STONE IN ABUNDANCE

STRUCTURAL MATERIAL FOUND IN CALIFORNIA.

Granite, Marble, Sandstone, Limestone and Porphyry Quarries in Many Counties-Cement Material and Brick Clays Everywhere-Report of State Mineralogist.

Los Angeles.-State Mineralogist Augury has issued a bulletin from the State Mining Bureau, in which direct information is given to all concerned where to find within the borders of the State building materials in vast quantities.. The bulletin is exclusively devoted to facts about the great deposits of structural materials in California, which are ready at hand for builders and to which they can turn and find at once economy and advantage in using home products.

Building Stones.

Granite is quarried in Los Angeles, Madera, Nevada, Placer, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, Tuolumne and Tulare counties over a range of hundreds of miles. Undeveloped masses of granite occur in other counties.

Limestone is quarried in Amador Calaveras, Colusa, Napa, Santa Barbara, Butte, El Dorado, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Kern, Mono, Monterey, Placer, Riverside, San Bernardino, Inyo, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Shasta, Sonoma and Tuolumne counties. Marble is quarried in Amador, Riverside, San Bernardino, Inyo and Tuolumne counties. Sandstone quarries are operated in Colusa, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Ventura and Yolo counties. Slate is largely quarried in El Dorado county. It is also found in several other counties.

Serpentine occurs in a great many counties in large quantities, but has been quarried only on a small scale in a few places. It is quarried on Santa Catalina Island, and as verde antique in San Bernardino county. Rubble and broken stone for macadam are quarried in a score or more counties. Porphyry is quarried for building stone at San Luis Obispo, Volcanic tufa is quar ried at several places in Calaveras county, in Napa, San Luis Obispo and Sonoma counties.

Cement Industry.

"The quantity of Portland cement used in California," remarks the State Mineralogist, "is far in excess of that manufactured in the State. With large deposits of limestone and clay quite widely scattered through the State and a large fuel supply, it would seem that the cement industry ought to increase quite rapidly. The State should be pany. exporting rather than importing cement. For many years the development of the cement industry, like many other manufacturing industries in California, was hindered by the of fuol With the

Bavarian Prince Regent and His Friends Would Depose Otto by Changing Constitution.

Vienna .-- In well-informed quarters here it is reported that King Otto of Bavaria will be deposed in the near future.

AFTER MAD KING'S CROWN.

During Prince Regent Luitpold's recent visit to Vienna he participated in a discussion in court circles as to the advisability of ending the absurdity of Bavaria being ruled in the name of an insane sovereign, and the Viennese court communicated this view to

the Bavarian government. Prince Luitpold, it is understood, was assured that the German and Austrian courts approve the plan of making him king. A change in the Bavarian constitution, however, would be necessary before this could be

done, and it is doubtful if the country would assent to the project.

Leaks Waste Water

San Francisco .- Of the 26,000,000 gallons of water being brought into San Francisco by the Spring Valley Company, more than half is wasted by passing into the sewers from concealed leaks in the burned district. Such is the report of the engineer of the water company, but it is said that notwithstanding this waste the company has sufficient water for the residents of the city.

Over one hundred men are employed searching out and patching up these leaks, but there are many places likely to see that the school gives bet-where, owing to the amount of debris ter returns; and this would lead to givpiled on the lots, it is impossible to discover the leaks.

Survey Items Planned.

Washington .- It is planned to insert several geological survey items of interest to California in the Sundry Civil Bill in the Senate. As a result of a conference between Representative Gillett and Senators Perkins and Teller, Colorado, provision for marking forest reserve boundaries will be increased from \$100,000 to \$130,000; as in past years the item for gauging streams amounting to \$200,000 will also be put in.

War Increases in Violence

Tiflis .- A telegram from Igardi, in the province of Erivan, says the warfare between Tartars and Armenians is spreading with increasing violence. Troops and Cossacks have been sent from Tiflis.

Slate Range District.

The Slate Range mining district is about thirty-five miles from Goldfield and twelve miles from Lida, being a portion of the Grapevine Range of mountains. This is a district of which tions you can see them grow day by but little is known, and yet the prospectors are making some notable finds. The formation in general is slate, lime and porphyry, and the ore a white honey-combed quartz. In this district are located the claims of the Lime Point Gold Mining and Milling Com-This company possesses seven several ledges coursing claims. through, very wide and very well defined, and the ore a free milling quartz.

