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tork oatos wiGideon's Battle With the Midlanites."

Text: "And the three companions blew e trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and brake the pitchers, and lid the lamps in their left hands and the umpets in their right hands to blow withal de they stood every man in his place und about the camp, and all the host ran deried and fied."—Judges vii., 20, 21. That is the strangest battle ever fought, of had told didden to go down and thrash e Midianties, but his army is too large, for e glory must be given to God and not to m. Andse proclamation is made that all ose of the troops who are cowardly and not to go home may go, and 22,000 of ms scampered away, leaving only 10,000 ms. But God says the army is too ge yet, and so he orders these 10,000 msining to march own through a eam and command Gideon to notice in lat manner these men drink of the water they pass through it. If they get down they are they pass through it. If they get down all fours and drink, then they are to be oncoursed lazy and incompleten for the mean; they are copy up the water in the pain their hand and drink and peac on they are shown the second with the most of them come down on I fours and plunge their mouths like a horse an ox into the water and drink, but there also men who, instead of stooping, just pite palm of their hands in the water and ing it to their lips, "lapping it as a dog peth." Those 300 brisk, rapid, enusiastic men are chosen for the mpsign. They are each to take a trumpet the right hand, and a pitcher in the left and, and a lamp inside the pitcher, and en at a given signal they are to blow the impess, and throw down the pitchers, and lid up the lamps. So it was done. It is night, I see, a great host of Midianites and seep in the valley of Jezreel. Gidney come with the signal is given if they blow the rumpets, and they throw went he pitchers, and hold up the lamps. The pare as host of Midianites and seep in the valley of Jezreel. Gidney come up with his 300 pitcked men, and en everything is ready the signal is given if they blow the rumpets, and they throw an the pitchers, and hold

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cultured. We have in the gingdom of to-day enough troops to conquer the e earth for Christ if we only had skillful euvering. I would rather have the 300 s and pitchers of Christian strategem 103,000 drawn swords of literary and

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composed of \$2,000 men, but they went null there were only 10,000 left, and that bubstracted from until there were only it is the same in all ages of the Ohrischurch. A few men have to do the harding. Take a membership of 1000, and generally find that fifty people do the control in the temperature of the work. Take a membership of 500, and you rally find that en people do the work. I have a membership of 500, and you rally find that en people do the work. I have a membership of 500 and you rally find that ten people do the work. I have a mountains of Lebanon. I to the 10,000,000 membership of the illan ehurch to-day if 5,000,000 of the law were off the books the church would ironger. Tou know that the flore rake if its. I would rather have the loked men of Gldcon than the \$2,000 each of the think the duty of the church of God to ride hear, and the quicker it does it the set it does its duty, not worry, O Christian, if you have to ree than your share of the work. You effect thank God that He has called you one of the ploked men rather than to to to the host of stranglers. Would not there be one of the 500 ethat faith in the office of the start of the work. You effect thank God that He has called you noe of the ploked men rather than to to to the host of stranglers. Would not there be one of the 500 that faith in the control of the control of the than than the control of the control of the than than the control of the contro

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been left to men to write it would have been a thousand volumes, judging from the amount of ecclesiastical controversy which has arisen. God's way is different from man's, but it is best, infinitely best.

So it is in regard to the Christian's life. It we had had the planning of a Christian's life. We would have said: "Let him have sighty years of sunshine, a fine house to live in. Let his surroundings all be agreeable. Let him have sound health. Let no chill shiver through his limbs, no pain ache his love or trouble shadow his soul. I enjoy'the prospecity of others so much I would let every man have as much money as he wants and roses for his children's cheeks and fountains of gladness glancing in their large round eyes. But that is not God's way. It seems as if man must be cut, hit and pounded just in proportion as he is useful. His child falls from a third story window and has its life dashed out. His most confident investment tumbles him into bankruptcy. His friends,

out. His most connean investment tumbles him into bankruptey. His friends, on whom he depended, aid the natural force of gravitation in taking him down. His life is a Bull Run defeat. Instead of \$2,000 advantages he has only 10,000. Aye, only 300—aye, none at all. How many good people there are at their wits' end about their livelihood, about their reputation? But they will find out it is the best way after awnile. God will show them that He depletes their advantages just for the same reason He depleted the army of Gideon—that they may be induced to throw them. Selves on His mercy.

