

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

MINUTES' SELECT READING.

Foreign, Domestic and War... Concise, Pithy, and Pointed. DOMESTIC. Professor Wiggins is to lecture in Quebec...

Verbal Etiquette.

There is a distinction between certain phrases, according to circumstances, which, when misused, become vulgarisms. We give a few taken from a London Journal...

MANITOBA MATTERS.

What is going on in the Prairie Provinces. Wheat is worth from 65 to 73 cents at Morris; oats, 40 to 45 cents. The rush of business at the C. P. R. freight station has rendered it necessary to put on a night staff...

How the Rice Raisers Their Rice.

Rice holds the same relation to the people of Japan that wheat does to the Western nations. It is an every-day food, an important article of export to foreign markets, and the source of the common beverage known as sake...

ALL SORTS.

Spring goods: Rat traps. The first rose of spring—the shad's. A bilious individual—the collector. The American press—the corset. The rolling mill gathers no moss...

GENERAL.

Upper House has passed the Austrian... Benoit, formerly French Consul in Baghdad, has suicided.

Gas for Nothing.

Scientific prophets have foretold that a day will come when the "residual produce" resulting from distilling coal will be so valuable as to reduce the price of gas to a mere nothing.

The Face of the Globe.

It is estimated that the proportion of the surface of the globe covered by water is to the land surface as 278 to 100, and that the average height of land or continents over the world above sea level is somewhat less than 1,000 feet.

A Financial Dictionary.

The New York Wall Street News is responsible for the following, which it heads "New Penal Code." Although the new code does not strictly define the different degrees of theft and embezzlement, the administration of the laws and public censure would seem to classify these crimes according to the amounts stolen, and somewhat as follows:

An Important Ceremony.

The most important religious ceremony after the coronation of the Czar will be the inauguration of the church consecrated to the Saviour. The foundation of this church was due to a vow of Alexander I. during the French occupation of Moscow.

A Chinese Story.

It is absolutely impossible to realize the poverty which exists among the rural population of Northern China.

Newspapers as Investments.

Some people imagine that there is a fortune in the publication of an ordinary weekly newspaper under anything like favorable circumstances, while others are at a loss to know how funds and labor expended in such an enterprise can yield fair returns.

Just Like Brother's Pix.

We heard the following a few days since from a "young bloomer" who had been seated between her oldest sister and her sweetheart during a drive in the country.

More than \$100,000 in an Old Coat.

Antonio Luggi, an Italian sailor, who has been staying at the "Seaman's Rest," made the astounding discovery that instead of being almost penniless as he supposed himself to be, he was the actual possessor of ready money to the value of nearly \$125,000.

Liability of Bank Directors.

The Circuit Court of Macoupin County, in this State, has lately decided that bank directors are personally liable to depositors for money deposited after the bank had become insolvent, and that their individual property can be levied on to make good the loss suffered through their failure to detect or make known mismanagement.