Saving Copper in Solution

IN FIELD OF HUSBANDRY

OF INTEREST TO FARMERS AND ORCHARDISTS

The Rural School-Late Vegetables-Spinach-Lime in the Garden-Cantaloupe Growing-Select Your Laying Hens.

The Rural School

Some philosopher has said that the best crop raised on the farm is the children. We all believe it. Persons reared in rural districts have occupied very important places in the professions and business life of the country. Or if they remain on the farm, their hope for success is much greater if they are well educated. Yet we oftener see fine barns than fine schoolhouses in the country districts.

We sometimes act as if the country school belongs to the teacher. If every person felt that the school belongs in part to him, he would be ing some attention to the school property even if he cared nothing for the instruction given in the school. How many farmers or farm women really know how their schoolhouse looks on the inside? How many would recognize a photograph of the inside? If the teacher punishes your child you rebel and perhaps report the occurrence to the trustee; but the child may be unhappy every day and all because of the wretched condition of the schoolhouse and the outhouses. Calculate how many hours your child spends each year at the school; what impressions are influencing its life all this time?-California Cultivator.

Late Vegetables

All kinds of summer vegetables suitable for a warm climate can still be sown or planted. Melons can be planted early in July and come in fresh in the fall quite different from those that have been bearing all summer. Tomatoes, summer squash, corn. beans, etc., will be in perfection when cooler weather comes in the fall. It will be almost impossible to start those things without thorough irrigation and plowing. Under such condiday.

Spinach.

Spinach thrives in a rather cool climate and attains its best development in the Middle South, where it can be grown in the open ground during the winter. Large areas of spinach are grown near Norfolk, Va., cuttings being made at any time during the winter when the fields are not frozen or covered with snow. When the weather mal up to the present time. The prinnoderates in the early spring, the

Go over your field every day. It GEN. CHAFFEE PLANS will certainly pay you. It would be still more profitable to do it twice daily

It will assist the sorters and pack ers if you can keep the sizes separate and deliver them to the shed separate, and also save considerable hauling. When packing a crate, see that uniform size and quality is packed in each crate. By doing this, they will pack tightly and not shake in transit; also will present a better (more salable) appearance.-Southwestern

Select Your Laying Hens.

Stockman.

It is desirable that the hens lay large eggs, and while some breeds lay of 150,000 acres of forest land in the larger eggs that the average, yet there state of Guerrero on his recent visit are individual hens of all breeds that excel in that respect if the conditions are favorable. What is meant by large eggs is not such as may be of abnormal size, or approaching those which contain double yolks, as only the hens that are over-fat lay doubleployed in taking out ore. yolk eggs, but eggs of an average size and uniform in appearance. When the eggs are uniform they present a more attractive appearance in market, and bring better prices. When pullets are just beginning to lay it is more codling moths. usual for the eggs to be small than of an average size, and the same crop for 15 years. thing happens to both hens and pullets when they are near the end of acres of beans planted. their laying period, especially when table pipes for irrigation. about to molt. The feed has also something to do with the matter, as it has been noticed that hens which are well even known for this month. fed and receive a liberal allowance of cars remaining in the state. corn lay larger eggs than those which receive a less quantity of grain, but there is no uniformity in the size of fourth heavier than last year. eggs from a whole flock, as the hens ton this year for German shipment. differ. Even two sisters may lay entirely unlike in every respect.

Throw Away the Dish Rag.

patented a machine for making orange The best authorities have for years boxes. insisted on the use of brushes for crubbing milk cans and separators, says Farming. When I first read in better. the bulletins that cloths should never used on milk utensils, I said: "I fruit shipments will fall way below should expect a brush to be a much those of last year. better harbor for bacteria than my cloths that are scalded every day;" but the dairy papers said; "Brush destructive about Reno that ranchers but the dairy papers said: "Brush the milk tools," and some other auhave been given permission to kill them thority said: "If all the dish cloths in the country could be destroyed, cent investigations of packing houses there would be much less sour milk will hurt their business. brought to the creameries," and I began to think I'd better try a brush be-fore I decided against it. I took the Tule, Pleasant Valley, and Globe disnew brush, the milk pail, the cream tricts pail, and the separator out to the north end of the porch, where the have been so bad that in one section light was good and the air still enthe ranchers cut their alfalfa, let it couraging with the sweetness of dry and burned it to kill the worms. springtime. A very short time showed me many corners and creases that a exclusive berry train between Salinas cloth could not reach, and my standand San Francisco for the benefit of ards of cleanliness were immediately the berry growers in the Pajaro Valraised. It took a, long time to clean ley who ship about 800 chests per day. up that day, and the nearby pansy bed was well spattered before I called mento have organized for protection the separator clean; but the big kettle against the commission men, who get full of boiling water that I poured into most of the profits that should rightit came out perfectly clear and the fully accrue to the apiarist. tin parts looked like new.

