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TEXAS WATERWAY.

DELEGATIONS ARE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

Beaumont, Orange and Port Arthur All Have Agreed and Will Make a Joint Application for a Canal Between the Sabine and Neches Rivers to Deep Water.

Washington, Jan. 22.—A delegation of prominent citizens from Orange, Beaumont and Port Arthur here today for the purpose of appearing before the committee on the canal between the Sabine and Neches rivers to deep water. It is proposed to include the Port Arthur channel in this canal, if the proper arrangements can be made with the private interests which control the channel. The delegation held an informal meeting at the capitol this morning and discussed plans of procedure. Another meeting will be held tomorrow.

The rivers and harbors committee gave a hearing to Col. Haupt, who was engineer for the concern which had charge of the improvement of Aransas Pass until the work there was again taken in hand by the government. He explained his plan, which is to open a navigable channel across the bar at the pass by means of a reaction backwater, and which is generally known as the single jetty system. His proposition is to take entire charge of the work in person and to carry out the plan at a cost of \$500,000, which is to be paid to him in a lump sum by the government. He has brought up the same matter at one or two previous sessions of congress and it is by no means a new one. Representative Klobeg was present at the hearing today in the interests of the people of his district. He is opposed to Prof. Haupt's plan and is of the opinion that the work can best be done under the direction of the government engineers and by what is known as the double jetty system.

Seven Men Burned.

Hambleton, W. V., Jan. 22.—About 4 o'clock this morning camp 5 of the Otter Creek Boom and Lumber company, several miles from here in the forest, took fire and burned so rapidly that seven of the forty men asleep in the building failed to get out and were burned to death.

It was not more than five minutes from the time the alarm was given until there was no chance of escape. The camp was 22x50 feet and the upper part all in one room, and in this the forty men were sleeping. Two very small windows and the narrow stairs afforded the only avenues of escape and those who went to the windows, a dozen or more, had to jump twelve or fifteen feet, the others rushing down the steps like sheep pushing and falling over each other.

Louisiana Oil Fire.

Jennings, La., Jan. 22.—A fire that caught at 3 o'clock this afternoon completely destroyed the oil saturated derricks of the Jennings well No. 1. Large quantities of oil on the prairie around the well and the storage tank and the machinery were also burned. The fire is supposed to have originated from some one smoking and throwing a lighted match in the grass. The wind was blowing a heavy gale and soon kindled it up. When the flames would strike the oil around on the ground they would leap at least 100 feet in the air and catch again at considerable distance away. There were several small houses around the wells, but the flames fortunately leaped over them and caught in the grass beyond them.

Bitten By a Coyote.

Corpus Christi, Tex., Jan. 22.—Crescente Garcia, the Mexican boy who was bitten by a rabid coyote at Aberdeen Sunday, has been brought here for treatment. He was asleep in a room when a rabid coyote attacked him, but was driven off. The animal returned later and attacked him again, biting an ugly gash in his hand, through the teeth were driven through a quilt which was over him. There is some fear that hydrophobia may eventually develop, although no unfavorable symptoms have developed as yet.

Miss Gould at Big Springs.

Big Springs, Texas, Jan. 22.—Miss Helen Gould and party arrived here this morning and spent four hours for the purpose of selecting a location for the new public library building, toward which Miss Gould is a generous contributor. She was shown about the city by Master Mechanic Patton and Division Superintendent Ward and a lot near the railroad station was selected as a site for the building, work upon which will begin at once.

Money Bet on Patrick.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 22.—Money practically without limit has been offered by a rich relative of Albert T. Patrick to aid in defending the suspect, now that he is on trial for his life. The offer is made by John T. Milliken of St. Louis, a well known manufacturer of chemicals, whose wealth is estimated at several millions. In addition to his extensive holdings in St. Louis Mr. Milliken has large interests in mining property in this state. Mr. Milliken lives in Missouri City, but spends a great deal of time in Colorado looking out for his interests. He was in this city yesterday and made the announcement that he would give generous aid to Patrick in his struggle with the law. "One million dollars for Patrick's defense," was the subject of a telegram which he sent to the legal firm of Cantwell & Moore and House, Grossman & Vorhaus, who will represent the prisoner at the trial. Milliken is a brother-in-law of the lawyer, Mrs. Milliken being a sister of Patrick. Milliken says he believes his relative is innocent, and for that reason, as well as out of consideration for his wife, he will open his purse strings in the hope of clearing Patrick's name. Milliken is a large holder of Cripple Creek mining property. He is president of the Golden Cycle and vice president of the Anaconda, two of the largest producing mines in the district.

Schley in Washington.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Rear Admiral and Mrs. Schley arrived in Washington today after a ten day's visit to Savannah, Ga. The date of filing of the admiral's appeal from the recent decision of the court of inquiry, which the president has consented to hear, has not been determined upon.

Messrs. Isadore Raynor and M. A. Teague, counsel for Rear Admiral Schley, reached Washington this forenoon with the text of the admiral's appeal to the president which they had prepared in Baltimore and which they proceeded to submit to the admiral at once. After a conference lasting several hours with his counsel, Admiral Schley approved the appeal and it was dispatched to the president late this evening by Mr. Teague. The appeal sets out the grounds of error upon points of law and fact alleged by Admiral Schley and concludes with a lengthy argument in support of his contention that he has been unfairly dealt with. Admiral Schley and his counsel refused to make the appeal public. They said it must be given out at the White House.

Irish Potatoes Lead.

Navasota, Texas, Jan. 22.—The Navasota Fruit and Truck Growers' association met Saturday at the Woodward Oil company's office with a good crowd present and an increased interest noticeable. A schedule of crops was begun and it was developed that Irish potatoes would be the leading crop, backed by cantaloupes, tomatoes, beans and watermelons. Many reported progress in hot beds, etc. All members were urged to begin planting the first installment of Red Triumph Irish potatoes Wednesday and to continue for eight days. Several new members were admitted and the reports of the seed committees heard.

\$5,000 Cabbage Crop.

Corpus Christi, Texas, Jan. 22.—The cabbage season, which practically opened with the first solid carload shipment of cabbage to Fort Worth this morning, promises to be an unprecedentedly lively one. Today all the commission men are hustling and carload shipments will have developed into trainload shipments by February 1. The market price today is \$1.05 per 100 pounds. One farmer said yesterday that he would realize \$5000 from his crop.

Heavy Court Docket.

Nacogdoches, Texas, Jan. 22.—The regular term of the county court convened this morning, Judge V. E. Middlebrook presiding. The docket, both civil and criminal, are heavy and the whole term will be consumed.

On account of the inclement weather

the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Gen. Robert E. Lee by the Daughters of the Confederacy, which was to have taken place at the opera house last night, was postponed.

Still in Salt.

Angleton, Texas, Jan. 18.—Reports from the Herndon well on Damon's Mound are to the effect that the drillers have gone 520 feet into the bed of salt without reaching the bottom. Beautiful specimens of the deposit lie about the well in piles.

Spider Damages Wheat.

Denison, Texas, Jan. 22.—Reports from many sections of the country and Indian Territory state that a spider is doing great damage to the winter wheat crop. The insects examined have the appearance of a small spider and it burrows in the ground, getting at the roots of the wheat and acts more like a cutworm than any other insect, cutting at the roots, severing them from the stalks of the plant, which causes it to dry up like dead grass.

PATRICK ON TRIAL.

CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF W. M. RICE OF TEXAS.

Taleness Summoned From Whom to Select the Jurors to Try Him—Review of the Circumstances Which Caused the Arrest of Lawyer Patrick.

New York, Jan. 21.—Albert T. Patrick was called to trial today before Recorder Goff on an indictment charging him with the murder of William Marsh Rice, who died in this city September 30, 1900.

A special panel of 200 tallsmen was summoned from which to select a jury. Assistant State Attorneys J. W. Osborne and Francis P. Garvin were in charge of the prosecution and Patrick's defense was in the hands of F. B. House and Robert M. Moore. When the case was called it was announced that the hearing of the evidence would require at least a month of the court's time.

The trial will be the most remarkable in the history of the criminal bar—first because of the subtlety of the alleged crime itself; second, because of the great array of legal counsel that will strive for conviction; third, because of the confession—the most graphic that ever has been told of the crime itself—by one of the conspirators, Valet Jones; and, fourth, and probably most important, because upon the testimony of a woman, Mrs. Addie M. Francis, the accused's landlady, depends largely the fate of the lawyer.

Mrs. Addie M. Francis, upon whose word hangs the fate of the defendant, is in many respects a remarkable woman. She is a woman who is not likely to be frightened by the position in which she has been placed. She has known Lawyer Patrick for years, knew much of his private affairs and heard much relative to old man Rice, his millions and his death, and it is claimed by the state, may do much to clear up a great deal of mystery still lacking positive confirmation.

Around this woman and her testimony the bitterest legal fight ever witnessed in a criminal trial will be waged.

She has stood by Patrick ever since his arrest; has declared time and again that he is innocent, and has refused to be intimidated even by threats of the state that she might go behind the bars if she did not explain every act of Patrick's of which she had cognizance.

Mrs. Francis, called to testify in the preliminary hearing, said when questioned as to Patrick's affairs:

"I decline to answer any questions put to me concerning my relations with Patrick or Jones or any one else in connection with the life or death of William M. Rice on the grounds: "First, that my answers might tend to incriminate or convict me of a crime.

"Second, because my counsel advises me not to answer.

"Third, because I have been threatened with arrest by the district attorney's office and am in fear."

Mrs. Patrick later declared that when Patrick is supposed to have been by the bedside of Rice, directing the method of his murder by Valet Jones, he was, in fact, in her house at No. 316 West Fifty-eighth street, singing hymns.

William Rice was a millionaire reclusive. He lived at an apartment house with his valet-secretary, Chas. F. Jones. After his death Patrick took charge of the funeral arrangements and notified Rice's relatives in distant parts of the country. Before the funeral checks signed with Rice's name were presented at the private bank of Swenson & Son and to the Fifth Avenue bank for certification. All were made payable to Patrick's order.

One check on Swenson & Son had Patrick's name spelled "Abert" instead of "Albert," and an investigation showed that Mr. Rice was dead when the check was presented to the bank. Payment on this check was refused. Patrick then produced a will signed Wm. Marsh Rice under which almost the entire estate of more than \$5,000,000 was bequeathed to Patrick. An earlier will, dated September 26, 1896, left the greater part of the estate to the Rice Institute at Houston, Texas. Morris Mayer and David L. Short, who witnessed what came to be known as the Patrick will, were indicted for forgery. Jones, the valet, was also arrested. He made a statement to the effect that Patrick killed Rice by administering chloroform, and Patrick was thereupon held for trial on the charge of murder.

The Lloyd Case.

Beaumont, Texas, Jan. 21.—In the case of Mrs. Sarah Beatrice Lloyd, the young girl now on trial under the charge of having murdered her husband by poison, Judge Martin today admitted the confession of Mrs. Lloyd, made at the inquest, in which she stated that she poisoned her husband at the instigation of a man who is soon to be tried for the death of Lloyd. The testimony of the defense is now being heard.

War On in Earnest.

Colon, Columbia, Jan. 21.—A naval battle which began at 6 o'clock this morning is in progress in the harbor of Panama. The revolutionary fleet consists of the steamers Padilla, Darien and Galten. They are trying to force a landing off Scana.

The government ships are the Chilean line steamer Lautaro, the Pacific Steam Navigation company's steamer Chiquita and the Panama Canal company's steamer Boyaca. The first named steamer was seized by Gen. Alban and the other two have been chartered by the Colombian government.

As this dispatch is sent, three shots have just passed over the Chiquita and she has answered with several shots. They fell close to the Padilla, which is seen to be retreating. The guns at Las Boidas are also firing at the rebel ships. The government forces are throwing up earthworks.

The United States cruiser Philadelphia is close to the scene of the fighting. The Lautaro is on fire. The revolutionary gunboat Darien as the dispatch is written, is approaching the United States cruiser Philadelphia in the harbor, probably for the purpose of conference.

The firing has ceased. It is impossible to locate the revolutionary gunboats Padilla and Galten.

The crew of the Philadelphia are assisting to put out the fire on board the Lautaro.

The Lautaro has sunk. It is reported here that her crew rebelled.

The revolutionary gunboat Padilla surprised the Lautaro at the opening of the fight this morning and began shooting at close range. Many men on board the Lautaro were killed.

Government Leader Killed.

Panama, Jan. 1.—Gen. Carlos Alban, the military commander of this district and the governor of Panama, was killed during the fighting this morning. His death is deeply deplored, for Gen. Alban was loved by his soldiers and enjoyed the esteem of the community.

It is said that the death of the Colombian leader may have the effect of bringing to the government's aid large numbers of men anxious to avenge his loss.

The government gunboat Boyaca has been ordered to the dock here. She brings troops from Chiriqui. She reports that the revolutionary steamers Padilla, Darien and Galten withdrew when they became aware of her presence. The Darien is now reported to be in a sinking condition.

To Keep Back the Gulf.

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 21.—On account of the fact that public interest is centered on the report to be made by the board of engineers who have been engaged in devising plans for protecting the city against the gulf, President Austin of the board of city commissioners has suggested that the report be received by the commissioners at a public meeting which will be held at the county court house probably next Thursday. The report is now ready with the exception of having the approval of Engineer Noble who is in Chicago, but who is expected to arrive here tomorrow. Nothing regarding the details of the report has been given out, but from the nature of the questions asked by the board at various times it has been conjectured that the report will call for raising the grade of the southern portion of the city and also for building a sea wall of some kind to keep back the waters of the gulf. The devising of plans, however, is much the smallest undertaking of the project, the raising of a fund for carrying out these designs being the most difficult. The sentiment here, however, is almost unanimously in favor of providing protection at whatever cost.

Culberson's Resolution.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Senator Culberson of Texas today introduced a resolution directing the secretary of war to transmit to the senate copies of all suggestions, criticisms and correspondence between the war department and any officer or any person or corporation, and between the war department and any official and the Philippine commission, relating to the customs tariff affecting the Philippine islands culminating in the Philippines tariff measure pending in the senate. The resolution went over until tomorrow.

Miss Helen Gould's Party.

Sherman, Texas, Jan. 21.—Miss Helen Gould and party passed through in their special train today at noon via the Texas and Pacific. They were en route to Fort Worth.

The Nicaragua Route.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Representative Hepburn (Iowa), author of the Nicaragua canal bill which passed the house, says the report of the isthmian canal commission in favor of the Panama route does not change the legislative status of the canal bill.

Undoubtedly the report will influence individual opinion,

said Mr. Hepburn "but it will not lead to any abandonment of efforts in behalf of the Nicaragua route by the friends of that measure."

DEATH ON TRESTLE

FATHER AND SON KILLED BY A TRAIN AT BRENHAM.

Prof. W. C. Grossman and Son Were the Victims—Tried to Beat Train to the End and Falling, They Died, Clashed in Each Others Arms.

Brenham, Texas, Jan. 20.—Prof. W. C. Grossman and his 15-year-old son, Willie, while out walking, were caught on a trestle on the Santa Fe one mile north of town yesterday afternoon and run down by the southbound passenger due here at 4:40. Both were instantly killed. Prof. Grossman was teacher of German in the Brenham public schools, and highly esteemed by all who knew him, and the tragic death of the husband and only child leaves a grief-stricken wife and mother almost crazed.

The young man was not quite dead when picked up and the passenger train left the mangled remains of the father and hastened to town with the boy, but he died before the train reached the station. Prof. Grossman's body was horribly mangled, his head being cut off.

There is a sharp curve north of this trestle and the train was very close before they saw it, and instead of jumping they clasped hands and endeavored to reach the end of the trestle. The engineer saw them clasp hands and thought they would jump, but reversed his engine and blew the whistle, but they were too close for the engine to stop, though it was running very slow when they were struck and stopped just at the end of the trestle, but too late to do them any good.

Dr. Tabor in Washington.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Dr. George Tabor, state health officer of Texas, arrived in the city yesterday and will probably remain here until Tuesday evening. He is on his way to Philadelphia to inspect some disinfecting vessels with a view to possible purchase, the special session of the legislature last summer having appropriated \$45,000 for such a vessel to be used at Galveston in place of the Italian bark Rosetti. Dr. Tabor thinks that the sum named will not purchase a vessel which will meet all the requirements. A self-propelling vessel would cost about \$60,000. The sum at his disposal will only cover the cost of a barge which is not self-propelling, and would thus necessitate the retention of the tug Hygeia, the sale of which has been authorized.

Under the circumstances Dr. Tabor says he does not see how the state will be able to get along without the tug.

He will call on Surgeon General Wyman and discuss some professional matters with him tomorrow.

Diamond Robbers.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 20.—A special to the Pioneer Press from Glendive, Mont., says: Robbers secured between \$10,000 and \$20,000 worth of set and unset diamonds by stealing two trunks from the baggage room of the Northern Pacific station and breaking them open. Nothing is missing from the trunks except a bag of unset diamonds and three or four hundred diamond rings. A tray containing twenty-four set diamonds was overlooked by the robbers. The trunks were the property of C. B. Clausen, traveling representative of S. H. Clausen & Co., wholesale manufacturing jewelers of Minneapolis.

Mr. Clausen arrived from the East last night and left his trunks in charge of the baggage agent. Four men were in the upper story of the station asleep and the express agent slept in a room adjoining the baggage room, but none of them heard the robbers at work. The windows of the baggage room were forced open and through it the two trunks, which weighed 250 pounds each, were hoisted out. They were taken only a few feet from the station, where they were broken open and the diamonds taken. They were found early today. Local officers have made one arrest on suspicion.

The Jim Howard Trial.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 20.—Attorneys for the defense in the Jim Howard murder case say tonight that they will tomorrow put on the witness stand reliable persons who will give all the details of the alleged Goebel murder conspiracy. They say that this testimony will show that Howard had nothing to do with the crime.

The Bigbee & Warrior Packet Company.

The Bigbee & Warrior Packet company, was wrecked by a floating log or deadhead in Mobile river, thirty miles above Mobile, and lies careened in fifteen feet of water in mid-channel. No lives were lost.

The two hundredth anniversary of the founding of Fort Louis de la Mobile in the year 1702, the first permanent colony of the French in Louisiana, will be observed in this city on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Boiler Explosion in Spain.

Barcelona, Jan. 20.—The explosion of a boiler of a spinning mill near Manresa last Saturday destroyed half the village of Puente de Vilumara. The hospital at Manresa is filled with the injured. Sixteen mutilated bodies of working people buried in the debris have been recovered. These include the manager of the spinning mill and his two sisters. Of the persons injured thirty are not expected to recover. The dead included many children.

The boiler exploded in the evening when the mill hands, many of whom were accompanied by their wives and children, were eating supper before commencing their night work. The buildings of the mill collapsed entirely and debris was hurled in all directions destroying other buildings and killing and injuring people in the vicinity. Owing to the darkness the work of extracting the victims proceeded with great difficulty. During the work of rescue there were heard the groans of the victims whose mutilated limbs were pinned down by the ruins.

A long line of carts and carriages was engaged in conveying the injured to the Manresa hospital, five miles distant. This morning the inhabitants went among the ruins, seeking the remains of friends and relatives, while the priests in the open air administered the last rites of the church to the dying. It is now estimated that sixty persons were killed and 100 injured.

Strike Near Lockhart.

