

—A silver plated iron dollar is deceiving Iowa.

—Experiments at a cost of \$36,000 are being made at Berne with a view to traction through the St. Gothard tunnel by means of electricity.

—The Italian Government will open a gallery of modern art in October, and \$20,000 a year will be devoted to the purchase of new pictures.

—There is a farmer in Ohio who has not sheared his sheep in five years, because, as he claims, Providence intended the sheep to wear their wool.

—Six hundred Iowa druggists have agreed, in view of the danger of selling alcoholic drinks, not to fill physicians' prescriptions for wine, whiskey, and the like.

—The town of Payson, Ill., by a vote put the matter of licensing rum-sellers into the hands of a Women's Christian Temperance union. Of course, no licenses are now granted.

—Alexander Salvini, the second son of the great Italian tragedian, will appear in Chicago this month in the character of Romeo. He has already done a little acting, but in trivial parts.

—The pay of Mr. Harrison, the boy evangelist, for his services at the Loveland camp meeting, near Cincinnati, is officially stated by the treasurer to have been \$100 a week and board.

—The freak of a Chicago police sergeant who arrested a lady and gentleman who had come to complain of an insulting patrolman, and keep them in a cell all night. For that he loses his place.

—The Victoria Cross is a special decoration for personal valor under fire in the British army, and though it has occasionally been won by a lord, has never yet fallen to a prince of the blood.

—Philadelphia is running water pipes for cooking and ordinary purposes through common sewers, and thus subjecting the household water supply to the risk of poisoning. The health board protest, but cannot stop it.

—The Berlin National Gazette reports that a high Japanese official has been directed by the Government to make a study of the Prussian constitution upon a constitution to be modeled for Japan, to go into effect eight years hence.

—A man on Sturgeon river, Michigan, followed a bear into the woods and considered himself dead on bears. About three hours afterward a party of eight men came from the top of a sapling where he was clinging and yelling.

—A Dublin woman has been for years drawing money from the public charity fund, and food from two private charities. The money she has lent at usurious rates, and the food she has sold, and added the proceeds to her banking capital.

—An Iowa man tied one end of a long cord to an oblong tooth, and the other to a heavy weight, which he dropped from a fourth story window. Two men were taken to a hospital in an ambulance—one with a broken jaw and one with a broken skull.

—The London public is represented as delighted with the savage captive, the King of the Zulus. The coronation gives him a grand dinner. The Queen grants him an interview. The London populace is greatly amused at his quaint remarks and his good humor.

—Memorial Hall, erected by Philadelphia for the Exhibition of 1876 at a cost of \$1,600,000, and intended to stand as a reminder of that event, is serving the latter purpose by requiring very extensive repairs. The roof cannot hold itself up much longer, and other parts of the pretentious structure are falling to ruin.

—At the camp meeting at Levesport, Ohio, there was preaching at eight different points, and the conversions were numerous; but it seems that all the sinners who heard were not affected, as during the service a minister lost \$235 at the hands of pickpockets, and there was a general raid on pocket purses.

—It is proposed to practically abolish, by cutting twenty feet wide and twenty feet deep, the narrow isthmus which, dividing the east and west lochs of Tarbert, Scotland, unites the Mull of Kintyre to the mainland. Such a canal would give a direct passage from the Clyde to the Firth of Clyde, about 115 miles in the voyage to the west and north of Scotland.

—Fintin Meredith sold his Iowa farm for \$1,100, intending to get very wealthy in mining. He took his money to the fair now open in Denver, unfolded his plan to the fair acquaintances, and was immediately commended with a half interest in the Mountain Queen mine. He has not been able since to find either the mine or his partner.

—The members of the Irish party whom Mr. Davitt threatened to expose when in America, and whom he accuses of creating the difference between him and the party, are now in the streets of London, and are being treated by O'Kelly, member of Parliament for Rosemount. Mr. Davitt, since his return, has withdrawn his communistic scheme, as likely to create divisions and not within the range of practical politics.

—Yes; I loved Lawson Palmer once, but with a man of a man's name, and in his pocket and every time he meets you threatens to throw the mud in your face and ruin the natural smoothness of your complexion, it does not strengthen a genuine sentiment of affection." This was what Miss Mary Stimpson said in a Philadelphia police court. Lawson was held for trial.