Fresh Fruit Shipments Light

ton last week for Guatemala to be Shipments of fresh deciduous fruit placed at work in the "tented field."from the northern counties have so California Cultivator. far been light, falling below the norpart of shipments have

BIG ROAD LOSES SNAP.

MANY LUMBER MILLS

PANAMA CANAL.

dred and Fifty Thousand Acres

of Timber Land in State

of Guerrero.

California Items of Interest.

Warm weather is bringing out the

Napa County reports "best grape

Ventura district has about 45,000

Navels are about gone, not over 50

The Sacramento pea crop will be a

Apricot pits are bringing \$15 per

There is a labor famine in all hay

A Riverside man has perfected and

The Tule River Citrus Association

Around Redlands the army worms

The Southern Pacific has put on an

Beekeepers in the vicinity of Sacra-

Ten hundred and sixty mules, the

largest shipment ever made from the

United States, went out from Stock

Government Metal Contracts.

and grain sections of this State.

Standard Oil Company Quits Lubricat. ing Contract With Pennsylvania Under Pressure.

Cleveland .- Owing to disclosures made before the Interstate Commerce WILL FURNISH MATERIAL FOR Commission, the Standard Oil Company has thrown up its contract for lubricating the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh, voluntarily sur-Former Major General Buys One Hunrendering a revenue of more than \$112,000 a year.

With the cancellation of the agree ment hetween the Pennsylvania and the Galena Oil Company, which is the City of Mexico.-Major General constituent company through which Chaffee, retired, who purchased a tract the Standard furnishes all the railroads of the country with lubricating oil, comes the knowledge that the to Mexico, is arranging to establish a Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh large number of mills upon the propsaved more than \$1,600,000 in ten erty and supply lumber to be used in years by securing a more liberal conthe construction of the Panama canal. tract than any other railroad company He is also opening up a rich mine enjoyed with the Galena for lubricat on the property and has 200 men eming oils.

New Volcano in Japan.

Tokio .- A fresh crater has been formed on Mt. Azo, Klushiu Island. It is emitting smoke and a rumbling sound, but no damage has been reported. Uneasiness, however, prevails in the vicinity of the volcano,

Olive farmers are all turning to por-NATION IMPORTS MANY GEMS. June lemons are at the highest price

Residents of United States Buy Over \$34,000,000 Worth of Foreign Countries.

Washington .- The United States geological survey, in a bulletin on the production and importation of precious stones in the United States in 1905. says the value of the output of precious stones in that year reached \$326,350, of which the yield from sapphire mines amounted to \$125,000,

Apricots about Sacramento are a Next in value was the turquoise failure and peaches are but a little output, quoted at \$65,000.

The importation of precious stones About Vacaville the present year's amounted to \$34,997,513, as compared with \$26,008,213 in 1904.

Diamonds represent the bulk of the Wild horses are so numerous and importations, the rough or uncut stones being valued at \$10,281,111, while the value of the unset stones is placed at \$20,375,304. Stock raisers declare that the re-

SYNDICATE GROWS RAPIDLY.

Oakland Men Secure Sierra Nevada Water and Power Company Holdings.

San Francisco .-- It is reported that the Oakland Realty Syndicate, which recently purchased the Contra Costa water works, has also absorbed the Sierra Nevada Water and Power Company, whose sources of water supply are the Blue lakes and the Moke lumne river.

By uniting this source of supply with the Contra Costa it is expected that the syndicate will have resources sufficient to meet the wants of Oakland and adjacent cities now furnished with water by the Contra Costa.

The financial figures of this enterprise have not been made public, but are said to be between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000.

