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FIREMEN IN RUINS.

A BURNING BUILDING SUDDENLY COLLAPSED IN ST. LOUIS.

PROPERTY LOSS IS GREAT

The Structure Was About Fifty Years Old—Catastrophe Occurred After Fire Was Under Control.

St. Louis, February 5.—At least nine firemen were killed and as many more injured at a fire which broke out last night in the five-story stone and brick building at No. 314 Chestnut street, occupied by the American Tent and Awning company. The building suddenly collapsed and, although the half dozen men who were caught in the crash had not been reached by their hard-working companions two hours later, it is almost absolutely certain that they have succumbed.

The building in which the fire originated was located in the old business section of the city and was about fifty years old. The blaze, which proved a hard one for the firemen to master, had been gotten practically under control when suddenly, with absolute warning, the building collapsed and came down in a heap with a noise that could be heard for blocks. Three firemen at work on the second floor had difficulty in unfastening a fire hose and Assistant Chief Thiberry, on his way with three men to then aid when the building collapsed. The men went down with tons of twisted iron, brick, stone and columns enveloping them. Winsley, who was in front of directing his men, had a escape from death. As he fell outward he struck the street and fell under the truck was covered with debris and partially buried. It is to the sheltering chief owes his life. The truck was overturned and the fire from an aerial ladder about 100 feet high struck when the wall fell. A portion of the debris struck him and he was hurled through the air to the ground, receiving probably fatal injuries.

Chief Swigley put his entire force to work at once in an effort to rescue the buried firemen; but, although the men worked like demons, they had not been able to reach them at midnight. It is a certainty that all are dead, as tons of debris cover them.

Following is a list of the losses: American Tent and Awning company, \$25,000; McLean estate, loss of building, \$35,000; Herman Ruppel, job printer, \$10,000; scattering, \$5,000.

Three Coal Barges Lost. New York, February 5.—There is every reason to believe that three barges coal laden from Newport News for Boston have been lost at sea as a result of the storm on Sunday night and that thirteen people comprising the crews have perished. The barges are the Antelope, Belle of Oregon and Mystic Belle.

Nome's Winter Horrors. Little, Wash., February 5.—Admiral Nelson states that two girls picked up with a dance hall recently admitted suicide by taking carbolic acid. Dependancy is ascribed as the cause. They were known as the Carle sisters.

The Nome Gold Digger of November 13th has the following: "United States Mail Carrier Jacob Waldon who left on the first of the month for Isaacs Point with the mail, may be lost in the tangled underbrush and thick timber which lies between Golovin Bay and the Point. August Nelson, who was one of the party that reached Nome from Norton Bay on Sunday, being the first man over the ice from that district this winter, says that they saw the mail carrier as they were crossing Golovin Bay. He states that Waldon was alone and was making very slow time, his sled being heavily laden and his six dogs in bad shape."

Nordica is Ill. San Francisco, February 5.—The condition of Lillian Nordica, who is suffering from the shock caused by her experience in a recent railroad wreck, has not improved so rapidly as was expected. She is unable to receive any visitors, and the concerts announced for tonight in this city and tomorrow night in Oakland have been postponed.

Towboat's Boiler Exploded. Pittsburg, Pa., February 5.—At about 1:15 this morning just as the Pittsburg harbor towboat, J. W. Alles, had passed through lock No. 2, her boilers exploded, throwing her crew of fourteen men in all directions. Three of the crew are known to have been fatally hurt and only five others have been accounted for. The fatally injured are: Joseph Rankin, deck hand; Brownie, watchman; Mrs. Maria Walker, colored cook. All are horribly scalded and burned.

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Panhandle Points Report a Heavy Fall.

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San Antonio, February 5.—A steady, light rain began falling here last night and has continued all today with little intermission. It is general in southwestern Texas, extending south to the Rio Grande and west beyond Del Rio as far as heard from. It is the best rain for over a year, and of uncalculable value to all this section.

San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas, February 5.—Rain, sleet and snow here today. Four inches of snow on the ground at 6 p. m., and still falling. Telephone reports snow at Robert Lee and rain and snow at Sonora. Precipitation of incalculable benefit and great rejoicing.

Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas, February 5.—At midnight nearly two inches of snow fell over north Texas. The weather has been cold all day. A blizzard has been raging in the Panhandle and western Oklahoma.

San Marcos, Hays County, Texas, February 5.—Rained three-quarters of an inch today; raining and sleet tonight. Thermometer 33. Brisk north wind. Stock will be greatly damaged. Planters greatly benefited.

Brownwood, Brown County, Texas, February 5.—About noon today it began to sleet and in an hour it was snowing. At 6 o'clock it is still snowing with no sign of abatement.

Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, February 5.—A sleet that turned to a snow began falling here tonight. The winter weather of the past ten days is being fully maintained.

Cattle Have No Feed. Guthrie, O. T., February 5.—Indian Territory is suffering the worst grass famine in years, and in the vicinity of Antlers cattle in poor flesh are dying by hundreds. There have been two weeks of cold weather. Between Fort Smith and Paris, Texas, the country has nearly all been burned and feed is very scarce. In the event of open range, the cattle will die.

Looted Express Van. New York, February 5.—A van loaded with silks, feathers, millinery, furs and general merchandise, said to be worth \$15,000, sent out by the American Express company for wholesale houses in this city to retailers in New Jersey towns, is reported to have been looted. Detectives on the case have found the horses and vehicle in this city, but no trace of the goods or driver can be secured. The driver was not one of the company's employes, but was furnished, with the conveyance, by a delivery company. The fact that the goods had not been delivered at their destination was learned only when complaints from the retailers have been transmitted to the wholesale houses.

Burned to a Crisp. Blossom, Texas, February 5.—This afternoon about 3:30, Mrs. Tittle, widow daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Garner, with whom she lived about one mile north of here, was burned to death. She was alone and as a lamp and kerosene oil can were near her when she was found by her mother, it is thought she was filling the lamp and the oil can exploded from the heat of a nearby stove. She was dead when found. As on one was on the place it is not known how long she was burned.

The State is Supreme. Denver, Colo., February 5.—The supreme court has handed down a decision upholding the live stock inspection law passed by the legislature of this state. The decision was rendered in the case of Ed H. Reid, who rushed cattle into this state from Texas for the purpose of testing the law. The sentence of six months in the county jail against Reid is also affirmed. Reid was backed by leading live stock organizations of the country who claimed that the federal inspection laws superseded those of a state.

England's Record. London, February 5.—In his weekly report to the war office General Kitchener states that for the week ending February 1, there were nine Boers killed and six wounded, 142 taken prisoners and 48 surrendered.

Pathfinder's Widow. Los Angeles, Cal., February 5.—Reports being circulated in the east to the effect that Mrs. Jessie Denton Fremont, widow of General Fremont, the "Pathfinder," is ill and needy, are somewhat misleading. It is true that Mrs. Fremont is crippled and will never again be able to walk. Some time ago she fell, dislocating her hip. Since then she has been helpless, so far as walking is concerned, and has required the constant attendance of a trained nurse.

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They are not likely to be living, for if not killed outright the deadly carbon monoxide following the explosion will be the rest, especially in the remoter rooms of the mines.

The direct cause of the explosion may never be exactly known. The accepted theory is ignition by a naked light. The men as a rule work with such stoves in front of their little caps, unless cautioned otherwise. It is the duty of the fire boss, night and morning, to precede the miners and explore the workings with a Davy safety lamp, by means of which he can detect any accumulation of gas. Presumably this was done on Friday night. The mine is about twenty-five feet deeper than those adjacent, having a depth of 375 feet, and is a dry mine, consequently fine explosive coal dust finds lodgment in crannies on ledge and floor and permeates the air and is often an unsuspected danger.

A combination of gas and dust may account for the terrible explosion. The main was opened up only about a year ago and the workings, which are on the room and pillar system, have not been extended far enough, apparently, to call for such a shaft.

Ventilation has been secured by a powerful fan forcing air down the first shaft sunk, a kind of winding crane stairway descending near and parallel to the present working shaft. The ventilation was stopped by the explosion and the temperature of the mine rose accordingly. The fan is now working, but meanwhile the stench-laden and impure hot air makes the work of rescuing parties difficult.

Cuberson's Straight Talk. Washington, February 3.—Senator Cuberson indulged in some "straight talk" concerning the war department soon after the senate convened today. Some ten days ago he offered and had adopted a resolution calling on the department to transmit to the senate copies of all suggestions, criticisms and correspondence between the war department and any officers or any person or corporation and between the department and any official and the Philippine commission with reference to the customs duties affecting the Philippines.

The Texas senator wanted to use this information in connection with the discussion of the pending tariff bill and when informed today that the war department had not even replied to the request made of it, he denounced the delay as unnecessary and unseemly in view of the fact that the tariff matter is now being considered and that the department has been given plenty of time in which to furnish the documents asked for.

In the meantime, some of the republican papers in this section are criticizing Senator Cuberson for asking for information which they claim can not be furnished except at great expense to the government and which might just as easily be secured by the senator himself. The facts in the case by no means bear out these assertions.

To Broaden the Gauge. Corpus Christi, Texas, February 3.—The work of widening the roadbed of the Texas Mexican road for the purpose of converting it into a standard gauge is progressing with all possible speed. A large number of new rails, ties, etc., are reported arriving already for the laying of the standard gauge track, and by June it is expected rapid transit will come in over a standard gauge road to supplant the "cannon ball" now running over it.

Will Case Settled. Dallas, Texas, February 3.—The Stafford will contest case was withdrawn from the jury in the midst of the second trial today. Counsel announcing that an agreement for settlement out of court had been reached. James Stafford left \$100,000 worth of property in Dallas to remote relatives, overlooking his wife in the provisions of the will and without apparent cause. Mrs. Stafford

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EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Rolla, Mo., had a \$10,000 fire. Vienna, Austria, is to have electric street cars.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., is to have a \$50,000 hospital.

The main portion of Crab Orchard, Neb., burned.

United States warship Marietta has arrived at Colon.

Over 200 hundred soldiers were frozen to death in Japan.

The emperor of China relieved the diplomatic corps at Peking.

The supreme court of the United States will recess until Feb. 24.

United States Steel corporation reports 1902 outlook satisfactory.

Incessant rains have partially inundated Samar Island, Philippines.

Officers of the German training ship Moltke called on President Roosevelt.

At Davenport, Ia., Mrs. Hugo Thode became suddenly insane and hanged herself.

A Brussels institution will employ electricity in the treatment of consumption.

Capt. W. G. Lingo, a prominent Mississippi river steamboatman, died at St. Louis.

J. C. Berny, a former conductor, was killed on the Frisco road near Holston, Kan.

Thomas Ansbrough, 89 years old, died at Clay City, Ill. He resided there since 1830.

William Humbarger jumped from a wagon near Wabash, Ind., and broke his neck and jaw.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shoemaker, 110 years old, died at Monmouth, Ill. She saw five generations.

A fire alarm in a theater at Marion, Ind., caused a stampede. Many persons were injured.

While eating a ham sandwich in a Philadelphia restaurant, James Creiger choked to death.

City council of Colorado Springs, Colo., has agreed to grant the city of

William Leonard, president of the Isabel Gold Mining company of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Capt. Fesper Gillette, a prominent Missouri, died at Hannibal. He was a resident of that city half a century.

In an accident at the plant of the Illinois Steel company at Chicago a man was killed and four others badly injured.

Mrs. Sarah Mackay of Pana, Ill., was afflicted with intermittent sneezing. At one time she sneezed consecutively seventy times.

John Harman of Colorado Springs, Colo., has bought the Arapacido group of mines in Guadalupe, Mexico, mining district, comprising 129 acres. The consideration was \$72,000.

Luke Connelly, an ice cutter, while getting water for his team at Dubuque, Ia., cut a hole in the ice. He slipped and fell in the water and was carried under the ice. His body was recovered some time afterward.

At Lincoln, Neb., William J. Bryan became an entered apprentice in Lincoln Masonic lodge No. 19 on the night of the 28th ult. He will speak at a banquet to be given when he takes the third degree.

In a deed conveying to the city of Colorado Springs, Colo., land for a park, a proviso has been inserted prohibiting automobiles and other horseless vehicles from entering. Gen. William J. Palmer is the donor.

Georgiana and Richard Smith, 14 and 11 years of age, sister and brother, and Joseph Calvin, a man who worked for the father of the children, broke through the ice while skating near Alki, Wash., and were drowned.

As the result of a quarrel in a gambling room at Gas City, Ind., Elmer O'Brien was terribly stabbed and William Tomlin arrested. A game of poker was in progress at the time, and the two men had a dispute.

The high school seniors at Landenville, O., took sides with a classmate who had been expelled by the superintendent, and the latter meted the same punishment to the entire class. Expelled boy went to work as a railroad freeman and was killed.

At Eagle Mills, fifteen miles east of Chillicothe, O., Joseph Cox shot and killed Howard Ratcliff. The tragedy occurred in a church. Cox was paying attention to Ratcliff's sister and the latter objected. A fight with the above result followed.

The Wabash railway has completed its new track between Fort Wayne and Butler, Ind., and will in future run their trains to Detroit, Mich., over their tracks instead of by Toledo, O., as has heretofore been done.

Mrs. Annie Coward, a widow 40 years of age, died at Orongo, Mo., from the effects of a broken jaw, which was caused while a tooth was being extracted. The patient suffered from a number of complications incident to the injury.

Attache in Trouble.