Lockhart, Texas, Jan. 20.—Considerable excitement prevailed in the city yesterday in consequence of the report that oil, in considerable quantity had been struck in the Caldwell oil well on Plum creek, three miles north of the city. The well has reached the depth of 460 feet with a constant increase of oil signs since passing the 300-foot mark, and yesterday morning a strong vein of oil was tapped and was drawn out in the ballers in considerable quantity. The oil is very fine quality, and parties who have visited the Beaumont field pronounce it superior to anything yet developed there. It is of a deep amber color and the variety usually denominated "lubricating oil." Many visitors have been attracted by the find and the proprietors are now certain that their venture will be a success.

A Costly Fight.

Youngstown, Jan. 20.—The Amalgamated association went into the last fight with the United States Steel corporation with \$72,000 in the treasury and spent \$200,000 in the fight. It will go into the next convention with \$100,000 in the treasury," said President Shaffer of that organization, in addressing a mass meeting of men today. "The Amalgamated association did not lose the strike," said Mr. Shaffer, but lost features in the fight which they would not lose again in many years."

Young Lady Succeeded.

Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 20.—Louise Avery, 23 years of age, of Delaware, Ohio, committed suicide in a horrible manner some time last night. This morning her brother found her lying dead on her bed with the barrel of a shotgun held by one hand against her temple. Evidence was found that the woman had taken Paris green and morphine, but had finally resorted to the shotgun. The entire top of her head was blown off. The refusal of a man to marry her is said to have prompted the deed.

Sam Houston's Servant Dead.

Huntsville, Tex., Jan. 20.—Josh Houston, Sr., colored, one of the oldest inhabitants of Huntsville and an interesting character from the fact that he was the body servant of Gen. Sam Houston, died here yesterday after a year's illness with consumption. He has lived here ever since Gen. Houston's death and was one of the most highly respected citizens of his race. He will be buried here this afternoon in a cemetery adjoining that in which his old master lies.

Assaulted by Footpads.

Ennis, Texas, Jan. 20.—Mr. Gibson of the Gibson Grocery company was knocked out of his buggy last night, robbed of his money and his horse and vehicle taken. The young man is in a critical condition.

Director Dodge of the office of the public roads inquiries, United States department of agriculture, has issued a circular directing attention to the southern interstate good roads convention to be held in Charleston February 5 to 7 next.

Boers Will Hold On.

London, Jan. 20.—The Times has received a cablegram from Dr. Kuyper, the Dutch premier, in which he says he has had no conference with the Boer delegates and that he could not induce them to draw up terms of peace as he knew their credentials did not allow them to do so.

I. Solomon, a Syrian, living at Keokuk, Iowa, was held up and robbed of \$8500. Two fellow countrymen have been arrested.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

The population of Canada, as shown by the census of 1901, is 5,369,666.

Boer Gen. Opperman is reported to have been killed.

An anti-dueling league has been formed in Germany.

Gov. S. G. Griffin, a Civil war veteran, died at Keene, N. H.

The Gazelle, a German cruiser, left Kiel for Venezuelan waters.

Supreme court of Kansas holds that eight-hour law is constitutional.

Workmen at Homestead, Pa., contributed \$10,000 to the McKinley memorial fund.

Mrs. M. J. Gast, 85 years old, living alone at Grandview, Ia., was burned to a crisp.

Rev. P. A. Hubbard, financial secretary at the African Methodist Episcopal church, died at Washington.

The annual report submitted by the Russian minister of finance shows very satisfactory conditions.

In a wreck on the Mexican International railway near San Luis Potosi Engineer Dupree was killed.

Judge Waldo has been elected president of the New Mexico Louisiana Purchase Exposition commission.

The elighthouse boat at Vera Cruz, Mex., rescued the crew of the fishing schooner Roball. Eight men were saved.

Ex-Mayor Regis of Algiers, Algeria, has been sent to prison for three years. He failed to pay damages in libel suits.

It is announced that Lord Kitchener has been authorized to expend £35,000 for the extension of railroads in South Africa.

A French company has bought a large tract of land on the Papalapan river in the state of Vera Cruz, Mex., and will sell ranches.

Chief Allen of the Philippines constabulary force says there are only twenty-five insurgents under arms in the province of Cagayan.

The congress of Chili has authorized that government to issue treasury bills to the amount of \$2,500,000 to buy war material.

Prof. Goldborough of Purdue university, Lafayette, Ind., will be the chief of the electrical exhibits at the World's fair at St. Louis.

Charles E. Netherly, a saloonist of Peru, Ind., shot and killed Henry J. Helmij, a cripple. Netherly fired five shots in the cripple's body.

The Paris Matin is authority for the statement that the German admiralty has placed orders with several shipyards for small gunboats.

Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel corporation, is alleged for the second time to have broken the bank at Monte Carlo.

Twelve thousand barrels of apples, valued at \$20,000, were destroyed in a fire at Hannibal, Mo. Other damage, estimated at \$20,000, was also done.

Nellie Cornelison, 11 years old, who at Wichita, Kan., killed her baby sister with a razor and charged her 5-year-old brother with the deed, has confessed.

Owing to the large amount of Norwegian money being invested in foreign lotteries, the budget committee of the storthing (parliament) favors a government lottery.

Sister Maurice, for fifty years a member of the community of the Sisters of Providence at St. Mary's of the Woods, the mother-house of the order, near Terre Haute, Ind., passed away.

Capt. Richmond P. Hobson has applied for a year's leave of absence. If he gets it he will devote the time to lecturing. He denies the statement published that he has congressional aspirations.

Rev. J. W. Nelson, pastor of Plymouth Congregational church, Coria, Ill., created a decided sensation by stating in a sermon that many of the prominent and wealthy men of that city are leading dual lives.

A Mrs. Fitzsimmons of Brooklyn, seeks to have her name changed legally. She says she does not desire to bear the same name as a "pugilistic character," and is weary of having urchins refer to her children as "little Fitzes."

The Prussia syndicate which negotiated the previous government loans of Germany has concluded the new 3 per cent loan of 300,000,000 marks. Prussia issued 115,000,000 and the German empire 185,000,000. The syndicate issues the loans at \$9.80 per cent.

An edict has been issued at Peking combining the Tung Wan Kuan, or school of interpreters, which was formerly managed by the Tsung Li Yamen, with the Imperial university. Dr. Martin, an American, will be the president.

A human sacrificial offering on the part of some Chinese was prevented at Baker City, Or., by the timely arrival of some Sisters of Charity. Hy Wong, a paralytic Celestial, had been selected as the victim. His queue had been cut short.

In the Fowler's Snare

By M. B. MANWELL

CHAPTER IX.—(Continued.)

Looking on, thankful for his wife's temporary brightness, was Gervis, too much encumbered by his robes of idleness and snow to join the dancers, and holding his hand to his forehead, misshapen Syb—she, too, perforce, being a spectator and never an actor in the merry games of life.

"It's a pretty sight, isn't it, little Syb?" heartily said Gervis, determined in his honest, manly fashion to be proud of the wife he had won.

Gladdy, light as a spirit, was darting up and down in the old-fashioned dance, and every eye was fixed upon her dainty figure, in its dress of all-very-brocade. She, too, had blood-red berries fastened in the folds of her wedding gown and a great bunch on her left shoulder.

"If Lella had on a dress of silver brocade, and diamonds on her neck, she would look a thousand times prettier than that girl!" was Syb's harsh reply, as she glowered at the shining little figure dancing up and down the middle.

Before the startled Gervis could collect himself to reply a disagreeable, low laugh made both Syb and he turn quickly.

Temple-Dene was liberty hall, and the scientist had again shut himself up in his room all day, deep in some abstruse calculations, doubtless. But the music and laughter had drawn the hermit from his cell, and he stood close behind them, with a strange, mocking smile on his thin lips.

"Little misery has distinct powers of discrimination, evidently," Paul Ansdell said, fixing his black eyes full on the frowning face of the deformed child. At the same time, he lifted his right hand, but, on second thought, dropped it at his side furtively.

"You ought to have been among the merry dancers, Ansdell," said Gervis, a little puzzled by his new friend.

"The merry dancers?" repeated the scientist quickly. "Why, do you know what you are saying? The merry dancers are the famous northern lights, and we folk across the herring pond have a superstition that they are never seen save before some terrible calamity."

While Paul was speaking his gaze grew more intent, and his dark eyes seemed to be drawing out the soul of the deformed child. The frown had faded from her uplifted face and in its stead an expectant look leaped. It was as though she were saying dumbly:

"I am ready! What would you have with me, my master?"

"Well," retorted Gervis, whose eyes wandered back to the quaint old figure, "the byplay, 'tis the merry game to bring a calamity, it must be upon yourself, Ansdell, seeing we have no such superstition among us that I know of." And he moved off, with a train of clamoring children at his heels.

The dance was over, and laughing, chattering and fluttering, the dancers, old and young, gathered around Lady Jane, who, determined to have a variety of entertainment at her Christmas party, was urging a shrinking, shy boy to recite "The Mistletoe Bough."

"You know, Bobby, you can do it so beautifully, and Mrs. Templeton would like to hear it so much!"

Bobby Vane was the big brother from Eton of the small lipser in blue velvet who clung to Gladdy's skirts when he could.

Bobby was a born reciter, but, unfortunately, shy—horribly shy.

However, at last, cajoled, hustled and goaded, the boy, with his ears pink and his knees knocking together—for he had never faced so large an audience—rushed at his task.

After the first line Bobby felt his feet. His voice was good, clear, sweet and round as a bell; it showed a hint of breaking as yet.

The gay company, breathless and intent, closed round the youthful reciter as the old legend in verse fell in clear, dropping syllables from his lips.

The mistletoe hung in the castle hall, and the holly-branch shone on the old oak wall.

And the baron's retainers were blithe and gay.

Keeping their Christmas holiday.

And as the poem went on all were forcibly impressed by the curious similarity of their present surroundings to those detailed by the reciter.

The old world ballroom, with its dark oak rafters, its rows of glittering armor—for Temple-Dene was noted for its armor—the "goodly company" of gallants and fair dames, the merry children, the old paneled walls blushing red with lavish wealth of scarlet holly berries; while here and there and everywhere, in the most unexpected places, large bunches of mistletoe hung to tempt and entrap the unwary. And, above all, there was the chief feature, the bride—

The star of that goodly company.

"I think we ought to carry it out to the letter!" excitedly cried Gladdy, when the recitation was over, and the deafening applause caused shame-faced Bobby to flee for shelter behind a suit of shining armor.

"A dear, wild child, this nee daughter of mine," blandly said Lady Jane to her dowager cousin, as Gladdy sped through the hall to the distant staircase.

If Gladdy had not been the great American heiress she was, her escapade would have been promptly frowned down, they knew very well.

Upstairs in the gallery that ran round the hall, Paul Ansdell was pacing up and down, with folded arms and deeply frowning brow.

Tonight meant for this man other things than it did for the merry-makers below. The crucial moment had come when he was about to stake his all. Either he would be in a position to grasp a fortune, or he would find himself in a prison cell. That he knew.

As he paced along the gallery, a light

Pacific railway, over the snow-covered prairies, Gladdy had been a bewildering puzzle to her husband. Her vagaries had made him secretly wonder at times if he had married a lunatic.

Then again a great fear would loom up that his wife had inherited some terrible wasting disease, and was about to slip through his fingers and out of life itself.

But this catastrophe on Christmas night eclipsed all that he had even dreaded.

Gladdy gone! She who had been the merriest, gladdest, happiest of all the "goodly companies!" It was inscrutable, horrible, maddening!

Out into the freezing night went parties of searchers. Not a man under Temple-Dene's roof, gentle or simple, save two—its master and the American guest, Paul Ansdell—but joined the anxious hunt.

All was in vain!

"Nothing more can be done until the daylight comes," hoarsely said Gervis, as he strode into the still garly lighted hall, and stamped the hard iced snow off his boots.

His face was gray, and a strange look of age had crept over it, which made it startlingly like that of his mother.

Lady Jane, worn out and spent, crouched down beside the great yule-log, that crackled and roared, the only cheery thing around.

She and Gervis gazed blankly at each other. What had they done, the two were asking one another silently, that this disgrace should have come to shame them?

"Can anybody tell me who saw or spoke with my wife last?"

There was a catch in the young husband's voice as he put the question to the circle of anxious-eyed searchers round him.

"She said she was going to hide. Don't you remember?" Bobby Vane, who had recited, craned his neck forward to say.

Then everybody did remember what they had forgotten—Gladdy's wild proposal to enact the bride in the "Mistletoe Bough," and a gasp of relief came.

"Why, she's in the house somewhere, safe and sound, laughing in her sleeve at us all; and we've been for the last hour tearing our clothes and the skin off our hands in that thicket of holly-bushes round the pond!"

"Let's go all over the house again," suggested somebody else.

"Perhaps she's crept inside one of the suits of armor," suggested Bobby, with protruding eyes. "What a tale it was going to be to carry back to school!"

Another hour was spent in search, but all fruitlessly.

(To be Continued.)

CHAPTER X.

Even the maddest, merriest of revelers must grow weary.

The Christmas merrymakers fagged, the gay music dragged a little slowly; here and there a tired child-guest yawned in a corner, then nodded, and finally was carried away in a deep sleep.

Outside, under the stars, a long line of carriages waited, and the hostess, with tired eyes, wondered why people did not go.

It had been a fatiguing day for Lady Jane and for Lella, who had not spared herself in helping. She and Lady Jane, side by side, ran the gantlet of the interminable good-byes from exhausted but delighted guests.

The Christmas gathering had been the greatest success the county had known for years, and Lady Jane was excited by the flatteries and thanks of the departing guests.

"Who's your wife, dear? She ought to have been here to see the guests off."

Lady Jane laid her hand on her son's arm. She was, in her tired state, ready to be cross even with the helpers.

"Gladdy? I'm sure I don't know, mother dear."

Gervis yawned. He was pining to get off his Santa Claus trappings, and to have a quiet pipe by himself.

A quarter of an hour later nearly every soul under the Temple-Dene roof was echoing Lady Jane's question.

Where was the bride?

Not in her own room, not in the hot, deserted ballroom; she was not in the upper gallery, where the lights were already being put out.

All sense of fatigue was put to flight by a vague terror of some evil hanging over the house of Temple-Dene.

Under the ancient roof only two persons did not share the terrified excitement when it was discovered that Mrs. Gervis Templeton was nowhere to be found—its master and the American guest.

Gervis himself was petrified. He had brought all his strength of will to bear on nobly doing his duty to the woman he had won for his wife. No one but he would ever know how hard the fight had been.

And now it was all in vain, for Gladdy had gone—where, no one knew. Since the journey on the Canadian

SPANISH WAR MEDALS FOR THE NAVY

In expectation of a ceremonial presentation of a part of the medals won in the late war with Spain, the Philadelphia mint is now going right ahead with work of fashioning the several thousand medals to be given to the meritorious and the valorous of our navy during the campaign in the West Indies in 1898. These medals are to commemorate participation in certain naval engagements principally on the coast of Cuba and to distinguish those officers and men whose specially meritorious service other than the battle is particularly deserving of recognition.

and encircling the anchor will be the campaign designation. On the plain reverse side of the medal will be stamped the name and rank of rating of the recipient, together with a brief statement of the service for which the medal was given. The ribbon in this case will be red or crimson and will fall straight down behind the medal so that the color will show through the openings between the star points. The design has been made purposely simple.

There is no better preventive of nervous exhaustion than regular, unburied muscular exercise. If we could moderate our hurry, lessen our worry and increase our open-air exercise a large proportion of nervous diseases would be abolished.

For those who cannot get a sufficient holiday the best substitute is an occasional day in bed, a writer in the Nineteenth Century suggests. Many whose nerves are constantly strained in their daily vocation have discovered this for themselves. If we cannot prevent agitation, we ought, if possible, to give the nervous system time to recover itself between the shocks. Even an hour's seclusion after a good lunch will deprive a hurried, anxious day of much of its injury. The nerves can often be overcome by stratagem when they refuse to be controlled by the strength of will.

Catching Rats.

Rats are very susceptible to the odor of certain drugs, and an ordinary trap set in their haunts is likely to succeed if dressed with these scents, the attraction of which, rat catchers affirm, they cannot resist. An example is: Powdered asafoetida, eight grains; oil of rhodium, two drams; oil of aniseed, one dram; oil of lavender, one-half dram. Shake together in a bottle and use a very small quantity to dress the bait.

To catch rats, cover a common barrel with stiff, stout paper, tying the



Reverse of the Medal, Showing the Men Behind the Guns.

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edge round the barrel. Place a board so that the rats may have easy access to the top. Sprinkle cheese parings or other food for the rats on the paper for several days, until they begin to think that they have a right to their daily rations from this source. Then place in the bottom of the barrel a piece of rock about six or seven inches high, filling with water until only enough of it projects above the water for one rat to lodge upon. Now replace the paper, first cutting a cross in the middle, and the first rat that comes on the barrel top goes through into the water and climbs on the rock. The paper comes back to its original position, and the second rat follows the first. Then begins a fight for the possession of the dry place on the stone, the noise of which attracts the others, who share the same fate.—Baltimore American.

Knaw Too Much.

A young man employed in an oyster records that at Gibraltar the human voice has been heard at a distance of ten miles.

Vaccination of Plants.

Vaccination of plants is the idea of a French botanist. Parasitic diseases—microbial or fungoid—harm through the poison they cause the tissues to absorb, and inoculation with suitable cultures makes the tissues proof against absorption.

Finest Pearl Necklace in World.

The pearl necklace of the Empress of Germany is said to be the finest in the world. The gems are all perfect in shape and coloring and the whole is valued at \$500,000.

Wounds Heal Slowly in Philippines.

Medical men have noted the injurious effect of the Philippine climate on wounds. The time for healing is much longer than here. In South Africa it is shorter.

Traits of the Mikado.

The Mikado of Japan is a man of much energy and endurance, and is constantly smoking cigarettes. He is fond of outdoor sports and has warmly encouraged the introduction of football into Japan. He is a hunter and fisherman with no mean reputation and is a good shot with a rifle. His devotion to lawn tennis is marked and he is clever as a wielder of the racket.