—A New Orleans man invented an intoxicating beverage, which he said was bound to revolutionize the process of pleasuring getting drunk. He invited some friends to dinner and tried the new liquid on them. They drank it with relish, and rolled their mouths under the table; but the next day they had to be put under a physician's care, and the host has gone to work to perfect his invention.

—Nabans, a rocky peninsula near Boston, where a few rich people go every summer, is the scene of a typhoid fever last year, there being about 80 cases. Nearly all, an investigation shows, were due to bad drinking water. These people, who gave much attention to upholstery, sunk wells and let the water take care of itself. Out of 130 wells and cisterns examined, 111 were bad.

—The right of a woman past the age of 21 to marry whom she pleases has just been vindicated in Missouri. The father of Laura Robbs, aged 27, attempted to hold her to continue service in the paternal home by looking her up in a room when she had made a verbal contract to become the wife of George W. Bishop. A writ of habeas corpus unlocked the door, and the marriage took place in spite of the father's objections.

—Mr. Maitland, superintendent of the royal gun factory at Woolwich, England, says that the nature of the productions of such an establishment necessitates the turning of very large and heavy masses, and therefore, the lathe is remarkable for magnitude and power. They can deal with weights up to six hundred tons, and are sufficiently powerful to reduce by six inches at a single cut the diameter of a twelve foot tube.

—Of those killed by railroad accidents in Great Britain last year by causes beyond their own control, the proportion was one to 27, 050,435. The proportion of the injured was one to 630,354. The totals were 108 passengers killed and 3,445 injured. From trespasses, suicides, and miscellaneous causes death came to 467 persons, and injuries to 265. The risk of travel is seen to be extremely low.

—A writer in the Argonaut describes the Duke of Hamilton as "a great, coarse, sensual-looking, red haired man of seven and thirty, without a feature in his face evincing intellect or refinement, without a point in his swiftness person indicate speed. His castles long since passed into the hands of his creditors. He then became a pensioner, so to speak, upon their bounty, living on what they chose to allow him. He is married to one of the Duke of Manchester's daughters."

—Lawrence has become so scientific a gambler that "believing" is no longer in practice; that English clubs are considering changes which will lengthen the rallies, and leave it less dependent on sheer force and swiftness. It is proposed to make the net the same level all over, thus helping the base line player control the ball, and thus no longer be cramped by the necessity of returning swift balls over the centre of the net for fear of the court.

—A Kansas story is about three mice that rolled an egg down a stairway without breakage. One held the egg in a close embrace, while the others rolled him like a ball from step to step, always managing to let him strike on his back, thus protecting the egg. The man who says he saw it does not hesitate to add that they rolled the egg to a small hollow in the floor, which steadied it while they cut through the shell with their teeth and givied it.

—Matthew Arnold, in one of his mixed essays, gives expression to the opinion that ere long the whole world will be Americanized. Events seem likely to verify the prediction. What would Horace Walpole say if he were to be told that Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, Woodstock and a century after his death, purchased by an American company for the purpose of converting it into a hotel conducted upon American principles? Yet such is the fact.

—The King of Assam has performed an unprecedented act in drinking liquor in public, the occasion thus honored being Queen Victoria's birthday. He drank the Queen's health in the presence of the British agent and a large number of his own subjects. The true Briton will probably see in this act not only a most gratifying evidence of the dusky monarch's loyal friendship, but also the most convincing proof possible of his capacity for civilization.

—Sir Gerard Wolesey, who has just gone out to take command in Egypt, is very quick and brisk in his ways, with a trim military appearance, and great readiness of adaptation to change of circumstances. He is a Napoleon's faculty of being at a glance the measure of a man, and knowing how best to use his ability. He has succeeded in every position in which he has been placed. Like Sir Frederick Roberts, England's other great General, he is an Irishman from near Dublin.

—The Irish constabulary, which has just been in semi-law, and on which the preservation of law in Ireland depends, was created in 1814, and was borne equally by the counties and the consolidated fund. In 1846 the whole expense was undertaken by Government, and since that time the constabulary has consisted of an Inspector-General, a Deputy Inspector-General, three Assistant Inspectors-General, thirty-five County Inspectors, 199 sub-inspectors, 232 head constables, 10,787 constables, acting constables, making a total of 12,000.