Pernicious activity in gathering secrets of the American navy and visiting navy yards and other works of the United States government after permission had been refused him, will, it is expected, soon result in the recall of Capt. Lewis Bayly, British Naval Attache at Washington. Capt. Bayly is charged with having declined lately to be content with ordinary sources of information, and to have secured naval facts and figures by irregular means. This led to his government being notified informally through Lord Pauncefote that the appointment of a new British naval attache at Washington would be more pleasing to the United States government than the continuance of Capt. Bayly in the post.

Waiting Upon Results.
Tobacco and sugar valued at \$12,000,000 is being held in Cuba awaiting the settlement of the question of annexation or independence.

Fine Statue for Hanna.

The statue representing Peace and Plenty presented by Senator Hanna by his admiring friends has attracted great attention from all who have had the privilege of seeing it. The statue is a figure of a beautiful girl holding in her upraised left hand an olive branch, while in the right hand, resting gracefully at her side, is a cornucopia overflowing with fruit. The entire work is pronounced by critics a fine specimen of sculpture in the nude.



Left No Descendants.
There is not now living a single descendant in the male line of Chaucer, Shakespeare, Spencer, Milton, Cowley, Butler, Dryden, Pope, Cowper, Goldsmith, Byron, Moore, not one of Sir Philip Sidney nor of Sir Walter Raleigh; not one of Drake, Cromwell, Hampden, Monk, Marlborough, Peterborough or Nelson; not one of Bolingbroke, Walpole, Chatham, Pitt, Fox, Burke, Grattan or Canning; not one of Bacon, Locke, Newton or Davy; not one of Hume, Gibbon or Macaulay; not one of Hogarth, Sir Joshua Reynolds or Sir Thomas Lawrence; not one of David Garrick, John Kemble or Edward Kean.

Leopards in Louisiana Home.
There are in the leopards home in Louisiana thirty-six inmates—nineteen males and seventeen females. Five of these animals were captured in the Louisiana swamps.

LATEST LONDON NEWS

(Special Letter.)
It is announced that the procession of the king and queen through London will precede the day of their coronation. This is as it should be, it is said, seeing that it will be the occasion of their majesties presenting themselves to their subjects for the latter's approval before the attributes of sovereignty are finally clinched by the imposing ceremony in Westminster hall.

The addition of the Red Dragon badge to the arms of the prince of Wales is no doubt the king's answer to the desire so freely expressed by Welshmen that Wales should be recognized in the royal arms of England by the incorporation of the arms of Wales in one of the four shields. For various reasons, heraldic and otherwise, it has been deemed impracticable so to alter the royal arms; and so the king, in order to meet the wishes of his Welsh subjects as far as possible, has ordered the Red Dragon to be placed as a badge on the sinister side of the prince of Wales' crest.

Rumors and counter-rumors have been rife within the last few weeks as

which are naturally popular among the young matrons in the government house set. The Curzon regime is a very brilliant one, and innovations introduced by the present viceroy, which excited some criticism at first, have certainly tended to enhance the dignity and brightness of the viceregal court. A state carriage is now used for all important functions, and instead of merely holding formal receptions, Lady Curzon gives gay little dinners constantly.

The ladies' dinner of the "O. P." club at the Criterion, last Sunday, was a most cheery and successful function, lighted up by a positive constellation of "stars." The beautiful Miss Maxine Elliott was in the chair, looking radiant in a gown of white Irish lace and black Chantilly insertions; her pretty sister, Miss Gertrude Elliott (wearing white chiffon and lace, with a big corsage bouquet of violets), sitting close by with her husband, Forbes Robertson. Miss Marie Tompset, in a wonderful gown of cobwebby lace veiling chiffon, which was showered with gold paillettes, wore a wreath of golden ivy leaves in her ruddy hair, and Mrs. Cecil Raleigh's black gown was brightened by some superb diamond and emerald ornaments.



By the death of Lord Sefton, who passed away last week as the result of an accident that befell him over seven years ago while riding in a steeplechase at Aintree, one of the largest and most valuable estates in England (the Liverpool property alone is worth £150,000 a year, they say) passes to a new owner, and the most distressing or recent tragedy among the nobly born has been brought to a bitter conclusion. Early in the spring of 1894, young Lord Molyneux, as he was known while still his father's heir, fell in love with the Lady Mary Willoughby, the lovely young daughter of Lord and Lady Ancester. He was 25 and she was 17, and still in the schoolroom. The parents on both sides approved, and the young people became formally engaged. A few weeks later the gallant young lord was riding in the Aintree steeplechase, and at the fourth fence his horse fell, throwing him heavily on his head. He did not appear to be seriously hurt, but he was too much shaken to continue the contest, and another rider mounted his horse. Scotch Bride, strange to say, in spite of the accident to her first rider, won the race, but poor Molyneux never crossed a horse again.

It became apparent, a few weeks afterward, that Lord Molyneux had sustained serious injuries to his brain and ever since—for seven long years—he has lain demented, dead while still alive, a burden to himself and to those around him, an object of hopeless pity. During that long seven years the afflicted man's father, himself a famous sportsman, died, and the helpless wreck that had been a splendid figure in the racing world, succeeded to his honors and his vast estates. Then his mother, one of the greatest of great ladies, who resisted to the last the irresistible invasion of a nouveau riche, died, and the young lord, broken-hearted, and now fit poor inheritor of so much wealth, and pride, and greatness of position, has joined them where they weary be at rest. And poor young Lady Mary remains unmarried and mourns him like a widowed bride.



WESTMINSTER ABBEY

SALISBURY A TOILER.

British Premier's Health Affected by Overworking. Lord Salisbury's condition of health is a subject of the closest interest in every chancellery of Europe. For many years his devotion to work and neglect of exercise tended to accumulate physical troubles which are difficult to shake off in the evening of life. A visitor at Hatfield, when Lord Salisbury was still foreign secretary, describes the life led by his host as one of continued and unrestricted toil, relieved only by conversation with his guests and his family during meals. After a hard morning's work, Lord Salisbury would come to luncheon, which would occupy about three-quarters of an hour. He would leave the table and return immediately to his desk, and with the interval of a few minutes would work straight on till dinner time. At dinner he would delight the company with the brilliancy of his conversation, but immediately after dinner he would return to his desk and work on till 11 or 11:30. Few business men or lawyers have toiled at the desk with more persistency or concentration of purpose than the present premier.

His only fault as an administrator has been the inability to delegate to others the most trifling duties. He has been in the habit of answering with his own hand letters of little importance written by people who have no claim upon him. The consequence of this patriotic devotion to duty has been premature old age. The actual burden of letter-writing now resting upon Lord Salisbury is lighter than at any period during his previous tenure of office.

A Swedish Marriage Custom.
The Scandinavian bridegroom gives his betrothed a prayer book and many other gifts, which usually include a goose. She, in turn, gives him, especially in Sweden, a shirt, and this is popularly known as "civilization."

GEN. ANDREW B. SPURLING

Few men now in the sadly thinned ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic can look back upon a war record so full of glorious and notable achievements as can Gen. Andrew B. Spurling, now residing at 608 La Salle avenue, Chicago, and during the rebellion lieutenant colonel of the second Maine cavalry. Repeatedly mentioned in dispatches, complimented on the field, and presented by congress with a special medal of honor "for valor," he is a perfect type of that incomparable body of men that at the close of the great war went back to civil life and became as good citizens as they had been unrivaled soldiers. Truly the republic does well to honor such men, for the world may safely be challenged to produce their equal.

Gen. Spurling received his medal of honor from the war department by order of President McKinley, in 1897, but it was won March 23, 1865, when Gen. Spurling was lieutenant colonel of the second Maine cavalry and was in command of a brigade of cavalry marching in the enemy's country from Millerton, Ala., to cut the railroad at Evergreen, Ala., and seize or destroy all the Confederate supplies possible. The country was full of Confederate scouting parties and it was by capturing one of these, and that alone, that the expedition was enabled to succeed.

It is a thrilling story, but is only one of many in which Gen. Spurling was the hero. His command arrived about 11 o'clock the night of March 23, 1865, at the junction of the roads leading to Gravelly and Evergreen, Ala., and five miles distant from each place. Here the men were permitted to dismount and get a little rest and sleep before the attack on Evergreen in the early morning. Pickets were thrown out on all sides and Gen. Spurling rode to the advance guard in the Evergreen fall. As he arrived at the outpost he heard talking outside the lines, and asked the officer in charge if any of his

saddle, he started out to find a chance to enroll himself as a confederate soldier. He succeeded and that night with seven others camped out, intending to ford the Potomac to Virginia in the morning early. While they slept Spurling secured all their arms and then marched them to Frederick, Md., where his regiment was encamped, and turned them over to the provost marshal, taking a receipt for the same.

When Gen. McDowell was retreating from the Rapidan with the Maine Cavalry, holding back the pushing Confederates, Capt. Spurling found himself surrounded, when, dismounting behind a haystack, he was rapidly using a carbine, he being a dead shot. He was ordered to surrender, but leaped into his saddle and galloped away amid a volley of bullets.

Capt. Spurling commanded his company in the famous cavalry battle at Brandy Station when the Union troopers won their first great victory of the war, and in this engagement was shot through the thigh. Twelve days later in a charge at Upperville in a hand-to-hand conflict he received a saber cut in his right hand, which scar he will carry to his death.

Capt. Spurling was promoted to major of the Second Maine Cavalry, from there to lieutenant-colonel, and was while with this regiment in Alabama and Florida, where he was given independent commands, that he attracted the favorable notice of all the corps division and brigade commanders by his activity, versatility and heroic bravery upon many occasions.

He was a lieutenant-colonel in rank but for the last year of the war was in command of a brigade nearly all of the time, as he was constantly turning up unexpectedly in the enemy's country a hundred or two miles from the main army, and although always fiercely beset, he never failed to accom-



plish valuable service and escape by the exercise of superior judgment and most determined fighting when it became necessary to cut out or surrender. One notable occasion, when Gen. Spurling won great praise from the entire army, was on a return from a long raid with overwhelming numbers pursuing him hard on all sides, that he led his brigade in a charge across a bridge, which was supposed to be so fortified as to preclude such a supposed foolhardy attempt. In the face of a severe fire the charge was made, Gen. Spurling leading. He was met at the other end of the bridge by the Confederates, and Gen. Spurling killed the colonel in command in a hand-to-hand encounter.

At another time, with 200 picked men, he rode two hundred miles in three days to Vernon, Ga., destroying a large supply of stores there, including the brigade at Marietta, after having several sharp engagements himself, in time to attack the enemy in the rear and win a victory there which hung in the balance.

Brigade commanders and generals of divisions repeatedly complimented Gen. Spurling for services rendered to the Union cause, and dispatches to Washington announcing victories of the army to which he belonged almost invariably mentioned him with distinction.

Gen. Spurling comes of a race of sailors and fighting stock. His grandfather, Capt. Benjamin Spurling, had many thrilling adventures with the British during the war of 1812, and for a time was captive on board of an English man-of-war, while in 1823 his father, Capt. Samuel Spurling, when master of the schooner Cashier of Cranberry Isles, Me., defeated a crew of pirates who had for a long time terrorized the coast towns of Cuba. For his valor upon this occasion he was presented by the merchants and citizens of Trinidad de Cuba with a silver-mounted sword, a brace of gold-mounted pistols and \$500 in gold.

Gen. Spurling is now nearly 69 years old and carried his years well. Up to Oct. 10, 1900, when he received a stroke of apoplexy, which entirely paralyzed his right side, since which time he has been unable to give much attention to business. He is certainly one of the most distinguished heroes of the War of the Rebellion.

Anton Lang, who took the part of Christ in the Oberammergau play last summer, was married at Christmas to the girl who sang the "mystical song." Her father is Jakob Rutz, the village blacksmith and leader of the chorus.

A Kentucky Curiosity.

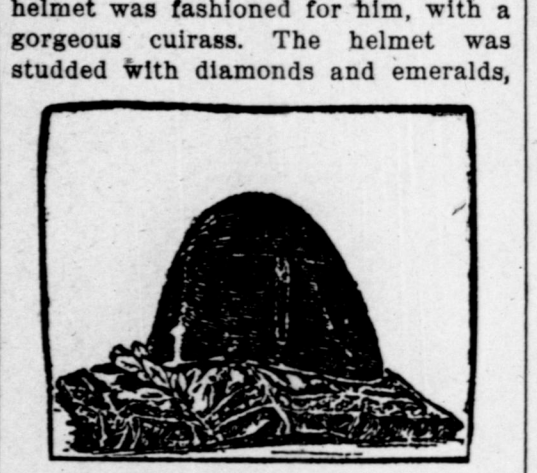


known throughout the neighborhood as the "Jug handle," from the peculiar formation, which is properly known as a "natural graft," is six or eight inches in diameter, six feet in length and about eighteen feet up the trunk of the tree, which is itself fourteen or fifteen inches in diameter. As the graft is practically the same in size at both extremities, it is likely that the upper end is the original point of growth. The extremity of the limb, drooping against an accidental break in the bark of the trunk, received nourishment from this new source, and probably grew more rapidly. The only way to ascertain which is really the original point of union will be to saw out a section at each end and count the number of rings that indicate the exact age. All who have seen this freak of nature pronounce it one of the largest and most perfect examples of natural graft known.

Near Diamond Springs, Ky., in a large beech forest, is a tree that is

Hat Worn by Napoleon.

Countless pictures of Napoleon as he appeared at the battle of Waterloo have been published, and in all is he represented as wearing a hat similar in many respects to the one shown in the accompanying picture. Many of these pictures of the hat, however, differ from each other in minor details, and it is evident that the artists had not an opportunity of examining the hat closely before they drew it. For this reason this authentic picture will be welcomed by all students of modern history as well as by all admirers of the great emperor.