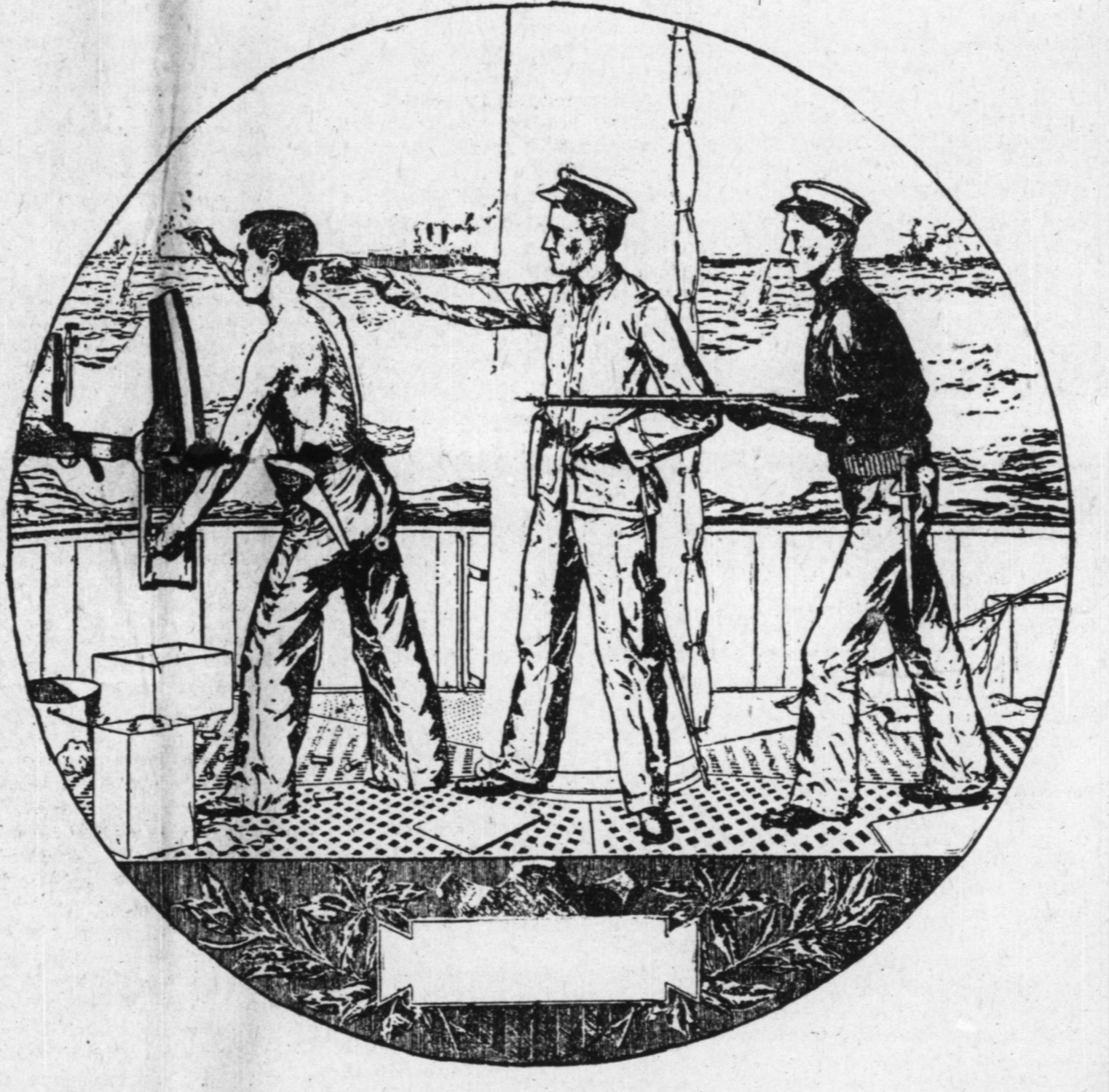
Sharks Dive to Great Depths.

A shark's tooth has been found in a submarine cable at a depth of 350 fathoms. Five varieties of shark are known to go as deep as 300 fathoms, and one reaches 100 fathoms.

A Remarkable Record.

Modern steamship travel is so safe that the English government has not lost or injured in transit a single man of the 250,000 sent to South Africa.

Lots of people give advice freely because it doesn't cost them anything.



Reverse of the Medal, Showing the Men Behind the Guns.

TOO EXTRAVAGANT.

A Defaulting Cashier Ate Ham Baked in Champagne.

The manner in which one defaulting cashier was detected was rather peculiar, says the Louisville Times. It was all due to the curiosity of the women of his neighborhood. He went to an expense in the way of dressing, they never heard of his gambling or drinking to any extent, he was a model husband, but he loved a good table. There was nothing unusual in this, but one day when the ladies of the vicinity were discussing the best methods of cooking meats the wife of the cashier declared very innocently that her husband dined on ham, but he would not eat it unless it had been boiled in champagne. "Boiled in champagne!" exclaimed the listeners. "Heavens, how expensive; we couldn't afford to have ham on our table often if we cooked it that way." It was soon noised all around the neighborhood that Cashier Blank was a high liver, indeed, and the men began telling of his uplifted ideas of cookery. This soon reached the ears of the directors of the bank, and they concluded it might be wise to investigate the accounts of such an epicure. Plain water was all they could afford for their hams, so the champagne lover was called up and subsequently relegated to the pen, where he had to forego his pet dish for many, many weary days.

American Hooks in Mexico.

Mexico buys more American books than does France, and nearly as many as Germany. Much of this trade is due to the large resident American population to be found in Mexican cities and to the demand from mining camps, where Americans are living, and not a little is due to the growing respect of English among the Mexican people. There is a strong tendency here in favor of popularizing the English language, and the learners of that tongue comprise professional men in middle life as well as thousands of youth. Some large institutions of learning have put English ahead of French.—Mexican Herald.

Decline of the White Laws Tie.

An interesting chapter might be written of the decline of the white laws tie in congress. The Virginia congressman never did effect it to any great extent, and only occasionally was it visible around the neck of a North Carolinian. Farther south, however, the white tie and statesmanly used to go hand-in-hand. Even the staid and solemn Catchings of Mississippi, was a victim of the habit. But nowadays the custom is dying out.

It is an extraordinary fact that men buried in an avalanche of snow hear distinctly every word uttered by those who are seeking for them, while their most strenuous shouts fail to penetrate even a few feet of the snow.

The Bible Revised.

The new revision of the Bible recently completed brings it up to date without changing its meaning. There are thousands of people, however, who will not prefer the old original copy without any modifications. There are also thousands of people, who have once used Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, will never use any other medicine, because they know its value in cases of sick headache, nervousness, indigestion, dyspepsia or liver and kidney troubles. So sure to try it.

Policemen clubs are trumps in the game of strife.

In the Blue Grass Region.

"I take off my hat to you, mister. It has cured my skin disease which doctors in seven states failed to cure."—J. D. Spurgeon, Savannah, Ga., if your druggist don't keep it.

Texas is going into the sugar producing industry on an extensive scale. In addition to her present sugar cane-growing interests, which are operated under the State penitentiary system, arrangements are being made to place about 5000 additional acres in cultivation.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 20.—For many years Garrison Tea, the Herb Tea, has had a reputation that is rarely met. It is UNIVERSALLY praised! This remedy presents unusual attractions to those in search of health; it is made of HERB tea that cures "Nature's way" by purifying the blood, and establishing a correct action of the digestive organs. It is equally good for young and old.

Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler told his story not long ago: "A millionaire once said to me: 'I never got real happiness out of my money until I began to do good with it.' Be useful if you want to be cheerful. Always be lighting somebody's torch, and that will shed its brightness on your pathway, too."

So little confidence is there in Turkish postoffice employees that when, some time ago, opportunity was given to send packages and registered letters, only one of each was received at Stamboul in ten days.

ALL UP TO DATE HOUSEKEEPERS use Defiance Cold Water Starch, because it is better and 4 oz. more of it for same money.

St. Louis is the conceded apple shipping center of the country.

Miles of Potatoes.

Everybody knows that the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La. Cross, Wis., are the largest seed potato growers in the world, so when their President, Henry A. Salzer, recently purchased 21,000 acres more of ideal potato land, all wondered what for. Well, it is for potatoes—miles and miles of potatoes.

It is reported that Emperor William has taken up the palmistry fad.

The man who never smiles is the center of gravity.

Eaten by Everybody.

ATLAS OATS, unexcelled for purity, strength and flavor. Try it today.

Stockholm, the capital of Sweden, has 320,000 inhabitants who read 12 daily papers. The city also has a Press club of 440 members, of whom 22 are women. King Oscar is always considerate to newspaper men and is very popular with them.

Death by Neglect.

Dr. D. M. Byr, the eminent specialist, says thousands of persons die from cancer every year from no cause save neglect. If taken in time not one case in a thousand need be fatal. The fear of the knife, or the dread of the burning torturing plaster causes a few to neglect themselves till they pass the fatal point where a cure is impossible, but by far the greater portion die because their friends or relatives, on whom they are dependent, are insensitive to their suffering and impending danger. It is too late. Book sent free, giving particulars and prices of Oils. Address: Dr. D. M. Byr Co., Lock Box 409, Dallas, Texas.

The motto of the editor is "Keep to the write."

DO YOUR CLOTHES LOOK YELLOW?

Then use Defiance Starch. It will keep them white—15 ct. for 10 cents.

London, Ont., has made a record for municipal economy. Of the \$200,000 voted for decorations for the reception of the duke and duchess of Cornwall and York \$300 was not spent.

PURMAM FADELESS DYES are fast to sunlight, washing and rubbing. Sold by druggists, 10c. per package.

You can safely gamble your last ten spot on one man who works as hard for others as he does for himself.

FITS PERMANENTLY CURED.

Best day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nervine Restorer. Sent for FREE. \$2.00 trial bottle and treatment. Dr. R. H. Kline, 1450-16th Ave. N., Philadelphia, Pa.

The organ grinder believes that one good turn deserves another.

Everywhere religious orders are on the increase. In Belgium, for instance, in 1846 there were 779 convents and monasteries, with 12,000 inmates. In 1900 the number had increased to 2200 convents and monasteries, with 37,000 inmates.

INSIST ON GETTING IT.

Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch because they have a stock in hand of 12 oz. brands, which they know cannot be sold to a customer who has once used the 16 oz. pkg. Defiance Starch for same money.

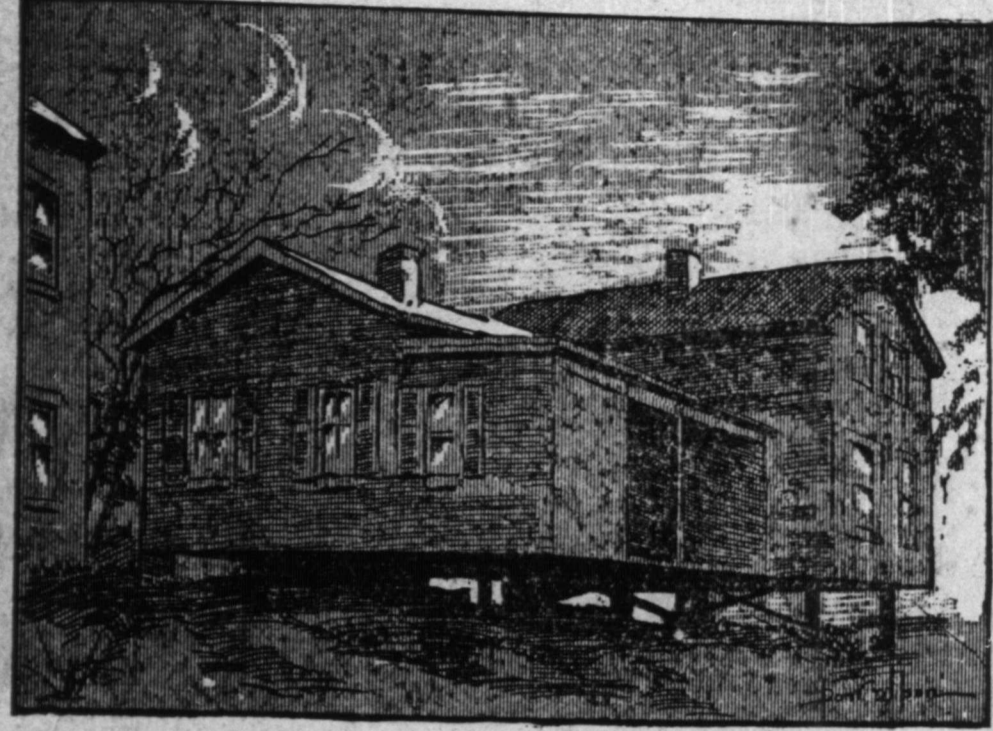
Sure to be arrested! Any ache or pain by Hamill's famous Wizard Oil. Your druggist sells it.

"But his letters are so gushing," they protested to the fair young thing who was corresponding with a sentimental youth. "I know they are," she said, "but you must remember that he writes with a fountain pen—Baltimore American."

OLD MCKINLEY HOME IN INDIANA

The historic residence erected two miles northeast of Mishawaka, Ind., about the year 1840 by James and Mary McKinley, grandparents of the late President William McKinley, has been saved from demolition by the

within a few hours of each other in adjoining rooms in the same house on the same day—Aug. 20, 1847. Their remains were interred in a cemetery near South Bend, where the graves were long unmarked. Some eighteen



generosity of a Mishawaka man. He will have the structure moved to town and will preserve it. James and Mary McKinley, the grandparents of the late distinguished President, were in destitute circumstances during their residence there. They passed away

or twenty years ago the late President of the United States came here, and the resting place of his grandparents suitably designated, and an iron fence erected, which today is a very conspicuous object in the beautiful little cemetery.

CIVIL WAR RELIC FOUND IN TENNESSEE

The illustration shows the design on a ring found in a field eight or ten miles from Shelbyville, Tenn., being unearthed from a slight depth below the surface. During the civil war sol-

"One of Nineteen, July 4, 1868." From this legend and from the intaglio forming the setting of the ring it is evident that the ring belonged to a graduate of the Virginia Military In-



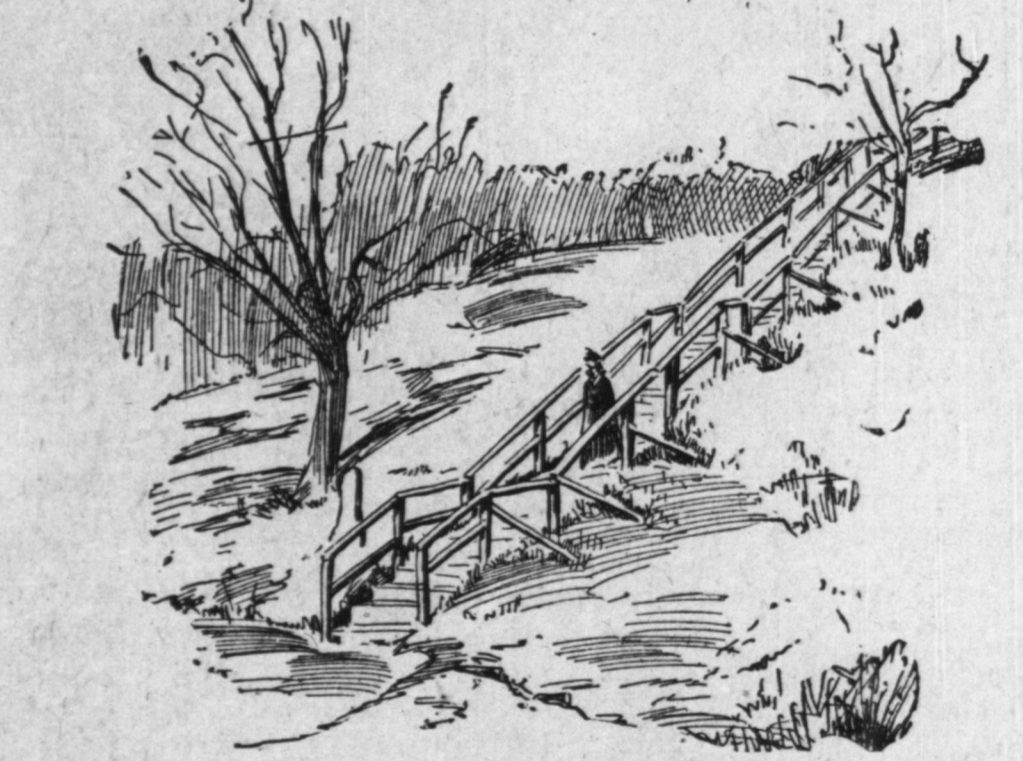
diers were encamped in this neighborhood, but the nearest fighting was about twenty-five miles away, at Stone's River. The ring was evidently lost by one of the encamped soldiers. Within the ring appears the following legend, engraved in script:

stitute, of the year 1858. This institute is located at Lexington, Va., and is known as the "West Point of the South," and undoubtedly has a record of the nineteen graduates of the year 1858. The ring is in a fine state of preservation.

Steepest Street in United States

Chester, Ill., boasts the steepest highway in the state, if not in the country. It runs up the face of the hill on which the town is situated, a climb of 350 feet in a quarter of a mile, and is so nearly perpendicular that the people of the town built a flight of steps that pedestrians might reach the top.

Chester is the capital of Randolph county, and is on the Mississippi river. Inness is in shifting people from the railroads to the river. Both railroads and the few mills of the place are on the lower level. The hill people, however, had sufficient pull to get the postoffice placed on the summit, and so when the inhabitants of the lower town want their mail they have to climb up a hilly road, a steep sidewalk, and 239 steps to get it. The railway is remarkable, being built



Forty feet or so above the average stage of the water runs the first level of the town—the old settlement of Chester. There are the ruins of old stone stores and buildings of a century ago.

The new town was built on the hill-top, 350 feet above the old. The court house was put there, and the banks are there. Chester's chief bus-

New Leguminous Plant.
German papers speak of an annual belonging to the leguminous class, growing in tropical Africa, which is largely cultivated by the negroes as an article of food. It has been introduced to some extent in Brazil. The Africans call it woadsu, but its botanical name is Glycine subterranea. The fruit, like the peanut, matures under the ground. The edible kernel has the shape of an egg, and is dark red, with black stripes and a white hilum like most beans. It furnishes a very white flour, the favor of which, after cooking, very much resembles that of chestnuts. Two pounds of this product would supply the daily requirements of the human system. This is one of the very few fruits which in a natural state contain all the chemical properties of a perfect nutriment.

Immense Frieze.
The modeling and carving of an immense frieze on the Stanford University memorial arch, in California, marks the completion of a colossal undertaking in sculpture. The arch is over 100 feet high, and is built of San Jose limestone. Running around it at a height of eighty feet is the frieze, illustrating American civilization. The total length of the frieze on the four sides of the structure is 232 feet; its height is twelve feet. It contains 150 heroic figures in high relief.

Moss Wood for Railway.
The Pennsylvania railroad company is importing Moss wood ties from British Guiana. They are said to last fifty years. The life of a white oak is ten years.

Was First Used as Mourning.
The black handkerchief which the sailor of the English navy knots around his throat was first worn as mourning for Nelson, and has ever since been retained, while the bright stripes around the broad blue collar of the sailor's jumper commemorate the victories of Trafalgar, Copenhagen and the Nile. The broad blue collar itself is older than Nelson, and was first adopted at that period when sailors plastered their hair into a stiff pigtail with grease and powder.

Some Excuse for the Old Gentleman

The elevated train came to a stop at Scollay Square with such suddenness that an old man with a silk hat and three big bundles was hurled down the aisle as if from a catapult. The bundles and the hat took various directions, and the old man brought up against a stout young woman, who promptly measured her length on the floor.

The young woman picked herself up and gasped: "This is outrageous!" The old man said, as he groped about for his bundles: "I—confound it—know it—confound it—couldn't help myself—confound it." Then as he left the car he glared at the guard and indulged in this final outburst: "Confound it all, I say!"

A man seated in the car said to his neighbor: "The old fellow is a church member." "Perhaps," was the reply, "but he put a good deal of expression into his words."—Boston Herald.

Marlborough Owns World's Finest Picture

The Duke of Marlborough is believed to be the possessor of the costliest painting in the world, which was at one time the property of the first Duke of Marlborough. The picture is known as the "Blenheim Madonna," painted by Raphael in 1507, and now valued at no less than \$350,000. It is eight feet high, and represents the Madonna and Child seated on a throne, with a figure of John the Baptist on the left and that of St. Nicholas of Bari on the right. Its almost fabulous value is due to the fact that it is one of the best preserved of the artist's works in existence.

Portrait of Dandy of Bygone Age

Dandies have flourished in England almost since the conquest, and the picture shows one of the time of good Queen Bess. His title was Lord Russell of Thornhaugh. He was the son of the second Earl of Bedford, and learned the art of foppery as a courtier of Flushing. Sidney, in token of his



ter in Venice, Germany, Italy and Hungary. He fought in Ireland and in the Netherlands, and succeeded his friend, Sir Philip Sidney, as Governor of the Netherlands. He was a great man, and was a great man in his day.