A grapesina says in the early spring:
"How glad I sun to get through the winter! I shall have no more trouble now. Summer weather will come and the garden will be very beautiful." But the gardener comes and cuts the true here and there with his kints. "Hortwigs begin to fall, and the grapevine ories out: "Murel! What are you cutting me for?" "Ah" says the gardener, "I don't mean to kill you. If I did not do this, you would be the laughing stock of all the other vines before the season is over." Months go m, and one day the gardener comes underthet relish, where great clusters of grapes hang, and the grape vine says: "Thank you, is. Tou could not have done anything so kind as to have cut me with that kinfe." "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth." No pruning, no grapes; no grinding mill, no flour; no battle, no vietory; no cross, no crown.

So God's way, in the redemption of the world, is different from ours. If we had our way, we would have had Jesus stand in the door of heaven and beokon the Nations up to light, or we would have had angels flying around the earth proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ. Why is it that the cause goes on so slowly? Why is it that the chains stay on when God could knock them off? Why do thrones of despotism stand when God could so easily demolish them? It is His way in order that all generations may co-operate and that all men may know they done and the north of the hold of the history with the co

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At selected as it he had compared God as he stood smid the blace of chandellers and pier attrees. In the diamonds of the wardrobe I saw the tears of the widown whom he had robbed and in the snowy satins the paties of the without he had or blace with o checked or phane whom he had stirrors. In the diamonals of the wardrobe I saw the tears of the widows whom he had robbed and in the snowy astins the paties of the widows whom he had robbed and in the snowy astins the paties of the shift of the paties of the paties. The paties whom he had wronged. The blood of the oppressed glowed in the deep crimson of the imported chair. The musto trembled with the sorrow of mirth dashed higher on reefs of coral aud pearl. The days and the nights went merrity. No sick shild darea pull that silver doorbell. No beggar dared ait on that marble step. No voice of prayer floated amid that tapestry. No shadow of a judgment day darkened that fresco. No tear of human symmathy dropped upon that upholstery. Pomp strutted the hall, and dissipation flitted her cup; and all seemed Safe as the Midlanties in the valley of Jezreel. But God came. Calamity smote the money market. The partridge left its eggs unhatched. Crash went all the porcelain pitchers! Ruin, rout, dismay and woe in the valley of Jezreel!

Alas for those who fight against God! Only two sides. Man immortal, which side are you on? Womap immortal, which side are you on? Do you belong to the 30 that are going to win the day or to the great host of Midlainties asleep in the valley, only to be roused up in consternation and ruin? Suddenly the golden bowl of liffe will be broken and the trumpet blown that will startle our soul into eternity. The day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night and as the God armed Israelites upon the sleeping foe. Ha! Canst thou pluck up courage for the day when the trumpet which hath never been blown shall speak: the -roll -call of the dead, and the earth, dashing against a lost meteor, have its mountains scattered to the stars and oceans emptied in the air? Oh. then, what will become of you? What will become of me?

If those Midlainites had only given up their swords the day before the disaster, all would have be

? FOURTH RACE PROTESTED.

Spruce IV. Objects To Awarding Vic. tory to the American Yacht.

tory to the American Yacht.