The hat now belongs to M. Gerome of the French Institute. Napoleon once grew tired of this hat and decided to wear a more warlike headgear. Consequently a splendid helmet was fashioned for him, with a gorgeous cuirass. The helmet was studded with diamonds and emeralds,

and Napoleon was delighted with it, but after wearing it an hour or two he cast it aside and never again put it on.

Where Asparagus Comes from.
Nearly all the asparagus consumed in this country out of season comes from an island in the Sacramento river. A foreign-born farmer noticing an island there covered thickly with silt, thought it would make a good asparagus bed, and he settled there. Now he ships several car-loads of asparagus a day, canned and in glass, but you can not get fatter here; she must take her own fair form any way if she take any—Ruskin.

The Way of Girls.
You cannot hammer a girl into anything. She grows as a flower does, and she will wither without sun; she will decay in her sheath as a narcissus will if you do not give her air enough; she may fall and defile her head in the dust if you leave her without help at some moments of her life; but you can not fetter her; she must take her own fair form any way if she take any—Ruskin.

Trope of Peculiar People.
A tribe of peculiar people dwell on the banks of the Purus, in South America. Men, women and children are spotted, with brown spots on a white skin. Their chief article of diet is fish.

Literary Journal a Failure.
"Literature," which set out to be the leader of the literary weeklies in England and in America, is said to be on the teat.

Emperor and Opera Writer.
In the correspondence between Napoleon III and the Empress Eugenie, which has lately turned up in Paris, there was found the scenario of a novel in the emperor's own handwriting.

Japan's Foreign Trade.
Japan's foreign trade has in thirty years increased from less than \$1 to nearly \$7 per capita per annum.

At the Italian restaurants a small dish of Parmesan or grated cheese is put on the table with the soup tureen.

An Anglo-American Alliance.
It has been suggested that the only successful plan to avoid any further wars will be the formation of an alliance between America, England, and many other people believe that the day is not far distant when all international differences will be peacefully settled. This news will be as joyfully received by everybody as the news that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters positively cures indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, nervousness and malaria. Don't fail to give it a trial.

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At one time dandruff was attributed to be the result of a feverish condition of the scalp, which threw off the dried cuticle in scales. Professor Unna, Hamburg, Germany, noted authority on skin diseases, explodes this theory and says that dandruff is a germ disease. This germ is really responsible for the dandruff and for so many bald heads. It can be cured if it is gone about in the right way. The right way, of course, and the only way, is to kill the germ. Newbro's Hairdressing does this, and causes the hair to grow luxuriantly, just as nature intended it should.

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When a young man tells a girl a lot of yarn she isn't to be blamed for giving him the mitten.

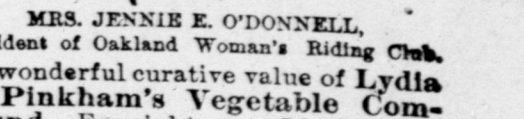
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SATURDAY February 8th 1902.

Ten thousand dollars of Fitzsimons' damage suit is for mental wear and tear. To those who are familiar with the case of Fitz's head, 10 cents would seem amply sufficient to cover the entire destruction of his metal outfit.

Prince Outamonsky is the name of a Russian. Perhaps the prince Neverhadamonsky. Jeffries says that he'll see Fitzsimons next week. This would seem to indicate that Jeffries thinks the pig-bald pug's fall disabled him.—Houston Post.

Paper stockings! What next?—Brownsville Herald.
Now don't be inquisitive.

A scientist has discovered the gray hair microbe and named it pigmetophagus. They were discovered ages ago by the Astorians who called them "piojos", we like the latter name because its easier pronunciation.

Why, Maria, I'm readin' the new tariff bill, so I kin be posted on the new duties.—
"That'll do, Joshua. Let me tell you that there ain't any change in the duties required of you under the home rule tariff, an' you'll therefore make your way to the woodpile as soon as you kin get thar."—Boston Courier.

Companies A, B, C, D, E, F, and the Band, Fourth Infantry, arrived Wednesday at Ft. Clark. The post is now pretty well filled with troops. There are now six companies of infantry, two companies of artillery, four troops of cavalry, and a band.

This is the kind of weather to find out the kind of garter that is mostly sold by our merchants. Palestine Press.

You are an immodest oldascal, and we're deeply disappointed in you. Let us know if the weather holds out, and perhaps we can get away for a day.—Houston Post.

Brackett is enjoying plenty of "hold-up" weather now, and the streets are awful muddy.

Lieut. Col. Butler D. Price, Majors Philip Reade and Henry E. Robinson of the Fourth Infantry have been assigned to station at Fort Clark where the regiment's headquarters is located.—San Antonio Express.

Mr. Otto Stadler is here on a visit from Sanderson.

Col. Jos. Jones, of Jonesville, is in the city on legal business.

Mrs. T. R. McAlpin is here from Eagle Pass on a visit to her mother, Mrs. McDonald.

Alas! poor Ed. and then there's Johnny.

The moisture that has soaked into the ground this week is worth millions to the stock interests of Kinney and surrounding counties. The farmers are now busily engaged in breaking ground for planting.

Don't fail to attend the entertainment at Ross Hall to-night "Travels in Europe, Asia and Africa."

THE ENTERTAINMENT.

The entertainment given at Ross Hall last evening, by home talent, under the auspices of the ladies of the Episcopal Church, was of unusual excellence throughout, and thoroughly enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.

The stage was artistically arranged. The first number on the program, a piano duet, by Mrs. Joseph Veltmann and Mrs. J. D. Severns, was rendered with rare skill and grace, and was enthusiastically applauded.

"A Reverie in Church," by Miss Alice Veltmann was splendid and Miss Alice displayed considerable talent in her portrayal of a young lady in church—her thoughts and criticism of her friends and her appreciation of a long sermon.

Miss Daisy Braden, one of Lacombe's popular and charming young ladies, a visitor to our city, rendered a song in a beautifully sweet voice and was compelled to respond to an encore.

Mrs. Pieringer rendered a piano solo and received round after round of applause having to respond with a second selection.

The trio was simply beautiful, and we doubt if a Brackett audience has ever had such a rare musical treat before. Mrs. Severns played the zither, Miss Agnes Windus the guitar, and Master Pac Jimenez the violin. The old Hall was filled with rich melody and the audience applauded until the trio rendered "Then you'll remember me." It was beautiful from the first to the last sweet strain.

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The tableaux, "button, button, button," was very good and the little tots looked like a bunch of cherubs.

Mrs. Severns next rendered a duet on the piano, and as usual with this talented lady won much applause. Mrs. Severns is a splendid musician and her talent is not confined to one instrument as she plays with equal skill quite a number.

Miss Laura Ballantyne certainly has a grand voice, pure and rich, of exquisite sweetness, and her singing was beautiful. Miss Morris is a talented elocutionist and entertained the audience with a selection "Les Italiens."

Pas Jimenez, the noted little violinist, rendered "La Colondrina," with his usual skill, and the general opinion is that if he ever has the opportunity he will some day become famous.

Another beautiful duet was rendered by Mrs. Severns and Miss Lucy Stratton, followed by the spectacular play.

MRS. NEWLEYWED'S NEW FRENCH COOK.

This was excellently rendered the different scenes and characters being faithfully portrayed. It was a living picture scene, a story without words, wherein Mr. Newleywed falls a victim to one of the prettiest cooks that ever presided over a cuisine.

In the first scene we are introduced to Mrs. Newleywed's new French cook, prettier than all kinds of peaches. In the second scene Newleywed is peeping into the kitchen—he becomes interested. In the third scene he asks the little peach if she is the new cook. In the fourth Newleywed is seen lovingly caressing the cook as she sits saucily perched on the table. As the curtain rose on the fifth scene the audience roared, for Newleywed had the pretty cook in a loving embrace, while her hands (full of flour) left their mark on his coat. "Sh—my wife's coming," and he skips from the kitchen, carrying on his coat the evidence of his infidelity and Mrs. Newleywed becomes indignant demanding an explanation. Poor Newleywed is in a thunder of a fix when his better half takes off his coat and points to the finger prints. Then he makes a dismal attempt to explain, and the result is the pret-

ty cook gets her passports. As she leaves she slyly winks at Newleywed "now will you be good?" After her departure everything is lovely, but Mrs. Newleywed decides to forego all pretty French cooks in future, and without Newleywed's knowledge engages a buxom colored lady and installs her in the kitchen. Mr. Newleywed had not been thoroughly cured of his infatuation for pretty cooks and makes a reconnoitering expedition in the direction of the kitchen. The look of disgust on his face on discovering the new wench cook was comical beyond description. "Heaven! where did she come from," ejaculates Newleywed as he beats a hasty retreat and joins his wife at the piano, where we leave them living happy wraith in the melody of "Home, sweet home."

Miss Kitty Wickham was the prettiest, cutest, sweetest, little peach of a sweet, party, cute little French cook you ever saw and Paul (excuse us, Mr. Newleywed we meant) displayed good taste in falling head-over-heels in love with her.

Paul Stadler in the role of Mr. Newleywed was perfect and he kept the audience in a continual uproar. Paul's part was very difficult but he carried it out splendidly.

It was hard to believe that that great buxom colored lady was Adolph Bitter, but that awful grin gave him away. "Dolly" makes a good looking, buxom, old black mammy.

There was not a dull moment during the entire performance. It was good from the first to the last number and the ladies and gentlemen participating are to be congratulated on the success of the entertainment. We hope more will follow.

Rev. J. M. Yingling, pastor of the Bedford St. M. E. Church, Cumberland, Md., says: "It afforded me great pleasure to recommend Chamberlain's Cough, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I have used it and know others who have never known it to fail."

Petroleum of Siberia. Experiments made at Kasaan, in Alaska, show that the petroleum of Siberia is of a high quality and is well adapted for use in Alaska.

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School Notes.

Joe Murphy, whose parents recently moved here from Del Rio, entered the Sixth Grade last week.

Teachers especially in the Primary complain to the Principal that the attendance lately has been so irregular that they can't do as thorough work as they would like to do. For instance, the Primary teacher gives the class ten new words each day and those absent fail to learn them. When they return they are unable to do good work on account of these words not having been learned. The same reasons apply in all the grades. Wrap your children up well and send them every day.

DeVoe's Weather Predictions as furnished us on large calendar by druggist W. F. Holmes, is very accurate for the month of January and so far in February. Rain and snow are predicted on most of the days in February; so you may look for bad weather and hope for rain.

Several useful and some beautiful calendars have been given the Principal for year 1902. The prettiest of all was a Santa Claus calendar from Roach & Co. of Brackett. It represents Santa Claus in his sled in full of pretty things for good boys and girls.

His sled is drawn by reindeer and ground, trees and houses are covered with deep snow. This is an attractive, as well as a useful ornament. Little boys and girls will stand by the sled and look at the picture of old Santa and discuss the good things he is bringing them. They cannot help but seize the prominent names, Roach & Co. advertised on the calendar by our most prominent Brackett firm, who will also supply these dainties between now and next Xmas if you come to their store and bring your pennies with you.

The next prettiest was sent by Chas. Elliott Lithograph Co., of Philadelphia. It represents two little boys lifting up a flag and look up at the pride of their country. The picture, flag and all are in colors and as natural as life. No little boy can look on this picture without loving his country and his country's flag better; so the picture is kept over the Principal's desk for observation of children of the school.

The same company sent a very pretty woodland scene. A rippling stream flows through beautiful woods. The water on the lake of Balkal are said to be rich and reliable, so far as the borings go down.

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Beckfield's Private Library.

Work has been begun on the public library building which Secretary John D. Long is to present to his native town Beckfield, Me. The building will stand near the spot where his father kept a country store for many years.

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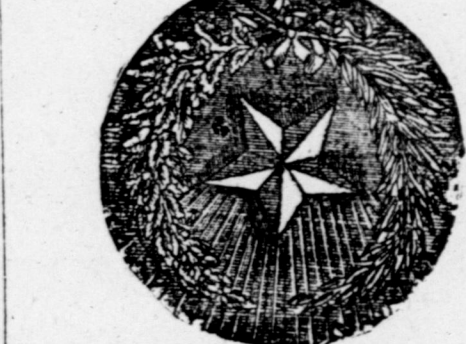
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Glendale, Ky., Feb. 26, 1902.
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Mrs. RICHARD JONES.

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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 Melville Black, M. D. In fact, the less the better. By pitting the skin and overprotecting it with woolen underwear we make it tender and hypersensitive, thus rendering it unable to

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Salisbury's Soliflor 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 Khartoum, 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 Cemetery 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.

Chicago Architect Designs House for New York Man

Chicago has been called commercial, avaricious, materialistic, inartistic, and unappreciative of the finer things of life by the east ever since she started to take away the business from the east.

Chicago stood it because she was too busy to care. But now she has started to furnish the east with artistic ideas. Dan Hanna, when he decided to build his country palace last summer, got an architect from Chicago instead of New York to draw up his plans, although he is midway between the two cities.

And now F. T. Gates, who is to put up a \$125,000 country house next spring at Montclair, N. J., has come to Chicago for his architect, although New York city was just across the river.

George W. Maher of this city was

far and in large mantels and spacious staircases.

The stained glass entrance door and side lights at immediate entrance are designed to produce a centralized color effect, as is also the front of the balcony, which is of the third-story loggia. From this loggia views can be obtained of the beautiful scenery.

The material used on the exterior of this house will be gray-white vitrified brick, and the trimmings of white marble. Chasteness of detail and breadth of wall surface and outline are the predominant exterior features.

