

POETRY.

Philosophical Simpkins.

John Simpkins sat on a counter high,
In his "study" which he called a study;
He was a philosopher, a philosopher,
And a philosopher he was called.

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Atoms and words and molecules,
Boiled in a maze with bobbin and twist,
Megalomaniacs, neurasthenics, and spooks,
The moral law and the business ethic.

Questions, mounds, of grave import,
Sargined and tossed in his daily brain—
Science, religion, equity, justice, and love,
Cotton and international law.

He pondered of many a brachycephal,
Anthropoid apes and simian tricks,
And he pondered of the human mind,
And whether the boss would hold at six.

Customers came and customers went,
Let Simpkins stare in a study brown,
Never an ear to one he heard,
Never displayed a "hand me down."

Pondering still of science rare,
Streams of stars and the Milky Way,
Flourish in the tail of the comet,
And whether the "Himm" meant "day."

Even, when the day of toll was done,
The boss called John to his study said:
"Philosophy! It never gets you any good,
You talk to a boss of a business head."

"You're bounced, my son," he lied him away,
Yet pondered still at the brachycephal;
He thought, "It is just as well to say,
I always knew that there wasn't no God!"

O men, my brothers, just think what you do!
When you turn the case for service clock
And give him a comic clerk,
When instead of that he should mind his work.

For the wise should know what it is that wins
The strife in this world of woe—
Comic philosophy or pins,
Foolishness or calico.

—New York Graphic.

History of Seven Days.

From the Maine State Press of December 3, 1874.

The news for the week ending Wednesday Night Dec. 3d.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

The safe burglary trial was concluded last Thursday by a failure of the jury to agree as to whether the defendant, William H. Williams, is guilty. It is asserted that the friends of the accused had communicated with the jury and that all sorts of intimations were used to force the jury to render a verdict of acquittal.

The report of the Controller of the Currency, which states that the increase of the bank circulation the past year was \$3,376,277. During the year 40 national banks have been organized with a capital of \$4,000,000, and under the act of last June \$7,124,500 legal tender notes have been deposited by banks to withdraw currency from circulation. His thinks of the amount of legal tender notes should be reduced to \$300,000,000 the balance would be good as gold or nearly so.

The Secretary of the Treasury will give considerable attention to shipbuilding interests in his report. There has been a noteworthy growth the past year. It is said that an effort will be made to restore the money system. The Secretary opposes the proposition.

Postmaster General Fiske is engaged in reducing the expenditures of his department, by having all the details closely scrutinized. The Chief Engineer of the Navy reports eight war ships nearly ready for service.

The Union League of Maryland has informed the President that the defeat of the Republican party is due to the appointment of obnoxious men to office.

The House Committee on Appropriations have all of the general appropriation bills ready. All of the reports of the departments except that of the Treasury have been made public.

The reports of the revenue marine bureau exhibit satisfactory conditions concerning the management of the life saving stations on the sea coast within the last year. Only two deaths occurred and those were occasioned by the carelessness of a vessel and the falling of her mast.

Congress meets next Monday.

There are alarming reports of a state of lawlessness in the coal region near Scranton, Pa., occasioned by the fact that thousands of miners are out of work, and are in great want. The dispatch says that 4000 miners with their families will soon be on the verge of starvation, and that general riots will surely follow, which will horrify the country. A letter to the Philadelphia Press says that those reports are greatly exaggerated. There is, however, a great amount of lawlessness, and violence in that region, and good authorities set forth the deplorable condition of the miners.

As a natural consequence of the disgraceful condition into which Arkansas politicians have brought that state, considerable lawlessness is reported there. Wednesday night five men robbed a store in Tully county and murdered the owner. They fled, but were pursued by the sheriff and two of them captured, after being severely wounded. As was the sheriff, in the fight.

Little progress has been made in Tilton's suit against Mr. Beecher. In the Court of Appeals at Albany, on Tuesday, Mr. Evans, Mr. B.'s counsel, made a motion to set aside the order denying the defendant's application for a bill of particulars. Mr. Evans was given time to prepare his motion.

Mayor Havemeyer of New York, died very suddenly in his office Monday morning, from heart disease, induced by severe exertion. The funeral will take place Saturday with official honors.

A strange murder is reported in the midst of a forest in the wild district of New York. Two men named Williams and Smith were engaged in building a house. Having a gang of men, they quarreled and Williams seized Smith and throwing him by the neck of his coat, he fell off his head. When he realized the deed, he cut his jugular vein and bled to death.

The longshoremen of New York are on a strike against a reduction of pay. There have been a few cases of violence, but no serious attempts to prevent society men from loading vessels.

Boas Tweed is making another attempt to get out of prison.

George F. Hill, Secretary of the Sagadahoc Insurance Company, has been arraigned for forging railroad bonds.

Two heavy shocks of earthquake were reported at Orono, Noy, Sunday. No damage done.

The sale of Samuel Lee & Bro., of Gloucester, Mass., was robbed of quite a sum of money, Sunday night.