OLD AGE PENSIONS IN GERMANY.

high price of great oil fields this difficulty has been overcome.'

Three cement factories are reported to be in operation located respective. ly, at Napa Junction, Napa county Colton, San Bernardino county, and at Cement, near Suisuh, Solano county The oldest factory is at Colton. The one at Suisun began operations in 1902 and the one at Napa Junction in 1903.

Clay Deposits.

The clavs and the clav industries of this State also figure importantly. Large works exist and are operating in Alameda, San Joaquin, Amador, Calaveras, Contra Costa, Kern, Los Angeles and other counties. Immense deposits of clay were discovered by the San Francisco and San Joaquin Coal Company in the opening up of coal de posits at Tesla. The mines will supply a fine grade of pottery and fire clays.

A great belt of clays of superior quality extends in a general direction west of north and east of south from Elsinore to Corona, in Riverside county. There are clay deposits in Sacramento, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Shasta, Siskiyou and Yuba counties of high grade

"California," reports State Mineralogist Aubury, "in the list of States ranks eleventh in the value of its clay products. The red brick product of California has a greater aggregate value than all the other clay products of the State. It is also more widely distributed throughout the State. The pottery industry is limited to a few counties, while the common brick industry is represented in nearly every county in the State."

Iron, so the Mineralogist reports, has been found in Butte, Calaveras, El Dorado, Los Angeles, Madera, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego, Shasta, San Luis Obispo, Sierra, Sonoma, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity counties. The local material does not figure in building operations yet.

In 1904 the value of structural materials in California was \$7,274,846. The figures for 1905 have not been reported. The State Mineralogist arrays the mineral products of the State in the following order as to values: Gold, petroleum, copper, clays and their products, cement, rubble, quicksilver. The total value of all the metallic substances in 1904 was \$25,114,699. Among the structural materials are included brick and pottery clays. Portland cement, lime and limestone, macadam, rubble and concrete rock, paving blocks, marble, granite, sandstone, serpentine, slate, glass sand and soapstone.

The Second Chapter.

"Does the divorce question Interest you?" asked Mrs. Quizzit. "No," said Mrs. Flygh. "I haven't

got that far. It's the marriage question that keeps me guessing."-Detroit Free Press.

For some time the Copper Queen Company at Bisbee has been conducting experiments with a view to arriving at a practicable method of retrieving the copper which has heretofore been carried away in the waste water from the mines. A small precipitation plant was put in and the results proved so satisfactory that the com-

ing approximately fifty times the capacity of the one in use heretofore. The system is a simple one, consist-

ing of a series of vats in which are de posited various bits of old scrap iron. The waste water is allowed to pass through these vats and the chemical action takes place, the copper being precipitated and adhering to the iron, and the iron is eaten away and carried off by the water.

Huge Fissures Open in Sierra Nevadas

Reno, Nev .-- John Menanti, a prospector and half owner in the Western Saloon at Verdi, returned from a prospecting trip and states that immense fissures have opened up in the Sierra Nevada Mountains about two miles west of Verdi.

Other prospectors returning to Verdi report the same facts. Some state that they have seen smoke and steam issuing from the crevices.

The largest abyss opened in the All those who have seen the cracks

declare they are of recent origin. The geological department of the University of Nevada is interested in the matter and an expedition of scientists has set out for the scene.

Old Camps Revive.

Aurora is one of the old Nevada camps that is coming to life again as a gold producer. According to the Aurora Borealis, leasers on the Northern Bell have struck a four-foot vein of \$100 ore, carrying bunches of mack ore assaying as high as \$12,500. The Borealis glows with enthusiasm, jeers at Manhattan and boasts that Aurora

can show up larger bodies of rich ore than any other camp in Nevada. The Aurora incidentally denounces the 'Sunny Jim" strike as a rank fake of the coarsest description.

A Los Angeles mining man writes that the Virginia and Truckee Rail-Carson and will reach Aurora by next January. He predicts that within a year that section of Nevada win be making an output of gold that will at-States

Old Bodie also seems to be reviving. The Standard is dropping 20 stamps and producing \$1500 a day, and the New Bodie and the South End are about ready to begin crushing ore.

Nevada seems to be on the eve of a mining boom that will bring the old Comstock days back again.