Center Island, L. I., Sept. 28.—The fourth race of the —Seawanha-ka's international challenge series for small raters which was sailed in a tumbly sea in the open sound with a rattling northwest wind of fifteen knots' strength, resulted in a handsome victory for the American defender Ethelwynn by one minute and ten seconds. Official times. strength, resulted in a handsome victory for the American defender Ethelwynn by one minute and ten seconds, official time, at the end of the twelve-mile_triangle. When the Ethelwynn reached the second mark of four miles and was two minutes and ten seconds behind, Mr. Brand on Spruce waived a protest flag. The committee on flagship Oneida responded and at the conclusion of the gace Mr. Brand's formal protest was rereceived. He claimed that his competitor had infringed sections three and seven of rule thirty-four of the Seawanhaka club's racing regulations, which are as follows: Rule 34, section 3—When both yachts are close-hauled, or both free, or both have the wind aft and have the wind on opposite sides, the yacht with the wind on the port side shall keep clear. Section 7.—Definition of an overlap. An overlap is established when an over-taking yacht has no longer a free choice on which she will pass, and continues to exist as long as the 'leward yacht by luffing or the weather yacht by bearing away is in danger of fouling. The regatta committee will make their decision known to-day.

TO 'FRISCO AND RETERN Jack Witts Leaves Fall River for a Long Journey on a Bicycle.

Fall River, Mass., Sept. 28.—Jack Witts left here at 9:30 last night on a rip to San Francisco and return on a picycle. Walter Smith, captain of the Fall River Bieycle club, accompanied him. On his return, if conditions are favorable, he will try to break the record, something over 48 days. He goes via Providence and New Haven and pects to reach New York Sept. 30. route extends through Syracuse, Erie Pa., Cleveland, Ohio, South Bend, Ind. to Kansas and Chicago, thence to Kansas City, New Mexico and San Francisco, arriving Nov. 30.

WAR AGAINST PRIZE FIGHTING

Repulists May Defeat the Plans of the Governor of Texas

Austin, Tex., Sept. 28.—The proclamation issued by Gov. Culberson convening a special session of the legislature next Tuesday to pass another law against prize-fighting is the popular topic to-day. It is said that populists and other political opponents of the governor may defeat his plans by caucing a law to go into effect in ninety days. Representative Ward said that the legislature undoubtedly would pass a law to lature undoubtedly would pass a law to go into effect immediately and that it go into effect immediately and that it would make prize fighting a felony. He thinks the law will be passed within a week after the legislature meets.

ANXIETY FOR THE EELS. She Has the Crew of the Wrecked Meteor on Board.

Mother on Board.

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 28.—Several weeks ago the schooner Meteor, Capt. D. W. Davis, was wrecked off the coast of Mexico. The captain and crew made their way to land, where they were taken on board the schooner Lizzie M. Eels and started for Mobile. Nothing has since been heard from the Eels and much anxiety is felt for safety.

PRICE OF COKE ADVANCED. And the Wages of 13,000 Men Goes Up.

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Pittsburg, Sept. 28.—The price of furnace coke has advance, to take effect Oct.

1, to \$1.60 per ton, and the H. C. Frick Coke company and other companies in which they are interested or control, have posted notices giving their men an advance of six per cent. in their wages, to take effect Oct 1. This will apply to thirteen thousand men.

Governor of Queensland. London, Sept. 30.—Lord Lamington has been appointed governor of Queens-

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A BIG FEE.

A Lawyer Gets \$200,000 Out of the Cherokee Award.

The Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat writes: "The old settler Cherokee Indians are to receive in payment from the Government \$600,000 by the last of next month. The roll is about comnext month. pleted in the department, showing that 1,100 Indians are entitled to share in the money, but as it is to be paid out by estates and not per capita, there is a wide range of difference in the amounts to be received. In some instances individuals will receive only 14 cents, and in other cases an individual will receive over \$1,500.

