Michigan to the Wabash.

Charles Peters and Judge Burton, of Stark county, Ind., have unmasked engineers to make a survey for a ship canal to connect Lake Michigan with the Wabash river.

A PICKEREL'S JUMP.

Started After a Sunfish in New York, Cleared New Jersey, and Landed in Pennsylvania.

The rock that marks the boundary line of New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey lies in the Delaware river at Carpenter's Point, N. Y. On that rock the lines come together so that one may spread three fingers of his hand and have a finger in each of those states and in the counties of Orange, N. Y., Pike, Pa., and Sussex, N. J.

Floyd Campbell went swimming in the river off Tri-State rock the other day. After swimming for awhile he got upon the rock to sun himself. As he lay there, his head in Pennsylvania his right foot in New York state and his left in New Jersey, he saw a commotion in the water on the New York side of the rock.

The commotion came rapidly toward the rock and culminated in the breaking from the water of a sunfish, with a big pickerel in its wake. The terror-stricken sunfish's rush to escape from its savage pursuer took it a foot or more beyond the edge of the water on the sloping side of the rock. The pickerel, in fierce pursuit, followed the sunfish, and the impetus of its charge carried it clear through New Jersey and half way across Pennsylvania, where it stopped.

The sunfish instantly flopped back into the water. If the pickerel had been content to go on either into the water on the Pennsylvania side of the rock or the New Jersey side, it would have saved itself, but it turned on the rock and began flopping back into the New York waters.

That move was fatal. Campbell recovered from his surprise, rose to a sitting posture and reached for the pickerel. His middle finger ran under the gills of the fish and stopped it where it was. As it lay captured, its position was such that it covered part of three states and three counties. It weighed nearly three pounds.

NEW SONG FROM PARIS.

Ditty Which Created a Furore in the French Capital is Now Heard in New York.

New York's latest popular melody is French and known to one or two of the theaters. It is called "Viens, Poopou, Viens" which means "Come, Little Chickens, Come" and the rest of the words are just about as sensible. But they made a furor in Paris although it must have taken a great deal of suggestion and grimace to have made them so highly appreciated on the boulevard.

Likewise most of the popular songs of the ditty was imported by the proprietor of a French restaurant. Other directors of the restaurant promise to import new music every year. The latest songs are heard in the restaurants before they reach the stage of the theaters.

But this particular tune, though it came here from France is really a German tune originally. As "Kommt, Kleine, Kommt" it was popular in Germany for several years before it reached Paris. Nobody there seems to have recalled whether or not the tune came from the enemy's country. And in New York the tune is a "song" but in it German origin is not known.

LEASES HER SON.

Anderson, Ind., Mother Surrenders to State-Boarded Her Boy Because of Her Poverty.

With Justice of the Peace, W. J. Lee and Coroner Brady sitting on the bench, the other evening, Mrs. Harry Rommel, of Anderson, Ind., 34 year old, signed papers equivalent to a lease by which she surrendered her nine-month-old son to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hunt living in North Anderson. Following the signature on the papers of lease or contract, Mrs. Rommel, with tears streaming down her cheeks, tenderly handed her baby boy, Clyde, to Mrs. Hunt, who will be a foster mother to the child for 20 years, according to the contract, but it is specified that the child's name shall not be changed and that it shall not be adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Hunt.

They are to have the child as their own in every sense except in name for a period of 20 years, and when the lease contract expires the boy may return to his mother or be at liberty to support her. Mrs. Rommel made an affidavit that the giving away of her child was because of her inability to support her self and the child properly. She earns her living by washing, since her husband deserted her. The woman's first husband is dead.

LARD COSMETICS TABOED.

Sultan of Turkey Gives Banquet Experts of That Country a Severe Rebuke.

The beauty experts have had a severe rebuke in the Turkish capital since the sultan's threat for knowledge led him to look into the ingredients of cosmetics and poisons.

Learning that a large majority of these articles, so dear to the heart of woman, are mixed with pork lard, Abdul Hamid at once put a royal prohibition upon the importation and sale of such "impurity." He invoked the command of the Koran bidding the faithful abjure all things appertaining to a pig.