—An unforeseen consequence of cutting the Suez Canal has been the intrusion of sharks in large numbers into the Mediterranean Sea, with terrible resulting havoc among the smaller edible fish. Formerly a shark was almost a curiosity in the Mediterranean, and there were no choice of his kind in the ground in the world. The fishermen of the Provincial coast supplied the cities of France with the best of piscatorial food, and in never failing abundance; but they now have difficulty in furnishing half the quantity that they then obtained.

—As an elevated railroad like ours would probably fail on account of the enormous expense entailed in the acquisition of right of way, the scheme of an underground road in Paris has been adopted, and will be at once carried out. A certain line will run from St. Cloud to the Lyons terminus, from which will branch a larger outer circle and a small inner circle, with additional lines to the various termini. In the south the road will pass through the principal business quarter, and intersect the boulevards at the Place de l'Opera. The length of the lines will be nearly 24 miles.

—In the performance of Lady Macbeth in English in London, Ristori introduces a novel feature by repeatedly lifting her fingers to her nose to express disgust at the scent of blood. This was not acceptable to the English audience, but the German critic pronounced it his art. Her costume was characteristic of a Roman cantina rather than of a great Scotch chieftain's lady. The upper skirt, of scarlet brocade, reaching but little below the knee, resembles the Italian peasant's apron, and the rows of beads which encircle the neck and reach to the waist complete the resemblance.

—The Municipal Council of Paris recently passed a resolution calling on the Government to change the name of the Rue Bonaparte to Rue Garibaldi. Some of the members also thought the Rue St. Michel should be called Rue Garibaldi, because the emperor lived there, but because he hated saints, the resolution to drop the name Bonaparte, however, had the greatest attraction. One member remarked that as there were a great many vendors of ecclesiastical furniture in the street, the change of name would be very annoying to them, and was therefore manifestly expedient. This incident shows the irreverent spirit of some of the Paris authorities.

—Some of the meteors—or "extra terrestres," as he terms them—are believed by Mr. Prescott to be the same as the meteor which this up to a ton or more, hundreds of thousands of these becoming incorporated with the earth every twenty four hours; and yet such small accretions to the earth's matter would, it is computed, in the many millions of years to divide them among the country. Briefly explained, these meteors travel in vast belts and in highly eccentric orbits round the sun, and when their orbits intersect that of the earth they are brought within the influence of our gravitation, and on entering the earth's atmosphere become luminous and fall to strike the surface.

—An impostor has been travelling about in some of the provinces of Austria and representing himself to be the Crown Prince Rudolph. The farmers were treated by him with great affability, and were assured that when he mounted the throne he would confiscate many of the large estates of the nobles and divide them among the country folk. They readily swallowed this, and competed for the honor of having him a guest. His tables were spread with the choicest viands, they entertained him at an extravagant banquet, and begged him to receive presents from them. Detested, who arrested him found that he had previously been a journeyman saddler in the city of Crauw.

—Licut. Girard has left Marseilles for Zanibar as leader of an African expedition. After organizing at Zanibar he intends to go to Lake Bangweilo, which he proposes to circumnavigate by means of an English built boat, and then to return to the coast. It was on the south shore of this lake that Livingstone died, and the new expedition intends to take up the exploration there where he left it. Girard hopes on reaching the Luatua Congo to be able to descend it to the west coast in canoe. Although he has a mission from the French Minister of Public

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Education, he himself bears all the expenses. —M. Fave has found that a steel bar, magnetized at a temperature of 350 degrees C., and then allowed to cool, develops on being heated again a quantity of magnetism, which is indeed sometimes as much as three times the amount possessed after the cooling. Some of the experiments, however, made with a view to observe the influences of changes of temperature on the magnetism of steel bars, have shown very peculiar results. Thus, when certain bars were magnetized at a high temperature and cooled, their magnetism entirely disappeared, and then changed sign; so that, if a bar had been magnetized when hot in a certain direction, it was found to be magnetized in the opposite direction after returning to the ordinary temperature.