Fresh, pure air night and day is the most important thing in poultry keeping.

plants make a new growth, and a large crop of early greens is available.

Sow the seeds of spinach in drills foot apart at the rate of 1 ounce to 100 feet of row, or 10 to 12 pounds to the acre. To produce good spinach, a rich loam which will give the plants a quick growth is required. As ordinarily grown, spinach occupies the pany is now erecting a large plant havland during the autumn and winter only, and does not interfere with summer cultivation.

Spinach is an easily grown garden crop, and there is, perhaps, no other of its kind that will give as good satisfaction. Three or four ounces of seed planted in the autumn after a summer crop has been harvested from the land, will produce an abundance of greens for the average family dur ing the late autumn and early spring. In gathering spinach the entire plant is removed rather than merely cutting off the leaves. The larger plants are selected first and the smaller or later ones are thus given room to develop. No thinning is required if this plan of harvesting is practiced.

Lime in the Garden

Common lime is hardly a plant food in the general acceptation of the term. though it has a slight fertilizing value. but by its presence impetus is given to mountain side is over twelve feet wide the liberation of manures in the soil and the smallest is about a foot wide. that may have become impotent or for some cause are simply lying still and of no use. Lime also sweetens or purifies soil and acts as a deterrent to insects and garden pests of all kinds. Nevertheless, it tends to impoverish the soil by making available

has been limed and a crop grown thereon should be well manured before Vegetables of the melon and squash the next crop is planted. We recommend using lime once a year, and the best way to apply it is to scatter it over the ground when the soil is dry, celery and cauliflower are grown at air-slake if possible, or it will soon elevations above 3000 feet. Green thoroughly worked into the soil.

Suggestions to Cantaloupe Growers

Pick melons that are just on the not sell well because the trade want seed are not well known. As the reroad is being extended south from sweet, highly-flavored cantaloupes, and sult of an inquiry throughout the not cucumbers. Those that are picked State, the Kansas State Agricultural be too soft by the time they are pre-sented to the trade. The above men- crop and Seeding Alfalfa." This bultract the attention of the whole United tioned is placed first because it is letin will not enable one to produce a most important.

In hauling to the packing shed, use will prevent a great amount of bruising.

It is important that you keep your melons in a shady place at all times after they are picked. If you have no such place at present, it will pay you to erect one.

Deliver your melons to the packing shed or loading station same day as picked and as soon as possible.

cherries, and the recent heavy rains put a stop to this shipment to a great extent, as a large part of the ripe fruit was damaged. Apricots are now coming in, but the crop of this fruit is very light, so that we cannot look for heavy shipments until later in the season when plums, peaches and pears begin to go forward. The heaviest shipments of fruit this year will be grapes, late in the season. There is every promise of a good crop of grapes, and very large areas of new vinevards are coming in. There has been a great deal done in the way of vineyard planting during the past four years, especially of table grapes, and the output of this fruit should very materially increase now with each season.

Garden Vegetables in Hawaii.

The production of garden vegetables for the market is almost entirely in the hands of Chinese, but products of better qualities than the ordinary varieties commonly grown by these people, find good sale at fair prices. Conditions are such that any settler can grow almost any class of garden vegetables, excepting celery, peas and cauliflower, in his own garden at all seasons of the year. Insect pests and plant diseases are as abundant in Hawaii as anywhere else, but here, as elsewhere, yield readily to the application of scientific remedies. There are good openings in the islands for people who wish to undertake the cultivation of the better class of garden products. Cabbages, peas, sweet and Irish potatoes, green corn, lettuce. all the plant food, and ground that parsley, tomatoes and many others grow as well here as anywhere else. types are subject to damage by a fruit fly, which stings the young fruit and causes it to rot or drop off. Excellent air-slake, after which it should be corn is in the Honolulu market the year round.-Honolulu Press.

Alfalfa Bulletin.

Alfalfa seed is so valuable a crop turn. Do not pick them green, and that many would be glad to produce do not let them ripen on the vines. more of it if it were possible. The Those that are picked too green will conditions favoring the production of from the vines in a ripe condition will College Experiment Station has issued crop of alfalfa seed at will, since some of the conditions are beyond our cona spring wagon when possible; this trol, but it will be of value to every grower of alfalfa. It may be obtained

free by addressing the Agricultural Experiment Station, Manhattan, Kan.