The money to be paid the old set-

The money to be paid the old settlers comes from interest on old accounts due them from the Government. They date back to 1835, when a treaty was made with the Cherokees, and this fund, according to the terms of that treaty, is to be paid to a certain number of families who moved into that eountry prior to that time. This is how it happens that the money appears to be so unevenly divided. In some instances but few members of a family are living, while in other cases many deing, while in other cases many deing, while in other cases many descendants are living. The denartment has had considerable trouble in perfecting the roll, as a few of those entitled to share this money now live in California. Nearly all live in the Cherokee nation. With those in the nation it has been a difficult matter to determine in many instances whether or not an individual is entitled to share the money. The work tied to share the money. The work of perfecting the rolls has delayed payment for than a year.
While the Indians receive only \$600,000, the entire claim is \$800,000.

This \$200,000 is taken up by attorneys' fees, which are paid direct to the attorneys. Over thirty-two years ago the Indians interested in this claim executed a contract with W.J. Bryant of Tahlequa giving him 25 per cent of all the money he could get out of the combination of claims. He commenced work on the matter and is now 78 years old, and very feeble, but he is expected to make another trip here to get his \$200,000 and divide it with attorneys he had employed in the case. It is understood ployed in the case. It is understood only one got through, the others that he has given contracts to attended the contest. One torneys and officials, covering about \$150,000, thus leaving him but \$50,- to a standstill at Versailles early in 000. But this division was thought the race, owing to an accident, and by him necessary to bring about a time the race, owing to an accident, and the others lost time by frequent in a settlement, and, as estimated, it stoppages of five and ten minutes, never would have been paid had he made for the purpose of taking in not been able to deal out some coal and water. The electrical converse where it would have the eff. eventually a support of the strain carriages was brought to a standstill at Versailles early in the race, which is the coal stands and the contest. One

attorneys and for other purposes, \$10,000 is taken out of the fund for \$10,000 is taken out of the fund of Missouri, by an act of Congress. Mr. Heard was employed in the case some time before he was elected to Congress, and did the work, that entitled him to the see of \$10,000. The payment of his see was recommended by the present officials in the department, and Mr. Heard concluded that it would be just as safe to have Congress set apart his fee as it would to leave the matter in the hands of the departmental officials. Accordingly he had an act passed covering the matter and making sure his fee. He gets his fee out of the claim, and it it is taken out in addition to the \$200,-000 that is given to Bryant and di-vided with others.

And the Cat Went Back.

There is a park guardian patrolling a section of Fairmount, near Straw berry Mansion, Philadelphia, whos zeal in the performance of duty will zeal-in-the-performance of duty will-probably hereafter be tempered with an unwonted degree of moderation. His attention was called the other day to a timid-looking young woman who was carefully carrying a small bundle along one of the foot-paths in his beat. He watched her care-fully, and saw her stop a few hundred yards away, glance about as if to make sure that no one was look-ing, and leave the bundle on the bench, walking rapidly away. Immediately conjecturing that she had abandoned an infant, the guard run to the bench and picked up the bundle.

Sure enough, there was life inside, sure enough, there was life inside, as he could feel the warm little body turn in its smothering wraps. Without stopping to open the bundle, he ran after the woman, and she, in turn, started to run also. She ran out into the atreets from the park, and would prophably have made her would probably have made her escape had she not been stopped by spectators. She stood nervously cry-ing until the puffing guard reached the spot. "How dare you desert your baby!" were his first words. "I wouldn't be surprised if the poor thing was smothered." Then he removed the covering from the little waif and disclosed a young—cat! The crowd laughed, the digusted ert your The crowd laughed, the digusted guard went back to the beat and the young woman disappeared down a young woman disappeared down a side street, while the cat scampered away through the park.

June Water.

A quaint old superstition as to the medicinal virtues of "June water" still obtains in Hingham and other old towns in Massachusetts. It must

be caught from the first shower th falls after 12 o'clock on the night of May 31. An old lady of Hingham tells a writer who sends an account of "June water" to the Transcript of Hinghs that it is bottled and used for sick folks mostly. "You oughtn't to give 'em medicine in ordinary water, didn't you know? Why, I've had my son's wife send up from Boston for a bottle or two when the boys was sick. Then if I feel as if I can spare it I use it for preserves. They'd never spoil done in June water if you'd kep' 'em a hundred years. Why spoil done in June nave. Why, there ain't a speck or a mite of dirt, in it. It's real different from other water whon you come to look.