—Colorado's mining exposition, which opened last week, is now in good working order, and is well spoken of by those who have visited it. It is one of the glittering ore, rich in lead, iron, silver and gold, and is piled in pyramids. The exhibition admits agricultural as well as mining products. Denver is as proud of this show as Paris or Philadelphia was of its world's fair, since it most extensively represents the products of Western soil. The exhibition is held in Philadelphia, and even a gallery of paintings is added. Leadville contributed a military display for the opening. It is believed that the exhibition will pay the projector; if so, it will prove an exception to the ordinary rule in such cases.

—Water mixed with ice gives the best temper to steel. One may insert some small tools to advantage in a lump of ice, as jewelers and watchmakers do when they temper them in sealing wax. Often oil is used, and is preferable to water, because it is not so easily evaporated. The proportion must be tempered in a strong current of cold air, passing through a narrow chink, a temper more uniform than with water being thus obtained. But of all the means for this purpose, it is believed the most efficacious is a metallic liquid and, especially, a solution of cyanide of potassium, always a good conductor of heat, as well as the best of liquid conductors, it has come to be regarded as an unequal bath for the temper of very sharp steel tools.

—The Princess of Hanau, who died the other day at Prague, in Bohemia, was the widow of the late Prince Elector of Hanau. She was a daughter of a vine dealer of Bonn, and while a young girl a Lieutenant of the French army fell in love with her and married her. They had been joined many years, but had several children, when the Prince Elector died. She was then a widow, and after she obtained a divorce he married her. Evil tongues said that the Prince sought her from her former husband for \$50,000. He had been betrothed to the Countess Leitchbach, the wine dealer's daughter, but she refused to be betrothed to him, and became very rich. She has left property amounting to 14,000,000 marks, to be divided among six children.

—In a single week Chicago had two mob performances. In one case, after a lumber vessel had been unloaded and the work paid for by the jobber, the mob, because of some timber handled, bombarded the ship with missiles when it started away down stream, took possession of one of the city draw bridges so as to stop it, and then seized vessel, captain, and crew, and made such demonstration that the captain fled, and paid the \$18 to get away alive. A day or two later a similar demand was made after a vessel was unloaded, and when payment was refused the ship was tied to the dock with a multiplicity of lines, the men stood about each one with a line in his hand, threatening to whistle, and after two hours waiting, with no sign of help from the police, the captain also paid and was allowed to go.

—The gold annually taken from the Siberian mines is estimated to be worth \$6,000,000. The first discovery of the metal in that country was made at the beginning of this century. The average cost of an expedition in search of gold is estimated at \$3,000. Therefore, only capitalists can indulge in the luxury of expeditions. One of the principal operators is said to have spent a quarter of a million before finding any ore. The mines are paid only \$3 a month, with board and lodging. The sale of lignor is forbidden within twelve miles of each shaft, that discipline may be maintained. The number of mines has already increased since the second quarter of the present century, but that period was the most prosperous in the history of Siberian mining. The labor of the serfs then cost next to nothing, though the pay of the workmen is now pitifully small.

—The desideratum of a locomotive possessing the utmost possible power in the way of making quick starts and skilful drawing heavy loads has led to the ingenious plans. According to one of the latest of these, no separate tender is used, but the fuel is carried on the rear portion of the engine itself, which is extended back in the shape of a coal bunker, a distance of about seven feet, and which gives capacity for three tons of coal. The water tanks are placed upon the rear end of the coal bunker, their capacity being from 1,200 to 1,600 gallons. The engines are of the compound type, and the boiler is allowed them to be run forward and backward upon the lines without changing ends, and are also arranged with accommodation couplers for high or low built cars. The total length of the engine is some forty feet, and it stands upon the rails at a height of thirty inches in diameter, and with two leading axles, two trail wheels twenty-six inches in diameter.

—At a London meeting to raise money to complete the excavations at Ephesus, Mr. Wood the explorer, told how he discovered the famous temple. No writings existed to afford him the slightest clue to the whereabouts of this wonder of the ancient world. But he hit upon an inscription from the wall of that theater to which St. Paul would have entered, but the disciples suffered him not. This described a procession in which certain images were carried from the temple through the city gates. After much search he found the gates, and then at length hit upon the paved way, worn into grooves by the wheels of chariots. Little by little he made progress at the city of Ephesus until he reached the temple of the great goddess Diana. The fragments of friezes and column drums give a glimmering idea of what the whole must have been. They are now in the British museum.