The interior is designed on the same lines as indicated on the exterior. One of the distinct treatments will be the mantels which extend from floor to ceiling, encased with broad bands of marble, onyx and mahogany

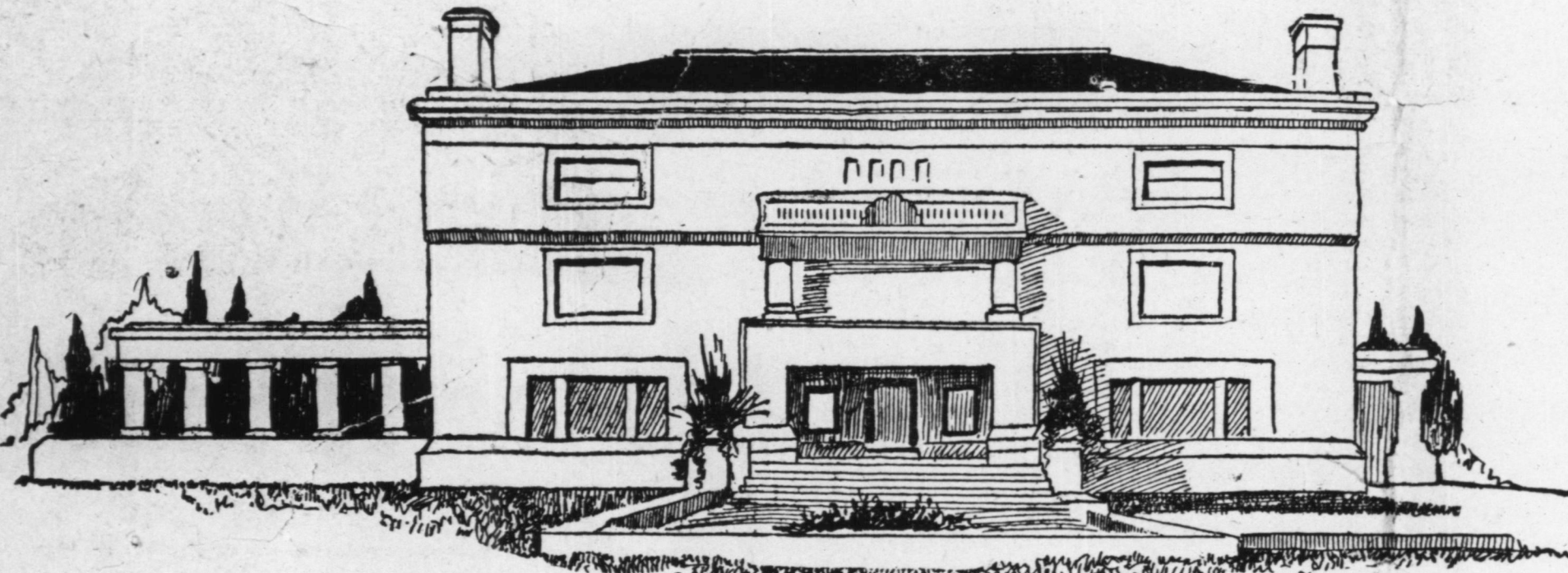
and walks of this house are intended to be spacious and in keeping with the ample proportions of the house. The terrace walks will be laid with Chicago tiles of original design.—Chicago Tribune.

BARMAIDS OF CALCUTTA.

No Women to Be Employed in Saloons After April 1, 1902.

Calcutta is threatened with the loss of its barmaids, and a small portion of the community violently resents it, says the London News. An order has recently been issued by the government of Bengal that a clause be inserted in the licenses of all hotel proprietors absolutely prohibiting the employment of women in any capacity in or about the bar. This prohibition is to take effect from the 1st of April, 1902, on which

significance. It is deplorable, but none the less true, that the veneration with which the white man used to be regarded by the native is rapidly declining, especially in large towns like Calcutta, where the European population is composed of almost every stratum of society. Moreover, the freedom which was granted to the natives of the Oriental idea, and the spectacle of an English girl selling spirituous liquors, a trade which among the natives of India is relegated to the very lowest castes, is one which tends still further to lower the "izzat," the reputation of the dominant race. The Oriental is slow to move; the inborn prejudices of a thousand generations can not be uprooted in a day. Where the west jostles the east, where the most advanced of modern ideas come into contact with



selected by Mr. Gates to build his house. Mr. Maher has drawn up his plans on original lines, the spirit of which, as he says, "is distinctly American." The predominant idea is to combine simplicity of composition and color with the essentially practical qualities.

The location demands a spacious window effect on the front in order to take advantage of the beautiful view of the Orange Valley below and New York city in the distance. The window arrangement, loggia, balconies, etc. Over the main entrance is a large observatory window made of a single piece of plate-glass eighteen feet long, which is a part of the second-story hall. The second-story hall is immediately over the large first-story hall, and extends the entire depth of the house, terminating at the

on the same general lines as is indicated around the front entrance. While these mantels will be in principle of design the same in each room, yet the space inclosed immediately over the fireplace will have that motive of decoration which will suggest the use of the respective room. Glass mosaic will be employed in connection with carved wood in order to produce the desired color effect. The entire first and second stories, excepting servants' quarters in rear, are finished in marble. The bathroom has its own private bath. The bathrooms are and are finished in tile walls and ceiling, which are solid porcelain. The decorations, and gas fixtures, designed especially for so that all parts will be finished. The immediate land

date a number of women will be thrown out of employment. The result is a widespread agitation. The number of barmaids in Calcutta has considerably increased in recent years. In the majority of cases they are brought out from England by the hotel and bar proprietors under contract for a term of years, generally three. The loss to them of a means of livelihood is to be deplored, but as they are entitled to a passage back to England, it does not entail the facile desecration of the more violent among the agitators. The correspondence columns of the Calcutta Press show that their sympathy is with them, but they are worth so much in

a conservative such as is undreamt of. It is bound to ensue. By way of prejudice that is, and the skillful. The state is he who knows. Barmaids and their sympathetic comfort. If they are sacrificed, they are sacrificed for the sake of the stability of the British empire in India.

More Than Their Face Value. The human body of average weight contains three pounds thirteen ounces of calcium. Calcium, at present market rates is worth \$300 an ounce, so that amount of it contained in one body has a money value of \$900. Few of our fellow-citizens are worth so much in

PROPOSED NEW UNION LEAGUE CLUB HOUSE



The above is a picture of the proposed new Union League club house in Chicago.

In appearance the design resembles the palaces of old Rome and Florence, the style being early fifteenth century renaissance. It is the style adopted in London by her great clubs. It has stood the test of criticism, and is generally conceded to be the best for such a purpose. It conveys a dignity and at the same time possesses grace and beauty to a high degree.

A leading idea in connection with the plans of the building is not only to provide a structure which shall offer every possible convenience to the club members, but to also secure a

building of semi-public character, which can be utilized on occasions of great public receptions. The idea was suggested by reason of the fact that Chicago has no such building, public or private, and needs it to place the city on a metropolitan basis. It is believed that the effect of such a structure will go beyond the mere ease of the club members, and will materially benefit the entire city.

The entrances are only two steps above the sidewalk, and the ground floor is devoted to offices, leaving the entire first floor above for lounging-rooms, and, when occasion requires, for a state suite of unequalled appointment.

The next floor is likewise devoted to

one purpose. It contains the dining-rooms. Above that are the library, ladies' dining-rooms, and a billiard hall. The next two floors are devoted to bedrooms, of which there are sixty-six.

The top of the house contains swimming-bath, gymnasium, billiardroom, etc., placed on this upper floor in order that those functions which contribute so much to complete club life may be carried on without the slightest annoyance to those members who do not happen to be using them, and whose quiet should at all times be preserved.

The house is to be of the best materials, and the intention is to make it fireproof, but all extravagance is to be avoided.

In Honor of "Irish Brigade"

The Sixty-ninth regiment, New York, part of the famous "Irish Brigade," enlisted for three months, but in that time it took part in the battles of Blenheim, Fort Mifflin, and the many members of the 69th were captured in the latter bloody fight, the colonel being one of the number. The regiment returned from the front in August, and a few days after it was mustered out of the service an order was issued by the war department for the reorganization of an Irish brigade. Under this call eight hundred members of the 69th enlisted for three years in the 69th regiment New York volunteers, and went to the front under command of Colonel Robert Nugent, with James Kelley as lieutenant colonel and James Cavanagh as major. The other New York regiments in the brigade were the 63d and 68th. The 25th Massachusetts and the 116th Pennsylvania were added to the Irish brigade, with two batteries, commanded by Captains Hogan and McLaughlin.



Monument to the Irish Brigade at Gettysburg

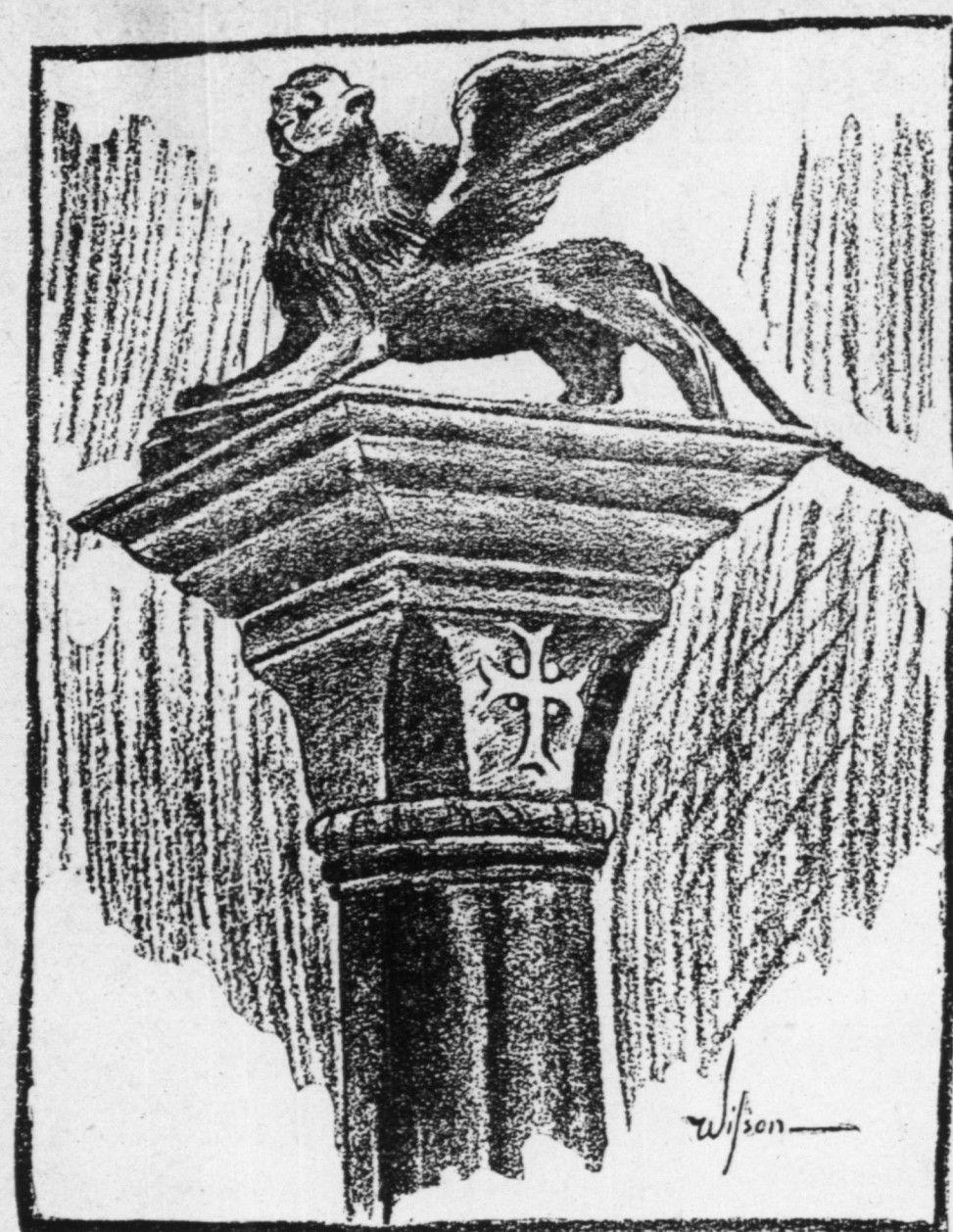
Internal troubles disrupted the regiment a few years ago, and despite the efforts of many prominent Irishmen, who were proud of the record made by the 69th in the civil war, to save it the command was reduced to a battalion of five companies. But even the battalion was not a united body. It was so torn by petty fights that its disbandment was discussed in the highest military circles of the state. But the friends of the old guard came to its rescue, new companies were organized, and Lieutenant Colonel George Moore Smith of the 7th regiment was placed in temporary command. This was an innovation against which some of the members protested. Only Irishmen had commanded the regiment before, they said, and the advent of an American commander of an Irish organization could do only harm. But the results showed that the evil prophecies were false. The companies were strengthened by good recruits, the staff was improved by the addition of competent officers, and the painstaking provision commander was elected colonel of the reorganized regiment. Colonel Smith remained in command until he was elected commanding officer of the Fifth brigade, when he was succeeded

by Lieutenant Colonel Edward Duffy, who had been a member of the regiment since 1857. When the war with Spain broke out and troops were called for the 69th received authority to organize as a 12-company regiment preparatory to its entry into the United States service. The additional companies were rapidly recruited and the enlarged command a fine body of men, was mustered in as the 69th regiment, New York volunteer infantry, on May 19, 1898, and after doing service in southern camps awaiting orders to proceed to Cuba was mustered out on January 31, 1899.