HORSELESS CARRIAGES.

A Consul's Report of Recent Experiments.

C. W. Chancellor, United States consul at Havre, France, says, in a recent report to the State Departrecent report to the state Department regarding horseless carriages in France, that the "time seems approaching when automatic road carriages, propelled by steam, electricity or petroleum will come into general use and take away from the retiant horse the worst part of his

general use and take away from the patient horse the worst part of his daily toil. The odds at present seem to be rather in favor of petroleum.

"A most interesting competition has recently taken place in France between varied specimens of motor carriages. The course prescribed was from Paris to Rodesux—editations distance distance distance distance. from Paris to Bordeaux—a distance of 358 miles—and back again, any vehicle to stand disqualified if it consumed more than one hundred hours on the road. The big prize of the day—40,000 francs; (\$7,720)—was the day—10,000 frames, (1, 120)—was for four-seated carriages, which was won by Les Fils de Pengeot freres, while Messrs. Panhard & Levasson secured second place with a two-seated carriage, making the trip in twenty-four hours and fifty-three minutes. minutes.

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"The winning conveyances were propelled by gasoline, and the rate of speed was about fitteen miles an hour, which is regarded as an extremely creditable performance, the long lines of hills being taken into account. These hills appear to have proved too much for the carriages propelled by electricity, of which only one got through, the others having abandoned the contest. One of the steam carriages was brought to a standstill at Versailles early in the race, owing to an accident, and not been able to deal out some coal and water. The electrical conmoney where it would have the ef-fect of securing action.

In addition to this \$200,000 given to charges, but the petroleum machines attorneys and for other purposes, carried enough force for a twenty-\$10,000 is taken out of the fund for four hours' run, and on the return journey the run was made without a single stop. In comparing the merits of the different propelling agents, the palm must, so far, be awarded to petroleum, which is clean, and can be easily carried. The ordinary be easily carried. The ordinary feeder used for short distances con-tains less than four quarts of oil, which will last over a journey of twenty miles, or two and one-half hours. For long distances, a recep-tacle capable of holding enough pe-troleum for a run of at least twenty

or twenty-four hours is provided.
We hear also of bicycles propelled
by petroleum, in which great interest
has been exhibited, and half a dozen of such machines started in the race to Bordeaux, one, at least, holding its own among the larger vehicles. It is believed that light petroleum by cycles, tricycles and even four-wheel-ers will soon come into general use, which will tend to relieve lady cy-clists from the necessity of wearing short skirts. Altogether, it seems that petroleum is destined to become the popular agent for solving the problem of traffic and conveyances cities and on smooth country roads." without horses in the streets of great

The Hardest-Headed Man.

Alexander Jones, of San Diego, Cal., the hardest headed man in the oat, the hardest headed than the world, is dead. Jones had furnished amusement to thousands by allowing them to break canes, chairs and clubs over his head. Many San Franciscans will remember the butting bout he had with a big colored man from up the coast and how the colored colored man was worsted. He had bested the hardest headed Africans ever put before him.

He was a phenomenon in his way. and more than one medical society and museum has offered to arrange with him for his head after his death, a subject on which he Alexander refused to converse unless in his cups. His picture has appeared in many of the sporting papers, but of late years he has dropped out of prominence, owing to his dissipated habits. Only a few days before his death he an acquaintance here that, when ill in San Francisco, a medical college offered him over \$1,000 for his head, and was so earnest in its offer he left the city before he was hardly fit for travel.

fit for travel.

Last Sunday he was reported quite ill in his room in the lower part of town by some of the inhabitants of that quarter, and he was taken to the County Hospital, where he died some after and was buried to-day. He was aged 35 and a native of Wales.

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