Eliza Cranston of Providence, partially dazed, was burned to death Saturday night by upsetting a kerosene lamp. Her husband was dead drunk in bed.

An unknown schooner capsized and sank in Boston harbor, Sunday morning, with three men on board.

POLITICAL, ETC.

Lawrence, Mass. has tried the plan of holding a caucus where the candidates were voted for directly by the members of the party. A check list was used. This plan was preferred to that of having nominations made by the committee.

The temperance (2) men of New Hampshire are bound to have a license law in that state, if possible. Last year they gave the state to the Democratic party on a license platform and secured the election of a large number of anti-temperance members of the legislature. The law was passed by the vote of all the Republicans, members of the Legislature, and a few Democrats. Yesterday these so-called red hot friends of temperance held a convention at Concord, and nominated Nathaniel White of Concord for Governor and a candidate for Congress in each district.

It is a good year for new parties, and if we can't announce the birth of a new one every week, we may put it down as a very bad week, such movements. A few men, met at W. in the past, last Wednesday and Thursday, were on the currency, taking the Penitentiary greenback theory. This poor fools have an idea that promises to pay are really money. Horace H. Day is one of the leaders. A national convention of this new party will be held in Cleveland, Ohio Legislature met Tuesday. Gov. Allen delivered his inaugural. He expresses no opinion on general questions like the finances, says that railroads should not be hampered by excessive legislation, but held an answer to just laws. He recommended an increase of salaries of officers and that fees be cut down.

Gov. Chamberlain was inaugurated Governor of South Carolina. He advocated the practice of self government, honesty and economy in public affairs as an imperative duty.

The Republican State Convention in New Hampshire will be held in Concord, Jan. 2, 1875.

Several municipal elections occurred in Massachusetts, Tuesday. Fitchburg elected an "independent" mayor over the regular city government, by about two to one. His name is Miles. In New Bedford A. H. Howland was

electd mayor by about 300 majority in a total vote of 4300. The issue turned on prohibition and anti vote. Howland elected a Republican mayor.

A few days since a deputation from seventy-two chambers of commerce waited on Lord Derby and Carnarvon, English Foreign and Colonial Secretaries, and presented objections to the proposed bill, which they urged and stated that Canada granted to the United States more than to England, and advocated the insertion of a clause providing that English trade and commerce shall not be placed at a disadvantage as compared with those of other countries.

The views of the deputation, and assuring them that they never intended to allow the imposition of a differential duty, and did not think there was anything in the treaty that could be construed as such. Approaching the subject from another standpoint the Secretary said England was bound to consider Canada's peculiar situation and refrain from imposing any obstacle to her trade with the United States. Other news from England is generally unimportant. There has been a storm on the coast and several vessels are reported lost.

The French Assembly met Tuesday, and elected Mr. Buffet, President. There had been considerable preliminary caucusing, and there are indications that the majority of the Assembly of the Extreme Right having resolved to vote against the constitutional bills. Count Chambard has written a letter to his supporters, which is remarkable for saying nothing except that he is a Royalist, which was generally taken as a sign of the water level of the election, and the result of the vote.

The debate in the German Reichstag on the Alsatian and Lorraine bill to endow the Strasbourg university, drew out a sharp speech from Bismarck. The deputies from these provinces opposed the bill as being for the advantage of the empire than the provinces, whereupon Bismarck pointedly told them that the question concerned imperial interests alone, that German law was not spilled for the benefit of Alsace and Lorraine, and he had come to the conclusion that these provinces were not to be trusted and must be watched. Size, the editor, who had the hardihood to say that Kullman's assault upon the Premier was a put up job on the part of the government, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

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The Lowell and Andover Railroad was formally opened Tuesday. The road is 8 1/2 miles long, and laps the Boston and Maine near Barre.

THE LATEST.

The business center of Wilton, N. H., including the Whelan House, Wallack's block, the post office, bank, insurance hall and several stores and offices were burned Wednesday morning. The fire took in Wallack's block. The loss is put at \$100,000; partially insured.

A report from Kentucky states that Mr. White, the Republican Congressman elected from the 9th district, shot his competitor, Mr. Cockerill, in a remote county, Tuesday, on account of bitterness growing out of the canvass. The district is remote from telegraph and mails are irregular.

The Chesapeake Transportation Convention considered schemes offered at Richmond yesterday to bankrupt the nation, but the Committee on Resolutions to which they were referred reported unfavorably on the most of them.

Gold has gone up to 110 1/2.

A train on the Boston, Concord and Montreal Railroad, ran off the track near Woodville, yesterday morning. Fred Brown, a brakeman, was killed; S. R. Lee, a passenger, was fatally injured; Charles Newell badly, and C. F. Foster, slightly, and a few others, slightly.

The Nail Makers Association has voted to resolve the price of ten penny nails from \$4.00 to \$3.75 per keg.

The Virginia Legislature met yesterday and Gov. Kemper delivered his address. He advocated the completion of the water level of the state by aid of Congress, and says that prosperity will never come to the South until all enforcement acts are repealed, the political equality of the races established, and their social equality settled as an impossibility.

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