THE LION OF ST. MARK'S

What is the lion of St. Mark's laughing at? It is one of the most celebrated animals in the world. Although they call it a lion it does not resemble the orthodox king of beasts any more than any other zoological monstrosity. Its head is small and its mouth is large, very large, and is stretched in an all-comprehending grin.

The front paws of this historical beast are resting upon the pages of an open book, and perhaps something he read there provoked the expression of amusement he has worn for nine centuries. Between the palace and the old mint on the Piazza of St. Mark, Venice, are two monolith pillars of oriental granite, brought to Venice nearly 1,000 years ago from some unknown source in the East. The Doge Michiel, who is supposed to be responsible for them, was famous for his conquests in Syria and Egypt, and along the African coast and these were trophies of his valor. One is red granite and the other is gray. Upon the top of the former is a marble statue of St. Theodore, the original protector of the republic, who stands upon the back of a badly made alligator or crocodile, holding a sword in his left hand and a shield in his right. Nobody has ever been able to explain the significance of the crocodile in a satisfactory manner, and for that reason some writers have declared that the group was intended for St. George and the dragon. But that is of no consequence. The gray column is more important, for it bears empty eyesockets, which formerly held the famous lion with outspread wings, priceless rubies, and the almighty grin. This lion is older than history. Nobody knows where it came from. No-



The Lion of St. Mark's, Venice.

who made it. It has been the inspiration of poets for centuries; it has been represented upon the flags, the banners, the seals, the coins, the pa-

per money and bonds of Venice. Artists have raved over it in the most ridiculous manner. Nobody ever saw such a looking thing elsewhere, but its age offsets its absurdity, and the legends that surround it are very interesting. Napoleon stole this lion and took it to Paris, as he did the horses on the roof of St. Mark's Cathedral, but after his downfall it was restored.

Papa's Arrival Was Timely. A little girl at East End, who is wont to take refuge in the protecting arms of her father when her mother's ire is up and trouble is pending, almost missed her haven the other night. Her mother and she had gone up stairs for the night, leaving the father in the reading room below. In the preparations for retiring the little girl disobeyed her mother and trouble was imminent. "I'll just switch you, little lady," remarked the mother. In an instant the little girl rushed to the door and screamed for her father to come up at once. The obedient father got up the stairs in about three steps, and as he entered the room the angered mother was about to use the switch. "You just sit out here in the parlor," said the little one, as she buried her face under his arm.—Memphis Scimitar.

Literary Curiosity. What has been described as the most curious book in the world—at least according to outward appearances—is neither written nor printed. The letters are cut out of blue tissue paper. In order to read the book without any difficulty, it is necessary to place the blue paper between two sheets of white tissue paper. This curiosity is to be found in the National Library at Paris.

THEY WINTER IN EUROPE.

Italians Find It Cheaper to Go Home Than Pay Rent. There is one period of the year when the great tide of immigration ebbs and the outflowing stream is almost equal to that still pouring in from Europe to New York. December is the time, says the New York Sun. At any of the railroad stations where the trains come in from the West and South you can now see on two days a week a living illustration of the axiom that it is cheaper to move than to pay rent, for on these two days, the days on which the Italian steamers sail, there throng into New York parties of dark-skinned laborers who are going to move across the ocean for the winter months, and will spend Christmas and New Year's under their own sunny Italian skies. They are almost all men, and the majority are young. They carry all their worldly possessions in a tarpaulin bundle slung over their shoulders on the speck with which they have earned a year's living on new railroad embankments, in cuttings and excavations here, and they are leaving few regrets behind. They came here poor and they are going back rich to spend their earnings and return in the spring empty-handed again, to make more. They move because rent and living are

dear here in winter, outdoor work is at a standstill and stevedore rates across the ocean temptingly low. It is easy to work hard under rough conditions for six months and then for five more to live in idleness in the sunniest, cheapest country in the world, enjoying the fruits of that labor. That is a life which appeals to the Italian nature particularly. So the emigrant ships are thronged both ways these days, and it is good to be a shipmaster in the Italian trade. Westward the steamers bear the greenhorns, glad to come to the land of gold at any season, even at a time when work is scarce, and one must struggle along under hard conditions, and wait for better days. Eastward sail the home-goers to lounge away the days among their own folks and to spend their American-earned dollars in home pleasures. All the sun climbs high again, and it is time to return westward to the El Dorado, where a new supply can be readily garnered.

ENGINEERING OLD AND NEW. Romans Build No Tunnels to Leave as Marks of Their Skill. Wonderful builders of bridges were those old Romans, and some of their best work still endures. And the mod-

ern Yankee is no laggard in rearing huge structures over big rivers and broad arms of the sea. While the eagles of the Caesars were carried in triumph from Persia to Scotland, from the Baltic to the great desert of Africa, stately and majestic indeed were the stone arches of the empire. But there were no tunnels of any scope among the ancients. This will be a century of such tunnels and such bridges also, as the world has never yet known. The Titanic structures of the Old World amazed the centuries, but this practical generation is not content with primeval methods. The catacombs of this era are not used for burial; the wide, deep long galleries are not dug out for the dead, but for the living. The twentieth century will tunnel many of the chief rivers of the world wherever the interests of civilization can be advanced by the opening of such caverns far below the currents of famous streams. The tunnels under the Alps are colossal undertakings, but every one of them has ample reason for the vast expenditure and the prodigious labor required. And the marvels and miracles of the most adventurous engineering of the past will surely be excelled by the triumphs of the engineering of the future.

Sanitarium of Glass. Dr. John V. Shoemaker, president of the municipal department of charities and correction and a member of the faculty of the Medico-Chirurgical college, has secured from the city council of Philadelphia an appropriation of \$80,000 with which he expects to build eight one-story glass houses on a seven-acre tract of land adjoining the almshouse, where consumptive patients will live in an atmosphere of ozone generated by powerful electric appliances similar to the rarified air of high mountains. The framework of the pavilions will be constructed of steel and the walls and roof will be of glass. Each pavilion will be equipped with the latest devices for maintaining a regular temperature. Ventilation of the glass houses will be an easy problem, the glass walls and roof being in sections and of pivotal construction, so they may be opened or closed at will.

Hardy Germans. The German empire has 778 centenarians, France 213, England 146, Scotland 46. Denmark has 2 only and Switzerland none at all. Man was made to mourn and woman was made to furnish the cause.

A STUDENT OF WAR.

Death of Jean de Bloch Recalls His Services to Peace. It is still too early to estimate how far civilization has been advanced by the life work of Jean de Bloch, the Russian writer whose death at Warsaw was announced the other day. Practically throughout M. Bloch's active life he was devoted to the study of the science of war, its methods, its causes and its political and economic effects. His study of military equipments and methods led him to the belief that war, always a horrible thing, must be infinitely more terrible in the future; that, in fact, war was becoming so deadly that first-class powers could no longer resort to it, opposing armies being unable to exist within striking distance of each other. His moral convictions led him to evolve a plan for international arbitration. The czar, who had been strongly impressed with M. Bloch's pictures of war, virtually accepted this plan in outlining his call for the peace conference at The Hague. That conference writers in the twelfth century men-

Skating an Ancient Sport.

Skating, while not classed as a competitive sport, although there are plenty of competitions to which it leads, is the most generally practiced of all winter pastimes. When skating first began is something no one has yet fully discovered. But at any rate, tenth century there is a well remembered record of the time when the Dutch fleet was frozen in at Amsterdam and Don Frederick attempted with his men to take the vessels. His men were put to rout by the Dutchmen, who came out on skates, and thus had every advantage of mobility. President McKinley's Kindness. A near friend of Mr. McKinley's recalls this incident of his western trip. During one of the semi-impromptu ovations at a small railway station a golden-haired mite of some seven summers edged her way through the crowd and close up to the tracks as the big man on the car platform ceased speaking. "Do you like my new sash, Miss McKinley?" she called in a sweet shrill treble as the cheering died away. "Indeed, I do," replied the president, with a smile, stooping down to her as she turned about to give him the full benefit of the huge bow. "Why, I never had such a beautiful sash in all my life." And the owner's face beamed ecstatically up at him, says the New York Times, as the train moved on again.

when John Widron killed R. Hufford in a cafe. Daniels and Harman were arrayed on different sides during the tragedy.

Senator Burton Monday spoke against anti-oleomargarine bill, supporting substitute.

An English army scandal relative to horses is rumored.

His Busy Day.
Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 4.—This was Admiral Schley's busy day in Nashville. It marked the close of his visit, as he left early Tuesday morning, and citizens, public and private, vied with each other in doing honor to him and his wife. Demands on their time came thick and fast, ceasing only at a late hour, when the reception in their honor at the University club came to an end. Admiral Schley and wife left for Chattanooga.

Action Postponed.
Washington, Feb. 4.—After a three-hours session the Republican members of the house of representatives, who had a caucus in the hall of the house Monday night to consider a line of policy to be adopted concerning the alleged disfranchisement of voters in the south, adjourned for one week to consider more fully the different propositions brought forward. About 150 Republican members were in attendance out of a full membership of 200.

Sent to Pittsburg.
Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 4.—The remains of Edward and John Biddle, the dead bandits, arrived at the Pittsburg and Western railroad station shortly after 10 o'clock Monday morning and were at once taken to the Pittsburg morgue. In spite of the intense cold and the comparatively early hour of their arrival, hundreds of persons gathered in the waiting room by 7:30, and by the time the train arrived the crowd had increased to 1000.

Hard at Work.
Washington, Feb. 4.—Rivers and harbors committee is hard at work preparing the committee bill, but Chairman Burton and Mr. Ball say that it will be quite a while before the Texas interests are reported. Col. Gresham called on Mr. Ball to lay before him a number of facts as to Galveston wharf charges compared with the charges at other ports. It will be demonstrated that wharfage at Galveston is much lower than at any other American port.

Gift of Kaiser.
New York, Feb. 4.—The kaiser's gift to Miss Alice Roosevelt, in connection with the visit to America of Admiral Frigate Henry, says a Berlin correspondent, is to be a gold jewel case, richly studded with diamonds. In the center of the lid is a portrait of the kaiser in enamel, with the imperial monogram in diamonds.

Great Britain declines to discuss terms with Kruger.

Goods and street windows were thrown from the windows. Some of this property was confiscated by passers-by, but the amount of thieving was small compared with the opportunities offered by the confusion. The losses are estimated to be between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000, partially insured. It is estimated that the fire will cost the leading insurance companies of New York about \$1,500,000.

Texas Leads.
Washington, Feb. 4.—The controller of the currency has issued a report showing the progress of the new banking law up to and including Jan. 31, 1902. Texas still leads in number of new banks established since March 4, 1900. Since that date, when the new law went into effect, 109 new banks have been established in Texas, Pennsylvania following with 91. Oklahoma shows up well with forty-four and Indian Territory with thirty-eight.

Consulted With Naval Officers.
Washington, Feb. 4.—Admiral Evans, Capt. Clark and Commander Wainwright had a conference of several hours with the president Monday on matter of appeal of Admiral Schley from findings of court. It is not thought that the president's answer will be ready for some time yet. In the meantime it is believed to be the president's purpose to confer with a number of the more important officers who gave their testimony.

Contents Withheld.
The Hague, Feb. 4.—In the first chamber Monday Baron von Lynden, replying to a question, said nothing could yet be divulged regarding the contents of the Dutch and British communication on the subject of peace in South Africa, the British government having expressed a desire for a simultaneous publication in London and The Hague.

Girls Danced.
Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 4.—Much surprise and indignation have been caused at DePauw university, of Greencastle, by the suspension for a period of two weeks of eleven young women students, the charge against them being that they have persistently violated the rules by attending dances and participating in that amusement. The order suspending them is accompanied by a demand that they leave Greencastle and return to their homes.

Annually Payment.
Washington, Feb. 4.—A cablegram has been received at the state department from United States Minister Conger at Peking announcing that he has received the first payment from the Chinese government on account of the indemnity. He will hold the money subject to his order until the qualification of the trust company which is about to undertake to do an American banking business in China and the Philippines.

House committee orders a favorable report on war tax reduction bill.

Judge Estes Dead.
Texarkana, Tex., Feb. 4.—Judge Estes passed away Sunday evening. He was reared at Brandon, Miss., but came to Bowie county, Tex., in September, 1857, and has resided here continuously since. He commanded Company E in the Fifteenth Texas cavalry (dismounted), Ector's brigade, during the entire Civil war, and participated in all the great battles in Tennessee and Georgia and was captured with his company at Port Blakely, near Mobile, at the close of the war. He was judge of the Fifth Judicial district nine consecutive years. Since the organization of the Texarkana National bank fifteen years ago he has been its president continuously.

Six vessels went ashore in Sunday's gale on Atlantic coast.

Odd Fellows.
San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 4.—The grand lodge of Texas, I. O. O. F., began in this city Monday and was called to order in Beethoven hall then by Grand Master George D. Streeter of Waco. The attendance is as large as at any former meeting of the grand lodge.

Mills Closed.
Providence, R. I., Feb. 3.—All the mills of the American Woolen company in Olneyville have been closed for an indefinite period because the weavers in the Weybosset and Riverside mills antagonistic to the double loom system endeavored to precipitate a general strike. Over 5000 operatives are thrown out of employment.

New York coffee market is barely steady.

"Young Griffo," the pugilist, was nearly frozen to death at Chicago.

Count Leo Tolstoi is reported very ill.

West coast of Europe has had severe gales.