Farmers, avail yourselves of the present demand for good horses, produce the kind of a horse that readily

sells for a good price. A safe rule is to feed only what the fowls eat quickly and with a relish.

Recently the United States government advertised for bids to supply copper, tin, zinc, and bronze, to be delivered at the Washington navy yard in monthly installments beginning June, this year, and terminating in 1907.

The first bid accepted is for 2,600,000 pounds of the best lake ingot copper, delivered at the rate of 200,000 pounds per month; the price quoted by the United Metals Selling Company was barrels used for shipping. About a month ago this company filled a government contract for 20,000 pounds at 18½ cents per pound.

One firm bid 21.4 cents per pound for 205,800 pounds of cold rolled cop per.

The Nassau Smelting and Refining Company, of New York, bid 10.4 cents per pound for 200,000 pounds of zinc. and 39.7 cents per pound for 260,000 pounds of tin.

The Ajax Metal Company of Philadelphia offered to supply 600,000 pounds of bronze at 16.9 cents per pound.

OF BOMB THROWN AT KING.

Nine Others Injured Are Likely to Die -Six Anarchists Arrested.

Madrid .- An official report states that 33 deaths resulted from the throwing of a bomb by the anarchist, Morales, on the occasion of King Alfonso's wedding. Nine of the persons injured are not likely to recover.

The government has appointed a special committee to ascertain the source of a fund of \$100,000 which, it is alleged, was placed at Morales' disposal for the purpose of assassinating the king.

Six anarchists have been arrested in Barcelona for publishing a letter has a clause which is worth repetition: congratulating Editor Nakens of El Matin for aiding Morales after his attempt on the life of the king.

Frenchmen Send Appeal.

Berkeley .-- President Wheeler of the State University has been asked to lend his support to a plan for the adoption of a universal language. A delegation from Parisian bodies of scholars is in charge of the propaganda.

The delegation states in a letter to President Wheeler that in any case it does not specially advocate any one project, whether new or old. It proposes simply to unite all partisans in an expression of opinion to represent them, and to arrive by an international agreement and a kind of arbitration at definite and universally accepted solution.

For this purpose it invites all learned bodies, all associations of business men or tourists to express an agreement with the declaration and to elect delegates.

the Amount Is Determined-How Belgium and Italy.

In Germany there obtains a general system of compulsory insurance against old age and invalidity, says the Chambers Journal. An old age pension is payable on the recipient attaining 70 years of age. It is composed of two parts: a contribution from the state of two pounds ten shillings per annum; the balance is made up of contributions 18.85 cents per pound, plus cost of from the employers and employed in equal shares. The amount of the pension depends on the wage class, of which there are five, which this determines the amount of the weekly contribution.

The minimum invalidity pension for first wage class is three pounds, plus government contribution of two pounds ten shillings-total, five pounds ten shillings per annum; ranging up to a minimum of seven pounds ten shillings for class 5. These amounts are increased according to the number of weeks' contribution to the fund. The old age pension amounts to five pounds THIRTY-THREE DEATHS RESULT ten shillings per annum, including government contribution of two pounds ten shillings for class 1, ranging up to eleven pounds ten shillings per annum for class 5. These amounts are intribution is twelve pfennig (three halfpence) for class 1, increasing in pro-

portion to thirty-six pfennigs (fourpence halfpenny) for class 5.

Not only do Belgium and Italy also give a lead to Great Britain; our own colonies are far in advance of the mother country. In New Zealand persons reaching the age of 65 whose income does not exceed £1 per week receive a pension of £18 per annum. roughly 7 shillings per week. The act

of Parliament which gives this power "Whereas, it is equitable that deserving colonists who during the prime of life have helped to bear the public burdens of the colony by the payment of taxes and to open up its resources by their labor and skill, should look to the colony for a pension in their old age." This strikes one as sound doctrine, the

justice of which is as applicable to the old country as to the new.

A not uninteresting sign of the times comes from France. A leading plank in M. Rouvier's platform was old-age pensions. The government of France at present subsidizes the pension funds of trade and friendly societies, but no general scheme of old-age pensions has yet been adopted.

His Idea of a Joke. "Jones has a queer sense of humor."

"Huh?" "He married his dead wife's sister, you know. And now he refers to the deceased as his sister-in-law."-Cleveland Leader.