Manufacturers of soaps and other toilet articles have been notified that only such as are exempt from all suspicion of the unclean will be acceptable. Many merchants who trade in other countries are buying up the unorthodox merchandise prohibited by the sultan.

Will Also Dash Back.

There are also strong probabilities that the Chicago Daily News, that Commander Barry will be anxious to make a dash for it.

LEAPS DOUBLE LIFE.

Carpenter in London Deceives Two Women for Five Years.

Maintains Two Families Within a Short Distance of Each Other Without Arousing Suspicion—Revealed by a Letter.

One of the most amazing cases of double life ever investigated has just been laid bare before the London recorder where William Harvey, a working carpenter, was charged with bigamy, having wedded five years ago a girl named Mary Deady, his wife being alive. Harvey, after a long courtship, won the girl, who is 13 years his junior, by promising that he was a plumber with a two-up son and daughter, and that if he married again he would not remain in the neighborhood, therefore the girl was persuaded to leap the double life.

They lived a year or more than a quarter of a mile from Harvey's legitimate wife, to which he returned every night at 10:30 sharp, as he said, to prevent his son and daughter becoming suspicious.

For five years this arrangement lasted. He had three children by the Deady girl and visited her every evening, walked out with them in the neighborhood and constantly taking the children to play in the park close by, where they might at any time meet his other family, but he never raised the slightest suspicion in the minds of either women.

The success of the deception is all the more remarkable by reason of his very limited resources, his second wife having to supplement his pay by her own work. When one of his children by the Deady girl died he became very regular in his devotion and last July, after several weeks' absence, she wrote imploring him to return and signing the letter "Your loving wife." This letter fell into the young wife's hands. Harvey voluntarily confessed and gave himself up. The recorder, seeing he had repented and tried to make amends for his treatment of both women and that they were so much attached to him, ordered no further proceedings.

KANSAS GIRLS SAVE CROPS.

Daughters of Farmers of Western States Assist in Harvesting Record-Breaking Wheat Yield.

The farmers of Rich county, Kan., this year raised 625,538 bushels of wheat for every man, woman and child in the county. The state board of agriculture believes that this is the largest yield per capita in the world. The population of Rich county is 6,500. The wheat yield is 96 bushels per acre. The present Rich county yield is worth \$2,000,000 per year. The crop raised in 1902 was 500,000 bushels. The farmers of Rich county had 100,000 acres of wheat. The yield was 625,538 bushels.

Rich county, Kan., is a farming county in which a large percentage of the population are engaged in agriculture. The county is one of the best wheat producing counties in the world. The yield of wheat in 1902 was 500,000 bushels. The present Rich county yield is worth \$2,000,000 per year.

CENT-NAPLAN PASSES AWAY.

Death of Tramp Who Was in Jeopardy as Love of Famous Actress.

The funeral of Mr. Samuel Perrine was held the other day at Philadelphia, he had been lying in state at Lincoln hall and with the numerous tears poured a woman who had lived the whole of the nineteenth century, had borne the name of Warshaw and had been in prominent positions of insurance in 1860. She was born in Philadelphia October 25, 1826 and was a daughter of Mr. Howard Allen, a merchant.

In 1845 she accompanied her father on a trip to Europe, and happened to be in Liverpool when the Western Standard was headed that looked up the famous hall of the duchess of Richmond. The name of Count Cavalli, a Spaniard, and lived until his death in Constantinople, where they owned a small estate. A son, Frederick, had a large fortune and distinguished in the civil war, and was afterward, during the Civil War, in 1862, captured by order of the Spanish government. Her second husband was Samuel Perrine, a Philadelphia dry goods merchant. Another son, Richard, is a lawyer living on the other side of the Atlantic.

States of Dominion Found.

The latest excavation in the Roman forum have brought to light the foundations of the colossal equestrian statue of Domitian, made famous by the lines of Statius. They are a meter by two meters and measure 40 feet in length and 20 in breadth.

Severe Earthquake.

A severe earthquake, the first of which has never been witnessed before by the oldest residents, struck Brunswick, Me., a few days ago. Heavy stones measuring from one half to three-quarters of an inch broke windows.

For the Future.

The Massachusetts commission has rejected South Boston's plan to build a new court house. The plan is evidently a dead end.