The two Biddles, who shot themselves after escaping from Pittsburg, Pa., jail, died.

Many New York Episcopalians express disapproval at Bishop Potter's excise law utterances.

Prince Henry of Prussia has left Berlin.

needed. The officials of the committee smiled when Gov. Taft said that the Christians had made all the trouble.

One Year.
Oklahoma City, Ok., Feb. 3.—Frank M. Green, who tried to kill his wife with a razor, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary at Lansing, Kan.

Had to be Chopped Out.
Paris, Tex., Feb. 3.—A Choctaw living near Grant, I. T., returned from Paris under the influence of liquor. When he left the train he fell in a ditch and lay in the snow and sleet all night. When found he had to be chopped out of the ice. He was treated to a cold water bath and rubbed, which had the effect of reviving him. He will recover, but will lose his toes and hands.

Banquet and Reception.
Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 3.—The first day's entertainment of Admiral and Mrs. Schley in Tennessee's capital culminated Saturday night in a banquet to the one and a brilliant reception to the other. While the Knights Templar had admiral as their honored guest at Duncan hotel, Mrs. Schley was introduced at the Maxwell house by the ladies of the patriotic societies, the latter being a social function of especial note and largely attended.

Visited Jackson's Tomb.
Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 3.—Admiral and Mrs. Schley braved the cold Sunday for a visit to the tomb of Andrew Jackson. The trip to the Hermitage, twelve miles from Nashville, was made in a special train leaving here at 10:30. Arriving there the party was taken in charge by a committee from the Ladies' Hermitage association and escorted to the old brick church where Jackson worshipped. Services were conducted by Rev. D. C. Kelly, a Methodist minister.

Bold Burglars.
New York, Feb. 3.—Burglars have succeeded in forcing an entrance to the establishment of the Meriden Britannia company, which runs through Fifth avenue to Broadway, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets. They are supposed to have carried away a wagonload of silverware. The loss is estimated at \$5000.

Prayers Answered.
New York, Feb. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Cohen, who keep a wholesale liquor store at 1874 Third avenue, this city, had been wedded for thirteen years, and up to this weedy not little one had come to gladden their home. This was a great sorrow to the couple, who have prayed daily that a child might come to bring sunshine into their hearts. They have no wish now for a child, for Mrs. Cohen has presented her husband with three boys.

Involving Beaumont property, was argued in the United States court of appeals at New Orleans before Judges Pardee, McCormick and Shelby and taken under advisement.

In a head end collision between two freight trains on the Southern railway at Anniston, Ala., John Rodgers, a brakeman, was killed and both engineers, both firemen and a brakeman injured.

Came Near Being Lynched.
Jackson, Miss., Feb. 3.—Jim Redmond, a member of the police force, was shot through the heart Saturday night at 6 o'clock by a negro from Canton, whom he was talking to jail.

Redmond called for assistance, and those who came had a hard struggle before disarming the negro. He was hustled off to jail with a mob at his heels, and but for Sheriff Harding there would have been a lynching.

Negro Colony.
Hastings, Neb., Feb. 3.—A negro from Alabama has been in this county three days getting options on large tracts of the finest lands in Mills county, five miles east of Taboro. The object of buying so large a quantity of land is to colonize negroes for farming and gardening purposes to place their products on Omaha markets.

He has been given options on several of the finest farms in the county.

From an Overdose.
Austin, Tex., Feb. 3.—Thomas S. Gathright, aged 40 years, an ex-employee of the land office, was found dead Saturday by his wife. He died from the effects of an overdose of chloroform. Mrs. Gathright said her husband was addicted to the use of chloroform.

Gathright leaves a wife and five children. He was the son of Thomas G. Gathright, first president of Agricultural and Mechanical college.

Put Remains in a Cellar.
Sherman, Tex., Feb. 3.—Froenz stiff and with a deadly gunshot wound in his back, the dead body of a man who has been identified as Bob Dudding, a bricklayer, who has made his home in Sherman in an intermittent sort of a way for some time, was found in a storm cellar on the farm of J. L. German, one mile east of Whitewright, Saturday. Fred Williams, who found the body, is an employee on the farm.

McLennan county has four free rural mail delivery routes out of Waco. C. J. Martin's hay, grain and grocery store at Austin burned. Loss \$6000.

One Southern Pacific freight train collided with another between Schullerg and Weimar. Eight cars were smashed, and Engineer Baker had a leg broken in two places.

A negro named Seth Graves was arrested at Houston. The arrest was made in connection with the death of the lad, Tony Witt, whose body was found near that city some days ago.

Awful Disaster.
Eagle Pass, Tex., Feb. 3.—Telegrams received here announce a terrible disaster at the Honda coal mines, ninety miles south of here, in Mexico, caused by a dust explosion in mine No. 6. There were 160 miners in the mine at the time. Seventy-six bodies had been taken out at last accounts.

Wrong Corpse.
Houston, Tex., Feb. 3.—It was shown Saturday that a grave mistake had been made at an inquest. A negro was found dead in a field near Spring Branch. The body was identified by a negro wagoner as Prince Adams, and brought to town. Here it was identified by his daughter, a negro woman, and taken to her home. Everything was ready for the funeral, when unannounced, and without ceremony, into the mourning room walked Prince Adams, inquiring who was dead. It caused considerable excitement for a minute or two. The dead body was then removed to the undertaker's and later identified as Henry Curtis.

Met With a Band.
Eagle Pass, Tex., Feb. 3.—Hon. Robert W. Dowe, the newly appointed collector of customs, arrived Saturday afternoon from Washington. Pretty nearly the whole city, headed by the military band, was at the depot to greet him.

Women are so smart about getting engaged that they can do the proposing and the man will never know who did it.
Mental science is all right for heartaches and things like that, but it has to take to the woods when it meets a good old-fashioned case of rheumatism.

If women could handle a factory the way they can handle a spool of thread, some bits of cloth, and an old dress lining, there wouldn't be a man in the country whose services would be worth 10 cents a year.

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The fate of the boll was regarded with interest by the farmers of Texas, and the hope is fervently expressed that the cold weather has put a quietus to these pests.

Judge Clark of Pettis, Mo., bought last year 20,000 bushels of corn from his neighbors at from 25 to 50 cents per bushel. He is selling it for 75 cents, and will make about \$100,000.

Last year an acre was planted in Phoenix, Ariz., was planted in cotton seed, and another planted in the Salt river valley tests demonstrated to the satisfaction of the experimenter that this can be successfully raised in that region.

A practical test of what is known as the Byars round bale cotton press was made at Decatur. The patent for this press was given to Edgar Byars, a young man reared in Wise county. Bales are compressed to 184 by 30 inches.

C. B. Snyder, Jr., of Albany, made last week a second shipment within a few days of a trainload of cattle. His first shipment netted him nearly \$60 per head. They were fattened on meal and hulls shipped from oil mills.

J. R. Bingham and D. R. Jackson, farmers living near Lexington, Ok., have received a carload of seed Irish potatoes for their own planting this season. They have experimented and believe potatoes to be a paying crop.

The members of the Mabank Truck Growers' association, besides a number of other parties in the Mabank region, are making preparations to put in a large acreage in vegetables this season. Numbers of fruit trees are also being planted.

During the past ten years the production of hogs has increased at least one hundred fold in Grayson county. The swine now being raised is composed of the best kinds—animals that no grower need be ashamed of sending to any market.

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CONSUMPTION

seed were sown together in the spring. A 60-bushel oat crop was obtained and 18 tons of rape. This was in 1899. On the following year the same combination was again tried on upland and lowland. On the lowland the rape grew so rank that the oats were entirely smothered out, but on the upland a good crop of each was harvested.

Restoring Lost Fertility.
 From Farmers' Review: A question has been asked as to the quickest method of restoring fertility to an exhausted soil. The answer will depend on the kind of a soil and what it lacks. Most exhausted soils are such because they lack humus more than anything else. This exhaustion of humus has been caused by long and improper cropping. What is the best method depends on circumstances. Barnyard manure, being a complete fertilizer and furnishing a large amount of mature vegetable matter, will give humus after it is decayed. It is therefore a good thing to apply the only drawback being that it sometimes cannot be procured in necessary quantities.

The sowing of cow peas is a good and cheap method for some soils. If the soils are in localities where cow peas will grow. Bone meal, phosphate and nitrate of soda are also good fertilizers on some soils for some crops. Each particular case must be treated in a manner peculiar to itself, depending on location, kind of soil, how it has been cropped in the past and what is intended to be grown on it in the future.—E. A. Riehl, Madison county, Illinois.

Would Not Plow Hay Marshes.
 From the Farmers' Review: When, more than fifty years ago, my father went from Western New York, to look over Southern and Central Michigan, he returned saying that about one-third of the country was waste land, owing to the many marshes, large and small. Now for about thirty years I have been having active experience in handling this land, and have now more than one hundred acres of different kinds of marsh and swamp land. In this time I have paid not less than five hundred dollars tax for township ditches, and have spent as much more in reclaiming some of this land. As a result, I have dried out a good many small "cut holes," as we call them here, and am now in full use for cropping purposes of a few tracts containing one to three acres, once boggy, worthless swamp land.

It should be said that in this country we have three distinct kinds of muck land: One kind is springy and is always soft and miry, summer and winter. This land is productive when once dried out, but most efforts to drain it have proved dismal failures. Within two miles of my home are several tracts of two to ten acres, which have been ditched with great expense, and have produced a few crops of potatoes, cabbages, onions and celery, but the cost of keeping the ditches in working order was too great, and some wet season has "swamped" them, so that now, their last condition is worse than the first; they are covered with bogs and the coarsest, most worthless grass.

The third kind of soil is found in our "marshes," which are generally cut for hay. Many efforts to plow these and seed to tame grasses have

our trees under seven years old as much as it does those from seven to twenty. After fifteen or twenty they are either ready to die or else have been so grown as to protect themselves and protect one another.—Edson Gaylord, Floyd County, Iowa.

Skim Milk in the Hog Ration.
 At the Utah station some experiments made in feeding skim milk to hogs resulted in the following conclusions being drawn:
 Skim milk when fed in combination with grain makes a very valuable food for hogs at all periods of their growth, but particularly so during the earlier periods.
 Skim milk and grain in combination make a much more economic ration for hogs than either milk alone or grain alone.

When fed in combination with grain, skim milk has 63 per cent greater feeding value than it has when fed alone.
 The hogs fed on the milk and grain ration made much more rapid gains than either those fed on milk alone or grain alone.
 When the skim milk and grain were fed in the proportion of three pounds or less of skim milk to one of grain, the return for the skim milk was greater than when a larger proportion was fed.

Hogs fed on milk alone gained very slowly and did not keep in good health; in some cases they were off their feed so frequently that a change of feed had to be made. The milk and grain fed hogs, however, without exception, kept in good health.
 Young hogs fed on grain alone did not do well and appeared to make poor use of the food they ate.
 Those hogs fed on milk alone or grain alone when on pasture did much better than hogs similarly fed in small pens.

Adulteration of Syrup.
 The Farmers' Review learns from a reliable source that the so-called cane syrups are almost universally adulterated. An agent of a glucose company declared to a representative of this paper that it is impossible to get a gallon of unadulterated cane syrup, at least on the Northern market. If a man has a friend in New Orleans he may, as a personal favor, obtain a keg or barrel of pure syrup. Pure cane syrups are worth from 40 to 60 cents per gallon. Sorghum syrup is worth 20 cents a gallon. The large wholesalers of syrups in Chicago and other cities mix sorghum syrup with cane syrup in the proportions of from 20 to 80 per cent of each. That is, one syrup will consist of 20 per cent sorghum and 80 per cent cane; that is a high-priced syrup. Another will consist of 50 per cent of each; that is a medium-priced syrup. Another one will consist of 80 per cent sorghum and 20 per cent cane. This is a cheap syrup. Between those limits there are all kinds of blends. Meanwhile, all of these blends are sold for pure cane syrups.

Through the knowledge of the physical we are to come to know the soul.—Rev. T. B. Thames, Baptist, Danville, Va.
 She likes to be made to realize that she is good for something besides a mere household drudge and slave.—Chicago Journal.

uous moth of a white wings. The male is not half an inch long, and the female is little longer and stouter. The silkworm is hairless, of an ashen gray or cream color, grows to a length of three to three and a half inches and is slender. Its natural food is the leaves of the mulberry tree. The silk glands or vessels consist of two long sacs running along the sides of the body. When the larva is fully matured and ready to change to the pupa condition, it proceeds to spin its cocoon, in which operation it ejects from both glands at the same time a line or thread about 4,000 yards long, moving its head around in regular order for three days or thereabouts, wrapping itself up completely. The cocoon with the inclosed pupa is egg-shaped, white or yellow in color, an inch to an inch and a half long and half an inch to an inch thick. In two to three weeks after completion of the cocoon, the inclosed insect is ready to escape. It moistens one end of its self-made prison, thereby enabling itself to push aside the fibers and make an opening by which the perfect moth comes forth. The female lays her eggs to the number of 500 or more; and with that, the life cycle of the moth being complete, both sexes soon die.—Detroit Free Press.

To Prevent Rich from Sponging!
 With a view to preventing people of means taking advantage of the free dispensaries, meant only for the poor of the country, the physicians and druggists of Philadelphia will petition the next legislature to enact a law requiring that a register, to be open for inspection, shall be kept, giving the names of all persons obtaining medicines.