Reply Neat and Effective

In the smoking room of a Swiss hotel a discussion recently took place between a German and an American as to the merits of their respective armies. The former believed in discipline and trained troops as he believed in the hereafter. The American believed in training, too, but held that a lot depended upon the material trained. "Given," quoth he, "that brains are lacking, no amount of physical training will make up for them. Take the American troops, comparatively untrained, and see how well they fight. It's because of their brains." "Nonsense," rejoined the aroused German. "Untrained troops can never stand against well-drilled ones. Take your own country, for example, with practically no drilled army. What would you do?" He paused impressively, and then said: "What would you do if Germany landed an army of 250,000 perfectly drilled and perfectly equipped men on your shores?" "Bury them," was the quiet but complete rejoinder.

Voting Made Compulsory.

A bill to make voting at elections compulsory, which is to be introduced into the French chamber by M. Georges Berry, provides that any person abstaining from voting at elections shall have his name displayed on the door of the town hall, pay a fine of from five francs to ten francs, and be disfranchised and rendered ineligible for any public office.

Stations for Wireless Telegraph.

There are now in Europe forty stations equipped for wireless telegraphy and five in America. Each of Lloyd's stations throughout the world will soon have a plant. About sixty vessels have put in the necessary apparatus.

Berlin's Chamber of Commerce.

An order of the Prussian minister of commerce authorizes the establishment from April 1 next of a Chamber of Commerce with thirty-six members, for the city of Berlin and suburbs.

Boots in British Army.

Since the commencement of the war in South Africa Scotland has sent to the front 15,500 noncommissioned officers and men and 330 officers—total, 15,830.

Device for the Automobile.

A new device is a spring in the cushion of the automobile driver's seat, which throws off the power the instant he rises or is thrown from his seat.

Telephone for Use on Moving Trains

A device known as a "telephone for trains" has been patented by Prof. M. Russo d'Asar of Germany and is said to have stood a practical test with satisfactory results. The invention consists of a system of telephones by which the inventor says the engineer and conductor of a moving train can communicate with another moving train on the same track or with a station agent or guard along the line. A successful experiment is said to



have been made with the invention at Mittersill-Grossloke, Germany. Under the system it is declared that an engineer of a train running at a high rate of speed can keep in perfect communication with every one connected with the running of his or other trains on the same track.

Beecher and His Salary

An old member of Plymouth church, who knew Henry Ward Beecher and his family, has this to say about the great preacher: "No one ever knew what he did with the vast sums of money he earned as a lecturer," he said. "He used to give money away with both hands, and he was as likely to give a street beggar a twenty-dollar bill as a dollar. But his salary from Plymouth church went direct to Mrs. Beecher, intact. He never drew any money from the church until the end of the year. Then he received a check for \$20,000, his full year's salary, and handed it to his wife. When he died he did not leave much of an estate, although he had earned millions of dollars in his life, but Mrs. Beecher had always received her \$20,000 a year and she lived in comfort, and even luxury, in Brooklyn, till she died. He was a great man, and was a great man in his day."—New York Herald.

Gen. Andre's Speech Has Roused France

General Andre, whose sensational speech at the Gambetta celebration causing talk in Paris, is the minister of war of the French Republic and a fine type of the soldier-scholar. An orator of high power, he is also one of the best strategists in Europe, a fact brought out when he was com-



mander of the Polytechnic School from 1893 to 1896.

Japanese Smokers.

The Japanese smoke in a very peculiar manner. The pipes have very small metal mouthpieces, and only hold enough tobacco for three or four whiffs. They use a tobacco which is cut extremely fine, and looks more like light blond hair than anything else. It is of a very good quality, however. The Japs take a whiff of the smoke and inhale it, letting it pass out through the nostrils. They rarely smoke more than one pipeful at a time.

A Co-operative Ranch.

At Alba, Ore., many partners in the big co-operative ranch to be conducted by a number of homesteaders who located adjacent claims of 160 acres each and intend to raise cattle on the community plan, have arrived on Camas prairie to look after construction of the buildings. A contract was given about three weeks ago for nearly a dozen cabins.—Portland Oregonian.

Prosecute Lutheran Ministers.

The governor of Finland has ordered the prosecution of the Lutheran pastors who refuse to read the new Russian army regulations in their churches.

German Books in England.

Booksellers who supply English schools report that there has been in recent years a very great increase in the demand for German school books.

Wages of German Typewriters.

The weekly wages of operators of type-setting machines in Germany vary from \$4.23 to \$14.23.

SPECTRUM OF LIGHTNING.

Photographs Successfully Obtained Showing the Divisions of Colors.

Prof. E. C. Pickering, the director of the Harvard Observatory, announces what are said to be the first successful experiments in photographing the spectrum of lightning, that is, the divisions of colors which combine to produce the white glare of the lightning flash and which offer the physicist his opportunity to analyze the elements that compose it. The photographs, three in number, were obtained by J. H. Freeze of Harvard at the observatory last summer, with the same apparatus that is used in photographing the spectra of the stars. This apparatus consists of an eight-inch or eleven-inch telescope with a camera at one end and a prism at the other, the latter being placed in front of the objective lens so as to break up the object photographed into parallel bands of color, which are seen in the photograph by differences in degree of black and white. The scientific value of these spectra arises from the fact that the various elements of the atmosphere, as well as the various elements of solid bodies under the influence of intense heat, give off different colors, by which they can be differentiated. The element of hydrogen, which is found in the spectra of nearly all stars, produces a series of well-marked lines quite different from those made by the element of iron, for example, found in some, but not in all, stellar spectra. The photograph of a star spectrum is not so much the photograph of the star as of the luminous vapor immediately surrounding it, from which it is possible to deduce the constitution of the burning mass of the star itself. The hydrogen lines of the lightning spectra obtained are found to be very much like those shown by the spectra of "new" stars, except, of course, that they indicate no solid body. An interesting comparison shows that the hydrogen lines of a lightning flash that illuminated the whole heavens correspond exactly with those of a small quarter-of-an-inch flash of lightning produced artificially in a tube or in the open air.—Western Electrician.

"THE FORTY THIEVES."

Band of Troopers in South Africa Gets Pay in Loot.

The little band of troopers fighting for England in the Transvaal and known as Loxton's Horse, is aptly called "The Forty Thieves" by friend and foe. Loxton's aggregation is probably the most peculiar element of the army in South Africa. England's war office furnishes the equipment of the troopers, which includes two horses, full uniform, rifle and ammunition, but that is all. No one, officer or man, in Loxton's Horse draws a cent of pay from the British war funds. In lieu of pay the corps gets 75 per cent of the loot, and, if what was seen in June in Newcastle was a criterion, it is a very well paid arm of the service. There was then a division of the proceeds of their joint earnings for three months, and each man's share amounted to a little more than \$4,500. The corps gave a ball in the town hall to provide amusement for itself and its friends, and the 100 men then comprising the command spent \$5,000 in this entertainment. Nothing was safe from the rapacity of this gay gang, and anything of commercial value, whether it belonged to friend or foe, was always brought to headquarters. Sometimes the owner could recover his property if he could show conclusively his loyalty, but generally the animals or goods were sent to Durban or Petermaritzburg and sold. Loxton's Horse well earned its nickname, "The Forty Thieves."—Cape-Town Correspondence New York World.

The British Royal Banner.

In St. George's Chapel, Windsor, still hangs the royal banner of Queen Victoria, as it has hung for sixty-two years. The unwritten law forbids that it shall be removed until the present sovereign's banner is ready to go up in its place. The sovereign's is the only one embroidered. All the others are painted. King Edward's is now ready, and was exhibited yesterday at the Royal School of Art Needlework, where the embroidery has been worked. The highest heraldic authorities have been consulted on the subject, and the result is a certain modification in the design. For instance, the Irish harp is no longer disfigured by the mermaid-like shape that appears on the old banner. It is now a copy from the ancient harp of Kells, which would rejoice the heart of Ruskin. The lions are in real cloth of gold, untarnishable, like the silks with which they are embroidered. They have blue tongues and claws. The foundation is crimson velvet, except in Ireland's quartering, which is royal blue, but a different shade from Garter blue. The whole is bordered with thick gold fringe, also untarnishable. The banner remains on view until Saturday afternoon. It is an interesting piece of work.—London News.

Another Woman Hunter.

West Virginia is proud of Miss Lily Irene Jackson, the pretty daughter of Judge John Jay Jackson, the oldest of the acting federal judges in the United States, who presides over the district court of that state. Judge Jackson received his appointment from President Lincoln forty years ago and is one of a typical West Virginia family—rugged, sturdy, accustomed to every phase of outdoor life and the pure atmosphere of the mountains. At 77 years of age he is still recognized as one of the ablest judges on the bench, and he is much more robust and active than many of the attorneys who practice in his court and are scarcely half his age. A chip of the old block is Miss Lily Irene. She is an accomplished horse-woman, a crack shot with rifle or shotgun, an enthusiastic hunter, a great lover of fine horses and dogs, and she can hunt all day without the slightest fatigue.

Uncle—Yes, Charles, I laid the foundation of my fortune by saving cab fares. Spendthrift Nephew—I didn't know you ever drove one, Uncle.—Punch.

Rear-Admiral Higginson

It is probable that Rear-Admiral Higginson, with his flagship and several other vessels of the North Atlantic squadron, will shortly repair to Venezuelan waters, making his headquarters at La Guaira. The ships which Admiral Higginson will take with him on this cruise will have an unusually large complement of marines aboard. These precautions are taken, not with any offensive intent toward Venezuela, but merely to guard against an outbreak of anarchy and rioting in the event that the revolutionists should prevail over Castro's forces in the field.

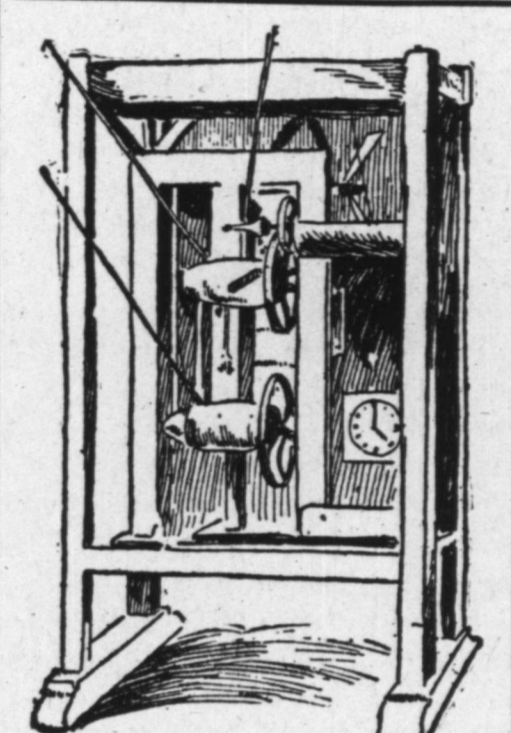
Owing to Admiral Higginson's high rank he naturally would command any joint operations that might be incident to the landing of naval forces of various nationalities.

The amount of gutta-percha that will be required for the transpacific cable, estimated at 3,000,000 pounds, is causing



some concern among the army signal officers, lest the demand will seriously affect the price of the material.

Clock Five Centuries Old



exists a very interesting clock, which has now performed its functions of time-telling in five centuries. It was presented by Queen Elizabeth in the year 1597, to Castle Rushen, the fortress which stands in the middle of Castletown. The works, which are shown in the engraving, are crude, being driven by ropes and pulleys, but nevertheless they keep fair time. The clock, in fact, has run ever since it was built, except for rare stoppages for repairs. To this day the single-hand which travels slowly round the dial outside the tower of Castle Rushen is the principal source of information as to the hour to the inhabitants of Castletown.

German Element in United States.

For many years German emigration has found its chief destination in the United States. About six million people have come from Germany to this country, and they, with their descendants, now constitute a very large element of our total population.

Woman Enters Politics

Hester McGee Smith, the first woman candidate for Illinois state superintendent of instruction, is a native of Pulaski county, in which she has served efficiently in the capacity of school superintendent. For five consecutive terms she has directed the schools of the county with the best results, and her friends believe she would make an excellent state officer. Mrs. Smith's father, Judge Hugh McGee, was one of the earliest pioneers of southern Illinois and became one of the foremost citizens of "Egypt." He served his country in the civil war and two of his sons died on the battlefield. Mrs. Smith was educated at the old Southern Illinois College at Carbondale, and on leaving that institution entered the profession of teaching. Her husband, Lewis Smith, a lawyer of Pulaski, died in 1870, and the widow soon afterward resumed the profession in which she has been so brilliantly successful.



The biggest hole ever dug in solid rock is the second wheel pit of the Niagara Falls company, which is 463 feet 8 inches long, 178 1/2 inches deep and 18 1/2 feet wide. The rock changes in character four times from top to bottom.

Dr. Ernest Lieber

Dr. Ernest Lieber, the noted statesman of Germany, who is critically ill



ing to his sympathy with German Roman Catholic societies in America.

French Hire System.
The paternal government of France has provided hire purchasers with a new and ingenious method of raising the wind. A court decided that articles bought on the hire purchase system can be sold on the day after receipt, and the hirer is not liable to prosecution so long as he keeps up the regular payment of the installments. The impetuous Frenchman is consequently now able to realize the value of a grand piano or a set of dining-room chairs at the initial expense of a single month's installment. This is better than the Mont de Piete.

Growth of a Fortune.

Another concrete illustration of the way fortunes have grown in recent years is the present valuation of the securities belonging to the Plant estate, which has just been the subject of adjudication in New York. When the testator died three years ago the estate was valued at \$10,000,000. Now it is valued at \$20,000,000, and the increase has come without changing any of the original securities. They just grew.

Woman Suffrage States.

The four states in which woman suffrage is established—Colorado, Utah, Idaho and Wyoming—are noted for the radical changes which they made in declarations of political preference. In 1896 the fusionists carried Colorado by 134,000 majority. A year later they had 3,900. Utah gave Bryan 33,000 in 1896, and four years later went against him by 2,100. Wyoming was carried by the Republicans in 1892, by the fusionists in 1896 and by the Republicans again in 1900.

When Choosing a Diamond.

In examining diamonds do not trust to artificial light and choose a clear day. Damp weather makes diamonds bluish. On a dark, foggy day the purest white diamond will take on a tinge of straw color. No one is safe in examining a diamond except on a clear day, and then you must be careful of your surroundings, for the gem will take on the tints of the walls and ceiling and you will scarcely recognize your own diamond when you see it under different

Salaries of Illinois Teachers.
The average monthly salaries of man teachers in Illinois is \$61.60, and of women \$53.51.

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SATURDAY January 25th 1902.

THE RECORD has been having lots of fun at THE NEWS' expense the past two weeks, but we've been too busy to answer our 'steamed' contemporary. Next week we will probably devote a little time to the Record. Sabs.

THE NEWS is pleased to note that a tract of 9500 acres of land on the Pinto—presumably the Dooley pasture—lying between the Government reservation and the Pinto, has been offered for a site for that camp of instruction. This would make an admirable site, as the two tracts (the reservation and Dooley pasture) embrace about 14,000 acres with an abundance of pure water, the Las Moras and Pinto creeks. Fort Clark is noted in army circles as one of the healthiest posts in the country and has much in its favor from a strategic point of view. Fort Clark is only 9 miles from the railroad while the tract of land offered near Sam Houston is 18 miles out! Troops can be moved to the border in a very short time, and the mobilization of a large force is better away from a large city. The Government will need between 15,000 and 20,000 acres of land, and the required amount can easily be secured here. Besides the target range for small arms a splendid range could be secured about 3 miles from the Post, where stands the Las Moras Mountain, against which the entire artillery of the United States could be trained.

RESOLUTIONS.

Brackett Texas Jan. 22 1902. WHEREAS, Comrade J.S. Morin, of W. H. Lewis Post, No. 17, passed away from our midst, Sunday Jan. 19th 1902, at 1 a.m. after a long illness.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that this Post will miss from our meetings, and daily associations a good and true comrade, ever ready to help a needy comrade.

That to his wife and son we extend our sympathy in this their hour of sorrow, and earnestly hope and trust that our Great Commander will help them to bear the affliction with resignation, and have and hold them in his keeping through all time.

That our Charter be draped as mark of respect for our departed comrade for thirty days. That these resolutions be published in THE BRACKETT NEWS and a copy furnished his family.

Adopted unanimously. In witness whereof we attach our official signatures and seal of Post. J. H. PRATT, Commander.

Attest: F. W. R. STEARNS, Adjutant.

Headquarters of the Fourth Infantry will be established at Fort Clark.

FOR SALE at a bargain—the old established newspaper in west Texas. If you are looking for a bargain write at once.

THE NEWS, Brackett, Texas.

BRACKETT will take on a little boom from now on.

SAN ANTONIO hasn't got that camp grabbed yet.

John Morin.

The subject of this sketch was born in Dumfries, Scotland, in 1829, and came to this country when a young man and worked on a farm in central New York. He enlisted as a soldier in 1851, and was sent to Texas, as a member of Co. B, Mounted Rifles. His company headquarters was at old Fort Inge, near the present town of Uvalde, and scouted over the country between old Fort Hudson on Devils River to Fort McIntosh on the Rio Grande. Mr. Morin was present with a detachment of his company when Fort Clark was laid out, and was still soldiering in Texas when the war broke out. With several hundred enlisted men of his regiment he was shipped from Point Isabel to the North. He then became a member of Troop B, Third Cavalry, and was discharged as its 1st sergeant in 1865. Mr. Morin was in many engagements during the war, and at the battle of Wilson's Creek was in charge of 83 men known as "Morin's Recruits," all of whom were killed or wounded except 21, Mr. Morin being shot through the body and taken prisoner, subsequently escaping and returning to his command. At this time he was offered a lieutenantcy in the volunteers but declined to leave his comrades. During the reorganization after the war he became a member and subsequently 1st sergeant of E Troop, 8th Cavalry. In the latter part of that enlistment he was transferred to Troop K, commanded by Capt. S. B. M. Young, now Brigadier General. Mr. Morin served three enlistments in this troop, and was finally honorably discharged, upon his own application, at Ft. Clark, Texas, in 1880, and became a citizen of Kinney County, where he has been engaged in the stock business ever since.

Mr. Morin was among the first subscribers to THE NEWS in 1880, and has always been one of its best friends.

Mr. Morin's death occurred on Sunday the 19th inst., at 1 a.m., and the funeral took place Sunday at 1. He was laid to rest with full military honors by W. H. Lewis Post No. 17, G. A. R. He leaves a wife and son to whom THE NEWS tenders its sincere sympathy.

The little girl of Mr. and Mrs. Zuehl, of Spofford which has been here with her mother under the care of a physician is reported improving. For a time its life was despaired of; all join in wishing the bright little girl a speedy recovery.

Mr. Lorenzo Cooke will leave in a day or two for the City of Mexico, where he has accepted a position in Hull's printing office. Lorenzo has been a faithful worker in the GUIDE office for a number of years and is with regret that we lose him from the force. He is a young man of excellent habits and deserves great success.—Eagle Pass Guide.

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Rev. J. M. Yingling, pastor of the Bedford St. M. E. Church, Cumberland, Md., says: "It affords me great pleasure to recommend Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I have used it and known others who have never known it to fail." For sale by W. F. Holmes.



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A TRIP TO DEL RIO.

Having some little business matter to attend to, the Principal of the school went through in his buggy last Friday arriving in Del Rio about 8 p. m.

The trip through the country was a very pleasant one as the late shower had settled the dust. The road was in good condition, at least in Kinney county. We notice the bed of the Sycamore was raked as far as the water, which is the dividing line, and a first-class road made up to the Val Verde line and then our buggy had to roll over boulders. The road workers on this side did not go one inch over the line into Val Verde. Kinney County has good country roads, no doubt, and our County Commissioners are to be congratulated on this. The country roads are really better than the streets of Brackett. Val Verde seems to neglect country roads and put her money on the streets of Del Rio. We suppose Commissioners view the matter differently.