—The increase in the consumption of coffee is very striking. Twenty years ago the quantity grown was estimated at 390,000 tons, but in 1879 the total was 570,000. The consumption was greatest in the United States. The principal coffee-producing country is Brazil, the crop of 1880 being estimated at 250,000 tons, but when the emancipation of the negroes is complete, as it will be in twenty years, the question is whether the coffee planters will be able to find laborers enough to keep up this high total. Next to Brazil come the Dutch Indies, including Java and Sumatra, to which the cultivation of coffee was introduced by Van Hoor in 1609. It is only within the last quarter of a century that the coffee of Ceylon and the East Indies have been exported in any quantity, but at the present time the export of Ceylon coffee is 40,000 tons, and of East Indian coffee over 30,000. The coffee plant has been found to

do well in some parts of Africa, such as the region of the Mozambique and the Cape Verde Islands; but it has not answered at Sierra Leone, on the Guinea coast, at Natal, or in the Cape Colony. A small sandy peninsula made to acclimatize it in the Fiji Islands.

—Ramelie is almost entirely the creation of European merchants, and is described as "a little bit of Europe in Egypt." Those who want to get further away from Alexandria in summer time prefer Ras-el-Birr (the head of one land), a small sandy peninsula between the Mediterranean and the mouth of the Nile, several miles beyond Damietta. There are no houses at Ras-el-Birr. People live in wigwam made of poles and matting, and a few who stay during the summer furnish them with some degree of comfort, but most of the visitors stay there only two or three weeks. In winter the waves dash entirely over this little peninsula. What recollections people to the roughness of the place is the coolness and salubrity. There are no hot nights. The sea breeze blows through the wigwams. People who go once generally return. The bathing is perfect and every one bathes. Plenty of fish are caught in nets, milk and eggs may be got in the neighborhood, and other stores from Damietta, the Athens of Egypt, of great importance, where the Crescent finally gained the victory over the Cross. At Ras-el-Birr, the wide river on the one side and the open sea on the other, with the contest, in a strong breeze and current, between the waters of the river and the sea, produces a striking and peculiar effect.

—When George the Third was king it was without a doubt an offence for a woman to appear without rouge than it now is to be seen with it. Young girls were not allowed to wear it, and, in consequence, many of them were marrying to wear rouge and diamonds. It was supposed that gold had the property of attracting the blood to any spot on which it might be rubbed, and girls used to rub their lips and cheeks with sovereigns. Of all the better explanation of the matter is made by dissolving a quarter of an ounce of finest cambrine in half an ounce of liquid ammonia, and adding, after two days, a pint of rose water and half an ounce of triple essence of rose. A new rouge is perfectly white when applied, but the pink color has been half an hour in the open air before her cavalier is delighted to perceive that a rich healthy glow is overspreading her cheek, and he is rather inclined to think that his consensual powers are partly responsible for the improvement. The preparation must be carefully used, as it is not easy to judge of the effect until it changes color. All rouges injure the skin in time, particularly those in which mercury is an ingredient.

—The German tradesmen are rapidly rising in the higher flights of the advertising art. The following advertisement in the Berliner Tageblatt and the Wiener Vorstands-Zeitung: "A German Knightly landowner wishes to find a female life companion who resembles, externally as well as in character, the heroine of the novel 'The Vicar of Bray' by John Galt, published in the April number of the 'Walk Along With Sarah' and Sir Isaac Walpole arranged his side-whiskers to keep in any climate and passed the tea-box with such sweetness that the following candidates were almost instantly elected: Saldomied Thomas, Prof. James Elliott, Swaney Danen, Strawberry Jackson, Whistling Charlie, Moses Jackson, Goodwill Simmons and Friday Smith.

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The Judge advanced with apprehension in his eyes, and his knees knocking together, and when he had reached the desired position Brother Gardner continued: "Brudder Bulger, I reliably informed dat a surgeon piked 22 bird shot outer your back de odder day."

"Y-yes, sah."

"An' I is further informed dat de said shot struck you while you war 'gallopin' down an alley on de arm 'ere."

"J-just so, sah."

"An' de 'I' information am to de effect dat you didn't gif de chickens you war 'arter'."

"Chickens! When I say chickens I doan't mean calves. A sartin white man war watchin' a sartin hen-roost. A pusion to him unknown climbed de fence to accumulate poultry, but took fright an' started on a run. De gun went off arter him, an' some of it cotched him. Brudder Bulger, has you anyfing to say befo' de committee on Harmony leads you to de head of de stars an' lets you drop?"