He Wanted to Know.
 City Magnate—Of course I don't wish to stand in the way of my daughter's happiness, but I know so little of you, Mr. Hawkins. What is your vocation?
 Mr. Hawkins (airily)—Oh, I write—er—poetry, novels—or—plays and that sort of thing. City Magnate—Indeed! Most interesting. And how do you live?
 Her Observation.
 "I must say," said the irascible person, "that this climate—"
 "Excuse me," interrupted Miss Cayenne, "but I fear you are starting with a misstatement. I have been observing that when anyone exclaims 'I must say' he is in reality going to give utterance to something that it is quite unnecessary to mention."

Our Peculiar Laws.
 "A man down east didn't know he had run for office."
 "Well, how did he find it out?"
 "They arrested him for not filing his expense account."
 "But he didn't have any expenses."
 "No, but he'll have 'em all right when the courts gets through with him."
The Roads of Portugal.
 As late as 1840 there were neither roads nor coaches in any country district of Portugal. Gentlemen traveled on horseback and ladies in sedan chairs, carried by men, or in mule litter.

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There has been some controversy as to the identity of the youngest member of congress, but there is none as to the oldest in either branch. That distinction in the senate belongs to Pettus of Alabama, born in 1821, and in the house to Grow of Pennsylvania, born in 1823.

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Syrup of Figs is the only remedy which acts gently, pleasantly and naturally without griping, irritating, or nauseating and which cleanses the system effectually, without producing that constipated habit which results from the use of the old-time cathartics and modern imitations, and against which the children should be so carefully guarded. If you would have them grow to manhood and womanhood, strong, healthy and happy, do not give them medicines, when medicines are not needed, and when nature needs assistance in the way of a laxative, give them only the simple, pleasant and gentle—Syrup of Figs.

Its quality is due not only to the excellence of the combination of the laxative principles of plants with pleasant aromatic syrups and juices, but also to our original method of manufacture and as you value the health of the little ones, do not accept any of the substitutes, which unscrupulous dealers sometimes offer to increase their profits. The genuine article may be bought anywhere of all reliable druggists at fifty cents per bottle. Please to remember, the full name of the Company—**CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.**—is printed on the front of every package. In order to get its beneficial effects it is always necessary to buy the genuine only.



THE CUBAN TARIFF

Washington, Feb. 4.—The president has signified his intention of taking issue with the Republicans of the house who are intent upon denying tariff concessions to Cuba. On Saturday he had conferences with some of the Republican leaders of the senate and informed them that he must insist upon congress treating Cuba decently with regard to sugar and tobacco. He pointed out that the greed of protected interests should not permit the country to fall in what is a plain duty to Cuba, and that the administration would not recede from the position taken in his message and in the recommendations of Secretary Root. Monday morning he was in conference with Chairman Payne of the ways and means committee and Gen. Grosvenor, and he informed them that the bill to repeal all the war taxes would not be approved, even if it should pass.

The president's idea is that the house leaders desire to see reduce the revenues and surplus by repealing all the war taxes that tariff concessions to Cuba would be impossible. Gen. Grosvenor tried to be foxy and convince the president that it would be impolitic to grant tariff concessions to the Cubans. He had not proceeded far before he learned that his arguments were not desired.

It is clear now that there will be concessions to Cuba of at least 25 per cent, unless the house leaders want to raise a row with the president. This the house leaders will avoid. The senate will doubtless hold up the bill repealing the war taxes until the house has concurred in a bill providing for concessions to Cuba.

It is understood that the president is averse to any reduction of the present tax on beer. The beer interests are greatly dismayed at learning this, for they had about arranged to have their tax restored to \$1 a barrel, prevailing before the Spanish-American war. It is believed that the president will urge congress to accept his view before definite results of any kind are obtained.

Slain on Street

Welch, W. Va., Feb. 4.—Ex-Sheriff Dan H. Harman, Jr., of McDowell county, was shot and killed during a street duel with Dr. Daniels. Mr. Harman was worth more than half a million dollars, and was prominent in Democratic politics. The trouble was an outgrowth of a similar duel which occurred here less than a year ago when John Widron killed R. Huford in a cafe. Daniels and Harman were arrayed on different sides during the tragedy.

Represents Barstow Monday

Spoke against anti-oleomargarine bill, supporting substitute.

An English army scandal relative to horses is rumored.

His Busy Day

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 4.—This was Admiral Schley's busy day in Nashville. It marked the close of his visit, as he left early Tuesday morning, and citizens, public and private, vied with each other in doing honor to him and his wife. Demands on their time came thick and fast, ceasing only at a late hour, when the reception in their honor at the University club came to an end. Admiral Schley and wife left for Chattanooga.

Action Postponed

Washington, Feb. 4.—After a three-hour session the Republican members of the house of representatives, who had a caucus in the hall of the house Monday night to consider a line of policy to be adopted concerning the alleged disfranchisement of voters in the south, adjourned for one week to consider more fully the different propositions brought forward. About 150 Republican members were in attendance out of a full membership of 200.

Sent to Pittsburg

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 4.—The remains of Edward and John Biddle, the dead bandits, arrived at the Pittsburg and Western railroad station shortly after 10 o'clock Monday morning and were at once taken to the Pittsburg morgue. In spite of the intense cold and the comparatively early hour of their arrival, hundreds of persons gathered in the waiting room by 7:30, and by the time the train arrived the crowd had increased to 1000.

Hard at Work

Washington, Feb. 4.—Rivers and harbors committee is hard at work preparing the committee bill, but Chairman Burton and Mr. Ball say that it will be quite a while before the Texas interests are reported. Col. Gresham called on Mr. Ball to lay before him a number of facts as to Galveston wharf charges compared with the charges at other ports. It will be demonstrated that wharfage at Galveston is much lower than at any other American port.

Gift of Kaiser

New York, Feb. 4.—The Kaiser's gift to Miss Alice Roosevelt, in connection with the visit to America of Admiral Pringle Henry, says a Berlin correspondent, is to be a gold jewel case, richly studded with diamonds. In the center of the lid is a portrait of the Kaiser in enamel, with the imperial monogram in diamonds.

Great Britain declines to discuss terms with Kruger.

CAUSE OF DEATH.

That Phase of the Patrick Case Came Up in Court Monday.

New York, Feb. 4.—The trial of Albert T. Patrick for the murder of Wm. M. Rice, the millionaire, reached Monday the stage where the exact cause of his death was called in question before the court. The testimony opened up the inquiry, "Was Mr. Rice chloroformed to death, as the prosecution claims, or did he die of heart disease, as the defense maintains?" These two questions were what the opposing counsel contended before Recorder Goff and the jury.

The state placed on the stand Rudolph Witthaus, Prof. Henry H. Witthaus, chemical and pathological experts, and E. F. Donlin, a former coroner's physician, to prove the chloroform theory. Dr. Donlin testified that when he performed the autopsy on Mr. Rice's body he found all his organs normal except that there was a congestion of the lungs coextensive with these organs. Prof. Witthaus testified similarly, and further said that upon making a chemical analysis of Mr. Rice's organs he found more than three-fourths of a grain of mercury in them, and that undoubtedly there had been a much larger quantity in the body before death. Prof. Loomis gave similar testimony.

The defense tried to show that this congestion might have resulted from heart or kidney disease, and that the presence of mercury might have been caused by embalming fluid.

COSTLY CONFLAGRATION.

Waterbury, Conn., Sustains a Fire Loss of Nearly \$4,000,000.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 4.—The sun rose Monday morning on a blackened and smoldering mass that marked the main business section of the city. There is a strong suspicion that a fire which completely destroyed the Scovill house burning thousands of dollars' worth of furniture, apartments and personal effects, and imperiling many lives, was the work of an incendiary.

The rebuilding of ruined structures is only a question of time. Temporary quarters have been secured by all the firms. Many have already telegraphed for new stock and will resume business immediately.

There has been more or less disorder about the streets, but the police have been very active and the militia of great service in handling the crowds. The streets were piled with household goods and street cars were thrown from the windows. Some of this property was confiscated by passers-by, but the amount of stealing was small compared with the opportunities offered by the confusion. The losses are estimated to be between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000, partially insured.

It is estimated that the fire will cost the leading insurance companies of New York about \$1,500,000.

Texas Leads

Washington, Feb. 4.—The controller of the currency has issued a report showing the progress of the new banking law up to and including Jan. 31, 1902. Texas still leads in number of new banks established since March 4, 1900. Since that date, when the new law went into effect, 109 new banks have been established in Texas, Pennsylvania following with 91. Oklahoma shows up well with forty-four and Indian Territory with thirty-eight.

Consulted With Naval Officers

Washington, Feb. 4.—Admiral Evans, Capt. Clark and Commander Wainwright had a conference of several hours with the president Monday on matter of appeal of Admiral Schley from findings of court.

It is not thought that the president's answer will be ready for some time yet. In the meantime it is believed to be the president's purpose to confer with a number of the more important officers who gave their testimony.

Contents Withheld

The Hague, Feb. 4.—In the first chamber Monday Baron von Lynden, replying to a question, said nothing could yet be divulged regarding the contents of the Dutch and British communication on the subject of peace in South Africa, the British government having expressed a desire for a simultaneous publication in London and The Hague.

The governments were then discussing the time of their publication.

Girls Danced

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 4.—Much surprise and indignation have been caused at DePauw university, of Greencastle, by the suspension for a period of two weeks of eleven young women students, the charge against them being that they have persistently violated the rules by attending dances and participating in that amusement. The order suspending them is accompanied by a demand that they leave Greencastle and return to their homes.

Announcement Payment

Washington, Feb. 4.—A cablegram has been received at the state department from United States Minister Conger at Peking announcing that he has received the first payment from the Chinese government on account of the indemnity. He will hold the money subject to his order until the qualification of the trust company which is about to undertake to do an American banking business in China and the Philippines.

MUST BE RESUBMITTED.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 4.—The Waters-Pierce Oil company case now pending in the third court of civil appeals has taken a decidedly surprising and unlooked for turn. The court of appeals has advised the lawyers on both sides that the submission is set aside. This is the case brought in McLennan county to recover penalties for violation of the anti-trust law. District Judge Scott decided adversely to the state, and it was appealed. Two weeks ago the case was submitted to the appellate court, elaborate arguments having been made by distinguished counsel on both sides.

The court now notifies counsel that the submission is set aside and the case set for resubmission at 9 a. m., on Feb. 12, and counsel for both parties are requested to submit oral or written arguments, or both, on the following questions:

"As the constitution of the state limits the jurisdiction of the court of civil appeals to civil cases and denies the state the right of appeal in criminal cases, as this is an action by the state to recover penalties for the violation of a statute, has the court of civil appeals jurisdiction to consider the appeal? In other words, is this a civil or criminal case? In this connection the court directs attention to articles 26 and 95, penal code, and articles 1 and 487 of the code of criminal proceedings; also to Scott vs. state, 86 Texas, 221; Jester vs. state, 86 Texas, 555; Waters-Pierce Oil company vs. state, 19 civil appeals, 1; Taylor vs. Goodrich, 40 Southwestern, 515; State of Iowa vs. Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railway, 37 Federal reporter, 497; state vs. Day Land and Cattle company, 41 Federal reporter, 228; Ames vs. Kansas, 111; United States, 449; Coffey vs. United States, 618; United States 438; Boyd vs. United States, 127 United States 265; section 8, article 5, state constitution; state vs. Eggerman, 81 Texas, 367; state vs. Schuman, 18 civil appeals, 483."

The court has discovered a point not raised by the lawyers on either side, and if, in fact, the proceedings under the anti-trust law are criminal in their nature, then the state would not have the right to appeal when the jury decided adversely. If the decision be in favor of the state, the defendants would appeal to the court of criminal appeals, the civil courts being without jurisdiction. Should the court hold that the proceedings are criminal in character, it is believed that the same construction would apply to portions of the railroad commission act authorizing the recovery of penalties.

House committee orders a favorable report on war tax reduction bill.

Judge Estes Dead

Texas, Feb. 4.—Judge Estes passed away Sunday. He was reared at Brandon, Miss., but came to Bowie county, Tex., in September, 1857, and has resided here continuously since. He commanded Company E in the Fifteenth Texas cavalry (dismounted), Ector's brigade, during the entire Civil war, and participated in all the great battles in Tennessee and Georgia and was captured with his company at Fort Blakely, near Mobile, at the close of the war. He was judge of the Fifth Judicial district nine consecutive years. Since the organization of the Texas National bank fifteen years ago he has been its president continuously.

Six vessels went ashore in Sunday's gale on Atlantic coast.

Odd Fellows

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 4.—The grand lodge of Texas, I. O. O. F., began in this city Monday and was called to order in Beethoven hall then by Grand Master George D. Streeter of Waco. The attendance is as large as at any former meeting of the grand lodge.

A proposition to adopt an itinerant system for the grand lodge, permitting it to meet at different places each year, instead of maintaining a home in Dallas, will be considered. At the session yesterday of the encampment the officers elected last year were installed. New officers of the encampment to serve next year were elected, as follows: Harry Beles, grand patriarch; J. W. Bother, grand high priest; J. G. Gossel, grand senior warden; W. C. Johnson, grand junior warden; Charles T. Souer, grand sentinel; S. T. Porter, grand treasurer; E. F. Houter, grand representative to the sovereign grand encampment.

The Rebekahs

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 4.—The Rebekahs met Monday and received the reports of officers. The reports showed the assembly to be in a highly satisfactory condition, fifteen new lodges having been organized during the year. New officers were elected as follows: Mrs. M. E. Wiley, president; Mrs. M. E. Smith, vice president; Mrs. J. B. Lieder, warden; Mrs. J. D. Alexander, sentry; Mrs. N. J. Keese, treasurer; Mrs. M. Crow, member of the advisory board.