Arriving within three fourths of a mile of the Court House, on entering Spring Street, we found it had been recently macadamized and in fine condition. Driving along in front of County Clerk G. W. Brown's our eyes looking out for signs of new residences, all at once our buggy nearly turned over, as we ran into a load of fresh gravel thrown into the middle of the street. We thought it at first some pitfall or trap set by Mr. Brown to catch unwary voters.

A little farther down Spring St. we passed the residence of Mr. James McLymont, the big sheepman. Mrs. Mc. was just getting in her carriage to go to a ball and when asked where Mr. Mc. was said she had left him in the house to keep Freddie while she went to the ball.

A little further on we passed the residence of H. J. Threlkeld and spoke to the late proprietor of the News. He and Wilkerson, having exhausted the negro question, and being out of further material to discuss, decided to sell out and move westward.

Down Spring St. we went past the Old Cemetery, which the ladies of Del Rio are rapidly converting from an eyesore to a thing of beauty for the town.

On reaching Main St. the first noise we heard was the racket of that element of Del Rio who are allowed to live on the streets at night. The streets were full of them at 8 p. m. Del Rio ought to prevent this by law, if possible, or else employ Mr. Henry Moore to look after them. All he would have to do would be to look and the boys would scamper home. We were glad however to ride through Main St. at night, every thing so much brighter and more business like now than a few years ago. Signs of prosperity everywhere.

On down Main St. to residence of Co. Surveyor, J. H. Brauer, who does very little surveying, now having turned his attention to fruit growing. He advises everybody against buying any property in Del Rio, but every spare dollar that comes into his hands goes into Del Rio property. Eighteen months ago he bought twelve acres in the suburbs of town and set six out in fruit trees. These will bear a little this spring. In three years the six acres will net at least \$1200 per season. This property has almost doubled in value since he bought it about 18 months ago. There are still a few openings of this kind in the irrigated valley of the San Felipe.

Next morning we had some business with the waterworks Company. Dealing with them reminds us of the advice Judge Stratton gave when we came to Brackett to take charge of the school. "If you have anything pleasant to say in regard to the school, come to me," said the Judge; "if any kicking, wrangling or anything of that kind, go to Joe Veltmann." In Del Rio, if you have anything agreeable to say, any money to pay etc. each one of the four headed Waterworks Co. will gladly hear you; if any complaint to make, each one refers to the other and so the ball keeps rolling.

We met the new editor of the Record-News and hope he will make the paper a Record Breaker for Del Rio. We believe he will. He can plug up the holes made in the Record when it struck political and colored snags, put a little more wind into the news and soon have a good paying investment in Del Rio.

We went over to the Court House. It did not look like election times as there was no one in the building except the old reliable G. W. Brown.

Dan Feehan was seen sitting back in his chair in front of his room reading his paper (a familiar sight for these many years) illustrating his own favorite maxim, "Every tub sits on its own bottom." Uncle Dan is of the good old landmarks of Del Rio. He is building a fine residence and we suspect he is getting ready to put a bird in the cage.

Altogether there are about thirty buildings either going up in Del Rio, or in near prospect.

We learned that plans are maturing for several brick business houses to go up very soon.

We feel like complimenting the County Commissioners on the beautiful streets they are making in and around Del Rio. People judge a town by its streets and every stranger that comes to the city is impressed favorably, many of them investing and building in consequence.

Nearly every one asked us if Brackett was not a dull town. We answered that it has not been dull lately for we have had Joe Bell, the scarlet fever and diphtheria all since Christmas. As to dances, parties etc. they have been frequent but we did not go to any of them. The people of Brackett dance a great deal. Even the babies dance (about) after they quit crawling. Not long ago boys and girls of the school had a dance in Capt. Anderson's barn, as it was about the only building large enough to hold the crowd. A sack of cottonseed meal being handy they sprinkled the floor with that and soon after the dance began they all looked like the old Alabama "yaller jackets." However, "On with the dance! Let joy be unconfined. No sleep till morn when youth and pleasure meet, to chase the glowing hours with yellow feet." Next day Mrs. Anderson made the boys "dance" again to the tune of \$1.50 for a sack of cottonseed meal. Their teachers said however, that they all came up next Monday with very good lessons, if they did have to spend so much time getting the meal off of their clothing. Business is solid in Brackett, the greatest evidence being that one always has to wait at the stores about thirty minutes before he can find a clerk at leisure to wait on him. If Brackett gets the Ft. Worth and Rio Grande R. R. she will safely distance Del Rio. If she does not get it and even if the Post is moved, the ranch industries of the county will keep up a good town, for Kinney Co. is superior to Val Verde in pasture lands. It is as much as Del Rio can do anyway to keep her own skirts but of the mud without being overly anxious about Brackett.

We spent the night at the hospitable home of Conductor Frank Griffin. This reminds us of a good joke his wife and sister-in-law played off on him during the Christmas holidays. There are a great many Christian Scientists in Del Rio and Mr. Griffin has been leaning that way. One favorite theory of his was that one never gets from indigestion, it is only imagination. So coming back from a long trip one day and feeling tired and hungry he ate about a half a fruit cake, a cabbage head or two and other things in proportion. In a short time he felt as if there was a rock in his stomach as big as his head and he wondered if he could get something to relieve the pain. His wife suggested soda and water, but did no good. His sister-in-law suggested hot salt water, and he took a big cup of that to no pleasant effect. Finally going to town someone suggested castor oil and he dosed himself on that. By this time he was becoming desperately sick (in his imagination), and his wife suggested hot lemonade and he drank four glasses. There being a Century Club meeting across the street the ladies deserted him to go to that and left him alone with his imagination. We know he survived it because we saw him on this trip and he still keeps up a very good appetite (in his imagination).

We met Professor's Hickman and Hudson. The latter is becoming an expert and enthusiastic wing shot at quail, though his hat brim is one inch too narrow, making him look like a man fresh from Georgia, instead of being an old Texan. We suppose however it is the new style, as we don't keep up with the fashion down here.

We missed the familiar faces of Messrs. F. W. Thomme and J. R. Blalock. We hear they are in Kinney Co. looking for gold. Mr. Thomme being an expert in that line. We suspect Mr. Blalock is looking for that big drove of turkeys one mile wide and ten miles long that used to wander up and down the Nueces when he first came to Texas. Sunday afternoon came and we had to start early for Brackett. As we were leaving town we saw a great many ladies and girls on the streets returning from the various churches. Further on down the streets just as many men going back and forth to the saloons, convincing us that Del Rio religion is of the feminine gender, but we had no o m to criticize, as we were starting out on a long Sunday trip with a gun and plenty of shells in the buggy. Taking care this time not to fall into any of the pitfalls in front of County Clerk Brown's we were soon out of sight of what is one day destined to be a beautiful and populous city. At five o'clock we drove into what will also be a fine, large town if the cards run right.

Another performance by the Coast Artillery Minstrels soon.

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Double Chin.

Often a double chin is caused not so much by excess of fat as by a relaxed condition of the muscles of face and neck. Bathe the parts with cold water twice a day. Use a massage roller with rather heavy pressure and downward movements.

Exercise After Meals.

Violent exercise immediately after eating is always hurtful, because it impedes digestion by propelling too much toward the surface those fluids which are designated by nature for the solution of the food in the stomach.

Report of an Accident.

A paper in the backwoods of Georgia reports an accident thus: "A negro yesterday was struck by the lightning express, landed on a pig-iron pile fifty feet away, and fell into the river, where he was drowned."

Anti-Nuptial Contract.

A Hoboken couple have entered into a strange anti-nuptial contract. The man contributes \$5 weekly to a common fund, and the woman \$10. When the sum of \$1,500 is in the pool they are to be married.

New Gold Fields in Prospect.

It is the opinion of experts that the opening of China and Siberia will disclose large deposits of gold and that Asia after a while will furnish a large part of the world's supply.

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UNDERWEAR AS A PROTECTOR. The old idea that wool is the only proper protection for the skin is exploded. In my opinion the skin, to perform its functions normally, needs but little such protection, says Merrill's Black M. D. In fact, the less the better. By getting the skin and overprotecting it with woolen underwear we make it tender and hypersensitive, thus rendering it unable to

GROCERIES, BANANAS, APPLES, COCONUTS. At Castro's. Corner Ross and Main Streets.

Salisbury's Seldier Son. Lord Edward Cecil, Lord Salisbury's soldier son, having obtained his brevet majority in May 1898, for his services in the Dongola expedition, and the D. S. O. for the expedition to Khartum, has been promoted to a brevet lieutenant-colonel—while still a captain in the Grenadier guards—as a reward for his good work at Mafeking, where he was Major-General Baden-Powell's right-hand man throughout the investigation. Lord Edward is not yet 34.

Decency in Graveyard Management. A bill has been introduced into the Imperial Parliament for "the better regulation of the burial grounds in Scotland, and providing that the Secretary of State for Scotland shall have power to make regulations for all cemeteries, for the better protection of public health and the maintenance of public decency." Another bill provides for the rating of cemeteries whenever they are run as money-making concerns.

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'Round About.

J. B. Charlton, a stockman of Uvalde was in town this week. "Bob" Adams has been promoted to a second lieutenant in the 13th Infantry.

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Six companies of the Fourth Infantry are expected at Clark tomorrow from Frisco. This will give the post about 1200 men.

Many an innocent little darling is suffering untold agony and cannot explain its troubles. Mark your child's symptoms, you may find it troubled with worms; give its WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE and restore it to quietness and health. Price 25 cents at Holmes' Drug Store.

Mr. John Clamp is here on a visit from Galveston, where he has resided for the past two years.

Coughs and colds come uninvited, but you can quickly get rid of them with a few doses of BALLARD'S HORSEHOUD SYRUP. Price 25 and 50 cents. at Holmes' Drug Store.

Mr. Jas. Murphy has moved all his household effects over from Del Rio and is going to stay with old Brackett.

Persons who lead a life of exposure are subject to rheumatism, neuralgia and lumbago, will find a valuable remedy in BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT; it will banish pains and subdue inflammation. Price 25 and 50 cents at Holmes' Drug Store.

A. B. Studer and family returned from Montell Monday. August reports a good time and says he killed two big bucks and lots of small game, besides gaining about 18 pounds in weight. Mrs. Studer enjoyed her visit and was greatly benefited by her stay in the mountains.

The worst after effects of influenza arise from damaged functions of the liver. Clear the blood at once with BERBINE, for it will strengthen the liver to withdraw from circulation the biliary positions. Price 50 cents at W. F. Holmes.

Mr. W. Collier Tatem, representing P. F. Collier & Son, New York, accompanied by his wife is registered at the Terrell House. Mr. Tatem is a very pleasant gentleman and in the course of conversation remarked that the Terrell House was the best hotel he had stopped at in West Texas.

The sweet strains of the Fourth Infantry Band will soon float over the Las Moras Valley and bring back memories of the days when the old Twenty-third was stationed here. The band, it is said, will come with the six companies of the Fourth.

Mrs. Severns (nee Stratton) is in receipt of a telegram, we hear, announcing the serious illness of Prof. Severns, of Tyler College.

Don't forget that Keys' studio is the place to get the best photographs.

Mr. Henry Roach, we regret to learn, is seriously ill in San Antonio.

A number of Brackett's boys left for the Pinto rock quarry Thursday to look for work.

We hear that Mr. T. Sweeney has purchased a twenty acre farm near Del Rio.

Keys' studio is located in the old Turner place—next to the Hilton House.

Cards are out announcing the coming wedding of Miss Margaret Ballantyne and Mr. Ed. Fritter. This happy event will take place on Feb. 10th at the Catholic Church.

Fred Bitter has added about 100 more sets of deer antlers to his collection. He now has one of the finest collections in this section.

The little wee owls had a dance at the barn last night. The big owls will have a dance to-night in Judge Stratton's barn.

A CARD.

The undersigned desire to thank their many friends for kind assistance and sincere expressions of sympathy in this, their hour of bereavement.

MRS. HANNAH MORIN.

J. S. MORIN.

A CARD.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nolan desire to return heartfelt thanks of the many friends who so kindly assisted them during the last illness of their daughter, Mabel, and for the sincere expressions of sympathy in this, their hour of sorrow.

Mabel Margaret Nolan.

It becomes our sorrowful duty to record the death of the beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nolan, Mabel Margaret, at the age of 17 years, which occurred Saturday the 18th inst.; at 8 p. m.

She had been sick but a short time, and seemed to be recovering, when suddenly a relapse took place and pneumonia set in and she passed away. Her untimely death came as a shock to the entire community.

The transition from this life to the mysterious beyond is always sad, especially the death of one so young—on the threshold of life, and the bloom of health—and her devoted parents can hardly realize that their loved one has passed away.

Mabel was loved by all for her kindly disposition and ladylike qualities, and her presence will be missed by her young friends, among whom she was a great favorite.

The funeral took place from the family residence at 3 p. m. Sunday afternoon, and a large concourse of sorrowing friends followed the remains to their last resting place.

The services at the grave were conducted by Mr. W. F. Holmes.

The pall bearers were Messrs. Paul and John Stadler, Ed. Fritter, Adolph Bitter, Will Dooley and Fred Ray.

The News extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved parents and relatives.

Rest, sweet one, rest! Thy God hath called thee to the skies, Child of care.

To shine forever in Paradise Bright and fair. He needs thee, a sparkling gem, To adorn the royal diadem.

Rest, dear one, rest! We mourn thee more than words can tell, Child of love, But hear the echoed funeral knell

From above, Speaking of well-earned release From earth's turmoil, in realms of peace.

Rest, loved one, rest! Spread thy pinions, soar away, Child of God; Leave thy tenement of clay

'Neath the sod; Haste to home, and bear with thee Thy soul in its maiden parity.

An Austin dispatch says: "The gratifying news has been received here of the promotion of Private Robert Adams to the position of second lieutenant in the regular army and his assignment to the Thirteenth Infantry. Lieutenant Adams was born and reared near Brackettville, Tex.

At the beginning of the Spanish war he enlisted as a private in Company I, Twenty-first Infantry, and saw hard service in the Philippines. He won his promotion by his individual efforts. He is still stationed in the Philippines."

A Cure for Lumbago. W. C. Williamson, of Amherst, Va., says: "For more than a year I suffered from lumbago. I finally tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm and it gave me entire relief, which all other remedies had failed to do." Sold by W. F. Holmes.

Bottle's Fast Passage. Passengers to Newfoundland by the Allan liner Siberian dropped a bottle overboard on Sept. 9, when a day out from Newfoundland. The bottle was picked up on Feb. 26 at the north side of the island of Tiree, Argyshire, and it was despatched to St. John's, in accordance with a request contained in a message inside the bottle. The bottle was floating on the waves about 179 days, and so must have traveled in the Gulf Stream almost in a direct line about ten miles a day.

Boots Lost While Falling. The fact that persons who fall great distances often lose their boots in the descent has not yet been explained. Perhaps the most recent case is that of Mr. Charles James, of St. Agnes, who was unfortunate enough to fall a distance of 120 feet in Polbreven mine. During the fall both boots (which had been tightly laced) came off and were discovered in the shaft fathoms above him. The phenomenon is not confined to miners.—Exchange.

Naples Loses a Collection. The famous Charlesworth collection of Capo di Monte porcelain has been bought by an English connoisseur, and thus Naples loses what while Mr. Charlesworth lived was a distinction of the city, though in private hands. It had been hoped that the municipality might get the beautiful ware for one of the public museums. The Italian minister of public instruction had the objects photographed before they left for Naples.

Like the McCormick Case. A parallel case to the Willie McCormick kidnaping and subsequent drowning in New York is reported from Joliet, Ill. Joseph Lindberg, a 5-year-old boy, mysteriously disappeared. The parents, aided by the police, made a thorough search, and finally, in dragging the waterworks reservoir, found the lifeless form. He had rolled down the embankment.

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A Curious Credential.
Clerk (to patent medicine man)—Here is a curious credential from one of our customers, Medicine Man—Read it. Clerk—"Before I took your elixir my face was a sight. You ought to see it now. Send me another bottle for my mother-in-law."—Harlem Life.

All Held Something.
Ballard (Wash.) Union: A hot poker game was played in one of our saloons last night between a Chinaman, a cowboy and one of our leading doctors. The Chinaman held four aces, the cowboy held a gun and the doctor held an inquest on the Chinaman.

Rare Historical Treasures.
Amongst the treasures preserved from the Comedie Francaise when it was burned, there is one which is looked upon as its sacred book. "Le Registre de Lagrange," which is the record of the affairs of the theater during the interesting period from 1665 to 1685, by Charles Varlet de la Grange, one of the King's comedians. Although intended only as a business collection of programs, receipts, and other details, the author virtually kept a diary of the Moliere troupe, marking the joyous episodes with blue ink, the deaths with black diamonds, and the births with crosses. The style is simple, and the value of the MSS. is incalculable.

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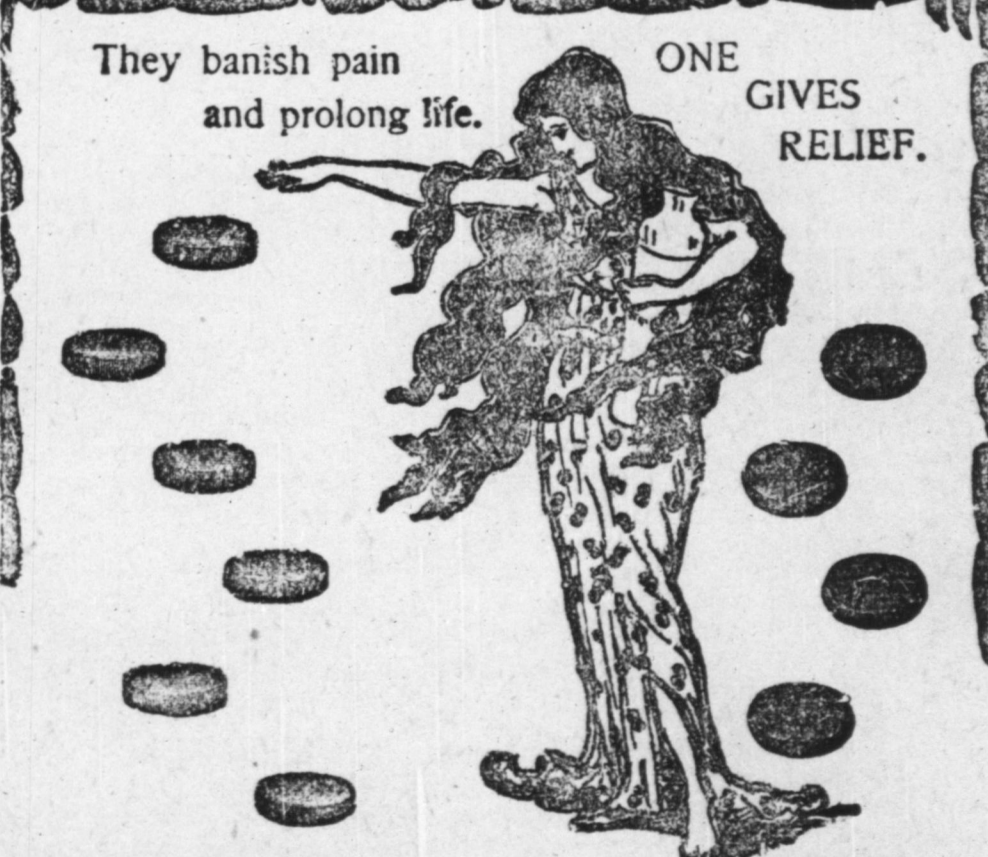
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Some day.
Through old Japan you'll idly roam,
Slide down old Fuji-Yama's dome,
And see the gashas in their homes,
Some day.