"I reckon I has, sah. I doan't deny dat I war shakin' in de neck, an' admit dat it war in de neck, but it doan't come by a boy who war out huntin' rabbits. Yes, sah, an' he's dem begged my pardon an' axed my forgiveness, an' he's gwine to pay all de expenses."

"Brudder Bulger, what de name of dat boy?"

"I-I has dem forgot, sah."

"An' might de time to hunt rabbits?"

"Dat's de werry best time to hunt some kinds, sah."

"An' you wasn't arter chickens?"

"Chickens! Why de werry name of chickens makes me sick. I war lookin' arter my knife in de alley, an' I didn't find it."

The president scratched his ear for a minute, and then said: "I'd like a wote of de club on dis queshtion."

The roll was called, and the vote stood: Guilty, 54; not guilty, 55. Elder Toob, being asleep, did not vote, and Samuel Shin asked to be excused on the ground that he beloved the Judge's hair jacket.

"Brudder Bulger, do club says not guilty," observed the President, "but it am such a powerful close shave dat I deem it my duty to warn you dat de nex time anybody goes out rabbit huntin' and takes you for a rabbit, your place in dis club will be declar'd vacant de instant de roll is called, and de cold chills center clear up to de back of yer neck! We will now confisate de de regular order of business."

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The Judge advanced with apprehension in his eyes, and his knees knocking together, and when he had reached the desired position Brother Gardner continued: "Brudder Bulger, I reliably informed dat a surgeon piked 22 bird shot outer your back de odder day."

"Y-yes, sah."

"An' I is further informed dat de said shot struck you while you war 'gallopin' down an alley on de arm 'ere."

"J-just so, sah."

"An' de 'I' information am to de effect dat you didn't gif de chickens you war 'arter'."

"Chickens! When I say chickens I doan't mean calves. A sartin white man war watchin' a sartin hen-roost. A pusion to him unknown climbed de fence to accumulate poultry, but took fright an' started on a run. De gun went off arter him, an' some of it cotched him. Brudder Bulger, has you anyfing to say befo' de committee on Harmony leads you to de head of de stars an' lets you drop?"

"I reckon I has, sah. I doan't deny dat I war shakin' in de neck, an' admit dat it war in de neck, but it doan't come by a boy who war out huntin' rabbits. Yes, sah, an' he's dem begged my pardon an' axed my forgiveness, an' he's gwine to pay all de expenses."

"Brudder Bulger, what de name of dat boy?"

"I-I has dem forgot, sah."

"An' might de time to hunt rabbits?"

"Dat's de werry best time to hunt some kinds, sah."

"An' you wasn't arter chickens?"

"Chickens! Why de werry name of chickens makes me sick. I war lookin' arter my knife in de alley, an' I didn't find it."

The president scratched his ear for a minute, and then said: "I'd like a wote of de club on dis queshtion."

The roll was called, and the vote stood: Guilty, 54; not guilty, 55. Elder Toob, being asleep, did not vote, and Samuel Shin asked to be excused on the ground that he beloved the Judge's hair jacket.

"Brudder Bulger, do club says not guilty," observed the President, "but it am such a powerful close shave dat I deem it my duty to warn you dat de nex time anybody goes out rabbit huntin' and takes you for a rabbit, your place in dis club will be declar'd vacant de instant de roll is called, and de cold chills center clear up to de back of yer neck! We will now confisate de de regular order of business."

—The Lime-kiln club struck up the good old air of "Walk Along With Sarah!" and Sir Isaac Walpole arranged his side-whiskers to keep in any climate and passed the tea-box with such sweetness that the following candidates were almost instantly elected: Saldomied Thomas, Prof. James Elliott, Swaney Danen, Strawberry Jackson, Whistling Charlie, Moses Jackson, Goodwill Simmons and Friday Smith.

—The president announced a communication from Col. Sweetbread Simpson, of Tunksham, Pa., asking if the Lime-kiln club would grant a charter for a branch club at that place in case seventeen charter members got together. The secretary was instructed to open correspondence and ask: 1. Are you in harmony with our foreign policy? 2. Do you propose to elect any knock-kneed