Broke Jail

Houston, Tex., Feb. 4.—Three white convicts of seven, who were brought here Sunday night by State Transfer Agent Slak from Galveston, en route to Huntsville, escaped from the city jail that night in an inexplicable manner and at an unknown hour. There was one other white convict named Charley Felder, who was in the same compartment as the other three, but he did not escape, owing to the fact that he was asleep.

TAFT ON FILIPINOS

Washington, Feb. 4.—Gov. Taft Saturday told his story concerning conditions in the Philippine archipelago before the senate committee on Philippines.

He spoke of last year's tour of the provinces, saying that next to Manila, Cebu came nearer being a city in point of population and manner of improvement than any other place in the archipelago. The island of Cebu, he said, is the most densely settled of the group. It had been a question whether a civil government should be established in Cebu, because just before the arrival of the commission the insurgents had been firing into the capital site, but people had insisted, and the organization had been effected.

Speaking generally, Gov. Taft said there were no roads in the Philippine islands under the Spanish, but that since the establishment of American control \$1,000,000 had been appropriated for road improvements, both for strategic and commercial purposes. Most of the towns are on the sea coast, and the greater part of the travel for any distance is by boat. He also said that the wheels of such vehicles as are used are so narrow that they cut up the roads badly.

In his tour Gov. Taft had found the industries in progress, though much interrupted, largely on account of the destruction of the water buffalo or carabou, the work cattle of the island. The animal, he described as the beast of burden, the family friend, as the wealth of the individual and the object of all the robber bands of the mountain districts.

In the last two years about 75 per cent of these beasts had been killed off by a disease called rinderpest, and therefore the price had increased from \$30 to \$140. Agriculture had also been interrupted by the insurrection, but in the vicinity of Manila this was not true to-day. In the city, where the streets are rough, the witness said that the carabou moves so slowly as to block the streets, and he thought that mules should be imported.

He expressed the opinion that milk-producing animals might be imported to advantage. There are fine cattle ranges, but to his knowledge no milk is produced on the island.

Gov. Taft spoke frequently of the unreliability of all estimates of the population, but said that there are probably six million Filipino Christians, one and a half to two millions non-Christian and probably a million Mohammedans. However, a census is badly needed. The members of the committee smiled when Gov. Taft said that the Christians had made all the trouble.

One Year

Oklahoma City, Ok., Feb. 3.—Frank M. Green, who tried to kill his wife with a razor, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary at Lansing, Kan.

Had to be Chopped Out

Paris, Tex., Feb. 3.—A Choctaw living near Grant, I. T., returned from Paris under the influence of liquor. When he left the train he fell in a ditch and lay in the snow and sleet all night. When found he had to be chopped out of the ice. He was treated to a cold water bath and rubbed, which had the effect of reviving him. He will recover, but will lose his toes and hands.

Banquet and Reception

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 3.—The first day's entertainment of Admiral and Mrs. Schley in Tennessee's capital culminated Saturday night in a banquet to the one and a brilliant reception to the other. While the Knights Templar had admitted as their honored guest at Duncan hotel, Mrs. Schley was introduced at the Maxwell house by the ladies of the patriotic societies, the latter being a social function of especial note and largely attended.

Mills Closed

Providence, R. I., Feb. 3.—All the mills of the American Woolen company in Olneyville have been closed for an indefinite period because the weavers in the Weybosset and Riverside mills antagonistic to the double loom system endeavored to precipitate a general strike. Over 5000 operatives are thrown out of employment.

New York office market is barely steady.

"Young Griffo," the pugilist, was nearly frozen to death at Chicago.

Count Leo Tolstol is reported very ill.

West coast of Europe has had severe gales.

The two Biddles, who shot themselves after escaping from Pittsburg, Pa., jail, died.

Many New York Episcopalians express disapproval at Bishop Potter's excise law utterances.

Prince Henry of Prussia has left Berlin.

Union Tunnel company of New York, capital stock \$4,000,000, has been organized.

Supply of American beef in England does not equal demand.

THE SUNNY SOUTH.

Matters of Major and Minor Importance Just Come to Pass.

Owensboro, Ky., had a \$150,000 fire. Fort Smith, Ark., has shipped 20,000 hides.

Another gusher has come in at Jennings, La. The cold weather caused stock to suffer in Arkansas.

Forest fires have done much damage in the vicinity of Newport, Ark. Tennessee Masons held their annual meeting last week at Nashville.

A business block burned at Norfolk, Va., entailing a loss of about \$300,000. City hotel of Memphis was destroyed by fire. Two men were badly burned, but escaped.

Taxable values at Washington county, Arkansas, have increased \$400,000 the past year.

M. Jules Cambon, French ambassador, was the recipient of many courtesies in the Crescent City.

The Florida Daughters of the Confederacy convened in annual session at Palarka. The attendance was large and representative.

Thomas Tucker, a colored boy, cut the throat of Mary Beall, a white woman, at Parkersburg, W. Va., and then cut his own throat.

In Federal court at Knoxville, Tenn., Judge Clark enjoined the city from enforcing its water rate pending a settlement of the controversy.

A freight train ran into an open switch at Bristol, Tenn., colliding with five locomotives. Two of the latter were considerably damaged.

George Rakes, a turman of Huntington, W. Va., fatally assaulted his wife with an ax, carving her head and face into an unrecognizable mass.

A switch engine and a freight train of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley roads collided at Vicksburg, Miss. Engineer Hooper of the freight train was fatally injured.

Col. F. A. Tyler, formerly part owner and manager of the Ledger and Appeal, the two Memphis papers, died at Holly Springs, Miss. Interment was had at Memphis.

Tennessee and Kentucky suffered from the recent severe weather. Buildings were injured, telegraph and telephone wires and poles prostrated and other damage done.

Several men held up a train on the Northern railway near Branchville, S. C. They put the express staffs and two messengers in a wagon and departed with their captives and captured booty.

The famous snow receivership case involving Beaumont property, was argued in the United States court of appeals at New Orleans before Judges Pardee, McCormick and Shelby and taken under advisement.

In a head end collision between two freight trains on the Southern railway at Anniston, Ala., John Rodgers, a brakeman, was killed and both engineers, both firemen and a brakeman injured.

Came Near Being Lynched

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 3.—Jim Redmond, a member of the police force, was shot through the heart Saturday night at 7 o'clock by a negro from Canton, whom he was taking to jail.

Redmond called for assistance, and those who came had a hard struggle before disarming the negro. He was hustled off to jail with a mob at his heels, and but for Sheriff Harding there would have been a lynching.

Negro Colony

Hastings, Neb., Feb. 3.—A negro from Alabama has been in this county three days getting options on large tracts of the finest lands in Mills county, five miles east of Tabor. The object of buying so large a quantity of land is to colonize negroes for farming and gardening purposes to place their products on Omaha markets.

He has been given options on several of the finest farms in the county.

Visited Jackson's Tomb

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 3.—Admiral and Mrs. Schley braved the cold Sunday for a visit to the tomb of Andrew Jackson. The trip to the Hermitage, twelve miles from Nashville, was made in a special train leaving here at 10:30. Arriving there the party was taken in charge by a committee from the Ladies' Hermitage association and escorted to the old brick church where Jackson worshiped. Services were conducted by Rev. D. C. Kelly, a Methodist minister.

Bold Burglars

New York, Feb. 3.—Burglars have succeeded in forcing an entrance to the establishment of the Meriden Britannia company, which runs through Fifth avenue to Broadway, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets. They are supposed to have carried away a wagonload of silverware. The loss is estimated at \$5000.

In its boldness the robbery was startling, as the store is situated in one of the city's busiest sections.

Prayers Answered

New York, Feb. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Cohen, who keep a wholesale liquor store at 1874 Third avenue, this city, had been wedded for thirteen years, and up to this weedy not little one had come to gladden their home. This was a great sorrow to the couple, who have prayed daily that a child might come to bring sunshine into their hearts. They have no wish now for a child, for Mrs. Cohen has presented her husband with three boys.

TEXAS COMPRESSED.

Some Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining to the Commonwealth.

Roby is to have waterworks. McKinney will have free mail delivery.

A French opera company will soon tour Texas.

Holt Harris has been appointed Pacific express agent at Waco.

Union men of Dallas are talking of building a labor temple there.

A cotton transaction took place last week at Atlanta whereby \$80,146.26 changed hands.

Jake Nelson, a stone cutter, fell down a stairway at Ballinger and broke his neck.

State Health Officer Tabor has purchased for \$37,250 a fumigating barge at Philadelphia.

Lamar county Democratic primaries will be held May 3. Negro Democrats may participate.

Work will soon begin on the new Young Men's Christian association building at Fort Worth.

The Crook-Record Building company of Paris has increased its capital stock from \$85,000 to \$150,000.

The First National bank of Austin paid its first monthly installment of \$50,000 to the state Saturday.

J. A. Atchison of Giddings made the highest score, 512 out of a possible 563, at the Waco midwinter shoot.

Registration for county Democratic primaries closed at Fort Worth on the 1st. Registration numbers 5369.

The Interurban railway between Sherman and Denison forbids its employees using tobacco while on duty.

Three rural mail delivery routes have been established out of Georgetown, and others are being examined.

State Revenue Agent Jameson's resignation will not become effective until he has examined the penitentiaries.

The 10-year-old son of Jesse Hill of Iredell sustained fatal injuries by a rock falling on him. Death resulted next day.

Miss Helen Gould and party visited Tophon's polo ranch near San Antonio and witnessed the training of ponies for the game.

The clothes of a 6-year-old Mexican girl at Laredo caught fire, and the little one was burned so horribly that death soon ensued.

Hop Hopkins, colored, who, in one case at Gonzalez, was given fifteen years for criminal assault, on a similar charge, got the same penalty.

McLennan county has four free rural mail delivery routes out of Waco. C. J. Martin's hay, grain and grocery store at Austin burned. Loss \$6000.

One Southern Pacific freight train collided with another between Schuylenger and Welmar. Eight cars were smashed, and Engineer Baker had a leg broken in two places.

A negro named Seth Graves was arrested at Houston. The arrest was made in connection with the death of the lad, Tony Witt, whose body was found near that city some days ago.

Awful Disaster

Eagle Pass, Tex., Feb. 3.—Telegrams received here announce a terrible disaster at the Hondo coal mines, ninety miles south of here, in Mexico, caused by a dust explosion in mine No. 6. There were 160 miners in the mine at the time. Seventy-six bodies had been taken out at last accounts.

Wrong Corpses

Houston, Tex., Feb. 3.—It was shown Saturday that a grave mistake had been made in an inquest. A negro was found dead in a field near Spring Branch. The body was identified by a negro wagoner as Prince Adams, and brought to town. Here it was identified by his daughter, a negro woman, and taken to her home. Everything was ready for the funeral, when unannounced, and without ceremony, into the mourning room walked Prince Adams, inquiring who was dead. It caused considerable excitement for a minute or two. The dead body was then removed to the undertaker's and later identified as Henry Curtis.

Met With a Band

Eagle Pass, Tex., Feb. 3.—Hon. Robert W. Dowe, the newly appointed collector of customs, arrived Saturday afternoon from Washington. Pretty nearly the whole city, headed by the military band, was at the depot to greet him.

From an Overseas

Austin, Tex., Feb. 3.—Thomas S. Gathright, aged 40 years, an ex-employee of the land office, was found dead Saturday by his wife. He died from the effects of an overdose of chloroform. Mrs. Gathright said her husband was addicted to the use of chloroform.

Gathright leaves a wife and five children. He was the son of Thomas G. Gathright, first president of Agricultural and Mechanical college.

Put Remains in a Cellar

Sherman, Tex., Feb. 3.—Froez stiff and with a deadly gunshot wound in his back, the dead body of a man who has been identified as Bob Dudding, a bricklayer, who has made his home in Sherman in an intermittent sort of a way for some time, was found in a storm cellar on the farm of J. L. German, one mile east of Whitewright, Saturday. Fred Williams, who found the body, is an employe on the farm.

FARM AND FLOCK.

Grapes are nearly gone. Carrots are in small supply. Lettuce is in demand. Oats and bran sell readily. Some cauliflower is on sale. Some plowing is being done. Fancy apples find ready sale. Rice industry is booming around Angleton.

A number of Kansas farmers will raise peanuts.

Some Wheeler county calves have recently sold at \$10 and \$12.

Texas farmers and stockmen rejoice over recent rains and snow.

W. H. Forbes the past two months has sold over \$6000 worth of mules.

Burnt gumbo is said to be an excellent substance for macadam on roads.

Gardeners of Washington county, Texas, will have a truck growers' association.

Farmers around Lindale, and fruit growers, will plant a large acreage in Irish potatoes.

Some of Atascosa county's stockmen report loss of calves from blackleg the past few weeks.

John Griffith of Floresville has shipped eighteen carloads of cattle to northern markets.

So many horses have been shipped from Montana to South Africa that the animals are scarce.

Farmers and bee-keepers of Pendleton county, Kentucky, hold a joint meeting at Falmouth on the 15th.

It is estimated that there are 3,972,813 acres of land in the Creek nation, of which about 3,182,124 acres are said to be fit for cultivation.

Active preparations are being made for the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Live Stock association, which begins at Wichita, Kan., on the 11th.

The recent sleet and snow kept the fruit from budding in several localities, as the previous mild weather tended to cause this to become probable.

The Lindale Fruit and Truck Growers' association expect to put in fifty acres of tomatoes this season. A carload of Irish potatoes will also be planted.

Dallas county commissioners are so well satisfied with the cement bridge lately erected in that county under their supervision that they will have another one built.

