

## A FORTUNE TO HUMANITY

## POEM BY POPE LEO XIII

Vast Bequest of Alfred Noble, an Inventor of Sweden.

Leaves a Big Fortune the Interest on Which is for Advancement of Science and Literature.

Some interesting details of the vast bequest made to the public by Noble, the inventor, have been made public by the state department.

Alfred Noble, who recently died in Sweden, provided in his will, dated at Paris, November 27, 1895, for the devolution of between 30,000,000 and 35,000,000 kroner for the advancement of science and literature, and it is thought that at five per cent. per annum the interest from the bequest will amount to \$240,000, or more. This latter sum is to be distributed annually in five prizes. Each individual prize will therefore be worth between \$48,000 and \$55,000. Some of the heirs at law are contesting the will, and this probably will delay the distribution of the prizes. The following is an abstract from the will:

"My total remaining fortune which capitalized shall be disposed of in the following work:

"When the capital has been converted into good securities by the trustees it shall form a fund, the interest of which shall be distributed annually as prizes to those persons who shall have rendered humanity the best service during the past year. The interest shall be divided into five equal portions which shall be distributed as follows:

"One-fifth to the person having made the most important discovery or invention in the science of physics; one-fifth to the person who has made the most eminent discovery or improvement in chemistry; one-fifth to the one having made the most important discovery with regard to physiology or medicine; one-fifth to the person who has produced the most distinguished idealistic work of literature, and one-fifth to the person who has worked the most or best for advancing the fraternalization of all nations and for abolishing or diminishing the standing armes as well as for the forming or propagation of committees of peace."

## OUR MINERAL INDUSTRY.

Production of IRON Was Valued at \$751,732,752.

The statistics collected for the mineral industry, by the annual supplement of the Engineering and Mining Journal, show that the total value of the mineral and metal production of the United States in 1896 was \$751,732,752, an increase over 1895 of \$18,791,264.

In gold the total production was \$53,660,637, or \$1,390,437 more than 1896. The production amounted to 56,222,322 fine ounces, or 9,891,987 ounces more than the previous year.

The pig iron production was 8,623,127 long tons, a decrease of 821,901 tons. Coal production amounted to 157,373,477 tons, being 1,922,167 tons less than 1895.

The production of copper was the largest ever reported, being 467,822,973 pounds, or 81,350,000 pounds increase. The production of lead was 174,792 tons; of spelter, 77,637 tons; of quicksilver, 833,480 flasks; of alum, 77,700 tons; of cement, 8,487,265 barrels, and of salt, 13,854,573 barrels. The production of gold, silver, copper and pig iron is greater than that of any other country in the world, and that of coal is exceeded only by Great Britain.

LAKE ERIE'S SEA SERPENT SEEN.

It is 30 Feet Long, with a Large Head and a Pair of Horns.

The other morning Adam Oper, a fisherman, and William Grubb, the light keeper at Pelee island, Toledo, O., both had a good view of the monster sea serpent that has frequently been seen in former seasons in Lake Erie. It raised its head near one of Oper's boats, and seemed to be about 30 feet long, with a disproportionately large head. A dorsal fin extended as far as the back could be seen, and when erected, was about 12 inches high. Horns much like a catfish was on either side of the head. Its underparts seemed white at first, but as the monster's rage at Oper increased, that portion turned a bright red. The back of the serpent seemed to be covered with scales. From the moment the head was raised it kept up a penetrating hiss, which could be heard for some distance. Oper sailed for the shore as fast as possible.

A Bishop's Centenary.

The centenary of the consecration of Bishop Bass, of Massachusetts, which was celebrated last week, recalls some anecdotes of the bishop. He refused to live in Dorchester because the brooks there were "not large enough for Bass to swim in." His first marriage displeased his parishioners, whereupon he preached to them a sermon from the text: "They will say for my wife's sake." His parishioners would often get in arrears with his salary, which never was more than \$500. When the treasury was so low as to become hopeless they would call upon him and ask what they should do. "Well, well," he would say, "let it go; I'll release you and we will begin again."

Six Month's Notice.

The board of education of Youngstown, O., has adopted a rule that may play havoc with Cupid's plans. During the last year a number of lady teachers married, and the superintendent thought it more or less married the secret societies in number and persistency. The Brotherhood of the Christian church is as much as we find time to attend to properly, and can hardly claim to meet all of its responsibilities.

Paper Tax in France.

There isn't a vestige of cork about a cork leg apart from the name, and that arises from the fact that nearly all the great manufacturers of such articles used to live on Cork street, Piccadilly, London.

Cork Legs.

French paupers are provided for by the funds arising from a ten per cent. tax on theater tickets. This tax averages \$10,000,000 a year.

Quite a Multitude.

A teaspoonful of microbes contains more than 4,000,000 individuals.

