

ON SPENDING MONEY.

As the wind that swiftly bloweth,
As the river seaward floweth,
As the seed the sower soweth,
So indeed our money goeth,
Whither no man living knoweth.

—L. A. PALMAR.

STARBEAMS.

A nimble penny changes hands 125,000 times in the course of a life time.

Anatomists declare that the average weight of the circulating blood of the body is about twenty-eight pounds.

It snows here but gives no touch of arctic inclemency. This is the ideal climate and will yet become famous for its general agreeableness.

Men ought to be able to raise the general average of his duration. The turtle can live for nearly a century and the pike for about 175 years.

Men are influenced by the things in which they work. Edison's children by his first wife are familiarly called "Dot" and "Dash," from the characters in the Morse alphabet.

Edison is the friend of women and likes to have women machinists to do all the finer work of his electrical inventions. There are 200 women in his employ, and he claims that they are far more reliable than men would be.

Lew Wallace's new novel will be due in May. The scene is laid at Constantinople. The general thinks it will be his best, but writers have a habit of thinking that their last is their greatest. Sometimes readers beg leave to think differently.

Speaking of numerous relations, Senora Dolores Machado died recently at Quemado, Mexico. She had attained her 118th year, and she left fourteen children, fifty-one grandchildren, 120 great-grandchildren and forty-eight great-great-grandchildren. Her oldest daughter is 101 years old.

Tennessee is not a very populous state notwithstanding the following record: Alex Kennedy of Blount county, Tenn., resides in the house in which he was born, ninety-two years ago. He is the father of twenty-six children, all of whom grew up to maturity, and eighteen of whom are now alive.

Little favors, kindnesses duly appreciated, are worthy of being mentioned. Mr. Ginn, a Boston publisher, keeps a barrel of apples where the young women employed by him can help themselves, and he never lets the barrel become empty, though the girls are said to indulge very freely in the fruit that got their mother Eve into an unpleasantness.

When you find a genuine Scotchman you will find a sincere admirer of Scotch poetry and especially of the poetry of Burns. Such a tendency is in the blood. Captain W. R. Smith, president of the Society of American Florists, and for forty years superintendent of the Botanic garden in Washington, has 650 editions of Burns, and is said to be able to quote nearly every line of that author. Mr. Smith, it is needless to add, is a Scotchman.

It is said that President Harrison longs now to be in his old home again. He will join in the inauguration ceremonies and remain at the White house with Mrs. McKee to receive Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland. Immediately after the inauguration ceremonies accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. McKee

HOODLUM DOMINANCE.

A Forcible Opinion on the Subject, by a Jackson County Paper.

Editorial in the Independence Sentinel.

Just think for a moment of the effrontery of these fee grabbers and their hoodlum supporters. A number of them admit that they receive \$10,000 a year in fees. Some of them and some of their predecessors running back for a period of eight or ten years admit that their respective offices were made the means of putting into their pockets largely more than \$10,000. Some of them by the use of the same crowd that broke up the meeting Thursday night laid the foundation to become financial bosses and magnates as they had become political bosses and magnates.

We say again, think a moment over the audacity and greed of these men. The Vice President of the United States gets only \$8,500 a year. The senators and representatives in congress get only \$5,000 a year and mileage. The judges of the circuit and district courts of the United States receive only \$5,000 and \$6,000 a year. The governor of the state of Missouri gets only \$5,000 a year. The judges of the circuit courts for the other counties of this state receive only \$2,500 a year. The judges of the circuit court of Jackson county get only \$3,500 a year. But it has come to pass that the legislature of the state of Missouri cannot pass a salary bill giving the minor officers of the county greater salaries than her circuit judges receive and reducing the fees of their offices below what the highest offices of the general government pay, without being shamelessly lobbied by the officers themselves. It has come to pass that decent citizens and business men cannot get together and indorse the legislature in such attempt, without being set upon by the disreputable classes in the interest of these office holders.

We say right here that such men and such proceedings must not be longer tolerated, cannot be longer tolerated with safety to the public interest and we call upon every reputable citizen to place upon such proceedings his emphatic disapproval.

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**The Commercial Club's Legislative Agent—
The Separation Plan Not Favored.**

The Commercial club committee on municipal legislation has decided to recommend to the club the appointment of R. M. Snyder as the club's representative to remain in Jefferson City during the remainder of this session of the legislature, and, on behalf of the people of Kansas City, urge the passage of the Love bill which provides for the election of mem-