You will go to Egypt, see the Sphinx.
Some day.
You will climb the Pyramids, methinks,
Some day.
Sail up the vast, mysterious Nile,
Shoot at the festive crocodile,
And Kodak everything the while,
Some day.

To Italy's classic shores you'll hie,
Some day.
See Naples' Bay and refuse to die,
Some day.
Along the tourist's usual groove,
Entranced, with dreamful eyes, you'll
move,
See old Pompeii and climb Vesuvius,
Some day.

You'll do old Rome and the Holy Land,
Some day.
Pick shells on India's coral strand,
Some day.
Explore the islands of the ocean,
With naught to stay your locomotion,
Wherever you may take the notion,
Some day.

Ab, trusting brother, you will find,
Some day.
You've done this only in your mind,
Some day.
But when life's journey's over, and
On Jordan's stormy banks you stand,
Maybe you'll see the Promised Land,
Some day.

—Chicago Tribune.

The President on Effort

Here is an extract from the message of President Roosevelt, that may be commended alike to those who think organization of labor a bad thing and those who think that organization, law or anything else can supplant individual effort: "The most vital problem with which this country, and for that matter the whole civilized world, has to deal is the problem which has for one side the betterment of social conditions, moral and physical, in large cities, and for another side the effort to deal with that tangle of far-reaching questions which we group together when we speak of labor." The chief factor in the success of each man—wage-worker, farmer, and capitalist alike—must be the sum total of his own individual qualities and abilities. Second only to this comes the power of acting in combination or association with others. Very great good has been and will be accomplished by associations or unions of wage-workers when managed with foresight and when they combine insistence upon their own rights with law-abiding respect for the rights of others. The display of these qualities in such bodies is a duty to the nation no less than to the associations themselves. Finally there must be the cooperation of action by the government in order to safeguard the rights and interests of all. Under our constitution there is much more scope for such action by the state and the municipality than by the nation. But on points such as those touched on above the national government can act. When all is said and done, the rule of brotherhood remains as the indispensable prerequisite to success in the kind of national life for which we strive. Each man must work for himself, and unless he so works no outside help can avail him. But each man must remember also that he is indeed his brother's keeper, and that while no man who refuses to walk can be carried with advantage to himself or any one else, yet that each at times needs to have the helping hand outstretched to him. To be permanently effective aid must always take the form of helping a man to help himself, and we can all best help ourselves by joining together in the work that is of common interest to all."

Japan Without Factory Laws

Factory laws have as yet no existence in Japan. No law regulates the conditions of labor or the hours of labor, and the youngest child may be employed in their factories without the state taking any steps to watch over or to protect them. The employer is sole master in his own house; and though many of them do not abuse their power, still, there are some factories in which the workers are exploited without mercy. In their haste to be rich, in their feverish anxiety to profit by the abnormal industrial activity, many employers seem to forget that their "hands" are human beings. In order to compete, others have to follow their example; hence they, too, have to exploit the labor of little children who ought to be playing in the sunshine, and to keep their hands" at work during whole days and nights. Hitherto the governing classes have manifested no desire to promote, or even willingness to sanction, any legislation that would tend to benefit the industrial masses, who themselves have no voice in the government, and as yet no means of making known their needs, their desires, and their aspirations. There are, however, many signs that the more thoughtful, more ethical and more progressive amongst the educated Japanese have already realized the necessity for some change that will tend to secure to the masses of their fellow-citizens some participation in the material advantages of their advancing civilization.

A Girl Grocer

Mary Elizabeth Evans, 17 years old, has a right to be proud of herself. She is not a grocer's girl, but a girl grocer. Begun business one year ago. Original capital, one hundred dollars. Twelve months' net profits, besides maintenance for family of four, one thousand dollars. Makes a confection that has captured the community taste and brings 60 cents a pound: Her sister, Fannie, 13 years of age, has popular-

ized a cake of her own making, and is securing more orders than can be filled. Business sagacity is not a masculine monopoly. Many a grocery clerk who fancies it is would have faltered where this girl grocer succeeded. Nerve, tact, push, and that foresight which anticipates public wants characterizes her course. Let the trouser-wearing grocery clerk investigate like those named he had better start out for himself as soon as possible, for a fat business, a prosperous career, and plenty of shekels await him.—American Grocer.

Journeymen Bakers

The secretary of the Journeymen Bakers and Confectioners' International Union recently issued his annual report. It shows the total number of members to be 3,885, against 6,113 for the previous year. The report says: "Seventy-two charters were issued during the year and 19 surrendered. There were 12 strikes during the same period, of which eight were won, one compromised, one lost and two still on. The number of persons involved in said strikes was 1,073, of whom 989 were benefited and 133 worsened. The total gain in wages was 15 per cent."

Sketch of An Old Printer

William B. Eckert, one of the oldest members of the printer's craft, died recently at the Union Printers' Home in Colorado Springs. The cause was old age, the deceased being 84. Mr. Eckert was the first member admitted to the home at the time of its opening ten years ago. He came from the Philadelphia union and was a worthy and respected member. He had the distinction of being one of the original founders of the Typographical Union of North America in 1852, and always had been one of the strongest and most upright members.

Not Working on Fair Buildings

Circulars issued by the Carpenters' Council of St. Louis, Mo., recently received in Chicago stating that St. Louis is flooded with carpenters, and that work on the World's Fair buildings will not begin until next spring. Not a contract has been let for any building and the grounds are not yet graded.

Shaffer Reduces Assessment

On an appeal from a local organization President Shaffer of the Iron and Steel Workers reduced the assessment levied to support victimized strikers from ten to five per cent. The ruling was made that, however, the black-listed men must be supported under any or all circumstances.

Employment to 15,000 Men

All the factories included in the American Window Glass company, numbering nearly a hundred plants, and representing nearly ninety-five per cent of the total capacity of the United States, recently resumed work, giving employment to 15,000 men who have been idle since last May.

Formerly a Rolling-Mill Man

John A. Brashear, who has just been elected chancellor of the University of Western Pennsylvania, was a rolling-mill man in Pittsburgh twenty-five years ago, and to-day is the greatest of landscape lens-makers and one of the foremost scientists of the world.

The Cranberry Industry

One of the notable successes of 1901 is the cranberry industry; for, when the last of the yield was picked, an aggregate of 1,000,000 bushels was reached. By comparing this with the yield of 1900, 569,000 bushels, the success stands revealed.

Blacksmith Would be Millionaire

John E. Conner, a blacksmith, has begun suit in the Canadian courts against the Canadian government to recover an estate valued at over \$3,000,000. The estate comprises the site of the town of Guelph, Ont., a city of 15,000 people.

Model Dwellings for Workers

W. R. Sutton, an Englishman who died recently, left about \$10,000,000 in trust to provide model dwellings for working people. The trustees may make the rents as low as they like provided no one lives entirely free of charge.

Request From Garment Workers

The Ladies' Garment Workers' union requests that all members of unions should instruct their mothers, sisters, and sweethearts and all friends when buying a skirt or cloak to see that it bears the Ladies' Garment Workers' label.

A Manager of Bakeries

Miss Jennie Hitchner has been appointed local manager of the bakeries of the National Biscuit company at Pittston, Pa. Miss Hitchner takes the place of her father, who recently died.

Industrial Notes

The Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers spent, in round numbers, \$95,000 during the great steel strike. Leadville, Col., has now twenty-two flourishing unions, where two years ago it would have taken a close search to find one. Typographical Union No. 6 of New York, has refused to admit a man to membership because he belongs to the National Guard.

A statement issued by the cigarmakers of New York city shows that \$400,000 was spent in sustaining the strike of its members in that state recently.

The Metal Polishers', Buffers', etc., union has by referendum vote decided to maintain its present organization and not split into separate bodies of the several unions now included in the union.

Reason is a man's guard and moral principle is his safeguard.

FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof—Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

Suggestions by Gaylord

From Farmers' Review: I am past 75 years of age and have been up since before daylight shredding rotter all day. I have finished milking seven cows, and am now reared at my desk looking over my many farm papers. As usual, I catch up the Farmers' Review among the first, for the reason that I always find something practical, interesting and instructive, especially in its horticultural columns. The article in a recent issue headed "Leaf Crumpler" is worth its weight in gold. The leaf crumpler has done me hundreds of dollars worth of injury, and till now I have never known how to destroy it. I have seen the crumpled leaves and have examined them, but did not know that they had been rolled up by the insects that have eaten out and ruined so many grafts before the buds had little more than started. I shall go over my orchard and gather every crumpled leaf and burn it.

In your issue of November 27 I find two very interesting articles; one headed "Distance Apart to Plant Apple Trees." So far as the article goes, where the writer of it lives, it is probably all right. However, in all the great Northwest the theory there advocated is inapplicable. The writer, in speaking of an orchard set 25 by 25 feet, says the man does not know what to do with it so closely. I would say to our friend Doerr, "Just move that orchard over here, for it is just the thing for us. We would, however, recommend a slight change. We would set the trees thirty feet apart east and west and only 20 feet apart north and south. He advises cutting off the long branches. We accept this advice, as in very many cases here we need to thicken up the top, especially on the sunny side, so as to shut out the sun and avoid one of the worst difficulties that faces us—sun-killing, which kills more bearing trees than any other thing.

All experienced orchardists in this part of the Northwest head their apple trees very low, so as to shade the ground on the sun-side as much as possible. We strive to close up all openings on the sun-side, and shade the ground on the sun-side to keep the roots as cool and deep as possible. Always "head in" here, if at all, on the sun-side, so as not to let in the sun, but to thicken the branches and close up open spaces in the top. If we thin at all it is on the northeast side, for two important reasons. First, to open the top so as to give the picker a chance to get up into the tree to pick apples or destroy insects. Second, to force the sap into the branches on the sun side, so as to increase the branches on that side. In many instances here this is an imperative necessity.—Edson Gaylord, Floyd County, Iowa.

Difficulties of Cranberry Growers

Reports concerning cranberry yields from various parts of the country indicate that the crop of 1901 in Wisconsin and other Western states is below that of last year. The Western cranberry crop has been very much cleaned up, but a considerable portion of the Eastern crop, which was large, is being held by growers in expectation of higher prices. The marketing of the fruit has given occasion for complaint over the uncertain standards of quality. Judge Gaynor of Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, it is said, will endeavor to have the National Cranberry Growers' Association at its next annual meeting in January, pass resolutions defining: 1st. "Pie Berries" as berries that will go through a 3/8 inch screen or a 3/4 inch or less. 2d. "Standard Berries" as "crop run," with the "pie berries" out. All the pie berries can not be taken out by screening, but not more than five in a hundred should be left in. 3d. "Crop run" berries as being all the berries in a given crop, just as they come from the field, with the dirt and chaff removed, without being run through a sizer screen. 4th. "Fancy Berries" as berries well colored and of a diameter of 3/8 inch and upwards. 5th. "Sound Berries" as berries in which there appears not more than 2 per cent discolored and decayed and not more than 5 per cent soft berries, not discolored or but slightly discolored, and not more than 10 per cent defective or blemished berries.

Growing Demand for Foresters

The interest in forestry is rapidly increasing in this country. New forestry schools are constantly being opened. The attendance of students at these schools this fall is greater than ever before, though as yet the total number of students in the whole country is not large. This is due to the fact that the forestry school is a thing of the last few years. The number can only increase as the popular interest in forestry grows, as there will be no place for these young men to occupy, or in which to put their knowledge to use unless the opportunities for service are increased. Nearly every state in the Union should be doing much in forestry, and the work is so immense that its proper control should make room for the employment of thousands of educated foresters. Every state that has a large forest area can make no better investment than to spend money freely in paying the salaries of such men. Take the value of the timber wiped out by any one of our recent great forest fires and consider it in relation to the salaries of foresters. Then take the value of all the timber destroyed annually in this country and set it against the salaries of the foresters that should be employed, and what is the result? The inevitable answer is that we must employ skilled labor to prevent wastes.

Poultry Short Course in Connecticut

The Connecticut Agricultural college is taking up the work of instruction in poultry science in earnest. A short course in poultry has just been announced for this winter. It begins Jan. 7. Their announcement contains the following: In view of the growing demands for all kinds of poultry products and of the naturally conditions of soil and location, as well as the good home markets, we believe our state offers exceptional advantages for this branch of farming. The poultry department is well equipped with some of the finest specimens of the leading breeds of fowls, and with incubators, brooders and other facilities to aid in giving valuable instruction. The course will include class-room instruction in such subjects as breeds of fowls, breeding, selection, care, feeding, embryology, incubating, brooding and diseases of poultry. It will include, also, laboratory and practical work in dressing and preparing fowls for market, in caponizing, in the management of incubators and brooders, in the general care of fowls and in the construction of poultry houses. The afternoon of each day will be given up mainly to practical work.

Pasturing Wheat.
While it is not possible to accurately forecast the outcome of the wheat crop, reasonable prudence would suggest that for the present, wheat should not be pastured to any great extent. The conditions have been such during the summer and fall just past that much wheat was sown in soil that had been poorly prepared, and even with the best of preparation, there has not been sufficient moisture for vigorous growth. There were heavy rains during the fall of 1900 and the soil was filled with moisture and thoroughly saturated. With these conditions and favorable winter weather, wheat furnished an unusual amount of pasture last winter and was in some cases, actually benefited by pasturing. The conditions are entirely different at present. In general, the fall rains have been sufficient only to moisten the soil to a depth of about six inches while the subsoil has scarcely been reached by the water. The wheat is thus dependent upon the rains that come during the winter and while it is possible that there may be plenty of rain for the purpose, the average rainfall of past seasons has been insufficient. It is true that feed is scarce and high in price and the wheat pasture sells for good prices. Some prefer to take what is to be had in the way of pasture from one wheat crop and to plant some other crop if the wheat is harmed by pasturing, fearing that possibly wheat may not yield well next harvest even if not pastured. Looked at in this light, pasturing wheat is profitable, even though it kills the wheat. But it will not do to follow the practice of last winter when it was scarcely possible to pasture wheat too heavily in Oklahoma.—Oklahoma Station Bulletin.

Rape.
The rape plant has come into a good deal of prominence during the last ten years. Rape is known botanically as Brassica campestris, variety napus. Brassica is the family name for the cabbage, turnip and mustard. The rape plant is so closely allied to the cabbage and turnip that in the early stages of their growth the similarity in appearance is very striking. There are many varieties of rape, just as there are many varieties of cabbages and turnips. These varieties have been largely created by European cultivators.

While the rape plant has been known in America for little more than ten years it has been known and appreciated in Europe for a long time. Some varieties are grown in Europe for their oily seeds, from which stock-raisers have long been developing some varieties of rape for a stock feed. One of the best varieties

Cold as a Stimulant

One rule cannot be established that will apply to all farm animals. The dairy cow is at one end of the line and the sheep at the other. A certain amount of cold is a stimulant to farm animals, especially to those with warm coverings. The natural covering of the sheep is a much better protection from the cold of winter than that possessed by most other domestic animals. It is evident that with a covering that permits little escape of heat, the food required to supply heat is greatly lessened. Among the keepers of sheep there is a wide divergence of opinion concerning the extent to which they should be housed in winter. There are cases extant where sheep have been fattened in open pens and compared with sheep fattened in closed pens. The ones the most exposed made the largest gains. Also, where sheep have been fattened under natural conditions as to temperature, a close record of the gains and of the daily temperature have shown the greatest gains during the coldest periods. In such cases it is evident that the cold was a stimulant. If so, then cold has as certain a value in feeding operations as have the various feeds. The problem is to find just where cold ceases to be a virtue, and becomes a menace. This field of inquiry is as yet practically untouched.

It has been suggested that sugar might sometimes be made out of sugar melons. This perhaps has naturally suggested itself because of the great sweetness to the taste of the white-fleshed melons. The fact, however, that the sugar in all melons is in the form of dextrose is likely to interfere with the plan of making sugar out of them. Of the edible part of any kind of a melon two things constitute about the whole—water and sugar. The analysis of the edible portion of a large number of sugar melons gave an average of water 95.15 per cent, sugar (dextrose) 3.430 per cent, a total for the two of 98.58 per cent. This leaves only 1.42 per cent to be divided between the protein, fat, nitrogen-free extract, crude fibre and ash. It may be surprising to learn that analysis of a large number of water melons showed them to have a larger amount of dextrose than did the sugar melons, giving water 93.69; dextrose 4.210.

Confined Turkeys

From Farmers' Review: We think turkeys that roost out of doors the year through do the best. They can withstand wind, rain and snow without injury if they are used to it. A wind-break of some kind may be of advantage, but our turkeys always show a decided preference for trees to roost in. Turkeys will not do well in a small inclosure. One spring we confined four hens and one tom with ten chickens in a pen of one-third acre, with the result that our turkeys worried, got poor and laid very few eggs, but the few proved fertile. Since then our enclosure for turkeys is of about three acres. We only confine them during the egg season, and they do as well in every respect as turkeys which have unlimited range and are much less troubled.—Nellie Bullock.

Varied rations give best results in feeding for eggs. This is a truth quite generally proven. We cannot reason the matter out because we know little of the action on each other of the different kinds of foods. It is not enough to say that one kind of food contains so much nitrogen and another kind so much. That does not indicate the real value of any food. There are unknown actions produced by food combinations. Of oats it has been said, "They contain a stimulant not shown by the analysis." Some have even tried to name this stimulant "avin." We do not know much about it. We do not see it. We only see its effects. This may not be the case in connection with oats. It may be possessed in some form by other foods. When we feed a variety we are very likely to be building better than we know. Make the poultry ration as varied as possible.

French Snail Gardens

As is well known, certain species of snail form a favorite dish with French gourmets, and the cultivation of these land mollusca is conducted on a large scale in the outlying suburbs of Paris, particularly in the Department of Aube, where there are large small gardens, with plantations of thyme, mint, parsley and chervil for the animals to feed on. When a Frenchman takes snails wild, he leaves them, if prudent, a few days to digest their last meal, for there is a current belief that they may be dangerous if they have recently fed on poisonous plants.

Late information from Miss Ellen M. Stone, the missionary, and Mme. Talika indicates that their condition has been so far ameliorated that they are able to obtain rude comforts. The brigand-complains that Miss Stone is trying to convert them to Christianity.

A young woman in New York who allowed herself to be inoculated by a physician with tuberculous germs from an infected cow, in November, is said by the doctor to have developed the disease. He thinks that he has proved conclusively that Dr. Koch's theory is wrong.

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Formerly from the United States. Rosthern, July 8th, 1900. Frank Pedley, Esq., Superintendent of Immigration. Sir:—We, the undersigned settlers in Saskatchewan, Township 43, Range 6, beg to submit the following letter. We came from Springfield, Bonhomme County, S. Dakota, in the spring of 1899, and settled where we now reside. We had considerable crop last year we put in on new breaking, and it was very good, and this year, 1900, our crop is excellent. Our wheat will yield about twenty bushels to the acre, the oats and barley are also very good, and our potatoes and root crop all that could be desired. We consider this a fine country and are glad we came, as our prospects could not be better. A poor man will get a start in this country much quicker than in Dakota.

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Famous French Litterateur

M. Jean Richepin, the French litterateur, who is about to file a suit through his New York agent for royalties on the play "Du Bary," which he alleges David Belasco appropriated from his manuscript, is one of the most picturesque characters in Paris. It is claimed it was he who accompanied Sars Bernhardt when she horsewhipped Mlle. Colombier. He throttled M. Soudan, the journalist, who was present, and prevented him from protecting Bernhardt's victim. It was Richepin who was the author of Mme. Bernhardt's suppressed book, "Marie Pigeonier." He is 45 years old, is a brilliant scholar, has been a soldier, a poet, a journalist, and author, and finally a dramatist. His debut as a writer of plays was made at the Francais. M. Richepin was born in Africa, and is as dark as a mulatto. His parents were from Picardy, and it is said he has gypsy blood in his veins.