## Latin Verses That Point Out the Duties of Frugality.

Evils of Gluttony Set Forth—Whole some Articles of Diet—Poem Full of Charm and Quiet Humor.

The pope has just completed a Latin poem of 80 stanzas pointing out the duties of frugality and the evils of gluttony. The poem is full of charm and quiet humor. His holiness says: Pay attention before all to cleanliness, that the table appointments be spotless, the glass bright and napery immaculate and from the cellar comes the pestilential wines of the Albanian hills, "which exhilarates the spirit and keeps away trouble, but don't trust Bacchus and don't be frugal in diluting wine with water."

He continues: "Obtain from healthy grain well cooked bread. Eat sparingly of chickens, lamb and beef, which are most nourishing to the body. Meat should be tender and without abundant sausages or root vegetables, which spoilit."

"Add to these sweet herbs, fresh vegetables and garden supplies. Add ripe fruit according to season, especially tender apples, which, with their pink tints, brighten the banquet."

SAVING, WHAT GEAR DO YOU RIDE?

Latest Slang Expression Is Coined by Your Uncle Anson.

"What gear do you ride?" is the latest slang expression. It was coined by Capt. Anson, of the Chicago baseball club, and promises to meet with great favor. Just before the game was called the other day a man who confided that he was a baseball crank stepped up to Capt. Anson and told him how to win the championship.

"What you ought to do," he said, "is to put Callahan in center field and let Lange hold down third base. Everitt is a good pitcher, and he ought to be given a show in the box. Then, if I were you, I'd change Ryan to shortstop and put McCormick behind the bat. Now, take my advice and I'll bet you a new hat you'll win the pennant."

When the man got through talking Capt. Anson scrutinized him closely and finally ejaculated in a tone of disgust:

"Say, what gear do you ride?"

The expression found favor with those who heard it and before the end of the game it had become popular.

## MIRAGE SEEN AT DULUTH.

Two Armies and a Battle Pictured in the Heavens.

A mirage showing two armies in active hostilities has been seen in the sky northeast of Duluth, Minn. About four o'clock the other morning Patrolman Cashmere had his attention attracted by a brilliant illumination in the sky. He said he had hardly looked up before he saw a large body of men, apparently soldiers, march across the illuminated field. Another body of men appeared from the opposite direction, and at this time he was enabled to see that each body of men were armed and that each had several pieces of artillery. The two detachments drew up in line of battle and opened fire with their artillery. Just at this interesting time the picture faded away. Several other people who were on the streets at the time have corroborated the policeman's story. Great interest is felt over the phenomena and the papers will be eagerly scanned for the report of a battle fought at that time in Cuba.

## TO DROP DYNAMITE.

Two Illinois Men Have a Device for Use in the Cuban War.

Dynamite dropped from balloons will play an important part in the Cuban war if the inventions of Thomas Cannon and Joseph Howard stand experimental tests successfully. Both are expert aeronauts of long experience. Cannon has just built two balloons here and Howard has just returned from Florida, Fla., where he selected a wide stretch of prairie land for the experiments. They propose to drop dynamite from either anchored or free balloons upon armies or fortresses. The dynamite charge is fixed in a square metal case with either a percussion cap or a time fuse, as the circumstances demand. Neither of the men will say who is employing them or furnishing money for the experiments, but it is significant that Howard will leave for New York to consult the Cuban junta.

## New Postage Stamps.

Stamp collectors will be interested to know that Corea has issued a new stamp bearing a curious combination of hieroglyphics which are interpreted to be symbolic of life and death, night and day. Gen. Pierola celebrated his accession to the presidency of Peru by issuing a new stamp with a valiant looking bearded warrior. Uruguay has a new one that is similar, but a little more gay. Portugal celebrated the seventh century of St. Anthony with a new stamp bearing a picture of that saint. France has recently issued a new series for Madagascar. Perak has a new one, carrying a tiger with a very large, open mouth.

At the Bottom of Old Ocean.

The temperature at the bottom of the ocean is nearly down to freezing point, and sometimes actually below it. There is a total absence of light, as far as sunlight is concerned, and there is an enormous pressure, reckoned at about one ton to the square inch. In every 1,000 fathoms, which is 160 times greater than that of the atmosphere we live in. At 2,500 fathoms the pressure is about 30 times more powerful than the steam pressure of a locomotive when drawing a train.

## Increase of Christian Brotherhood.

"In a very short time," says the New York Christian Advocate, "there will be brotherhood named after all the apostles and perhaps a number of the prophets. They are now rivaling the secret societies in number and persistency. The Brotherhood of the Christian church is as much as we find time to attend to properly, and can hardly claim to meet all of its responsibilities."

## An Aesthetic Bear.

An aesthetic bear that dances for a living in England was trudging along the road behind its master near Kensington, and had paid no attention to the men or the women in skirts that wheeled by. When a fat woman in bloomers, however, appeared riding a bicycle the bear broke away from his master and made a rush for her, smashing the wheel, but being caught before it hurt the rider.

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## LAWS JORDAN—

Taxes of Etat of 1896.....\$0c

Tax de levée, district d'Orléans.....\$0c

Total.....\$0c

32 Un lot de terre dans le 5me district de la ville de la Nlle-Orléans, dans l'ilot borné par les rues Neuve, Belgrave, Tchêche et Bois d'Arches, désigné comme lot No 17, mesurant 32 pieds de face à la rue Neuve sur 128 pieds de profondeur.

JONES, HENRY ET ROSE—

Taxes of Etat of 1896.....\$1 50

Tax de levée, district d'Orléans.....\$0c

Total.....\$1 50

31 Un lot de terre dans le 5me district de la ville de la Nlle-Orléans, dans l'ilot borné par les rues Neuve, Belgrave, Tchêche et Bois d'Arches, désigné comme lot No 18, mesurant 32 pieds de face à la rue Neuve sur 128 pieds de profondeur.

JACKSON, MILE SALLIE ET MILE VINA HENRY—

Taxes of Etat of 1896.....\$1 00

Tax de levée, district d'Orléans.....\$0c

Total.....\$1 00

30 Un lot de terre dans le 5me district de la ville de la Nlle-Orléans, dans l'ilot borné par les rues Neuve, Belgrave, Tchêche et Bois d'Arches, désigné comme lot No 19, mesurant 32 pieds de face à la rue Neuve sur 128 pieds de profondeur.

JACKSON, MILE SALLIE ET MILE VINA HENRY—

Taxes of Etat of 1896.....\$1 00

Tax de levée, district d'Orléans.....\$0c

Total.....\$1 00

29 Un lot de terre dans le 5me district de la ville de la Nlle-Orléans, dans l'ilot borné par les rues Neuve, Belgrave, Tchêche et Bois d'Arches, désigné comme lot No 20, mesurant 32 pieds de face à la rue Neuve sur 128 pieds de profondeur.

JONES, EDW ET JAS LEWIN—

Taxes of Etat of 1896.....\$0c

Tax de levée, district d'Orléans.....\$0c

Total.....\$0c

28 Un lot de terre dans le 5me district de la ville de la Nlle-Orléans, dans l'ilot borné par les rues Neuve, Belgrave, Tchêche et Bois d'Arches, désigné comme lot No 21, mesurant 32 pieds de face à la rue Neuve sur 128 pieds de profondeur.

JONES, HENRY ET ROSE—

Taxes of Etat of 1896.....\$1 50

Tax de levée, district d'Orléans.....\$0c

Total.....\$1 50

27 Un lot de terre dans le 5me district de la ville de la Nlle-Orléans, dans l'ilot borné par les rues Neuve, Belgrave, Tchêche et Bois d'Arches, désigné comme lot No 22, mesurant 32 pieds de face à la rue Neuve sur 128 pieds de profondeur.

JONES, HENRY ET ROSE—

Taxes of Etat of 1896.....\$1 50

Tax de levée, district d'Orléans.....\$0c

Total.....\$1 50

26 Un lot de terre dans le 5me district de la ville de la Nlle-Orléans, dans l'ilot borné par les rues Neuve, Belgrave, Tchêche et Bois d'Arches, désigné comme lot No 23, mesurant 32 pieds de face à la rue Neuve sur 128 pieds de profondeur.

JONES, HENRY ET ROSE—

Taxes of Etat of 1896.....\$1 50

Tax de levée, district d'Orléans.....\$0c

Total.....\$1 50

25 Un lot de terre dans le 5me district de la ville de la Nlle-Orléans, dans l'ilot borné par les rues Neuve, Belgrave, Tchêche et Bois d'Arches, désigné comme lot No 24, mesurant 32 pieds de face à la rue Neuve sur 128 pieds de profondeur.

JONES, HENRY ET ROSE—

Taxes of Etat of 1896.....\$1 50

Tax de levée, district d'Orléans.....\$0c

Total.....\$1 50

24 Un lot de terre dans le 5me district de la ville de la Nlle-Orléans, dans l'ilot borné par les rues Neuve, Belgrave, Tchêche et Bois d'Arches, désigné comme lot No 25, mesurant 32 pieds de face à la rue Neuve sur 128 pieds de profondeur.

JONES, HENRY ET ROSE—

Taxes of Etat of 1896.....\$1 50

Tax de levée, district d'Orléans.....\$0c

Total.....\$1 50

23 Un lot de terre dans le 5me district de la ville de la Nlle-Orléans, dans l'ilot borné par les rues Neuve, Belgrave, Tchêche et Bois d'Arches, désigné comme lot No 26, mesurant 32 pieds de face à la rue Neuve sur 128 pieds de profondeur.

JONES, HENRY ET ROSE—

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