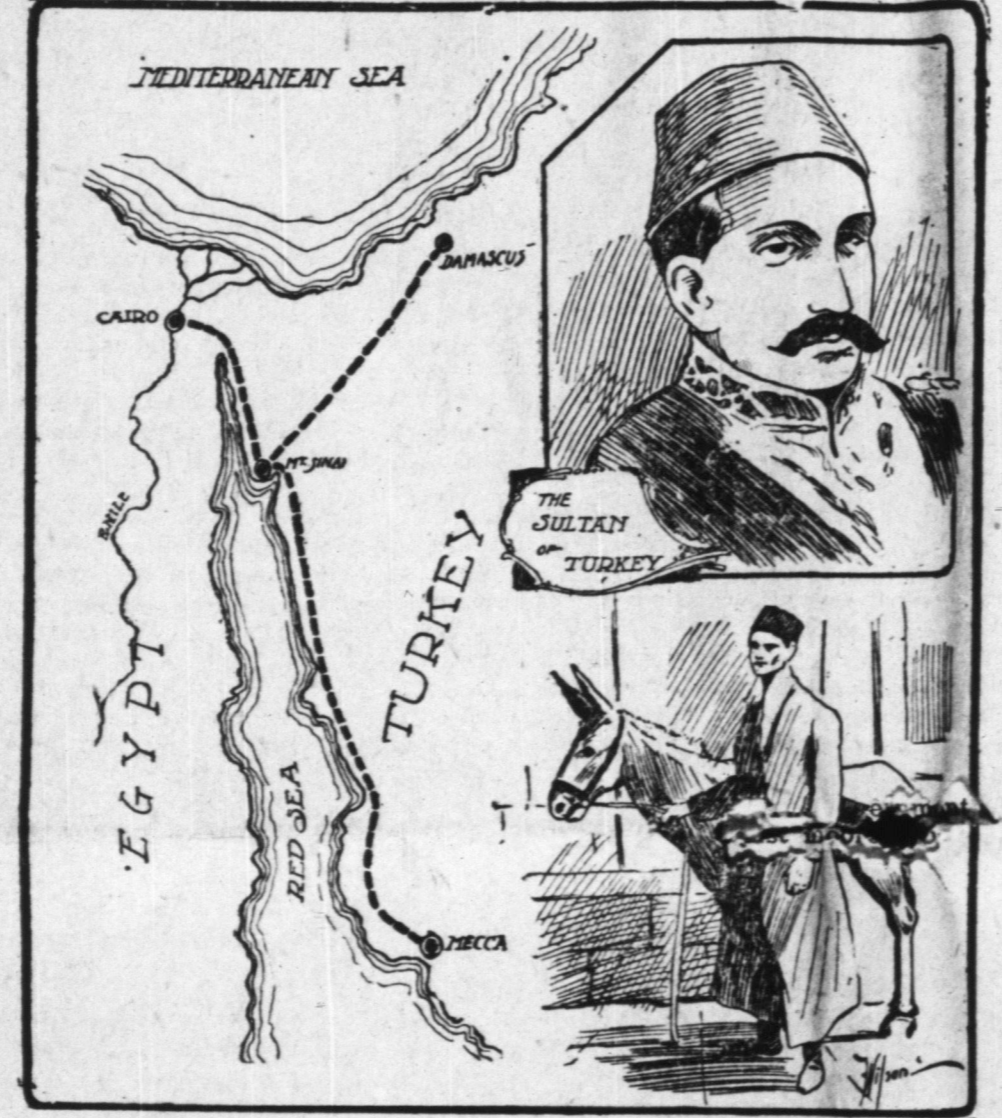
Where England Buys and Sells Wheat.
 The six markets at which most English wheat is sold are Norwich, Mark Lane, Peterborough, Lincoln, Hull, and Ipswich, in the order named. Peterborough has taken the place once occupied by Lynn. The markets for foreign wheat which occupy the first six places are Liverpool, Mark Lane, Bris-

tol, Manchester, Hull and Birmingham. The London market remains the most important of English corn exchanges, for it is a good second for both sorts of wheat, whereas Norwich, which slightly surpasses it for English, sells very little foreign and Liverpool, which is the premier market for foreign, regards an English sample as quite a curiosity.—London Graphic.

Innovations in Palestine

The United States Construction Company of Cleveland is interested in projects looking to the construction of electric railway lines in Palestine. Information has just been received

branch from Mount Sinai to Damascus. The Chicago and Cleveland promoters of the projected lines point to the fact that the innovation of the trolley would be hailed with delight by the



from one of their European correspondents in Italy to the effect that the Sultan of Turkey has granted concessions which will enable the American capitalists interested to go ahead with their enterprises in the Orient.
 A line is projected from Cairo, in Egypt, to Mount Sinai and along the coast of the Red Sea to Mecca, with a

millions of Mohammedans who annually make pilgrimages to Mecca on camels and donkeys, while hundreds of thousands are compelled to walk. The towns surrounding Jerusalem are also said to present excellent opportunities for short lines to take care of the Zionist movement centering toward Jerusalem.

Mrs. Siddons' House

Mrs. Siddons' old house in Upper Baker street, London, where England's greatest tragic actress once received all the fashionable and talented folk of London, is to be torn down soon to



make way for one of the stations of a new underground electric railway in which American capital is interested. Seen from the street, it is only a comparatively small and severely respectable looking three-story dwelling with nothing in its appearance to distinguish it from the other small and

severely respectable three-story dwellings which adjoin it. Inside the old house, however, there are still a few reminders of its salad days, for the spacious ballroom where the famous actress once led the minuet and several other of the handsome old rooms have been preserved unaltered.

Sir Joshua Reynolds made several portraits of Mrs. Siddons, one of them the familiar picture of the actress as "The Tragic Muse," from which the statue above her grave in St. Mary's churchyard was copied. Gainsborough was especially fond of drawing Mrs. Siddons' profile, although its lines often baffled him. One day while she was sitting for him he delighted her by snapping out, "Damn your nose, madam, there's no end to it!"

The ordinary municipal expenses of Philadelphia, a city of 1,300,000 population, are \$29,000,000; of Chicago, a city of 1,700,000, \$22,500,000; of Boston a city of 500,000, \$27,850,000; of Pittsburg, a city of 325,000, \$10,000,000; of St. Louis, a city of 600,000, \$24,700,000; of Baltimore, a city of \$10,800,000; and of San Francisco, a city of 350,000, \$9,000,000.

The Glaciers Are Going.

According to Professor Forel, who has made a special study of the Alpine glaciers during the past twenty-five years, the day of the glacier is gone. They are deteriorating slowly but with steady persistence, and diminution becomes more marked from year to year. There is only one exception to this rule—that of Bovier, in the valley of Entremont, which since 1852 has shown continuous growth. The famous glaciers of the Rhone have shrunk 755 meters since 1874, or an average of 29 meters a year. Many have so changed during the past few years that old tourists after a few seasons of absence have failed to recognize them. Some hotels once standing in the immediate proximity of glaciers are now at a considerable distance from them—the serious loss of the proprietors.

The First Leg-it Sunday.

The earliest recognition of the observance of Sunday as a legal duty is a constitution of Constantine in 321 A. D. enacting that all courts of justice and all workshops were to be at rest on Sunday. Chauliennagne, in the west, forbade labor of any kind on Sunday. At first the tendency was to observe the Sabbath (Saturday) rather than Sunday. Later the Sabbath and Sunday came to be observed as the same period, but after the time of Constantine, the observance of the Sabbath practically ceased. Sunday observance was directed by injunctions of both Edward VI. and Elizabeth.

Why Tennyel Never Married.

A story is told of Sir John Tennyel, the famous cartoonist. He was asked why he had never married. "Well," he replied, "if I had married a girl she would always have wanted to be going about all over the place, and that would not have suited me, while, on the other hand, if I married an elderly lady she would have worn a shawl, and that I could not have stood."

The Arctic summer is brief, and for weeks together there is nothing to distinguish day and night. Once, at Dvornik, two naturalists had left their ships at different hours. When later they met, one said "Good morning," the other, "Good evening." Both agreed that the hour was 7, and while one traveler held that it was 7 o'clock tomorrow morning, the other maintained that it was 7 o'clock last night. On returning to the ship they settled that it was last night, so they dined and went to bed again.

No fewer than 587,884 prisoners were in the prisoners of British India in 1899-1900, an increase of 92,064 over the number for 1891. Of this huge total only 24,555 were females, which is a smaller proportion than in western countries.

Aluminum has just been employed for the construction of a new fireproof theater curtain. The curtain is sixty feet wide by fifty-four feet high and is composed of sheets one-twentieth of an inch thick.

WHAT CAUSES DANDRUFF?

Greatest European Authority on Skin Diseases, Says It's a Germ.

The old idea was that dandruff is scales of skin thrown off, through a feverish condition of the scalp, is exploded. Prof. Unna, Hamburg, Germany, European authority on skin diseases, says dandruff is a germ disease. The germ burrows under the scalp, throwing up little scales of cuticle, and sapping the vitality of the hair at the root. The only hair preparation that kills dandruff germs is "Newbro's Herpicide." "Destroy the cause, you remove the effect." Not only cures dandruff, but stops falling hair and causes a luxuriant growth. Delightful hair dressing.

"If I had not been brought up a dean," says Dr. Hole of Rochester, "there are three other vocations I should have liked to have followed: Master of a pack of hounds, head gardener in a large nursery, or a bookseller. I think the last is the best office of the three."

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, always cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Attached to the door of the parish church of Seale, near Farnham, England, is the following notice: "Be in time. Come straight into church. Kneel down. Do not look around every time the door opens. Stand up directly the hymns are given out. Do not whisper to your neighbor. Keep your thoughts fixed."

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In a new church at Fairview, Ky., a marble tablet set in the wall has this inscription: "Jefferson Davis of Mississippi, was born June 3, 1808, on the site of this church. He made a gift of the lot March 10, 1886, to Bethel Baptist church, as a thank offering to God."

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A building in a Georgia settlement displays this unique sign: "School of learning. Lessons given in poetry writing and novelty. Also will teach music to you, and dramatics. Hides and wool taken for cash. Also, as the winter season is coming on, oak wood and kindling."

Senators Pettus and Morgan are the oldest members of the upper branch of congress. The former is 80 and the latter 77. Bailey of Texas, who is only 38, is the youngest.

Can a telephone girl make the wedding ring.

Generally a son can fool his father but a father seldom fools his son.

Germany owns twenty-four of the sixty-one palatial ocean racers afloat.

Attorney Isidor Rayner, one of Rear Admiral Schley's counsel in the court of inquiry, was once interrupted by Thomas B. Reed, while making a speech in favor of a reduction of the tariff, with the remark: "Did not the gentleman hear my speech Saturday?" "No," replied Rayner, "I was at home preparing a speech of my own."

Mr. Simms has over 1000 acres of land in cultivation nearby and the store was established for the purpose chiefly to supply his tenants.



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 Various new industries, which have arisen in New York of recent years, have called for the addition of new terms to the language. In electricity, the result has been bewildering. The new words being hardly adopted as common English.—New York Letter.
 Sunday School Teacher—Now, children, what did Pharaoh say to Moses? Children—We don't know. Teacher—Oh, yes, you do. He told Moses to go and do something. Now, what did he say? Class—Go way back—and sit down!—Baltimore American.

THE CHILDREN ENJOY
 Life out of doors and out of the games which they play and the enjoyment which they receive and the efforts which they make, comes the greater part of that healthful development which is so essential to their happiness when grown. When a laxative is needed the remedy which is given to them to cleanse and strengthen the internal organs on which it acts, should be such as physicians would sanction, because its component parts are known to be wholesome and the remedy itself free from every objectionable quality. The one remedy which physicians and parents, well-informed, approve and recommend and which the little ones enjoy, because of its pleasant flavor, its gentle action and its beneficial effects, is—Syrup of Figs—and for the same reason it is the only laxative which should be used by fathers and mothers.
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FOUGHT ON WATER

Colon, Colombia, Jan. 21.—A naval battle began at 6 o'clock Monday morning in the harbor of Panama. The revolutionary fleet consists of the steamers Padilla, Darien and Galitan. They were to force a landing at Saccana.

The government ships are the Chilean line steamer Lautaro, the Pacific Steam Navigation company's steamer Chicuito and the Panama Canal company's steamer Boyaca. The first named steamer was seized by Gen. Alban and the other two have been chartered by the Colombian government.

Three shots passed over the Chicuito and she answered with several shots. They fell close to the Padilla. The guns at Las Bovedas were also firing at the rebel ships. The government forces threw up intrenchments.

The United States cruiser Philadelphia was close to the scene of the fighting.

The Lautaro caught on fire.

The firing has ceased. It is impossible to locate the revolutionary gunboats Padilla and Galitan.

The crew of the Philadelphia assisted in putting out the fire on board the Lautaro.

It is rumored here on shore that the firing of the Lautaro is a result of treason.

The Lautaro sunk. It is reported here that her crew rebelled.

The revolutionary gunboat Padilla surprised the Lautaro at the opening of the fight and began shooting at close range. Many men on board the Lautaro were killed.

General Killed.

Panama, Jan. 21.—Gen. Carlos Alban, the military commander of this district and governor of Panama, was killed during the fighting. His death is deeply deplored. Gen. Alban was loved by his soldiers and enjoyed the esteem of the community.

It is asserted that the Colombian leader may have effect of bringing to the government side large numbers of men anxious to avenge his loss.

Resolution by Culberson.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Senator Culberson of Texas introduced a resolution directing secretary of war to transmit to senate copies of all suggestions, criticisms and correspondence between war department and any officer or any persons or corporation and between war department and any official and the Philippine commission relating to customs tariff affecting Philippine islands, culminating in Philippine tariff measure pending.

For Mrs. McKinley.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The senate committee on pensions ordered a favorable report upon Senator Hanna's bill to grant a pension of \$5000 a year to Mrs. Ida S. McKinley, widow of the late President McKinley.

Admiral and Mrs. Schley have returned to Washington.

Dove Nominated.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The president has sent to the senate the nomination of Robert W. Dove of Eagle Pass to be collector of customs for the district of Saluria and there will be no delay in the confirmation. Sheriff Dove has been in Washington about two months, having come here as an applicant for the marshaling of the western district of Texas. No man applying for an office ever came here with better endorsements than Sheriff Dove.

Long Debate.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The time of the house was occupied Monday in general debate on the urgent deficiency bill. An item in the bill carrying \$500,000 for a military post at Manila precipitated a long debate in which some of the ablest debaters on both sides of the house took part.

A semi-humorous speech by Clark of Missouri elicited a reply from Cannon of Illinois, which in turn drew the fire of DeArmond of Missouri.

Got Into Trouble.

Oklahoma City, Jan. 21.—Jordan Gooch, colored, who hails from Kingfisher, is a prisoner at the county jail. He went to American National bank and asked to have a check cashed. Suspecting that the check was a forgery, the cashier summoned an officer by name, and had him arrested. Upon being searched nine checks on El Reno and Oklahoma City banks, ranging from \$65 down, were found, and also a number of letters.

Jugular Cut.

Denton, Tex., Jan. 31.—Elli Popl-neaux, better known as Hagar, a negro boy about 18 years old, was shot and killed here, a 38-caliber pistol cutting a jugular in two and causing death by loss of blood. John Wigginton, a negro, was arrested and put in jail on the charge of murder.

Senator Vest offered amendment to ship subsidy bill to prevent combinations.

Senator Lodge discussed Philippine tariff in senate Monday.

A woman never feels comfortable in masculine garb because it will stay on without having to be pinned.

People who make mistakes are the ones who usually make everything else.

A soldier defines a rest as a report at headquarters, and a sailor says it is a little pleasure smack.

FOR PANAMA ROUTE.

Isthmian Canal Commission Reverses Its Recent Recommendations.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The president Monday sent to congress, with a message simply of transmittal, the supplemental report of the Isthmian Canal commission, in which it unanimously recommended that the offer of the New Panama Canal company to sell, all of its rights, property and unfinished work to the United States for \$40,000,000 be accepted. The report says:

"The totality, without exception, of the Panama Canal company's property and rights on the isthmus" includes the following class of property:

1. Lands not built on—There are fifty-six parcels of land to which the title now rests in the canal company, amounting to about 30,000 acres, which, with the lands belonging to the railroad company, cover nearly all of the ground required for the actual construction of the canal.
2. Buildings—There are scheduled 2431 buildings, divided among forty-seven substitute classifications, used for offices, quarters, storehouses, hospitals, shops, stables and miscellaneous purposes. These buildings are furnished.
3. Plant—There is an immense amount of machinery, consisting of floating plant (tugs, launches, dredges, etc.).
4. Work done—The excavation already accomplished upon the main canal line, which will be of value in the plan recommended by the commission, was found to be \$6,639,956 yards. The value of the work done is found to be \$27,474,033.
5. Panama Railroad—Of the existing 70,000 shares of the Panama railroad the canal company will transfer to the United States all but about 1100 shares. These latter are held by a few individuals residing in various parts of the United States and in Europe. At par the value of the 68,863 shares to be transferred to the United States by the canal company is \$6,886,300. The railroad's liabilities are \$2,490,918, not counting \$996,000 6 per cent sinking fund subsidy bonds, but this liability is an amortization of the annual payment of \$225,000 due the Colombian government under its concession, for which the Colombian government has received the benefit and for which it should make allowance to the United States in the negotiations for treaty rights.

The company's cash assets Jan. 15, 1902, were \$436,569. It owns three passenger and freight steamers of American registry, of approximately 2000 tons net each. For the past year it has operated a line of chartered steamers of American registry between San Francisco and Panama. These steamers on the Atlantic and Pacific constitute the Panama Railroad Steamship line.

The railroad company owns an undivided half interest in the islands of Naos, Culebra, Perico and Palamenco in the Bay of Panama; the Pacific Mail Steamship company being the joint owners. Besides its right of way, terminals, harbors and considerable areas of land, it owns nearly the whole town of Colon, the houses there being constructed under leases.

6. Maps, Drawing and Records—The value of the maps, drawing and records in Paris, on the isthmus and elsewhere, all of which are to be transferred to the United States, is placed at \$2,000,000.

Summing up the foregoing items, the total value of the property is found to be \$36,360,333, to which add 10 per cent to cover commissions, \$3,636,033. Total \$40,000,000.

Six Lives Lost.

Walsenburg, Colo., Jan. 21.—A courier has reached here from Picton, a coal mining camp located three miles from Walsenburg, bringing news that a terrible explosion has occurred in one of the mines operated by the Colorado Fuel and Iron company at that place Monday morning, in which six men were killed instantly and three or four others perhaps fatally injured. The mine immediately caught fire.

Patrick on Trial.

New York, Jan. 21.—Albert T. Patrick, who has been languishing in the Tombs for nearly sixteen months, was called into court Monday morning to stand trial for the alleged murder of William Marsh Rice in September, 1900. The machinery of the law got at work very slowly for the final processes in this strange case, and no one could be found who would say a conclusion would be reached in any more definite time than several weeks.

Bankruptcy Decision.

Washington, Jan. 21.—In an opinion delivered by Chief Justice Fuller in the United States supreme court it was held in effect that a person having funds belonging to another person who had been adjudged a bankrupt should be compelled to turn them over to the trustee in bankruptcy.

The case in which the decision was rendered was that of Arthur W. Mueller vs. William T. Nugent of Louisville, Ky.

Declared Excessive.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Gen. Wood has issued an order declaring Cuban railroad tariffs excessive and detrimental to public interests. He therefore lays down a set of regulations on the lines of the United States interstate commerce law, fixing rates and especially prohibiting the existing practice of charging more for short than for long hauls.

The governor will entertain appeals if this action is regarded as unfair to the roads.

Bank Case Starts.

Tyler, Tex., Jan. 21.—Hon. Cone Johnson, attorneys for the defendants in the First National bank cases, is back from Washington, where he has been for the past month at work in effecting a settlement of the cases. He states that substantial progress has been made and that unless some unforeseen hitch occurs a final settlement will be made within the next thirty days, and that \$20,000 has been deposited with Washington authorities.

TO TEST THE LAW.

Ruling Relative to Accounts of Sheriff Not Satisfactory.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 21.—Sheriff Long of Johnson county was here and had his accounts approved and paid by the controller. He had a certified copy of all returns made by him, and he is the first sheriff to comply with the attorney general's ruling requiring the filing of certified copies of all returns.

Sheriff Long stated that the district clerk is entitled to a fee of 25c for returns certified to, and that such payments would simply ruin a sheriff. He said that his clerk had kindly made no charge pending a settlement of the question, but that he could not expect free service as a regularity.

Long said the ruling has aroused the sheriffs, and that it and the law will be tested. He said the sheriffs will hold a conference within the next few days and perfect arrangements to test the law. He stated that the only feasible plan, and the one which will be adopted, is that some sheriff present his account, sworn to, certified by the district clerk and approved by the district judge, as heretofore, and, of course, the controller will not pay it, because of the attorney general's ruling. An application will then be made to the supreme court to mandamus the controller to compel him to pay the account, alleging that the law is unconstitutional.

GRIEF UNBEARABLE.

Deaths of Husband and Son More Than Wife and Mother Could Endure.

Brenham, Tex., Jan. 21.—Mrs. W. C. Grossman died at Wallis while en route to Cuero to attend the funeral of her husband and son, who were run over Sunday by a Santa Fe train near this city. Mrs. Grossman has been in ill health, and physicians tried to dissuade her from attending the funeral. She was immovable, however, and started on the journey. She grew steadily worse, and when the train reached Wallis her condition was such that it became necessary to move her from the train at once. She was taken to a hotel and several physicians were at her side promptly, but they could do nothing for her.

An Unexplained Affair.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 21.—At 6 o'clock Monday morning Frank Cresswell, a young lawyer of this city, was shot through the body in the city hall, and is in a critical condition at his home. A pistol was found on the floor near him, one chamber of which was discharged, and it is contended by City Marshal Van Riper that Cresswell was shot by some unknown party. Cresswell has not made any statement about the affair, but delivered a letter to his father, which he said would explain everything. The letter he took from his inside vest pocket after he was shot. Cresswell senior up to the present time has declined to make public the contents of the letter.

Luttrell Case.

Greenville, Tex., Jan. 21.—About 150 witnesses went from this city to Cooper to be present when the Louis Luttrell murder case was called in the district court here. The case has been pending in the courts about eight years and was carried to Delta county on a change of venue. Luttrell was convicted in this county and given a life sentence, but the case was reversed by the higher courts.

Miss Gould Pleaded.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 21.—The Helen M. Gould special reached the city over the Transcontinental from Texarkana. Attached to the car occupied by Miss Gould and her seven or eight guests were the private cars of Vice President Warner of the Missouri Pacific and First Vice President and General Manager Thorne of the Texas and Pacific. About three hours were spent here. The distinguished visitors were driven over the city.

Miss Gould was last in Texas about twelve years ago with her father. She said that she had noticed with much pleasure the great improvements in Texas in every section through which she had passed, and she manifested no little interest in the state.

Revenue Too Small.

Denison, Tex., Jan. 20.—Smedley Forrest has resigned as revenue collector for the Choctaw nation. He says that the last session of the Choctaw legislature passed an act which prevents his investing in Choctaw warrants, and this had made the revenue of his office so small that he can not afford to do the work.

Four Buildings Collapsed at Detroit.

Loss \$400,000.

Stove Foundry Burns.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 20.—The plant of the H. Wetter Manufacturing company, manufacturers of stoves, located south of Calhoun street, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday night, entailing a loss of \$250,000, largely distributed among many insurance companies.

The fire was discovered about midnight and the entire fire department responded to the alarm. The firemen worked valiantly to save the big plant.

NOT PLEASED.

New York, Jan. 20.—Rev. Dr. Charles Parkhurst gave out a letter addressed to Mayor Low, which had been adopted by the executive committee of the Society for the Prevention of Crime, of which Dr. Parkhurst is president. The opening paragraph reads:

"While the Society for the Prevention of Crime counts itself distinctly an ally of the present municipal administration, there are certain principles of action to which we have uniformly adhered and which we deem it incumbent upon ourselves to pursue and to urge, even at the risk of excepting to the policy of those whom we would like in all respects to second and support."

"In all our past activity as a society," continues the letter, "we have proceeded upon the distinct understanding that law exists for the purpose of being obeyed."

It goes on to say that the first two weeks of the present regime have made it "entirely indefinite as to what civic righteousness in this city is, and what it is not, and to that extent have operated to put the reform administration in the same criminal attitude toward law as was that occupied by the administration of 1892, 1894, 1897 and 1901."

It deplores the fact that "while chartered by the state to labor for the prevention of crime, the society is not quite certain any longer what its crime" and says that "the atmosphere is clouded by ambiguity emanating from administrative uncertainty" and that "the situation is morally intolerable."

The letter further states that "there is not very much to choose between Tammany administration that has had principles and a reform administration that has good principles, but is afraid to use them."

The letter, which is signed by Dr. Parkhurst, concludes by demanding of Mayor Low that "you brace your administration into accord with your oath" and that he summon the resources at his command to the work of "frankly and resolutely suppressing open or clandestine violations of recognized statutes."

This action, which is entirely for the prevention of crime, is construed as a speech between the reformers and the reform administration.

Passed the House.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Representative Stephens' bill providing that towns in the Indian Territory may issue bonds to an amount not exceeding 5 mills on each dollar of taxable property of the municipality for the construction of waterworks and schoolhouses, passed by house.

Two Killed.

Hugo, I. T., Jan. 20.—W. M. Mayes and his son, Will Mayes, were killed and Mrs. A. A. Stichter was seriously wounded near here. After an angry altercation firing began, Mayes using a 33 Winchester rifle and Stichter a revolver. About twenty shots in all were fired.

Dr. Krause Sentenced.

London, Jan. 20.—The lord chief justice, Barn Alverstone, on Saturday sustained the contention of the defense of Dr. Krause that the charge of inciting to murder must fail, as there was no evidence that the letters in the case had reached Brockman, but held that the question of "attempting to persuade" must go to the jury.

Dr. Krause was found guilty and sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

Party to a Suit.

New York, Jan. 20.—Andrew Carnegie will be made a party to a suit for property valued at \$2,000,000 which will be brought against the wife of his brother by heirs of Robert Stafford, the Sea Island cotton king.

The suit will be to secure title to Cumberland Island, off the coast of Georgia, which Mr. Carnegie and his sister-in-law have made a beautiful park and mid-sea home.

For Red River Improvements.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Representatives Sheppard and Randall introduced a bill appropriating \$3,500,000 for improvement of Red river from head of navigation at Fulton, Ark., to Denison. While the engineers reported adversely on a similar project for the improvement of this river last session, Messrs. Sheppard and Randall believe it capable of accomplishing much good for the people who live along the Red river valley.

Death at a Dance.

Montgomery, W. Va., Jan. 20.—William Slaughter and Ralph Johnson, colored musicians, were shot and instantly killed, and Powell Calloway, white, mortally wounded at Morris Creek, on Saturday night. Lillian Williams used a revolver with deadly effect, each of the four bullets she fired taking effect, save one.

The scene of the tragedy was at a dance six miles south of here in the heart of the mining regions.

In Memory of Gen. Lee.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 20.—Memorial services commemorative of the birth day of Gen. Robert E. Lee were held throughout the south Sunday.

At the Central Methodist church in this city Rev. W. K. Pinor took as the text of his sermon, "The Good Soldier." Fifteen hundred people listened to Rev. Pinor's eulogy of the dead chieftain.

He closed his sermon by reading a poem dedicated by a Texan, to "The Orphans of the Dead Confederates."

Bonus Raised.

Guthrie, Ok., Jan. 20.—The citizens' committee finished the raising of the \$50,000 bonus for the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf railway and at once wired an acceptance of the proposition of the company to General Soligo of McLoud. The company agrees to build from Hartshorne, I. T., to this city, to commence work at both ends within thirty days and to have trains running by July 1. From here the line will go northward to Enid and Alva.

DONE IN DIXIE.

Interesting Happenings that Have Lately Come to Pass.

Jennings, La., is to have another rice mill.

W. S. Holt is Little Rock's new postmaster.

Paducah, Ky., labor unions will demand an eight-hour day.

The M. L. Clark circus was robbed of over \$10,000 at Welsh, La.

E. M. Strother was accidentally shot and killed near Lake Charles, La.

Newport Brady was shot and killed by John Leeth, his father-in-law, near Luka.

Because of recent fires the police force of Jennings, La., has been doubled.

Wholesale grocery house of Gales & Blown burned at Richmond, Va. Loss \$30,000.

Six residences and one store burned at Helena, Ark., entailing about a \$20,000 loss.

Ex-Gov. Porter of Tennessee has been elected chancellor of the University at Nashville.

Knights Templars of Savannah, Ga., entertained Admiral and Mrs. Schley with a banquet.

Senator Berry of Arkansas, who was recently injured by a fall, has returned to Washington.

David Middleton fell from a wagon at Gurley, Ala., and sustained injuries resulting in death.

Thomas Johnson was instantly killed and John Frazier injured in a mine blast at Sprada, Ark.

For shooting into a dwelling Henry Williams was tried at Crowley, La., and given seven years.

A bill has been introduced in the Mississippi legislature providing for a collateral inheritance tax.

James Caldwell, a prosperous farmer of Mazzawak township, Caldwell county, Arkansas, was shot from ambush and killed.

The lumber yard and dry kiln of Frank Kendall at Kedron, sixteen miles south of Pine Bluff, Ark., burned. Loss about \$50,000.

Under the impression that he was being shot at, Policeman Cruise of Knoxville, Tenn., shot Aleck and Lon Nelson. Both died.

The Retail Grocers' association of Arkansas held its first annual meeting at Little Rock. O. B. Rollaway of Forrest City was elected president.

Every member of the Kentucky senate voted for a resolution commending Admiral Schley, and inviting him to address the general assembly.

The annual meeting of the Southern Express company was held at Savannah, Ga. All the old directors and officers were re-elected.

Theo. Lavigne was shot and killed at Jennings, La. Camille Garry was seriously wounded by a shot fired by deceased just before the latter died.

Two freight cars on the Southern Pacific road were wrecked in the lake at St. Charles, La. Two tramps, who were in one of the cars, were nearly drowned.

W. L. Dodd, former secretary of the Birmingham, Ala., Debenture company, was held in \$1000 bond, charged with using the mails for fraudulent purpose.

The Southern Car and Foundry company of Birmingham, Ala., has received an order from the Cincinnati Southern railroad for 1800 box, coal and flat cars. The cost will be about \$1,250,000.

Uncle and Niece Murdered.

Marysville, Kan., Jan. 20.—Carl E. Holt, aged 55, and niece, Miss Hilda Peterson, his housekeeper, were discovered murdered at the Holt home.

They had been missing several days and the investigating party found the old man in the kitchen with two bullet holes in his head. The woman was lying on a back porch with one bullet hole through her head and one through her neck. The house had been rifled.

Shot Through the Heart.

Texarkana, Tex., Jan. 20.—A robber, afterwards identified as Louis Strohle, entered the saloon of Stephen Rafealli on Rose hill and made a desperate effort to rob the proprietor. Mr. Rafealli was alone at the time, talking to some one over the telephone, and was not aware of the presence of the robber until the latter thrust a pistol in his face and said: "Give me your money, or I'll kill you." The merry Italian, instead of complying with the command, let drop the telephone receiver and sprang upon his assailant, at the same time shouting and yelling with all his might. The watchman at a lumber yard across the street came running, whereupon the robber broke loose from Rafealli and hurried out of the saloon, firing at the approaching watchman as he passed. The bullet just grazed the watchman's head above the ear. The watchman was shot at again, and returned the fire, hitting the man in the heart.

Eulogized the Virginian.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 20.—Sunday was Gen. Robert E. Lee's ninety-fifth birthday and the greater part of the session of R. E. Lee camp of Confederate Veterans was devoted to hearing tributes to the great Confederate.

Among the speakers were Capt. B. H. Paddock, who delivered a most eloquent tribute, as did Judge S. P. Greene, Oscar W. Gillespie, Judge Robert E. Beckham, Judge C. C. Cummings and Chaplain W. E. Sellers.

Quite a Haul.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 20.—The residence of Otto Koehler and the residence of William Weiss, near Koehler's, were burglarized, evidently by the same man, and diamonds and jewelry valued at \$5000 were stolen.

From the Koehler residence eighteen pieces of jewelry were stolen, the aggregate value of them being \$3500. From the Weiss residence three rings, the property of Mrs. J. L. Mackey, were stolen. They are valued at \$1500.

TEXAS IN BRIEF.

A Number of Events that Have Come to Pass the Past Few Days.

Green's brigade has its reunion at Waco Feb 21-22.

In a fire at Corsicana Mark Lane died from smoke suffocation.

W. W. Berryhill was found dead in bed at Alvin. Heart failure.

A. P. Victor, 71 years old, a Dallas county farmer, died at Elam Station.

Rural mail carriers will receive their salaries through the Austin postmaster.

Rev. G. A. Russell, pastor of the Greenville Presbyterian church, is dead.

The waterworks bond issue proposition carried at Dallas by a vote of 579 to 69.

J. M. Barrow died at Navasota from injuries sustained by being run over by a train.

J. E. Randall fell under a wagon near Memphis, Tex., and the wheels broke his neck.

Producers' Oil company of Beaumont, capital stock \$1,500,000, has filed its charter.

Althia, the 3-year-old daughter of Prof. H. P. Webb, died at Burkeville from burns.

A good vein of oil was struck five miles north of Lockhart by the Lockhart Petroleum company.

The cotton mill company at West has increased its capital stock to \$125,000 and will enlarge the plant.

The University of Texas Glee club and the University octette will give concerts in several Texas cities.

Joseph W. Lomas stepped on a nail at Houston. Four days after he was taken with lockjaw and death ensued.

A camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans has been organized at Sherman. Silas Hale, Jr., was elected commandant.

Thomas Angel, a farmer, was shot and killed six miles north of Centerville. A young man named Neil surrendered.

An agent of the Children's Aid society of New York found homes for thirteen orphan boys at Howe and seventeen at Plano.

United States Senate buildings and grounds committee has favorably reported \$160,000 for a government building at Laredo.

County Clerk Zumwalt of Denison county resigned. Deputy Clerk Lee Zumwalt, his brother, was appointed to serve out the term.

The \$8000 bonus for the extension of the Cane Belt road from its present terminus to Matagorda, twenty miles, has been secured, and work will begin at once.

Clint Flournoy, a well known farmer of the Ranger section, suicided by shooting. Grief over the death of his wife some months ago is the supposed cause. He left several small children.

At Sterling City, the 7-year-old son of S. O. Smith was burned to death.

The barn of Ed Klutz of Blackland, six miles south of Roysie City, burned. It was accidentally set on fire by children and one little girl was cremated.

The legislative inquiry committee effected permanent organization by selecting Hon. Travis Henderson chairman and Hon. George W. Savage vice chairman. Joseph Henderson, son of the chairman, was chosen secretary, and R. H. Bruce of Mineola, the former rough rider, and W. R. Bounds of Hubbard City expert accountants.

Twelve thousand barrels of apples, valued at \$30,000, were destroyed in a fire at Hannibal, Mo. Other damage, estimated at \$20,000, was also done.

Nelle Cornelison, 11 years old, who at Wichita, Kan., killed her baby sister with a razor and charged her 6-year-old brother with the deed, has confessed.

Owing to the large amount of Norwegian money being invested in foreign lotteries, the budget committee of the storting (parliament) favors a government lottery.

Sister Maurice, for fifty years a member of the community of the Sisters of Providence at St. Mary's of the Woods, the mother-house of the order, near Terre Haute, Ind., passed away.

Capt. Richmond P. Hobson has applied for a year's leave of absence. If he gets it he will devote the time to lecturing. He denies the statement published that he has congressional aspirations.

Rev. J. W. Nelson, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church, Peoria, Ill., created a decided sensation by stating in a sermon that many of the prominent and wealthy men of that city are leading dual lives.

A Mrs. Fitzsimmons of Brooklyn, seeks to have her name changed legally. She says she does not desire to bear the same name as a "pugnacious character," and is weary of having urchins refer to her children as "little Fitzes."

The Prussia syndicate which negotiated the previous government loans of Germany has concluded the new 3 per cent loan of 300,000,000 marks. Prussia issued 115,000,000 and the German empire 185,000,000. The syndicate issues the loans at 89.80 per cent.

An edict has been issued at Peking combining the Tung Wan Kuan, or school of interpreters, which was formerly managed by the Tsung Li Yamen, with the Imperial university. Dr. Martin, an American, will be the president.

A human sacrificial offering on the part of some Chinese was prevented at Baker City, Or., by the timely arrival of some Sisters of Charity. Hy Wozg, a paralytic Celestial, had been selected as the victim. His queue had been cut short.

J. H. G. Sabel, a restaurant keeper, shot and killed his wife at Eureka, Cal., in the presence of their seven young children, and then terminated his own existence. Domestic troubles was the cause of the dual deed.

Prussian government proposes to purchase extensive coal mines. It will endeavor to buy the famous Gelsenkirchen mines in Westphalia for 120,000,000 marks (\$28,000,000). This will be done to compete with the coal trust, it is alleged.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

The population of Canada, as shown by the census of 1901, is 5,369,866.

Boer Gen. Opperman is reported to have been killed.

An anti-dueling league has been formed in Germany.

Gov. S. G. Griffin, a Civil war veteran, died at Keene, N. H.

The Gazelle, a German cruiser, left Kiel for Venezuelan waters.

Supreme court of Kansas holds that eight-hour law is constitutional.

Workmen at Homestead, Pa., contributed \$10,000 to the McKinley memorial fund.

Mrs. M. J. Gast, 85 years old, living alone at Hubbard, la., was burned to a crisp.

Rev. P. A. Hubbard, financial secretary of the African Methodist Episcopal church, died at Washington.

The annual report submitted by the Russian minister of finance shows very satisfactory conditions.

In a wreck on the Mexican International railway near San Luis Potosi Engineer Dupree was killed.

Judge Waldo has been elected president of the New Mexico Louisiana Purchase Exposition commission.

The elighthouse boat at Vera Cruz, Mex., rescued the crew of the fishing schooner Roball. Eight men were saved.

Ex-Mayor Regis of Algiers, Algeria, has been sent to prison for three years. He failed to pay damages in libel suits.

It is announced that Lord Kitchener has been authorized to expend \$35,000 for the extension of railroads in South Africa.

A French company has bought a large tract of land on the Papalapan river in the state of Vera Cruz, Mex., and will sell ranches.

Chief Allen of the Philippines constabulary force says there are only twenty-five insurgents under arms in the province of Cagayan.